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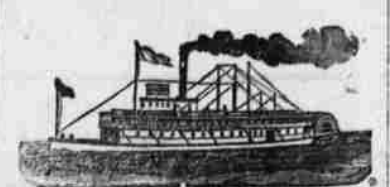
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Uncle Reuben Calls on the Major and Wants to Speculate.

WAS THE SOFTEST THING YET

But the Fakir Has a Different Story to Tell After the Farmer Hands Him a Lemon in the Form of a Bogus Check.

[Copyright, 1907, by P. C. Eastment.] The grand promoter sat in his office doing a little mental arithmetic. He was owing his landlady \$21 for board and lodgings, and she had that morning given him notice that he must pay or leave.



"JUST SOLD FIVE COWS AND THREE HOGS FOR THIS."

the door. It might be a creditor and it might be some one of whom he could borrow 50 cents. He took his chances and had the knocker come in.

It was Uncle Reuben from the country. There were burdocks on his trousers, corn silk on his shoulders and this-tiedown in his hair, and his smile was as broad and innocent as a sunflower.

"Say, I'm looking for a feller," he announced as he stood in the door. "Do you want the corn doct or the dentist?" queried Major Crofoot.

"Nope; I'm looking for a feller named Crofoot—a feller who speculates and makes a bar'l of money every week. They say he had an office in this building, and I want to see him. Zeke Stebbins was telling about him at our postoffice the other night."

"I am the man," said the major as he rose up and placed a chair for his caller. "Sit right down. You have come to the right place."

"Thanky. So you make lots of money for other folks?" "Yes; I divide up a few millions occasionally."

"You do, eh? Waal, by gaw, you are the critter I'm looking for. I've been trying copper and silver mines and wheat and stocks and haven't made a red cent. I want to hit a sure thing this time."

The major's heart thumped like an engine. Here was innocence and simplicity and confidence. He hadn't had to hunt it up, but it had walked directly into his arms. He saw anywhere from \$10 to \$50 in it, and he pinched himself to see if he was awake.

"Just sold five cows and three hogs for this," continued Uncle Reuben as he took out his wallet and exhibited a check for \$100. I can spare it for a good investment, but it's got to be a sure thing. Zeke said you didn't deal in anything else."

"Your friend was correct. I speculate to make, not to lose."

The Major's Motto. "That's the sort of a man I like to deal with. My motto has always been to first get a sure thing and then go ahead. I never could see why a feller wanted to speculate and lose. Got anything extra good on hand jest now?"

"The best thing I've had on hand for five years," replied the major as he tried hard to conceal his emotions. "Yes, I was just figuring out the profits when you knocked, and they are so tremendous that I'm a bit upset over the figures."

"Yes, I notice that you are changing color every minit or two. Let's hear about it. That's what I'm after—profits bigger 'n a house. No use fooling around six months to make a hundred dollars. Zeke said you sometimes made a hundred for one."

"My friend, I have promoted sixteen gigantic enterprises, and each and every one of them has been a magnificent success. I am now about to launch the seventeenth, and, as I said, the profits will be something appalling. Your coming in here this morning is an act of Providence. I was just looking around for an innocent, honest man to act as treasurer of the new incorporation—some one that can be trusted with \$10,000,000 at a time."

"I never cheated a man in my life," said the caller.

"No, I don't believe you ever did. Our money would be perfectly safe with you. The new incorporation is

called the Great International Peanut Tonic company, capital \$5,000,000, and inside of a year our tonic will be sold in every country on the face of the globe handed 'em over to me. They're all I got that I can give away," he added in explanation.

"Thank you, Robert, for the gift." Hard's tone was muffled. "And I think you're the only one in this city who is sorry enough for me tonight to make me a present—such a rare and beautiful present too. But," looking intently at the little caretaker, "I'd rather have this baby," and he indicated the girl.

Robert's breast heaved, but he set his thin lips together unchildishly as he bent over the cart. He carefully unwedged the little creature and raised her with all his slim strength to Hard's arm.

The midget was not at all afraid. She looked up with her great round eyes and thrust her baby fingers into the thick hair brought within her reach, laughing at the result.

"What is her name?" asked Hard gently. "We're so busy over to our house, me and mamma, that we hain't got round to namin' 'em yet. But," jealously, "I s'pose you'll be a-namin' her now." Then, after a slight pause, came the suggestion, "I'd a'most called her Ruth."

Robert, with shaking hands, began to arrange the bedquilt over the solitary baby in the cart. He had recourse frequently to the crown of the derby and the sleeve of his coat. Hard sat silently watching him adjust the black sun cover, although the sun had set and the short winter day was nearly ended.

Robert obeyed, with his eyes fixed longingly on the yellow head lying against the black sleeve.

"See here, Robert," began Hard. "You are leaving me in a bad fix. I don't know what this youngster eats or wears or drinks or anything else. I can't take care of her."

Robert smiled through his tears. "Why, seems as if you're big enough to know, ain't you?" he asked pty-lingly.

"Yes, I'm big enough, but I've never been taught, and I'm sure my house-keeper is just as ignorant as I am. Do you take care of these babies?"

"Oh, yes, most all the time, 'cause mamma don't have no time much. She sews."

"All right, then, I'll make a bargain with you. You take care of her, and I'll pay you for it. I'll find out how much it's worth in the baby market. How does that strike you?" Hard's mouth was grave, but his eyes kept smiling in a way which always made his plain face attractive.

Robert became instantly animated. "I'll do it anyway," he cried eagerly, laying hold of the tot.

Hard released her. "Hold on, though, my man," he said, getting his topcoat and hat. "I'm going home with you. I'm afraid your mother is rash enough to believe she has as great a claim on those twins as you have"—his eyes were still smiling—"and I want to look into the matter myself."

His eyes smiled all through his interview with Mrs. Broxley and for several days after. They still wore their amused, good natured expression when one morning Robert Allison Broxley

stopped before the office door trundling a neat perambulator and dressed in a way which made him unrecognizable to Yemans, locking his door opposite.

"Hello, there, kid!" Hard heard Yemans call. "Are those your babies?"

"They were both mine before Christmas," explained a small voice eagerly, "but I give one to Mr. Hard, and her name is Ruth now." Then, proudly surveying his trim outfit, he explained further to the dazed Yemans: "Ruth's his now, only he don't take her away. He hires me to take care of her 'cause he can't keep it straight what to feed her. Ain't that queer? And him such a big man!"

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