

THE DARKY DUCKED IN TIME.

It was Trick He Learned During the War, and It Served Him Well. From where we sat on the tavern veranda we could look right across the Mississippi river, although at the edge of the river on our side there was a bluff 40 feet high, with a strong current below. All along this bluff were cypress, and we had an unobstructed view. We were talking and smoking when a goat came around the corner of an old abandoned warehouse and began to feed toward us. Five minutes later an old white leaved darky, using a cane to help him along, came out from behind the same warehouse and stood almost on the edge of the bluff, and appeared to gaze across the river.

"What a fat take that goat has got, if he only knew it!" whispered one of the party. "What a fool of a nigger to take such a risk!" growled a second. We ought to have warned the old man, who seemed totally unsuspecting of danger, but we didn't. Human nature is just that way. He had been there two or three minutes when the goat observed him and began to twitch his tail. It was none of his business that the man was there, and no law compelled him to kick up a fuss, but we all saw that he meant to do it. As he gathered for a run every man rose up to warn the victim, but no warning was uttered. It was human nature to want to see the fun. The goat shot away like a flash, and as he drew near he made a long jump to give full force to the intended blow. Next instant both had disappeared, and we ran down expecting to see them struggling in the muddy waters. As we reached the bluffs the old man rose up from a pit dug within two feet of the edge, and grinned and lifted his hat and said: "Maw'nin', gem'en. 'Spected to find me down dar', I reckon."

He pointed to the goat, which was swimming wildly about in the current, carried it down, and one of the party replied: "Yes, we certainly thought you were a coner. You dropped in there, eh? You must have pretty quick about it." "Well, sorter, but dat was no trick at all. Doorin' de wah, when de Yankee gunboats lay ober dar' an' frowed shot at de guns up heah, I war one of de cull'd gen'len who handled de shovel an' de sand bag's. Dat's whar I larned to duck. Dem Yankee didn't know me, an' dey kept tryin' to kill me, an' I had to duck an' dodge so often dat arter de wah closed I neiber got straightened upagin. Ize bin layin' fur dat goat maw'nin' two weeks, an' now he's bin gone an' won't bodder nobody no mo'. I used to cuss dat wah when it was goin', but now I see what a blessin' it was. Whar would de ole man be now if de Yankees had not frowed ten tons of cannon balls at him an' larned him to duck?"—New York Sun.

The Bad Boston Uncle. Among the children of a certain Sunday school is a bright little boy of four years. He has an uncle who takes great pleasure in teaching him non-sensical verses. A few Sundays since his teacher was telling the class about the busy bees, and asked if any of the children could tell her anything about them. "Waldo can," spoke up the little fellow. "Well, Waldo, you may stand in front and tell us what you know." And Waldo, rising proudly, steamed away with these lines: "How doth the little busy bee Delight to tarry and tarry, To gather honey all the day And eat it up at night!" Trying to suppress a smile the teacher asked: "Did your mother teach you that?" "No, my Uncle Arthur did!"—Boston Transcript.

He Was Getting It. At one of the towns below Rochester a woman and her nurse and child got aboard, and it wasn't long before the child, who was a boy of 3, began to act up. The mother paid no attention to him whatever, not even when he began to kick and bite, strike and squall. All the passengers soon agreed that the young autocrat was in sore need of a spanking, but the mother had her nose in a novel and the nurse didn't want to take the responsibility. By and by an old man, who had been suffering with headache, could stand it no longer, and he leaned up and whispered to the nurse: "Why don't you give that young'un a good poundin'?" "Kape shill, yer honor," she replied with a wink. "I've got four pins sticking into his body already, and in a minute or two I'll have thray or four more."—Detroit Free Press.

Give the Fly a Chance. "Good many flies in here," he said to a shoemaker on Champlain street, as he stooped to have a lift put on the heel of his shoe. "Yes." "Never tried to drive 'em out, did you?" "No." "Don't want to keep 'em on the outside, I suppose?" "No." "Wouldn't put up a screen door, then, if any one should give you one?" "No." "You must be the house fly's friend!" "My friend, I vinas sooch a man dot I like eatery-pity to get along all right. If you pitch on some flies he vinas mad; if you gif him a chance maybe he goes by himself und does vhe'll und vinas your friend."—Detroit Free Press.

Her Preference. We sat upon the ground step, And talked of this and that, She asked me if I'd been away, And how I liked her hat. We chatted about various things, Of novels and the weather; For hours, on almost every theme, We there conversed together. I asked what paper she preferred; She hesitated some, While through the dark around we heard The gay mosquito's hum. She moved a little closer then, And answered: "Can't you guess? Why, the one of all that suits me most Is 'The Daily Evening Press.'"

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He Left His Sympathy. A stranger who was making loud inquiries at the city hall yesterday for the mayor was finally asked by an officer to state his errand. "I want to make a complaint against the way I was used at the postoffice," he replied. "But the mayor has nothing to do with the postoffice." "He hasn't?" "No, sir. Uncle Sam runs that." "Well, I've had my satchel stolen, and I want to see him about that." "It's no use, sir. You should go to the police." "Hasn't the mayor anything to do with it?" "Not a thing." "But they put me off a street car up here. I want to see him about that." "He couldn't help you any." "Say! You don't mean to tell me that your mayor hasn't got any power, do you?" "Not in such cases." "Humph! Just sits right in his office, eh? Just smokes cigars and looks big and bosses the city hall, eh? Say! What's the use? If a fellow can't boss the whole roost what's the use of holding office? Say! I'm sorry for you. Give him my love and tell him he has my sympathy."—Detroit Free Press.

A Mean Trick. Griggs—What is the matter between you and Diggs? I thought you used to be sworn friends. Diggs—So we were once, but that is over now. Griggs—Why, what separated you? Diggs—He made me a present of a fountain pen.—Somerville Journal.

No Danger. Young Bud—I've had eleven proposals since my coming out. Withered Leaf—Yes, the men all know you are having too good a time to think of marriage.—Life.

How Romulus White Was Deceived. "Human nature" is powerfully deceptive, ain't she?" queried the old man, after we had been silent for some time. "Sometimes." "You bet she is! I'm a living in the village of R—, forty miles off the road. I've got a girl named Mollie. She's about as dandy a country gal as you'll find in the state. Last winter a stranger struck the town, and at once fell in love with Mollie. I didn't like his looks, and I said to the gal: "Mollie, beware of that chap. I kin read him like a book, and I tell you he ain't honest nor honorable. I'll bet a wheat stack to a pumpkin that he's a sharper."

"The gal differed with me, and about a month ago they were married." "And how did the husband turn out?" "Mighty honorable sort of a man. I was clean mistaken in him. They had been married three days when along came a woman from Dunkirk and claimed him and showed a certificate. I expected he would deny her, but he didn't. Owned right up like a little man. She was still there when a second one came on from Oswego. Looked bilious for my new son-in-law, and I looked to see him funk, but he didn't. Jist acknowledged the corn and said he was willing to do the fair thing."

"And how did it end?" "They had him arrested for bigamy. They wanted us to go agin him, too, but when I mentioned it to him he said: "Father, don't do it. Here's my watch and \$50, and they are yours if you don't." "And you didn't?" "No. He was a-tryin' to do the squar' thing, and when a man tries to do the squar' thing by Romulus White I can't go back on him. I gin the gal the money and I kept the watch, and I guess we couldn't have done better."—New York Sun.

To Bargain Hunters. Proprietor—We must do something to sell these goods. Clerk—Yes, they are going slow. What would you suggest? Proprietor—Mark them 10 per cent. higher and label them "damaged remnants," and they'll be closed out today.—Omaha World.

A Hint to the Wise. Guest—How does it happen, landlord, that your house is full this summer, whereas your rival hasn't hardly a soul? Summer Hotel Landlord—Oh, you see, his guests found out that there weren't any paninor in his house, and they came over here in shoals.—Burlington Free Press.

All Forgiven. Fanny—Why, Emma, how cordially you shook hands with Miss Frizhair at the party last night. I thought you were deadly enemies. Emma—Oh, that is all past. I have forgiven her everything, she has grown so plain looking.—Merchant Traveler.

But Found He Couldn't. Tom—Hello, Jack, what's the matter? You are all cut up. Jack (just returned from the country)—I thought I could swing a scythe.—Yankee Blade.

Woman's Career. She was a fair girl graduate, enrobed in spotless white. And on her youthful features shone a look of holy light. She bent with grace her dainty head to receive the ribbon blue. Whether hung the silver medal, adjudged to be her due. I watched her face with rapture as she raised to heaven her eyes, And moved her lips in prayer as her fingers clasped the prize. For I knew to education she had pledged her coming days, To unslap poor woman's fetters, and free her from man's ways. Time passed. Our pathways parted, but ever and anon, My thoughts would stray toward her, and I'd speculate upon. What my graduate was doing, if atwaird the scroll of fame. Among usefull workers, had been written high her name. At last I chanced to meet her, but her looks were quite unlike. While around a dainty garment she sewed the lace with pride, And at her feet her baby, dimpled happy crawing youth, Upon that silver medal was cutting his first tooth.—Life.

Another Family Out of Trouble, and as a Result, Happy. Such a remark as this will always draw the attention of every good thinking man or woman. We all desire to be out of trouble and happy, and when we read as above, our hearts join in congratulations. This is one of the many cases that our heading meets exactly: "I, G. W. Mortley, 3361 Howard Street, have been a severe sufferer for years, and have had the best doctors in San Francisco attend me, without any results for the better. My trouble was severe attacks of pains in my back and chest; headache; loss of appetite; languid, tired feelings; skin rough and greasy, and, in fact, generally broken down in health. I purchased two bottles of your Great Sierra Kidney and Liver Cure, and after two weeks I find myself cured from all my ailments. My appetite is fine, my pains are gone, my skin is clear, and I feel sure, say I am well, and will ever thank your wonderful remedy for my health, and, in fact, my life. Very truly yours, G. W. MORTLEY, 3361 Howard St., San Francisco, Cal."

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