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An Old Colored Woman's Reminiscence of Washington.

Aunty Mary Smith was not one of Washington's numerous body serv-ants, but she says she saw and waited on him, and that this is glory enough for one person. Her mem-ory is of the past of so long ago that shecannottellthenumber of the years. Aunt Mary was visited yesterday by a reporter, who found her in the third story front room of the tenement house, 308 Lombard Street, which is a rickety old shell, with dark and narrow stairways, and from the confusion of tongues on every hand each room appeared to be inhabited by a family of a different nationality. Aunt Mary was alone when the re-porter entered by an invitation from a rather strong voice within. The old woman sat leaning over the stove, in which a low fire was burning, and she motioned her visitor to a seat.

THE RECORD LOST.

"Did I ever see George Washing-ton? Laws, yes. See'd him, and waited on him, too. How old am I?" And she went on echoing the ques-tions and giving the answers prompt-ly. "I don't know how old I is, honey. My grandson took de Bible honey. My grandson took de Bible wid him to Canada many and many's a year ago and I'se forgot when I was born. I was a slave, but I didn't have any right to be, for I am an In-jun." And she ran her fingers through ber thick, kinky hair, which was as white as fleece. "I b'long to General White. My mother saved ole missus' life by hiding her from the Injuns when there was an uprising at their home at Charleston, S. C. De white folks left dare and cum to Cold Spring in New Jersey, near New Brunswick. I was born dare and dat is whar' I use to see General

GOOD-LOOKING LITTLE NIGGAR.

"He visited de house often and whenever he would cum he'd say: 'Whar's my good-looking little nig-gar?' And I'd cum in and curtesy and say: 'Here I is, marsah,' when he would say: 'You know what I wants, don't you?' 'Yes, sir,' I'd say, 'brandy and water.' Den I'd curtesy again. De Genel didn't thinks dat anybody could fix him his brandy and water like me," and the old woman tossed her aged head in a proud way, and her dull eyes gleamed with renewed light. Then she grew reflective and after a few moments she said with some emo-

COLORED TROOPS IN THE REVOLUTION. "I will never forget de fight be-tween de 'Merican and de English soldiers in their red coats. Genel Washington was at ole marsah's house de day befo' an' he said dat de only way he could win de battle which was coming was wid niggar troops. He had a whole lot of niggars from Virginy, an' he told dem if dey would fight like brave men he would give dem dare freedom after de battle. Dey asked him to give dem a plenty ob whisky wid gunpow-der in it. Dat was to make dem brave. De whisky and de powder was give to dem and dey fit like wild cats on Trenton bridge and de En-glish was whipped. Oh my, Oh my, you just oughter seed how de niggars

was piled up all in a heap dead. HER MEMORY OF LAFAYETTE. "After de war," she said, "I was sold to John Connelly, who lived in discity, on Chestnut Street, above Tenth, on de berry spot whar a big carpet store am at now. Mrs. Mor-ris, who was a sister of Bishop White, lived next door and dat was whar Genel Lafayette used to cum. De Widow Morris give a big party for de Genel once and all de niggars in de city marched up and down de streets singing and dancing, and when dey singing and dancing, and when dey got to de house whar de Genel was he cum out on de steps and said dat hit made him awful proud to see how much de culled folks thought ob him. My ofe massah, Connelly, was mighty mad, 'kase he war not invited to de 'ception, and he made his slaves stan' mighty straight for a month.

DID NOT BELONG TO THE QUALITY.

"You see, he did not belong to de quality folks, for he had been de prison-keeper ob de city. I remem-ber dat he was gwine to whip me oncet kase I sassed missus, an' my oncet kase I sassed missus, an' my ole man he hearn about it an cum to de house to see me. I tell yer he was mad. He an' marsah got to quariin' an' dey cum mighty near fightin'. One was on one side ob de fence an' de udder on de udder side, an' dey got to swarin' at each udder an' dey got to swarin' at each udder an' dey cussed until de fence fell flat

on de ground. Neder ole marsah nor my ole man ever swore after dat." The old woman was asked how she got along. She said: "My rent has been paid twenty years by an old lady who is now too old to leave her house, but she remembers me every month. Her name is Mrs. Vaux, and she is the mother of Mr. Richard Vaux. No, honey, I don't know my age, but I is very old."

Sure Enough.

"That vehicle looks a little drunk," said a friend to Spicer as a wobbling carriage passed them on Washington

Street.
"Good reason," said Seth, "the seats are all full and the axle is a little sprung."—[Boston Commercial Bulletin.

She Fell-He Tumbled.

ASTORIA, OREGON, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 1886.

It was on a corner. On a public, icy corner.
As I approached it from one di-

rection an angel approached it from I mean an angel in female clothing \$14 hat—seal-skin sacque—\$8 boots and such a face and form! As we were about to pass she fell.

There was no bag of sand business about it, but she simply uttered a little shriek—a very little one—tossed up her right arm, and then gracefully settled down in a heap, with

one foot and ankle peeping out from under her dress. I'll be hanged! I'll be hanged if it wasn't the most graceful thing in the books—the prettiest, sweetest, dain-

tiest fall ever seen in public!

Quicker'n chain-lightning I made up my mind to marry her. I had fully determined never to marry a woman who slipped down like a bow-legged quadruped and made herself an object of ridicule to the public.

Months passed. So did I.

My love never grew cold. She took occasion to fall again—this time off a step ladder in the back yard as we trained a climbing rose. Gracious! but how beautiful! She didn't go down with a swoosh and a kerplunk, but descended like a bird-slowly, gracefully, quietly,

properly.

After that I hastened the marriage day. I had long ago determined never to marry one of those women who kick the step-ladder through the back fence as they take a tumble.

We were spliced. My happiness kicked the beam at 2,000 pounds.

Inside of a week she threw a clock at me. Next day she went into a mad fit and kicked two panels out of a door, and several panels out of me. She tried to saw me in two with a case-knife. She sought to explode a can of tomatoes under my chin as I slept. She stole my watch and pawned it—she plundered my wallet-she placed a torpedo in my path, and she fled with a man who was selling patent stove blackingthree packages for twenty-five cents, warranted not to raise any dust or spot the carpet.

Let 'em fall!

I stand on very icy corners and wait and grin and anticipate. I cachinnate and chuckle. I am heartless. Let 'em fall gracefully or otherwise. Let 'em descend like feathers, or with a bump which shakes the earth. Let 'em scramble on all fours, mad and chagrined, or let 'em remain in graceful position until some soft-hearted fool rushes up to extend a hand.

I am there, but am immovable, implacable, unrelenting.-[Free Press

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