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EATEN BY AN ALLIGATOR.

How Eleven Little Pickaninnies Disappeared.

The alligator, when a mere baby saurian, was pulled by a savage dog from the sinkhole in the swamp, rescued by the darkey, and taken home to the cabin as a playfellow for the pickaninnies. The little darkeys took kindly to the young reptile and, after it had recovered from its first disposition to nip hungrily at small black legs and arms, it became one of the greatest pets possible, waddling about the cabin and yard in vain pursuit of the chickens, and ridden, as soon as it was big enough, by two naked youngsters at a time. The wife of the darkey who owned the cabin was one of the class of colored ladies with a heart full of good will toward the census man, and there was no less than eleven of the little fifteenth amendments, as nearly of the same age as possible in the natural order of things, several pairs of twins making the age of the youngsters more closely approximate. They were a jolly brood, these eleven little darkeys, and the young alligator, basking in the sun, rolling about in the mud and playing high jinks generally. Months passed by; the proprietor of the cabin laid in abundant meal for hockeac, and from henroosts and smokehouses in the region provided all dainties of the modest larder abundantly, the pickaninnies waxing sleek and fat, and their playmate, the alligator, attaining length and breadth, at a tremendous rate. The alligator, however, grew much faster than the little darkeys, and after a time familiarities with the intelligent reptile became less frequent. The family cat was not to be found one day, and subsequently the family dog also mysteriously disappeared; while, though wildcats from the swamps were supposed to have been the invaders, one of the little darkeys had occasion to remark, after each disappearance of a domestic animal: "Pears like dat ar 'gator looks mity brite 'bout de eyes and smilin' round de mouf terday, somehow." Dogs and cats can be replaced, and the old father of the family paid little attention to the mysterious disappearance until one night at hockeac time only ten little darkeys put in an appearance. "Whah's yer brudder? Whah's Wendell Phillips Henry Watterson Smiff?" demanded the alarmed colored parent anxiously. "Dunno; he was pokin' sticks at de 'gator last we seed him," piped the pickaninnies in chorus. "Oh, de Lawd of hebin'!" yelled the old darkey; "mebbe de 'gator's gobbled 'im" and he dashed out doors, drove the reptile into the yard with a rail, pried his mouth open with the same instrument and examined the two rows of sharp teeth for wool. There was no wool there. "De chile's drowned in de slough for sartain," mourned the father, and so accepted the burden, though a search of the slough revealed nothing.

A few days later another little darkey went. There was the same search of the alligator's teeth and of the slough, but the mystery was not solved and the old darkey and his wife began to turn gray. Then, of the nine little darkeys left, one after another went rapidly. Horace Greeley Stevens Smith, Sarcophagus Alexander Reid Smith, White-law Dickinson Reid Smith, and so on, they disappeared until but one little solitary amendment remained to roll about the cabin and bask chuckingly in the sunlight. The hearts of the old darkey and his wife were nearly broken, and they went about listlessly, humming no longer the cheerful old plantation airs, but crooning only the familiar but melancholy song of the race beginning "Ise a mournin'." One evening the darkey and his wife were sitting watching the antics of the remaining child and reflecting upon the mysterious fate of the ten who had disappeared, when the youngster ran around behind the cabin for something. The sound of a brief scuffling immediately after led the father and mother to rush upon the scene. The child was gone! The water of the slough showed no ripple. The negro darted around to the back of an old cypress stump in the search, and

there, in a moment the whole sad mystery was solved. Propped up, with its back against the stump, in order to give the freedom to its forelegs, the alligator set, clinching between its fore claws a rusty table fork with but a single tine and picking its teeth hastily. The desperate darkey seized an ax and after a fierce struggle slew the monster. Between the alligator's teeth were tufts of kinky wool which it had not had time to remove, and an unscientific, but thorough dissection with an ax made it clearly evident where the last of the eleven little darkeys had gone. The alligator devoured all the brood, but the intelligence of the reptile was such that it had in each case, after eating up a pickaninny, promptly removed all evidence of the crime by picking the wool from its teeth.

The First Advertisement.

An English antiquarian has been delving among old newspaper files and has discovered what he says is the first commercial advertisement ever printed in a newspaper. It appeared in the *Mercurius Politicus*, of London, dated September 30, 1658. It runs as follows: "That excellent, and by all physicians approved, China Drink, called by all Chincians Tcha, by other Nations Tay, alias Tee, is sold at the Sultanes Head Cofee House, in Sweetings Rents, by the Royal Exchange, London." At the date of this advertisement tea had been used in England about forty years, but the price was awful high, often reaching £20 per pound.

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