

UNCLE ZEKE AND UNCLE ZADOC.

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After five years' courtship George Toms, who was a farmer's hired man, had married Ellen Williams, daughter of another farmer. Both of them were of a religious nature and set in their ways, but they had no serious disagreements during their long courtship. It was only after they had been married a month and were preparing to set up for themselves that their talk one evening drifted into Biblical affairs, and the bride observed:

"George, I am glad you believe in all there is in the Bible. If you didn't I should be an unhappy woman. Martha Jones was telling me today that she once heard you say that you didn't believe Daniel was cast into the lions' den. You do believe it, don't you?"

"He might have been," was the doubtful answer.

"But he was, and you know he was. If you thought he wasn't I couldn't live with you another day."

"Well, we'll let it go and talk of something else."

Nothing further was said for a day or two, but it rankled with the wife. She believed in the lions' den, and she wanted the husband to come out flat footed and say that he did. She therefore returned to the subject, and when he tried to dodge her she became annoyed and aggressive and demanded to know just where he stood.

"You know my Uncle Zeke, who moved away to Kansas a year ago?" he finally replied. "You know Uncle Zeke was always reading the Bible. He was always getting up camp meetings and revivals, and sometimes he exhorted. Couldn't be no better man than my Uncle Zeke."

"Well, what of him?"

"He didn't believe Daniel was cast to the lions."

"And so you don't?"

"I can't say as I do, but there ain't any need of bringing up the matter and disputing."

"But there is," insisted the wife. "You know my Uncle Zadoc, who moved away to Indiana three years ago? Well, a better man don't live. He's read the Bible through nineteen times since he was married, and he's considered higher authority than most preachers. He believed that Daniel was cast to the lions, and so do I. If you don't, then we can't live together."

The husband felt called upon to stick by his Uncle Zeke and the wife to stick to her Uncle Zadoc, and at the end of three days she went home to her father. During the next year a dozen vain efforts were made by their friends to bring them together again. No matter what the ministers in the nearest villages said, they stuck by their respective uncles. By this time most of the inhabitants of the country had heard of the affair and taken sides, and as the church to which they both belonged was being harmed charges were preferred against them, and they were suspended.

No other families were broken up, but there were argument and dispute wherever a few people were gathered together, and "what Uncle Zeke said" and "what Uncle Zadoc said" became the butt of many jokes.

After sixteen months of separation Mrs. Toms fell into the mill pond, and Mr. Toms happened to be on hand to rescue her. They might have made up then and there but for the fact that letters were received from Uncle Zeke and Uncle Zadoc to the effect that they were coming back to settle the dispute.

"And you'll find that my Uncle Zeke and I have been right all the time," said the husband to the wife.

"Never!" she replied. "My Uncle Zadoc won't be five minutes in convincing you that you've been all wrong."

"It's awful that you have stuck out the way you have and kept us apart."

"And but for your obstinacy we might have been happy."

The county waited impatiently for the arrival of the respective uncles. They arrived. The husband told his story to his Uncle Zeke, and the wife told hers to her Uncle Zadoc. When Uncle Zeke had heard all he replied:

"George, what I said about it was one day in the tater field. What I said was that if Daniel was really cast among the lions it happened that the critters wasn't hungry just then. I'd been reading that no lion on a full feed would tackle a man. You'd better hustle over and see Ellen and make this thing up."

The wife told her story to her Uncle Zadoc, and when he had heard all he replied:

"I remember the day I said it. It was in harvest time and we had a lot of men to dinner. Jim Hawkins flung out something, and I replied that I believed that Daniel was cast into the den."

"There! I knew you said it!" ex-

claimed the niece.

"Yes, but I was going to say more when John White got a bone in his throat and cut me off. I was going to say that maybe Daniel got out of the cage by another door before the lions had decided to eat him. You've been a mighty foolish woman, and you'd better get on your bonnet and hustle over to see George and tell him so."

And 500 people were strung out along the highway to see husband and wife meet and make up and stay made up to the end of their days.

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The Special Purpose Cow.

Dr. James Withycombe in his address before the annual meeting of the State Dairy Association made the plea for the special purpose cow. He said: "This is an age of specialization. I know I am on dangerous ground, but the dual-purpose cow is a thing of the past. We educate men for special purposes and we raise animals for special purposes. We would not expect speed from a draught horse nor weight from a trotter, nor should we expect milk from a beef cow or beef from a milch cow. These are opposite functions, and you will get milk or beef, and when you get one the cow does not satisfy the adherents of the other. If Oregon's 275,000 cows were special purpose cows we would hear less of the cry that dairying does not pay. A Peer's Surprise, Adelaide of Beechlands, Madlint May, Chloe of Mechholide, Empress of Sunnybank or Golden Gazelle is worth a herd of dual-purpose cows. There is no element of chance in the special purpose cow, while often the dual purpose cow is an unknown quantity.

At present there are only four breeds of special purpose dairy cattle. Each excels the other under certain environments. It is simply wasting time and money to attempt to dairy with any other breed. The sooner our dairymen understand this the better for the industry. The special dairy cow is not necessarily a delicate cow, but is highly sensitive to uncomfortable conditions. This brings up the question of stabling. A cow will lose 10 per cent by being confined to her stall by the old rigid stanchion. If all the dairy cows in the state were confined with this style stanchion it would mean an annual loss of \$1, 500,000.

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Dr. Withycombe recommended kale as a winter and also a summer forage for the dairy cow. He insisted that they raise more vetch hay and alfalfa and kale.

Free Excursion to Seattle.

The Herald has made arrangements to give a number of young people, preferably young ladies, a free trip to the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition at Seattle. This trip will include all expenses from the time of the start from your home depot until you return to it. The trip will require one week. Starting from Portland in the evening and returning arrive there in the evening. It includes side trips to all points of interest in the city of Seattle, a trip to Tacoma and spending the day there sightseeing, also a trip on a fine steamer from Seattle to Victoria, B. C.

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and we hope that our efforts to advertise Polk county will be appreciated and that a large number will want to make the trip. Those who would like to make the trip will please fill out the blank form on another page of this paper and we will be glad to give them all the information at our command.

No limit has been set on the number to be sent as yet, but it depends on circumstances. We would like to send at least five young people on this excursion and if the people show their appreciation of our efforts sufficiently it will be no trouble to do so.

His Inspiration.

The negro brass band connected with the traveling troupe was blating a tune in its characteristic slap bang style in front of the theater when a dusky cornet player who had been sulking all day suddenly quit blowing and did not resume.

"Say, Mose," demanded the leader in the ensuing pause, "ain't yo' workin' any mo'?"

"Ah is w'en Ah gits de inspiration," retorted the sulky musician, throwing the whites of his eyes across at the leader.

"W'en am dat?"
"W'en Ah gits mah las' week's pay."
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