

A Beautiful Incident.

On board the ill-fated steamer *Sawenaka* was one of the Fisk University singers. Before leaving the burning steamer and committing himself to the merciless waves, he carefully fastened upon himself and wife life preservers. Some one cruelly dragged away that of the wife, leaving her without hope, except as she could cling to her husband. This she did, placing her hands firmly upon his shoulders, and resting there until her strength becoming exhausted, she said, "I can hold on no longer."

"Try a little longer," was the response of the wearied and agonized husband, "let us sing 'Rock of Ages.'" And as the sweet strains floated over those troubled waters reaching the ears of the sinking and dying, little did they know, these sweet singers of Israel, whom they comforted.

But lo! as they sang, one after another of the exhausted ones were seen raising their heads above the overwhelming waves, joining with a last effort in this sweet, dying, pleading prayer:

"Rock of Ages cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in thee."

With the song seemed to come strength; another and yet another was encouraged to renewed efforts.

Soon in the distance a boat was seen approaching. Could they hold out a little longer? Singing still, they tried; and soon with superhuman strength laid hold of the life-boat, upon which they were borne in safety to land.

This is no fiction; it was related by the singer himself, who said he believed Toplady's sweet 'Rock of Ages' saved many another besides himself and wife.—*Ex.*

To Make and Keep Sausage.

For one hundred pounds of meat, two and one-quarter pounds of salt, one half pound of pepper, one-half pound of sage. Some vary this by putting in a little more sage and a little less pepper, but the above rule is a very good one. When chopped and seasoned, pack the meat firmly in tin pans or small stone jars; take lard melted just enough to spread with a knife and cover the top with lard an inch thick, to keep out the air. This will keep nicely all winter, unless it freezes and thaws too often. Some make balls and fry sausage, packing them and covering with melted lard, but it is some labor to prepare a large quantity that way—more than most people would relish.—*Ex.*

A rough estimate of the extent of the trade in wild game of St. Louis for the past year places the total amount of transactions at \$1,000,000. A single firm have exported for the holiday season to the London markets 1,400 dozen quails, 1,400 dozen prairie chickens, and 500 dozen wild turkeys; and to the Liverpool merchants, 2,000 wild turkeys. There is more Missouri venison this year in market than was ever before known. Bear meat comes chiefly from Arkansas, antelope from the far West, the borders of Kansas and Colorado, and deer is quite plenty throughout Missouri.

A man strikes me with a sword, and inflicts a wound. Suppose, instead of binding up the wound, I am showing it to everybody; and after it has been bound up, I am taking off the bandage continually, and examining the depth of the wound and causing it to fester till my limb becomes greatly inflamed, and my general health is materially affected, is there a person in the world that would not call me a fool? Now, such a fool is he who, by dwelling on little injuries or provocations, causes them to agitate and inflame his mind. How much better would it be to put a bandage over the wound, and never look at it again!

Debt-Paying.

There is one great evil in this country which we think the pulpit and the press ought to denounce more frequently than they do—that is, the habit of getting into debt and making no effort to pay. Can a man be a consistent Christian and not strive to pay all his debts? Can a man be a Christian and not be honest? Is a man who does not try to live within his means and pay his debts an honest man? If so, we do not understand the Bible. Should men who habitually disregard their financial obligations be allowed to remain in the church? We think not, and think that a man's being a member of the church ought to be a letter of credit in any part of the globe where the Christian religion prevails. But it is not the ease. Far from it, and there are even some ministers whose sermons do no good because they are preached by men who are not considered honest by even men of the world.—*Ex.*

A Noble Gift.

The widow's two mites. What more tender, more solemnly affecting, more profoundly pathetic, than this charity, this offering to God of a farthing! We only know that she was a poor woman and a widow, of whom there is nothing left upon record but this sublimely simple story, that when the rich men cast their proud offerings into the treasury this poor woman came also and cast in her two mites, which made a farthing! And that example, thus made the subject of divine commendation, has been read and told, and has gone abroad everywhere, and sunk deep into a hundred million of hearts, since the commencement of the Christian era, and has done more good than could be accomplished by a thousand marble palaces, because it was charity mingled with true benevolence, given in love, the service and the honor of God; because it was charity that had its origin in religious feeling; because it was a gift to the honor of God.—*Daniel Webster.*

—Here is Laura's composition on the cow. "A cow is an animal with four legs on the under side, one at each corner. The tail is longer than the legs, but it is not used to stand on. The cow kills flies with her tail. A cow has big ears, that wiggle on hinges; so does the tail. A cow is bigger than a calf, but not as big as an elephant. She is made small, so she can go in the barn-door when nobody is lookin'. Some cows are black and some hook. A dog was hooked once. She tossed the dog that worried the cat that killed the rat. Black cows give white milk; so does other cows. Milkmen sell milk to buy their little girls' dresses, which they put water in and chalk. Beef is cow, but not because it is killed. That is a joke. Cows chew cuds, and each cow finds its own chew. Then they swallow their chew and chase another chew to chew. That sounds funny. I guess it's a joke, too. This is all there is about cows."

—Jane Brown, a colored woman, bought a ticket entitling her to a first-class passage from Corinth to Memphis, on the Memphis and Charleston Railroad. She took her seat in the ladies' car; the conductor ordered her to go forward into a smoking and emigrant car; she refused to go, and thereupon she was ejected with great violence. She brought suit for damages in the Federal Circuit Court, and a jury of white men awarded her \$3,000.

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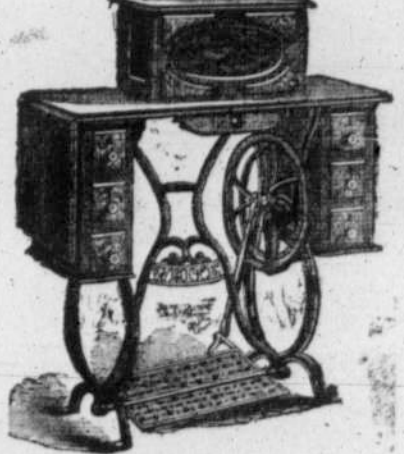
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