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BY AN EX-DETECTIVE.

CHAPTER II.

Soon after Mr. Lund and Mr. Latimer had placed their daughters in the tender care of Mrs. Willis and Mrs. Mills, they took their departure for their old home in southern Kentucky, more to find relief from their recent and bereavement than anything else.

They had been there about one year, among friends and relatives, when it was whispered about that Mr. Latimer would join fortunes with a gay young widow. These rumors greatly annoyed Mr. Lund, as he was very anxious that Mr. Latimer, his life-long "ohum" should return to Nebraska with him, and again Mr. Lund wanted Edna Latimer to remain with his daughter, who was the idol of his heart.

Here I will have to introduce Uncle Ned Lund, who was a trust-worthy old darkey who had been handed down from generation to generation, so to speak, and was the property of Mr. Lund, when he was so suddenly lifted out of the bonds of slavery and set down in the land of freedom with a ballot in his hand. Uncle Ned was one of many who did not seem to appreciate their freedom as would naturally be expected. He preferred to remain with "Mars' Jack Lund." Uncle Ned emigrated with Mr. Lund to the wilds of Nebraska, as they choose to designate the country at that time. Uncle Ned was deeply grieved over the death of Mrs. Lund, as he had lost a home and had, as he thought, no place to go nor no place where he could get the wholesome food to which he had been accustomed. One can hardly imagine the great pleasure and happiness that filled the poor old negro's heart when Mr. Lund announced his intended visit and wanted Uncle Ned to accompany him. In a very short time after the party reached their old home Uncle Ned had regained his former vivacity.

It was through this vivacious old darkey that a forecast of approaching incidents of interest would be obtained. Uncle Ned was possessed of the combined qualities of humorist, vivacity and divination, and his volubility was unimpaired. His vocabulary was amusing in the extreme. When he heard a big word he never forgot it, and would use it whenever occasion offered, regardless of its meaning. He had a vivid memory and could relate every little incident that ever happened in any of the families connected with this story. He could give exact dates of deaths and births to at least one generation back. It was through this indefatigable old darkey that I came in possession of many of the facts which I jotted down in my note-book, from which I will hereafter often have occasion to refer. Hence the introduction of Uncle Ned.

"Did you hear de nuz, Mars' Jack?" asked Uncle Ned of Mr. Lund.

"No, Ned. What is it?"

"W'y, Mars' Mac Latimer is er-galautin' dat hiserudin Missus Ader Eustis aroun'."

"Well, what of that, Ned?"

"Well, dey guine to hitch jes sho's you ho'n."

"Now, Ned, you are altogether too credulous," said Mr. Lund, who was not at all pleased with such news.

"Now look a here, Mars' Jack, ole nussy neber called me no hard name like dat," replied Uncle Ned somewhat indignantly.

"I meant no harm," said Mr. Lund apologetically.

"O, I noze dat," said Ned, "but sum uv de folks what aint up to all dese percerastinations mount think yo's 'busing me, but I tole yer, boss, Mars' Mac is sho gon', but what's hartin' me is, what's guine cum uv little Miss Edner? Dat frolicum young Missus Ader won't neber hab her on dey primness."

"Ned, you always let your credulity get the upper hand of you, and you are sure to worry someone else with your prophecies. I assure you there is nothing whatever in this."

"Now dere you go agin, boss; you alurs don't Ned's permigashuns, but you know my exemplercations has alurs been annerized. I 'ain't lived dese eighty odd ye'rs fur nuffin, an'

dat po'r little gal, Edner, is boun' to hab trubbel. An' agin, what's gwine to cum uv little Miss Emmer? Dem two gals is like two knots on de same tree; dey war bo'n tergedder an' hev alurs been tergedder. An' agin, you alurs said dat dem chidurns, Tom an' Burt an' Emmer an' Edner war bein' raised fur each udder. Now what's gwine to cum uv 'em? Dey is sho gwine hev trubbel."

Just how much of Uncle Ned's prophecy came true will hereafter be seen. It was but a short time after Uncle Ned had thus delivered himself until the wedding of Mr. Mac Latimer and Mrs. Ada Eustis was announced. It was with considerable emotion that Mr. Latimer approached Mr. Lund on the subject. It seems that Mr. Latimer had to make a great sacrifice in the consummation of his marriage contract. Uncle Ned's prediction was true. The dashing young widow would not accept his offer without consideration. While she had a little boy of her own, she agreed to find him a home among relatives, and Mr. Latimer in turn was to find a home for his daughter, Edna

[To be Continued.]

Notice of Final Settlement.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has filed his final account in the estate of A. W. Grubb, deceased, with the County Clerk of Linn County, Oregon, and that the County Court has fixed Monday, the 4th day of December, 1893, at 10 o'clock A. M. of said day, for the final hearing of the same and settlement of said estate.

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J. R. WYATT, Atty. for Adm.
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