

They All Stole.

A few years after the war Ed. Collins, a shiftless fellow of Mercer County, Ky., was indicted for stealing. The case came up before Judge I. C. Wickliffe, then Circuit Judge. The trial was in the Court House at Harrodsburg. Phil. Thompson, Jr., was prosecuting attorney, and Phil. Thompson, Sr., and Col. Thomas C. Bell appeared for the defense. Ed. Butts was Circuit Clerk. Collins had been a soldier in the Federal army, while every man on the jury, the prosecuting attorney, chief clerk, and the judge himself, had fought for the Confederacy.

The witnesses were brought forward and a plain case of theft was made out against Collins. The only dependence of the defense was the testimony of Collins' daughter Rose, who was to prove an alibi. She was a beautiful woman, with well-rounded figure, deep black eyes, complexion in which the hues of health sat beautifully enthroned, and black hair that swept unconfined almost to the floor in long waves. She was made to tell her story for all it was worth, and Col. Bell made a touching plea, appealing to the sympathies of the jury on behalf of a beautiful woman in distress, with all the power of language he could summon, but the veterans of Donelson and Shiloh were unmoved.

Then old Phil. Thompson laid himself out to mystify them and raise a doubt as to the prisoner's guilt, and he, too, finally began to appeal to their gallantry. In the midst of a glowing sentence, however, he caught the jury yawning, looking out of the window and seemingly wholly inattentive. Breaking off his pathos, the old lawyer leaned back on a table a moment, eyed the jury quizzically with a humorous twinkle in his eye and said: "Look here, gentlemen, this stealing was done during the war, and you can't do anything with a man for that. You, Tom Mundy!" he continued, turning and pointing to the foreman of the jury, a strapping big Kentuckian, "don't you remember that sheep you stole in Powell's Valley? You can't convict Ed. Collins." There was a general waking up of the jury, and a smile went around. "And you, Dan Bond, you know that horse you stole from Lord Alexander in the spring of 1862! You can't send a man to prison for stealing cattle."

The smile broke into an open guffaw in one or two places, and half a dozen men on the back seats stood up.

As the old man took up the jury one by one and recalled his shortcomings the laughter became general and continuous. Finally he said:

"And there's my Phil: wasn't he one of Morgan's worst horse thieves? What can he say of Ed. Collins? And you, Ed. Butts; you remember the raid on that old Yankee sympathizer in East Tennessee? And you raise your voice against Collins? And his honor on the bench, if the truth were known—But the rest of the sentence was drowned in a shout of laughter and uproar of applause that shook the building.

The jury was out ten minutes, and they brought in a verdict of acquittal.

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Tomato Catsup.—One gallon of tomato juice, one quart of vinegar, three tablespoons of salt, two tablespoons of mustard seed, two tablespoons of pepper, and one cup of sugar.

White Cake.—Two and one-half cups of pulverized sugar, one cup of butter, three teaspoonfuls of baking powder, four cups of flour, one cup of milk, whites of eight eggs. This never fails.

Stuffed Tomatoes.—Six smooth tomatoes, pare and cut the hearts out. Fill the shells with one onion chopped fine, half cup of bread crumbs, butter size of an egg. Salt and pepper and bake half an hour.

Grape catsup.—Five pounds grapes, one pound sugar, one pint vinegar, one tablespoon pepper, one of allspice one of cloves, one of cinnamon, and one half of salt. Boil till it is a little thick. Excellent with fish.

Tomato Salad.—Twelve tomatoes, peeled and sliced. **Dressing.**—One raw egg, well beaten, one-half teaspoonful of salt, one teaspoon of sugar, one salt spoon of Cayenne pepper, one cup or vinegar. Mix thoroughly and pour over tomatoes and eggs. Set on ice for half an hour.

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Oliver Hampton Smith was elected senator from Indiana in 1886. When the election was over, Smith, who was a good lawyer and had been in Congress eight or ten years before, took a drove of hogs down to Cincinnati, going on foot all the way. On the way he arrived at a tavern, covered with mud, unwashed and unshaven for many days. The crowd surrounded him, eager for news of the election.

"Who's elected senator? Hendricks?"

"No."

"Noble?"

"No."

"Who then?"

"I am!"

There was a dead silence for a moment, and then some one asked, "Who are you?"

A stump speech, with all the mud still clinging to his clothes, was necessary to convince them of his right to the title of senator in the congress of the United States.

A Texas man, who was innocent of crime, was sent to prison for 12 years. He thought himself forsaken by Providence, but as the officials did not oblige him to cut his hair, he came out with it hanging down to his knees, and a dime-museum man gives him \$40 per week for a year. How little we know what is for our own good.

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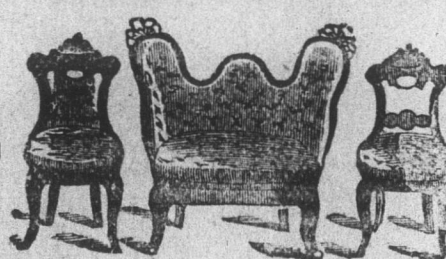
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