

MISCELLANY.

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The sport of Fortune's power;
To laugh our bark on pleasure's sea,
And float perhaps an hour;
To waste our time in idle dreams
Of what may be to-morrow;
To grieve with care from present scenes
The source of future sorrow?

What do we live for? It's to find
The ties of friendship broken;
That love's a sound to cheat mankind,
And dies as soon as spoken—

To mark the woes on others hurled,
Nor weep their hapless lot;
To hate our fellows, curse the world,
To die and be forgot?

No, we were formed to search for truth
Through paths made plain by reason;
To hail that light in earliest youth,
Which shines in every season—
Yes, we were made to win below
The boon hereafter given,
To calmly smile at earthly woe,
And find a home in Heaven.

From the Constellation.

Flogging a Veteran.

In Massachusetts, during the last war, lived a veteran, whom we shall here call by the name of Captain Blunt. He was with most of the people of New England, opposed to the war, while it so happened that a majority of his townsmen were in its favor. Politics run high. The Captain was a warm partisan, and often came into collision with his opponents. But though he was opposed to the war, he was not afraid of the devil and all his imps.

He had a sarcastic turn which was exceedingly provoking to his opponents, whom he charged with being bar-room and grog-shop warriors, and fighting all their battles in their chimney corners. Despite after dispute arose; the Captain dealt out his sarcasms, and the warmen blustered in return.

"If you was a young man," said Peter Gust, "I'd give you an all-fired lickin."

"Never mind my age," returned the Captain, "if that's all you're afraid of."

"It wouldn't be no credit to lick a man old enough to be my grandfather," said the windy blusterer.

"No, nor to get beat, if you should undertake it," replied the sturdy veteran, "you talk about fighting, your valor lies in your tongue."

These disputes occurred so often, and so provokingly, that Peter Gust and his valorous competitors at last determined that the Captain, old as he was, should have a flogging. But instead of undertaking it themselves, they hired a stout he-nigger, who they called him, to do it for them.

This sable mercenary came to the Captain's house, prepared to execute his commission. He had as much courage as his employers, and considerable more of good manners. Not deeming it either honorable or polite to attack the veteran, without first naming his object, he began,

"Massa Cap'Em Blump, I come to gib you one all jofre lickin."

"You have, ha!" said the Captain, seizing a hoopole, which lay near him.

"Yes Massa. But I no do it on my own 'sision, Misser Peter Guss, he and two tree odders, dey hire me."

"Well you go home and tell Mister Peter Gust, and two or three others, if they have any business with me to come themselves."

"No Massa musn't do dat. I promise on my saker honor, for two quart o' rum, dat I giv you de mose infarnal lickin you cher had in your life. Now, Massa Blump, you put down dat hoopole, and I do it directly. Thus saying, Cato put himself in an attitude of attack.

"Get out of the way, you black rascal, said the Captain, 'before I knock you down.'

"I muss lick you, Massa," said the persevering negro, still making demonstrations of attack; "cause you see I gage to do it, and my honor be on a stake. I beg you pardon mose uncerely. You never injure me. But what I gage to do, I know to do. Dat is de honable ting, Massa Blump."

"Get out the way," said the Captain again, "don't trouble me with your jaw."

"Not wid my jaw, Massa—I no bite, I take my fist." Then doubling up his huge black paw, he made a pass at the Captain. But the veteran, who knew how to adapt his warfare to the nature of the enemy, stepped aside, very dexterously for an old man, and taking the hoopole a sweep, took Cato full upon the shins. One blow was sufficient. Down dropped the mercenary, and kicked, and hopped, and rolled over, and rubbed his shins, and bawled with all his might—

"Oh! Massa! you kill me dead! you break my shins! Oh! don't tush me 'g'in! I beg on you, Massa Blump. My bain all smash out now!"

"Your brains! where the devil do you keep your brains? I haven't touched your head."

"Dat wat make me feel so, Massa.—You take my head, I no mind it. But, Oh, gosh-e-mighty! trike a poor black fellow on de shins! dat beat me all to mossin—I no tan dat!"

"Pick up your black carcass now," said the Captain, "and clear out. And bark here—do you tell those cowardly white niggers, that sent you here to be flogged, that if they will come themselves, I am ready to treat with them upon the same terms?"

"But, Massa, I can't pick up myself—I can't tan," said the black, making a faint to rise.

"Can't tan! Well I'll tan your hide for you?" With that, he drew his hoopole, and was about laying on again, when Cato's legs recruited wonderfully, and springing

up, he limped home as well as his battered shins would permit.

When he told his story to Peter Gust and his companions, they stormed, swore like troopers, and declared that the old Captain must be flogged if they had to do it with their own hands.

"Bery wal," said Cato—who had taken a gill of rum, and was shaking it down into his shins—"Misser Cap'Em Blump, he ready for you—he got a hoopole all cut and dry—he flog ebery dibble on you, all in a heap. He terrible ole man—dat Cap'Em Blump!"

"He must be flogged," said Peter Gust, endeavoring to raise his own courage by blustering.

"It takes a man to do dat, Massa Gust," said Cato, who sat groaning over his wounded shins, "an if you take a nigger device, you no tush him—you let Misser Blump 'tome, hereafter, forever an a day."

Peter Gust and his compars blustered about, swore drunkrum, and finally set out to put their threats in execution against the sturdy old Captain. But their courage like that of Bob Acres, oozed out by the way; the advice of Cato was adopted; and thus ended the attempt at *flogging the ter-ran*.

A wet pair. On a very rainy day, a man entered his house, and was accosted by his wife in the following manner: "Now my dear while you are wet, go and fetch me a bucket of water?" He obeyed, brought the water and threw it all over her, saying at the same time, "now my dear, while you are wet, go fetch another."

ON THE CHOICE OF A WIFE.

Go, my son, said the eastern sage to Talmore, go forth to the world; be wise in pursuit of knowledge; be wise in the accumulation of riches; be wise in the choice of friends; yet little will this avail thee, if thou chooshest not wisely the wife of thy bosom.

When the rulers of thy people echo thy sayings, and the trumpet of fame sounds thy name abroad among the nations, more beautiful will the sun of thy glory set, if one bright cloud reflects its brightness, but sullied forever will be the splendor of the rays, if like a dark spot she crosses its surface.

Consider this, then, my son, and look well to her ways, whom thou wouldst love; for little will all else avail thee, if thou chooshest not wisely the companion of thy bosom.

In the Indian country, sections from number 1 to 45 inclusive, commencing at south boundary, township 36, range 2 east, south of section 54, with the exceptions of 15, 29, 31, 32 and 33—part of which sections were sold at former sale. Should not a sufficient quantity be sold, the sales will be continued until the requisite quantity be sold, in the order they are inserted in this advertisement, or until the whole lands be offered.

Township 33 north, range 4 west, sections 31, 32 and 33.

Township 38 north, range 1 east, north west, section 36.

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