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AN IDYL OF "SINKIN' MOUNT'IN.

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Ezekiel Obadiah Sykes leaned over the tumble down split picket fence that had once kept the pigs and chickens from his mother's hamble flower garden and gazed fixedly at the mountain before him. His was not a striking figure, being lank and somewhat round shouldered. It was not even picturesque. A pair of worn jean trousers covered his lower limbs and were held in place by knit "galluses," which crossed the back of his cotton shirt exactly in the middle and disappeared over his shoulders in well defined grooves. A stained and battered wool hat hung like a bell over his head, which rested by his chin upon a red, rough hand. The face was half covered by a reddish brown beard, the first of his budding manhood.

The sun had just sunk beyond the mountain, and the great shadow that crept across the single field of starving corn and the tobacco patch deepened into twilight, and still the young man rested on the picket fence. Occasionally he would eject into the half defined road, which came around one side of the mountain and disappeared around the other, a stream of tebacco juice and pensively watch it as it lined the gravel and vanished into the soil with something like a human gasp. Once he lifted a bare foot and with a prolonged effort scratched with its horny toes the calf of the supporting leg. But , by no motion did he dissipate the air of listlessness and despondency that hung about him. Fortune had not smiled upon the Sykes family for many moons. There were no pigs to disturb the flower garden overrun with prince's feathers. bachelor's buttons, four o'clocks, old maids and sunflowers, and the dismounted gate leaned restfully against the post on which it had once hung. Somehow everything in the neighborhood of the Sykes cottage seemed inclined to lean toward something else. The cow was long gone, and the tiny little boarded shed, which straddled the sparkling spring branch near at hand and served once as a dairy, was lurching toward the hillside.

Near the staggering fence was a bench that had settled back against it, thrusting its legs well to the front, and there once nestled a score of beehives, but none remained, and only the great yellow and marcon butterflies that floated down the valley and the bumblebees reveled in the honey flowers. Perhaps the influence of these facts weighed upon the young man's mind and cast a shadow darker than the mountain's. Certainly as he leaned sciently over the picket he was in harmony with the surroundings. A girl came out into the twilight of

the little porch, where vines were clambering pellmell up a rough trellis of peeled rods, and carefully poured water from a gourd into a dozen tiny pots along the edge. The pots consisted of gourds and of tin caus that had been brought home by Ezekiel from the refuse of the great hotels at The Falls, 10 miles or more away. But they answered her purposes well, only they presented a somewhat incongruous appearance, for on several from which bloomed lovely geraniums-cuttings secured by Ezekiel from character studying ladies at the same hotels-flamed great red tomatoes. and where little sprigs of coleus beamed in the shadow shone also phenomenal asparagus and the violent hued lobster. The dress of the girl was a well worn neat checked homespun, and at the throat was a bit of faded ribbon. "D'rindy, yuh seen Ezekiel?" An eldderly woman in homespun of the same design as the girl's stood in the doorway that led from the kitchen upon the porch, holding a coffeepot in hand. "No, ma'am. Zeke! Oh-h-h-h, Zeke!" The girl lifted her head and sung out the name until the mountain and the valley gave it back again and again. "What yuh warnt, D'rindy?" The voice came from so close at hand in the gathering shadows as to startle her. "Well, I d'clar' ter goodness' sakes, Ezekiel, what yuh doin out thar?"



"Nuth'n. dens and diminishing income, but not to eat the bread of idleness. Never had mother a tenderer daughter, never an orphan a better mother. Zeke had been her one playmate and protector, and the little room, built when she grew older. was the result of his rough carpentry. "I wunner ef he es er-frettin 'bout

Sal Boler gittin j'ined?" she asked herself. The romance was familiar to her in all its parts from the day when Ezekiel was smitten until faithless Sal wedded a stranger from beyond the mountain, and he sunk back into despair and silence. She stood up before a little fragment of glass and looked at herself. It was a tiny room indeed, but marvelous in its appointments. The bare boards were frescoed with autumn leaves, their tints making a glory in the half lit place. Clusters of chestnut burrs garnished with them hung around, and here and there, in scraped cow horns thrust into crevices, were tucked great bunches of ferns and scarlet berries and goldenrod. A half dozen cheap prints cut from periodicals picked up at The Falls filled the waste places, and festoons of bead corn linked them together. But just above her glass was a cheap photograph of Zeke, taken years before in the mountains by a straggling photographer whom he had guided, representing him, as he had seen the romantic tourist, posing in the shadow of a rock, his hat in one hand, and the other, for want of a coat, thrust into his half open shirt front-a barefooted mountain boy whose honest eves looked straight into hers. This had been, from the day Ezekiel brought it home, the treasure of her girlhood. The frame about it was like none other in the world. It was of mica, made of sheets larger than any man's hand, and upon their surface with a needle she had traced ferns, butterflies, flowers and leaves, rubbing soot into the lines to make the figures stand forth. This was her gem, and once a traveling artist who gazed upon it said that it was wonderfully true to nature and offered to buy it. He might as well have bartered for her eyes. The little room held only her couch, a rude chest, a splint rocker and

"'Ef her life war ter come foun ter be lived ergin, she'd be Mistis Esekyel fuming him; but when at length they reached a little branch he called Sykes down een Raccoon Holler,'" he 'Whoa!" and the willing horses came to said aloud, and then he laughed. It had been many a day since he had laughed a halt. "Stranger," said he, "will yer hole up

like that, and he realized the change, "Zeke, less see how yuh look," he added er minute tell I spruce up er bit?" "Why, certainly." Ezekiel alighted from the buggy, and jubilantly. He took a small bit of glass from his coat pocket, thrust it behind washing his feet in the stream he wiped the scale of a pine tree's bark and solthem upon the grass and drew on his boots. After this he stuck the little

Ezekiel alighted from the buggy.

combed his well oiled locks with his fin-

"Thet'll do fur th' widder," he said

The two journeyed along pleasantly

antil the summit of the ridge was reach-

mentioned it before, but the fact is I

narried Widow Martin myself two

Ezekiel looked at him blankly for a full

minute, then reached out and caught the

ines, and with a slow, steady pull

brought the horses to a standstill. The

stranger's face was as calm and impassive

"Yuh don't say!" he exclaimed in

"Fact, But don't turn back on that

account. Any friend of mine will be

welcome at Sal's. Besides, she wants to

Ezekiel still surveyed him piteously.

Then he slowly reached down and drew

off first one and then the other boot. His

cravat was returned to his pocket.

Springing to the ground, he caught the

see you, for I have heard her say so."

gers.

weeks ago."

as a June sky.

hoarse whisper.

line nearest to him.

Oh, yuh needn' laugh!'

ing, "let go that line."

down, come down!"

emnly surveyed his countenance. "Hit's Zeke," he admitted, winking and twisting his head. "Zeke, Ezekiel Obadiah Sykes-Dr. Zeke. An I reck'n she done a long sight worser'n looks when she j'ined unto that Calliby feller, ef she didn't in lan an stock." He took off his hat and bowed to Ezekiel in the glass and smiled at Ezekiel in the glass and rolled his tongue at Ezekiel in the glass. "Ezekiel," said he finally, "ding yuh ole skin, ef I wuz ter meet yer on ther road I'd say, 'Ther' goes er feller fit ter run er gal crazy.' I would, fer er fac'. Yer ar er bad un." He winked with both eyes violently. "No eend to lan an stock!" With a loud guffaw he returned the

reflector to his pocket and whistling and singing by turns resumed his journey. The change that had come over him was marvelous. Ezekiel had covered about 15 miles and was upon a better road when he was overtaken by a spanking team, driven by a good natured, easy going young

man, who hailed him pleasantly. "Ride, stranger?" "In course," said Zeke, "an glad ter glass in a tree again, put on his coat, get hit. How fur yuh travelin?" and producing a faded red cravat pro-"Up about Red Creek." seeded to the it about his neck. Then he

"Well, now, thet's what I calls luck," said Zeke as he settled down on the proffered seat. "So'm I."

The young man smiled at the speakas he climbed back into the buggy. er's general appearance and manner. His own shoes were on and blacked, and there was a well bred business look ed and the opposite valley lay spread beabout him that Ezekiel noticed.

fore them. Here the stranger, after a lew minutes' reflection. said, his eyes "Be yuh er-stayin thar?" "Yes," said the stranger, looking at winkling: him keenly, but slyly. "Where do you "Dr. Sykes, perhaps I ought to have

hail from? "Raccoon Holler." "Farming?"

"Some an er-docterin some." "So! You are a doctor, then. Allo pathic or homeopathic?" Ezekiel reflected. "Mostly yarbs," he

His companion smiled again. "I see. One of nature's doctors. Best sort, after

Under this flattering admission Ezekiel

expanded at once. "Think so?" "I do, indeed."

Ezekiel stretched out his hand. "Glad ter know yuh. What mout be your name?"

"Tom Summers." "Dr. Ezekiel Obadiah Sykes," he said gravely. "Glad to know you, doc. It is lonesome up here. Glad to have your company.

asked um."

"I have no doubt of it."

"And you gave them to her?"

The stranger laughed.

times so happen thet way."

We put it down her throat"-

covered during the exposition of the

Sykes theory of medical practice when

"Stranger, yuh ever hyar er th' Wid-

Ezekiel suddenly changed the subject.

der Martin-Sallie Boler thet war, up

watermelon."

hand."

out of season?"

"Quicker ner lightnin hit come ter me

what war meant 'bout natur' callin, an I

baby ar mortul sick an ar er-continner-

wally cryin fur raw 'taters an fried

greens, give her raw 'taters an fried

"'Tis kinder lonesome," admitted Ezekiel. Then after a pause, "But, stranger, you kinder fetched me erwhile back when yuh war er-talkin 'bout natur' and er-docterin 'cordin ter natur'." "Indeed!"

"Thet's my way. I hain't be'n ter school, an what I got war picked up



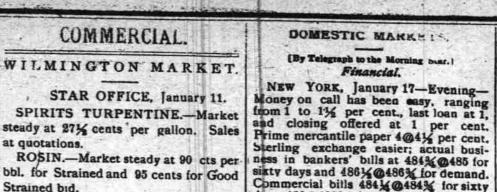
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RAILROAD ACCIDENT.

Collision Near Chester, S. C .- Five Passen gers Injured-None Seriously Hurt. By Telegraph to the Morning Star. COLUMBIA, S. C., Jan. 17 .- No. 35 fast mail, south bound, of the Florida Central and Pennsylvania Railroad, was run into at 1.80 this morning at Chester by a freight train of the Georgia Central and Northern road. The R. & D. authorities here give out the following as at 27 cents; market closing steady at the true facts of the accident: Two these figures. roads cross near Chester. The last mail. with a number of sleepers attached. stopped at the crossing as is required by railroad rules. The engineer in charge appeared not to have paid any attention to this rule and ran down to the crossing at the rate of 45 miles an hour. He saw the fast mail but jumped from the engine and allowed it to crash into the rear sleeper of the

"Stranger," he said, "Widder Martin's new husbun's er-goin ter get whupped! mail train. It is m rvellous that anybody in the sleeper escaped death. The "Sykes," said his late companion, wipsleeper was smashed a d the sleeper ing the tears from his eyes and still shaknext to it was thrown off the track. Nobody was killed and it is not thought "I'm the bes' man in Rabun county, that any of those injured are fatally hurt. said Ezekiel, dancing in the road. "Come Chester is a good sized place and the physicians there were able to take care



TAR .- Quiet at 90 cents per bbl. of CRUDE TURPENTINE-Distillers quote the market firm at \$1 00 for Hard and \$1 60 for Yellow Dip and

PEANUTS-Farmers' stock quoted at 40 to 55 cents per bushel of 28 pounds. Market quiet. COTTON-Firm :

Ordinary 5 8-16 cts # 1b Good Ordinary. 6 7-16 " STAR OFFICE, January 12.

COMMERCIAL.

at quotations.

Strained bid.

280 fbs.

Virgin.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE-Market steady at 271% cents per gallon. Sales at quotations. ROSIN .- Market firm at 90 cents per bbl. for Strained and 95 cents for Good Strained bid. TAR .- Quiet at 90 cents per bbl. of 280 lbs. CRUDE TURPENTINE.-Distillers quote the market firm at \$1 00 for Hard, \$1 60 for Yellow Dip and Virgin. PEANUTS-Farmers' stock quoted at 40 to 55 cents per bushel of 28 pounds.

> Market quiet. COTTON-Firm with sales reported at 7% cents. Quotations at the Produce Exchange were: Ordinary 514 cts 78 1

Middling...... 75% Good Middling...... 7 15-16 STAR OFFICE, January 18. SPIRITS TURPENTINE-Market dull at 271/2 cents per gallon. Sales later ROSIN-Market steady at 90 cts per bbl. for Strained and 95 cts for Good Strained bid. TAR .- Steady at 90 cents per bbl. of

280 lbs. CRUDE TURPENTINE .- Distillers quote the market firm at \$1 00 for Hard, \$1 60 for Yellow Dip and Virgin. PEANUTS-Farmers' stock quoted at 40 to 55 cents per bushel of 28 pounds. Market quiet.

Virgin.

Market quiet.

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COTTON-Firm. Quotations at the Produce Exchange: Ordinary 514

cts 18 1b Good Ordinary..... 61%

PEANUTS-Farmers' stock guoted

at 40 to 55 cents per bushel of 28 pounds.

STAR OFFICE, January 16.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE-Market

ROSIN-Market firm at 85 cents

TAR .- Steady at 90 cents per bbl. of

CRUDE TURPENTINE.—Distillers

PEANUTS-Farmers' stock quoted

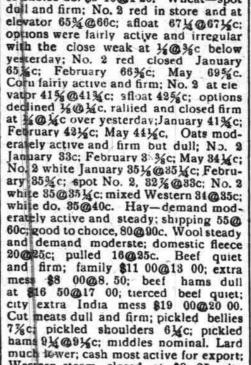
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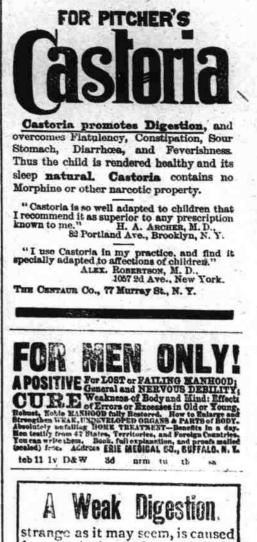
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days; 486@486% for demand. Government bonds lower; United States coupon fours 112%; United States twos 99: State bonds dull; North Carolina fours 96; North Carolina sixes 118. Railroad bonds irregular. Silver at the Stock Exchange to-day as neglected. Commercial. NEW YORK, January 17-Evening Cotton-spot steady; middling gulf dull middling uplands 8 1-16c; sales of 285 Cotton tutures closed firm, with sales of 215.700 bales: January 7.89c; February 7.92c; March 8.00c; April 8.08c; May 817c; June 8.23c; July 8.28c; August 8 33c. Flour-market dull and weak: winter wheat low grades \$2 00@2 45; patents \$3 40@3 65; Minnesota clear \$2 50@2 90; patents \$3 80@4 50; low extra: \$3 05@ 3 15; Southern flour dull and weak; common to fair extra \$2 00@3 00; good to choice do. \$3 10@4 20. Wheat-spot



hams 914 @916; middles nominal. Lard much lower; cash most active for export; Western steam closed at \$8 25; city appears at this point-it is partly \$8 00; January \$8 20 asked: Februrary and May nominal; compound \$6 50@ 6 621 Pork dull but steady; mess \$14 50 @15 00. Butter quiet and easy; State strengthened by it. dairy 16@28c; do. creamery 18@22c; Western dairy 18%@17c; do. creamery The only possible help 18@20c; Elgins 25@25%. Cotton seed oil dull; crude 31@32c; yellow 86@87c. in Consumption is the Petroleum quiet and steady. Rice arrest of waste and resteady and demand fairc. Molasses-fornewal of new, healthy eign nominal; New Orleans, open kettle. good to choice, in light demand steady tissue. Scott's Emulsion at 30@38c. Peanuts steady; lancy handhes done wonders in Conpicked 8% @4c. Coffee-options steady and unchanged to 6 points up; January sumption just this way. \$17 10 017 15; February \$16 55@16 70; spot Rio dull but steady; No. 7, \$18 1236 Prepared by Scott & Bowne, N. Y. All dragelists @18 25. Sugar--raw firmer and q dec 81 tf sa tu th fair refining 25%c; refined quiet and steady No. 10, 3%c; standard A 4 3-16 Wholesale Prices Current. @4%c cut-loaf 4 11-16c; crushed 4 15-16 @5 1-16c; granulated 4 3-16c. Freights to Liverpool quiet and steady; cotton, by steamer, 5-32d; grain, by steamer, 8d. Prices generally. In maki prices have to be charged. CHICAGO, January 16 .- Cash guota tions. Flour quiet and prices barely steady. Wheat-No. 2 spring 591/c; No 2 red 091/2c. Corn-No. 2, 341/@345/c. loted. Oats-No. 2, 27 1/c. Mess pork, per bbl. \$13 10@13 15. Lard-per 100 lbs., \$7 8716 BAGGING-Short nb sides, loose-per 100 lbs \$6 55 2-D Jute. Standard. @6 60. Dry salted shoulders, boxed-ESTERN SMOKEDper 100 lbs, \$6 25@6 50. Short clear Hams # D..... Sides # D..... Shoulders # D. sides, boxed-per 100 lbs., \$7 00@7 50. Whiskey \$1 15. DRY SALTED-The leading tutures ranged as follows Sides 10 D. Shoulders 19 D. opening, and closing; Wheat-No. 2 January 59%, 59%c; May 64%, 64%c; July 65%, 55%c. Corn-No. 9 January 8414, 3414c; May 3754, 37%c: July 3814, 38%c. Dats-No. 2 January 2614, 2614c; BEESWAX # D..... 6 May 22. 2914c; July 28. 2814c. Mess pork, per bbl-January \$13 10, 13 05; May \$13 40, 18 30. Lard, per 100 lbs BRICKS-COTTON .- Firm. Quotations at the Wilmington, W M...... Northein BUTTER-North Carolina, P D..... Northern -January \$8 00, 7 821/2; May \$7 75, 7 621/2. Short ribs, per 100 lbs-January CORN MEAL-Per bushel, in sacks Virginia Meal..... \$6 50, 6 50; May \$6 75, 6 65. 56 @ BALTIMORE, Jan. 17.-Flour dull and unchanged. Wheat firm; No. 2 COTTON TIES- 9 bundle CANDLES-19 Dred spot and January 641/2 @641/4c; Feb-Adamantine ruary B4%@64%c; May 68%@68%c; CHEESE-# D-Northern Factory Dairy, Cream. steamer No. 2 red 60%@60%c; mill ing wheat, by sample, 64@65c. Corn firm; mixed spot and January 41@ COFFEE-P D-..... 41%c; February 41%@41%c; March 42 @4214; May 43@4814c; steamer mixed 3914 @ 1916; white corn, by sample 41 Sheeting, 44, 9 yard..... Yarns, 9 bunch.... EGGS-B dozen.... @42c; yellow, by sample, 38@411/2c. Oats quiet and steady; No. 2 white western 34c; No. 2 mixed western 32% @33c. half-barrel ---No. 2, 4 barrel..... No. 2, 4 half-barrel No 8, 4 barrel Mackerel, No. 2, 9 half-barrel Mackerel, No. 8, 9 half-barrel Mullets, 9 barrel Mullets, 9 pork barrel N. C. Roe Herring, 9 keg.... COMPARATVE STATEMENT 8 00 13 00 5 00 9 C0 3 50 Of Stocks, Beceipts and Exports of Cotton. By Telegraph to the Morning Star. Div Cod. W B ... LOUR-B barrel-Western, low grade Kxtra Family NEW YORK, Jan. 12 .- The follow ing is the comparative cotton statement for the week ending this date: City Mills-Family 1894 1893 GLUE-9 D-.... GRAIN-B bushel-Corn, from store, bags-White. Corn, cargo, in bulk-White... Corn, cargo, in bags-White... Corn, mized, from store..... Oats, from store.... Oats, Rust Proof.... Cow Peas. 73600 Net receipts at all United States ports during the week... 143,038 113,670 Total receipts to this 4,445,169 8.755.018 date SPIRITS TURPENTINE .- Market Exports for the week 238,867 160,980 Total exports to this HIDES, 9 D-ROSIN-Market steady at 90 cents Green HAY, W 100 Tos-States ports..... 1,130,137 1,058,415 Eastern Western North River HOOP IKON, 9 D Stock at all interior TAR .- Steady at 90 cents per bbl. of LARD, P D-American afloat for **CRUDE TURPENTINE.**—Distillers Northern Great Britain..... 355,000 145,000 CHARLESTON, January 17 .- Spirits turpentine firm at 27@271/c. Rosin firm at 90c for good strained. to quality. Dressed Flooring, seasoned... Scantling and Board, common, SAVANNAH, January 17 .--- Spirits tur-MOLASSES, # gallon-New Crop Cuba, in hhds in bbls...... pentine opened and closed firm at 271/c for regulars; sales of 500 casks. Rosin firm for K and below, and dull for M and Porto Rico, in hhds. above; sales 3 000 barrels. Sugar-House, in hhds..... Syrup, iu bbls MARINE. NAILS, B keg, Cut, 10d basis.... 60's on basis of \$2.00 price.. POULTRY-Chickens, Live, grown..... Spring.... 1 75 0 ARRIVED. Steamship Croatan, Hansen, George-town, H G Smallbones. Br schr Mabel Darling, 111_tons, Kerosene Lard. Linsed. 10 Ranger, Nassau, N P, Cronly & Morris. Steamer State of Texas, 1,828 tons, Tar... Deck and Spar..... Hix, New York, H G Smallbones. Schr R S Graham, 328 tons, Taylor, PEANUTS, # bushel 25 Bs..... Boston, Geo Harriss, Son & Co. Br schr Nellie J White, 124 tans, POTATOES, 9 bushel-Frish, P barrel... PORK, P barres-Morrison, New York, Geo Harriss, Son & Co. City Mess. Rnmp Prime Ger barque Joachim Christian, 457 tons, Higer, Charleston, E Peschau & Co.

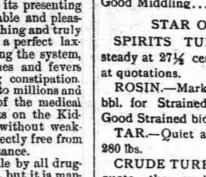


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"Nuth'n." The reply was low and careless.

"Come in an git yuh vittuls." "Don't warnt nuth'n, ma. Yuh all

oat " The woman looked out at the lone figure for a moment, then went in, and presently the girl thoughtfully followed. At the table, upon which was a pone of cornbread, a pot of weak coffee and a

said: "I'm 'feered Ezekiel ar ailin. Las' night he wouldn' tech vittuls, an hit ain't no better ternight."

handless pitcher of molasses, the elder

"Suthin's pesterin 'im," Dorinda said simply; "er-pesterin es mind." An old man sat next to her and shook his head.

"All liers, all liers!" he muttered. He was evidently very deaf, and there was not a hair on his head, which was sunken between his shoulders. "Thar warn't nair' still!" The women paid no attention to his mutterings, and presently finishing his sop he wiped his fingers upon his hips and shuffled into the corner of the fireplace, where he mumbled to himself awhile an then fell asleep.

"Yes, suthin's pesterin 'im," said the old woman after a pause. "Ezekiel ain't like esse'f." The girl rested her elbows on the table and watched her companion absently. Presently she said abruptly: "Aun' Betsey, you rek'n Zeke hain't

still er-frettin 'bout Sal Boler gittin i'ined ter 'er feller?"

"Maybe so. But I reck'n hard times got more ter do 'ith it. Ezekiel don't see no chance ahead now." She sighed. but added, as if to counteract its effect: "Not that I'm distrustin. Th' Lord'll pervide. He allus pervides fur them as leans on 'im." Dorinda looked wistfully up into the face of her aging companion and was silent. Presently she rose and washed the few dishes, placing them upon their shelf. A few deft touches restored the room to its usual scrupulously neat condition.

Returning the coffeepot to the hearth again and the remaining bread to the spider for "Zeke," as she had always called him, in defiance of his mother's example, she went quietly to her little shedroom at the end of the porch and sat down to think. She was Dorinda Maddox, not Sykes, the daughter of a poor woman down the valley who died in the arms of Mrs. Sykes five years before, leaving nothing she might call her own but this one lonely child Hor father and her

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Having make goo for them, have rea King's Ne Coughs a teed-Ele for Liver. len's Arn and Dr. I a perfect guarantee them and tached he more of t Drug Sto bowl and a great jug shaped gourd which served her for a pitcher. Folks got ter callin me 'Dr. Zeke' an so As the girl stood in brown reverie beit goes, an Dr. Zeke hit ar till now, an

fore the fragment of glass she heard a horse approaching at a fox trot and presently a voice exclaim: "Well, Ezekyel, how es time er-sarvin

you an yourn?" She recognized the drawl of an old "hard shell" preacher who at long intervals came to hold forth in the neighborhood. Then Ezekiel's

"Po'ly, parson. Light?" "No: I'm goin ter lie at Sis' Toomer's

ternight. Will see yuh out ter Zebberlon come er-Sunday. Th' road hain't ther bes', an hit's er-gettin dark-whoa! Oh, Ezekyel"-she heard the horse, which had started, checked again-"seen Sal Boler 'cross the line las' month. Th' critter she war er-j'ined ter es dead." The girl in her little room clasped her greens. hands and sunk back on the couch. She

could but hear what followed. "Yuh don't say!" "Be'n dead fo' months come er-Friday.

She ain't furgot you, Ezekyel." Here the speaker chuckled. "She do say that ef her life was ter come roun ter be lived ergin she'd be Mistis Ezekyel Sykes down in Raccoon Holler."

"Did Sal say hit fur er fac', parson?" His voice was low. "She said hit fur er fac', an Sal hain't

er-need'n no man ter get vittuls for her. give the chile hits 'taters an fried greens." The Lord he has blessed her more'n many er-prayin ooman an the mother er chillum, er rer, blessed be his holy name. er rer! An I say it er-wonderin, not erfindin fault. Yes, Sal's got lan an stock; no eend er stock."

The girl heard his horses footfalls echo out in the distance. She waited long. Then Ezekiel entered the kitchen, and she followed quietly and placed his bread upon the table. He passed into the only remaining room without noticing her. his chin.

"Ma," she heard him say quietly, as was his way, "git me up 'bout light. I'm goin ter th' yan side er th' mount'in termorrer, an maybe I won't git back afo' Sunday.

Dorinda turned and went out as silently as she came. In her room she threw herself face down upon the log cabin quilt of her couch and sobbed herself asleep.

CHAPTER II.

When Ezekiel Sykes arose next morning responsive to his mother's call, daylight was glimmering faintly on the mountain. He took from its pegs his red jean suit, the same that Sal Boler had so often seen him in, now a little worse for wear, and donned it, putting on his one other cotton shirt. Then he slicked his hair with marrowfat from a horn, and throwing his boots, well greased, across his shoulder rolled up his trousers. Prepared for his journey, he proceeded to the kitchen and possessed himself of a cup of cold coffee and the bread put aside for him. As he was passing out his mother came to the

"Fur the Lor sakes, Ezekiel, whar be yuh goin ter, boy?" "Ter the yan side o' the mount'in, ma," he said quietly. Then he called to her from the outside, "I reck'n yer hain't

ter see me afo' Sunday." "Well, that beats my times," she said, gazing blankly at the open door. Presently she began to dress. "Sunday meetin clothes on, an hit er Chuesday! Hit's onpossible thet Ezekiel is settin up ter er gal over thar"- She paused with her dress half over her head. "No, hit's onpossible; one er Ezekiel's queer notions. The boy war never jes' like yuther boys. Ter think," she said, laughing softly, "ter think of folks callin him

"Von're the biggest fool! Ezekiel was fairly boiling with rage. hyah 'n thar f'om one 'n ernuther. "Light, light!" he yelled. Then as the

stranger made no motion to comply Ezekial began to kick the nearest horse some er um 'u'd tell yuh thet Dr. Zeke in the stomach with all his might, and knowed er thing er two maybe ef yer that animal responded by rearing and plunging violently. The stranger "lit." Unfortunately for Ezekiel, he was caught "Hit war the funniest thing th' way" in the act of pulling off his coat. He was hit come erbout-my er-gettin to be er a doomed man from the outset. For nature's docter. I war er-workin roun about three minutes there was an anion the mount'in er-huntin fur arrerroot, mated spectacle in the road, and then an I hearn a voice, as plain as I ar hvar-Ezekiel fled from the spot, as was perin them horses' foots, er-sayin, 'Dr. fectly proper, since he could have accom-Zeke, give natur' what natur calls fur,' plished nothing desirable by remaining, and I went right ter stud'in, day in an. and the stranger was at white heat. day out, what hit meant. But one day Kicking the horse had upset his temper Mistis Toomer, roun th' mount'in, she

completely. come ter'me an says, says she, 'Dr. Zeke, "Confound the fellow!" he said. "I've the baby ar mortul' sick an ar contina great mind to carry off his boots and nerwally er-cryin fur raw 'taters an fried coat.'

But he did not, and nature's physician regained them when the coasts were cleared, and bleeding and dazed took the back track. At the little branch he says, says I, 'Mahaly Toomer, ef the stuck his glass in the tree again and began an examination of himself. One eye was nearly closed, his lip was cut. and his nose was swollen. Minor injuries greens,' an with thet I warks off an helped to make him the unhappiest of leaves 'er stan'in in th' road like one mortals. Long time he studied himself in seized uv er sperrit. Mahaly told our silence. Presently he said, a great tear oozing from the blackened eye:

folks nex' day thet she laid out thet Dr. Zeke hed done gone plum crazy, but "Ef 'e had n'er got een that ar fust bimeby, er-knowin my ways, she up an subbinder unner thet ear afo' I got out'n th' coat. Widder Martin's new husbun "Death was instantaneous, I suppose?" 'u'd er be'n in er worser fix 'n thet." He "Death! Why, ther chile ar terday ther checked the tears and examined himself critically. Finally he said more calmly, 'Hit war done complete an no mistake. As he slowly and painfully resumed his journey homeward he added, "'Ef her life war ter come around ter be lived ergin, she'd be Mistis Ezekyel Sykes down een Raccoon Holler,' she would!" He shook his head pitifully, "Oh, Sal, Sal, my heart ar plum broke!"

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COASTWISE

bales cotton, 308 casks spirits turpentine, 56 bbls rosin, 871 bbls tar, 36,000 feet lumber, 40,000 shingles. NEW YORK-Schr Julia A Trubue-

FOREIGN.

Appointments for Wilmington District.

the wounded. The wreck was cleared Low Middling..... 7 3-16 this morning and the uninjured passen-Middling. 7% gers were sent through to their destina-Good Middling. 7 15-16 STAR OFFICE, January 15. WASHINGTON, Jan. 17 .- At half-past

10 this morning a telegram was received SPIRITS TURPENTINE-Market here by General Manager Green from quoted steady at 27 cents per gallon. General Superintendent McBee, of the Richmond & Danville road, which shows No sales reported. that the accident at the crossing near ROSIN--Market steady at 90 cents Chester, S. C., early this morning, was per bbl. for Strained, and 95 cents for fortunately not so serious as was re-Good Strained. ported. It appears there were only ten TAR .- Steady at 90 cents per bbl. of persons on the wrecked Pullman, and only five of these were injured. F. H. 280 lbs. Spears, of Pittsburg, received a scalp CRUDE TURPENTINE.-Distillers wound; J. H. Hoffmam, of New York quote the market firm at \$1 00 for wrist burned; Mrs. M. E. McCarty, Hard and \$1 60 for Yellow Dip and

Washington, D. C., elbow cut; G D. Mc-Carty, Washington, several bruises; J. T. Wilson, Pittsburg, back hurt; Pullman Conductor Davis bruised about head and ear cut. No other passengers were injured.

Dr. Davega, the company's physician, has charge of the injured persons, and says that he does not consider any of them seriously hurt. A second dispatch to the R. & D. offi-

cials here has been received confirmatory of the one from General Superintendent McBee, but giving the additional information that not only the acksonville sleeper, but a first and a second class coach on the same train were overturned. The list of injured already given, it is assumed, included any

of the passengers in these coaches who per bbl. fo: Strained and 90 cents for may have been hurt. The telegram fur-Good Strained, bid. ther says that the R. & D. train had stopped at the crossing as required by law, and had again started up and was 280 fbs. nearly across the track of the Georgia, Carolina and Northern when a freight quote the market firm at \$1 00 for train on the latter roud collided with it, Hard. \$1 60 for Yellow Dip and Virgin. the Conductor subsequently explaining that his train had got beyond the control of the engineer.

at 40c to 55 cts per bushel of 28 pounds. Market quiet. ATLANTIC COAST LINE COTTON-Quiet. Quotations at the Running Three Fast Trains From the Produce Exchange : North to Jacksonville. Ordinary 51/8 cts # 1b Good Ordinary..... 61/2 Low Middling...... 7 8-16 By Telegraph to the Morning Star. WASHINGTON, Jan. 17 .- Commencing to-morrow the Atlantic Coast Line train

close connection at Way Cross for Thomasville, Ga., arriving there at 2.58 p. m. the next day. This line is now quoted steady at 27 cents per gallon, running three fast trains from the North to Jacksonville including their New per bbl. for Strained and 95 cents for York and Florida special vestibule train, and the agent reports travel as being Good Strained. very heavy notwithstanding the mild weather in the North. 280 fbs. -----MISSOURI LYNCHING quote the market firm at \$1 00 for A Negro Ravisher Hanged by a Mob. Hard, and \$1 60 for Yellow Dip and By Telegraph to the Morning Star. Virgin. ST. LOUIS, Jan. 17 .- John Buchner, a negro, who yesterday criminally assaulted

PEANUTS-Farmers' stock quoted at 40 to 55 cents per bushel of 28 pounds. a young white girl and a middle-aged Market quiet. negro woman near Valley Park, Mo., COTTON-Quiet. Quotations at the fifteen miles west of this city, was Produce Exchange : lynched this morning. Buchner was Ordinary 51/8 captured late last night and locked up in jail at Valley Park. At 5 o'clock a mob Good Ordinary.... 63% broke open the jail and dragged the Low Middling..... 7 negro from his cell. They placed a rope around his neck and strung him up to a railroad bridge. The body was left hanging In full view of all the passen-

gers on the San Francisco Railroad which passed this morning. GRAIN AND PROVISIONS. Cotton Wheat Lower-Corn and Oats Higher-A. Decline in Prices of Pork Products. By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

Cotton CHICAGO, January 17 .- The wheat 7,890 pressing influence of a disheartened

COTTON AND NAVAL STORES. WEEKLY STATEMENT. RECEIPTS. For week ended January 12, 1894. Spirits. Rosin. Tar. Crude. 10.973 807 363 910 RECEIPTS. For week ended January 13, 1898. Spirits. Rosin. Tar. Crude. 140 8.874 1,181 1.671 EXPORTS. For week ended January 12, 1894.

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"Then comes practice by substitute." The stranger passed the reins while he went down into a leather case for cigars. "No," said the doctor. "Hit won't leaving here daily at 8.46 p. m. will make work thet er way. Now thar war Sis' Debory Jinkins, which word come es how she war seized with er longin fur watermillion when watermillions war long gone, and I, knowin that gourds war somewhat arter th' make er th' watermillion-sorter half kin on one side, anyhow-had um fetch er green gourd, and we put hit down Sis' Debory's throat, her ma er holdin her, fur she did kick pow'ful, bein natur'ly of a contrerry natur' an havin no longin fur thet eend of the watermillion family. He-Do you play Gottschalk's "Last "I suppose it satisfied her longing for Hope?" It just carries me away. She-Yes. I'll play it for you .- Brook-"Yes, hit satisfied her longin fur most lyn Life. ---ev'ything fur erwhile; leastways she EXPORTS FOR THE WEEK. never said nothin more erbout watermillions. But Sis' Debory come nigh unter death with colic afo' mornin, an

sence thet time I hain't hed faith in sub-NEW YORK-Steamer Croatan-39 stytoots. Ef natur' calls fur what natur' hain't got, I argy thet hit ain't Dr. Zeke thet's ter blame, an I ginerally waits ontel natur' calls fur suthin ter 881,000 feet lumber. Something like five miles had been

PORT-AU-PRINCE-Schr Orlando-127,098 feet lumber, 198 cases kerosene oil, 6 bbls rosin, 12 do tar, 8 casks spirits. SAN DOMINGO -State of Texas-227,-278 feet lumber.

een Red Crick settlement?" he asked. "Yes, indeed. Nice woman she is too." The stranger spoke without hesitation. Southport station, January 21st and market opened to-day under the de-Ezekiel was silent for a full minute. Then, unable to contain the secret any 22d.

outstrappinest boy in Rabun county." "Well, that was wonderful indeed. But, doctor, seriously, what would you do if nature should call for something Dr. Zeke pursed up his lips, and looking out across the mountains scratched "Natur'," he said presently, "hain't goin ter call fur thet which natur' hain't ---got-thet is, ginerally. But hit do some-

a lame back, and think it is the best rem- of them. Sold at R. R. BELLAMY'S Store. + the father, but Sal's conduct finished forth upon the subject that was con- the father, but Sal's conduct finished forth upon the subject that was con- the father, but Sal's conduct finished forth upon the subject that was con- the father, but Sal's conduct finished forth upon the subject that was con-	Four Hig Successes. Four Hig	When Ezekiel Sykes took the road at early dawn, he went northward, and as he strolled along he whistled softly. A great change had come over him. He carried himself erect, as in olden times, and smiled responsive to his thoughts. If Dorinda could have seen him then, she would have said, "Hit's Zeke come ter his own se'f ergin." The perfidy of Sal Boler had been a crushing blow a year before. He had suffered, and his pride had been altogether annihilated. From a self laudatory young man he had sunk into a morose and thoughtfully distrustful one. If he had had the power of expression, he might have become a oynic in words, as he was in fact. He had borne up pretty well under the wan- ing fortunes of the Sykes family and the disasters which befell them all through	"Got any land-money?" "Er whole county, an no eend er stock." "Go in, old fellow, and win!" said his companion impressively. "And you are really courting her?" "Thet's what er said. Ever meet her, stranger?" "Oh, yes. The widow and I are good friends." "Yuh don't say!" "We are indeed." "Then, stranger, yuh stop erlong 'ith us ternight. She'll be pow'ful glad ter see 'er ole friend, an anybody that Ezek- lel Sykes brings 'll be welcome ter the bes."	February 3:d and 4th. Elizabeth circuit, at Elizabethtown, February I0th and 11th. Bladen circuit, at Bethel, February 17th and 18th. Waccamaw circuit, at Bethesda, Feb- ruary 24th and 25th. Whiteville station, at night, February 25th. Clinton circuit, at Clinton. March 3rd and 4th. Onslow circuit, at Iacksonville, March 10th and 11th. Magnolia circuit, at Centenary, March 17th and 18th. Kenansville circuit, at Kenansville, March 24th and 25th. W. S. RONE. Presiding Elder. "I have been usining Salvation Oil for a lame back, and think it is the best rem- edy I have ever used. C. E. Durling, 15	cables and fine weather had much to do with the weak opening. May opened a half cent under yesterday at 64%c, sold between 64%c, 64%c and 64%c, closing %c under yesterday at 64%c. Corn was, as a whole, steady; the closing %c higher than yesterday. Oats—There was a moderate good trade in the May option, but others were dull. The close was about %c over Tuesday's figures. Provisions were weak at the start on lower prices for hogs, with a large run on them. Later in the session a further decline in prices at the yards was re- flected in the provision market by a much weaker tone and corresponding recession. The close showed a loss of 25c for the day in May pork, 15c loss in May lard and 12% 17.—Spirits tur- pentine quiet and weak at 30% 31c. Rosin dull and weak; strained, common	Foreign 000 550 5,885 20 00 11,208 1,111 4,170 1,528 92 EXPORTS. For week ended January 12, 1893. Cottom. Spirits. Resim. Tar. Crude. Domestic., 565 756 157 1,181 57 Foreign 25,814 785 21,597 69 00 26,380 1,541 21,754 1,250 57 STOCKS. Ashore and Afloat, January 12, 1894. Ashore. Afloat. Total. Cotton	Schr Annie V Lawson, 347 tons, Dole, Philadelphia, Geo Harriss, Son & Co, Steamship Pawnee, Ingram, New York, H G Smallbones. Schr Georgie Clark, 347 tons, Shran, Philadelphia, Geo Harriss, Son & Co. Schr Samuel W Hall, 306 tons. Mun- ford, Norfolk, Geo Harriss, Son & Co. Schr James Baird, 372 tons, Booye, Nortolk, Geo Harriss, Son & Co. CLEARED. Br schr Jennie F Willey, Bulger, Sa- vannah, Ga, Geo Harriss, Son & Co. Steamship Croatan, Hansen, New York, H G Smallbones. Schr Orlando, Mattsen, Port-au- Prince, Hayti, S & W H Northrop. Schr Julia A Trubue, Durling, New York, Geo Harriss, Son & Co, cargo by Cape Fear Lumber Co. Steamship State of Texas, Hix, San Domisgo, H G Smallbones; cargo by	SUGAR, @ D-Standard Granu'd G Standard A	1% 1% 22 80 80 80 80 80 80 80 80 80 80 80 80 80
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