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THERE AIN'T NO USE.

There ain't no use objectin' when the clouds begin to spread Their wings, like flocks of vultures, hoverin' gloomy overhead, Fer back of all this fromin' there's a strip o' gleamin' hue, Behind this pile o' blackness there's hope fer me an' you!

There ain't no use o' weepin' fer the dreams o' long ago, For the rongs o' love that mem'ry keep forever on the flow-Jest raise your eyes with hopin', an in tomorrow's smile

You'll see dear faces waitin' fer your comin' afterwhile. There ain't no use o' mopin' an' a stoppin' by the way, Where the shadows gather darkly - where

ne joy lit sunbeams play, When you might as well be movin to ward the broad an open plain,
Where the darkness dare not follow,
where the light breaks forth again

In Aunt Haly's Log Cabin.

Meantime, Aunt Haly had left the big road, and had climbed over the irregular feace at a certain panel, where a smooth, worn appearance of the rails here witness to frequent passings at this point. She followed a weed-choked path through a neglected park, set here and there with pedestals, which had upheld stone goddays of plantation affluence; and through as is the unwise custom in negro families back. I can t keep up the old place as the gray moss that shrouded the caks when the elders leave home at night; and father thought I would, and you are ly it must be segregated—that is to say, old gentlemen—and their epoch with she could see the Ionic columns of a the old couple hastened to town, building welcome to it. My mother's and father's it is only by pictures in detail that one them. Here or there one lingers sigh-But when she lifted her glance toward the graves, a cry of terror escaped her

spit en image of ele Marster, dem little

since been accounted as one dead.

"O-miss' baby chile-mammy little boy! Thank Gawd for dis, I done laid my eyes on his dear face once mo'," cried she, dropping the wreaths to throw her Aunt Haly and Unker Primus enjoyed Twenty thousand dollars, and head che and prevents pneu- ploving arms around the stalwart frame it all as they passed from store to store its helpless infancy.

"So you are not dead, after all!" said negroes had either died or moved away

"They did, honey," she answered You see, miss' waz dead, en look lik away to projek longer machines, stiddier bein' a gentleman like yo' foresesters wu befo' you, es marse would have it. Att. he died de plantation pass to other hand den freedom come, en de niggers got toloff fust wid one fool tale on den ernuther Er whole passel on us tucken migrash to Arkansy, whar de noration gin ou

Then Mr. Carter was told about the aroused immediately.

"Lawdeed exclaimed Palmyre, mak tiny portion of the old plantation that the pair had bought "on time," about the ing a dash for the bulging stockings, about the crop failures and the steady her doubts, it may be. "Sandy Claws pursuit of ill luck, now about to culmi-pate. "Hit do 'pear like de debil pot a "Whoo-ee! Uh mil' clamated the caper gradge ginst us," Aunt Haly went on, "for us is in a tight, sho'-no money, to reach the fire place, and then the tiny the old creature threw her apron over treasure came to light.

her head and wept bitterly.
"There, there, mammy," said Mr. Carter, kindly, "don't cry. I can help but it is to be questioned whether one Halifax, and Dr. A. S. Harrison, En- Christmas for a trip back to Old Marster's you easily. I have been successful be could have found anywhere a happier field, druggists. yond my hopes; my last invention brought group than that which gathered about me more than the old plantation is worth Aunt Haly's pine table for breakfast. under these changed conditions. Yet I The fragrant steam of strong coffee difbelieve even poor father would acknowl- fused throughout the apartment a longedge I am still a gentleman. I had in- absent aroms that mingled amicably with tended to engage a care taker for these the smell of crisp bacon, done to a turn; graves, but as you have tended them so while a smoking pile of yellow yams, well without recompense, let me in return roasted in the ashes, acceptably balanced pay for your little farm, and add another a great paltter of pone bread, wholesome prompt relief it affords is alone worth and at the journey's end were as welcome the same time give you greater field "Dare now, what I done tole you?" ued use will effect a permanent cure. For Nightfall brought swarms of visitors,

the speaker gave Aunt Haly his card.

n, suddenly remembering the season. This is Christmas, here, take this money | Chris mus ner no other time." and give yourself and the youngsters a feast like those of other days."

Aunt Haly, overwhelmed with the munificence of a sum greater than any good Lawd, sen' all de turrs!" she had ever owned, showered blessings upon the giver's head, and when he had nounted his horse and ridden away, she fell upon her knees and uttered a prayer of thanksgiving to the Lord, who, as the colored Christian believes, interests himself in the trivial details of daily life as much as in greater things.

Daylight was quite gone when the through the darkness a wide band of patiently waiting.

stockings for de Sandy Claws what ain gwine git here," and the speaker pointed

"Shuh, babe," cautioned Aunt Haly, using her superlative term of endearment, "don' make no fusa to wake em. Us got to go to town dis night !"

Then she poured into her astonished husband's ears the tidings of good fortune. Forthwith he barnessed the pony, he pressed the extended hand. "I am while Aunt Haly banked the fire and tired and sick of this estrangement. 1 desses and ornamental figures in the old locked the sleeping children in the house, forlorn mansion, long since given over to en route modest air eastles upon the ground, lay the little cemetery, and as Partlet's busy broad already enlivened clogged. He looked toward his son and Aunt Haly drew near, a startled rabbit the bleak back yard, several spotted wife in his carriage and then back into from those English folk, gentle and ran from the sassafras bushes right across razor backs granted in the hog sty, and his brother's face. "God forgive me, simple, who first peopled Virginia and is as vigorous, if not so pictutesque, as her path. Now, as a graveyard rabbit is there was a brindle cow, which the chil- Herb," he said. "I've treated you like universally deemed a "hant," whose mere dren would drive up of an evening, with a dog. Old Rastus has been truer to have spread over the face of the country passing entails had luck, Aust Haly, to a mellow tinkle of the bell accompanying you than your own brother. You shall avert the ill, hastily marked a cross upon Bud Chug's far sounding plantation not an impossibility!

The stores were still crowded with community. Tempting smells of hot the lower step he was in the view of all mas woodpile Then noticing that the supposed doughnuts, spice-cakes, ginger loaves and man mustered up courage to demand, were pressing their queet, within is worth every cent of it."

"Who dat?" whereupon the stranger still against the window panes. Within is worth every cent of it." ole marster's" only son, who had run of the Christmas saint presided, even the sparkling Christmas tree loaded with

that she had guarded so tenderly through and gayly chaffered with friends as be lated as themselves; and finally the home Carter, affectionately stroking Aunt Haly s it is not surprising that when Unker Lippincott's, shoulder. "They told me all the old Primus stopped in the swamp to examine his game trap, he found therein a fine

marse tucken gin up atter you runned in addition to other preparations for the with croup. For two days and nights morrow, detained the old couple until so he tried various remedies recommended tired, the midnight chimes of St. Paul's thought sure I would lose him. I had tant town, and the "watch meetings" of vertised and thought I would try it as the colored societies had ended with last hope and am happy to say that prayer and Christmas song.

dat dey war forty acre er land en a mule. Winter sun had thought of bestirring cure was effected. I keep this remedy gif', yo'se'f, screamed the other three, A. S. Harrison, druggists.

legacy of orphaned grandchildren, and about the filling of which she had had

the same time give you greater field "Dare now, what I done tole you?" used use will enced a permanent cure. For room. I shall see to the taxes, and if demanded Patsy triumphantly, after sale by J. N. Brown, Halifax, and Dr. both to house and kitchen. Very often there was a dance in both as soon as it ever you are in trouble, mammy, send to having furtively inspected this unusual A. S. Harrison, Enfield, druggist.

me at this address." With these words plenty during Unker Primus' solemn and lengthy grace. "Cain' mobody 'spute "Oh, and that reminds me," he went now dat if you put yo' pennunce on de Lawd, he ain' gwine back on you-

"De Gawd's trouf, chile!" affirmed Aunt Haly reverently, "En like de blessing en fullness of dis Chris mus.

SELLING UNCLE RASTUS.

A PATHETIC FAMILY RECON-CILIATION AT THE AUG-TIONEER'S SLAVE BLOCK.

Herbert Putnam, unnoticed by any one, elbowed his way through the crowd good old soul returned to the cabin, and to his brother and touched him on the A gold mine weighed against it then arm. Their eyes met. "Pardon me," roundy irrengit streament from the open said Herbert, "but I must speak to you," it sounded splendid, dearway, where Unker Primus sat, and George Putnam was drawn beyond And said it to myself until I fell asleep ruddy firelight streamed from the open said Herbert, "but I must speak to you," the outskirts of the crowd. "I cannot "Wull, wife," he drawled, "you wur keep quiet and see you eheated," faltered o long er comin' dat I giv de chillen Herbert, with his eyes averted. "A long had de heart to turn em from hangin' dey you stood up for me, and I cannot forget that we are brothers. Don't bid any more on Rastus. He is shamming. He to an array of coarse and much-mended is as sick as can be and is only pretending to be well to bring price."

The two men gazed into each other's eyes. George Putnam was quivering all over and his face was softening. Impulsively he put out his hand as to apologize for his lack of words. "Let's not be enemies any longer," went on Herbert = am going away, and I may never come

graves are on it." not give up the old place. You must south of Mason and Dixon's line. he hurried to the platform.

The auctioneer had been proclaiming

"I want Rastus, and I am going to "spirit" were a modern tweed suit instead "kitchen" candies stole out from the con- have him," he said to the upturned a dezen axes flow, chopping it in lengths able trouble managed to find "infernal." of the traditional ghostly habiliment of a fectioner's, and from the toy shop issued faces. "I want him to give him back for the big throated open fireplaces. By winding sheet, and, moreover, presented a kindly cast of countenance, the eld wo to the joy of numerous little darkies who neglect to offer him for sale. Twenty fellows with a log or a turn of small regions." man mustered up courage to demand, were pressing their queer, flat noses flatter thousand dollars is my bid, and Rastus sticks on the shoulder, setting up great

ped back into the crowd. Old Rastus duly surrounded, the back pinzzas filled away from home in his youth and had shoe shop exhibiting a rotund papier seemed the only one to thoroughly grasp and chips banked high in the saiddle mache Santa Claus, who stood under a the situation. "Bress de Lawd!" he ex- room, great sticks and small began to be has used Chamberlain's Colic, Chokra claimed as he slapped Aunt Milly on the heaped at the cabin doors. By the time and Diarrhea Remedy in his family for gifts that were to be bestowed gratis back. "Dem boys done made up, en I they were all fully furnished the anoun-

auctioneer awkwardly. "Twenty thou- this came to pass about midday of De- when troubled with colie or dysentery sand-do I hear?-and sold to Colorel cember 24. ward journey was begun. As luck, Putnam. I reckon the ain't no use putthis dignified gentleman, Mr. Brook whether good or ill, seldom comes singly, tin' up the others."-Will N. Harben in

> raccoon, "des nachelly bustin" wid fat with L. B. Mulford, of Plainfield, N. J. late an bour that, when they at last re- by friends and neighbors. He says: "1 had already pealed joyously in the dis- seen Chambertain's Cough Remedy adafter two does he slept until morn-Next morning, long before the lazy ing. I gave it to him next day and a

The cabbage was introduced in England by the Romans.

nate. "Hit do 'pear like de debil got a "Whoe-ee! Uh m! clamared the eager ler, druggists, Republic, Ohio, "Because his master's wardrobe. For the young a customer after once using it, is almost his master's wardrobe. For the young certain to call for it when again in need of such a medicine. We sell more of it likely the fortnight, unless he "got the Dr. King's New Life Pills free, as well nuthin to eat, en dat moggige what gwine sell us out!" At this lamontable thought the nortable thought the sell us out!" At this lamontable thought the sell us of the sell In many a household throughout the For coughs, colds and croup, it is withland joy reigned suprems that morning, out an equal. For sale by J. N. Brown, ing on their own account. No time like

> To a clever woman every man is ossible husband.

lieves the pain as soon as applied. J. W. born of the saddle, Black Daddy and

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There's something new at our house; I'm s'prised you didn't know it. It makes papa awful proud, although he hates to show it. The thing is not so very big, but money couldn't buy it If any fellow thinks it could, I'd like to

see him try it.

new ones every hour; It is a little music box, with tunes for every minute, so you are not in it.

It puckers up its wee, wee mouth, as if it meant to whistle; were lighter than a thistle,

our gift that came from heaven: dey hoceake en sont em to bed. I didn' time ago, when you and I were boys, Mamma declared the darling thing was by the angels given;

But then some folks are very slow, some are stupid; may be come home and see our baby!

DOWN IN THE SOUTHLAND.

can give the effect of the whole. Before ing with Falstaff: the Carolinas, and whose descendants the old.

"There's no such thing as real Christthe ground and spat upon its center. Foldel. Nay, even a sturdy mule seemed keep it. Wast." And with these words mas now, sigh elder felk, white and at the sight of a tall, silent figure with shoppers when the two reached town, Staley's reckless bid of thirteen twenty truth, it was a two weeks' Saturnalia. folded arms and pensively drooped head, and though everybody seemed in the five, and the crowd was eagerly taking No master who respected himself, or "Josus alive" exclaimed she, "de very greatest hurry conceivable, sovereign in the unusual sight of the two Putnam hoped to keep the respect of his neigh good humor prevailed, and a delightful brothers in close conversation. Colonel bors, dreamed of asking his black people naris laying round de sign or de maik, de air of mingled mystery, holiday prepara. Putnam reached the platform and signed to do more in the month of December Carter favor, on all. Good Gawd tion and excitement enwrapped the whole the auctioneer to be quiet. Standing on than kill bogs and get up a big Christ-

worth every cent of it."

No one spoke as Colonel Putnam step:

After every exit to the great house was "ain't that where he was injured?" tain of a wood pile was sensibly smaller "Twenty thousand dollars," said the though far from exhausted. Usualy "I find it a perfect cure for our baby

Without experience of it, it is almost without a bottle of this Remody at hom impossible to credit how warm and close of on a trip away from home. For sale was the tie between master and slave. by J. N. Brown, Halifax, and Dr. A. S. This, of course, where the masters were, Harrison, Enfield, druggists, Any one who has children will rejoice as was the case with ninety nine in the hundred, full of kindly consideration for ness." A proper dressing of this animal, His little boy, five years of age, was sick their black people. The few cruel tyrants who disgraced the name and brought discredit upon the kindlies class under the sun were looked at askance by their neighbors,

Naturaly, then, to the mass of slaves their masters' concerns were as much as a matter of interest and of pride as they inal. You will find it a work of art and were to those affected by them. Besides thing to be prized. It contains full page the darkey is a born gossip, likewise a views of the great buildings, with born detective. The shrewlest match making mamma was not quicker to decome along. Shoo, chile, stiddler dat, close wrapped quilt from about her head, day wa'n't skacely vittles to go round, so sprang up crying excitedly. "Chris'mus and the first control of it." 25 and 50 cent bottles for young man visitor. Where there were Address H. E. Bucklen & Co. Chicago, the straints and let you keep the book. me en Primus tucken scuffled back gif', Chris'mus gif', chillen i' Chris'mus sale by J. N. Brown, Halifax, and Dr. young ladies in the great house the about Christmas time. He came from far and near-often across three counties. He rode a high stepping horse and was nice in the matter of equipage. Often he brought along his own black boy. Cough Remedy," says Stickney & Dent- likewise mounted, and carrying behind ler, druggists, Republic, Ohio, "Because him fat, bulging saddle bags, stuffed with

> been given to some other branch of the family, and so lived maybe twenty miles away. Duly mounted tricked out in Sunday best, with all sorts of queer bun-For rheumatism I have found noth- dies dangling here and there, and a curing to Chamberlain's Pain Balm. It re- pet bag fat to bursting swung at the

was fairly dark. In every cabin there

to one o'clock; after that there was singlight of the waning fire.

prayed the night through. But their picty did not take the form of a prohibia love; a flower;
Mamma calls it a hundred names, and tion sentiment. With a positing yet hot in the mouth they were as ready as their fellows to troop up to the great house at daylight and drink their share of Christmas eggnog. Small blame to them, either since the eggnog of those days was a mighty seductive thing to any who had

a nice taste in drinks. To make it, eggs as fresh as possible were broken, the yolk separated from the white, then white and yolk whipped to a foam that would stick if you turned the bowl containing them bottom upward. Of course you've guessed it by this time, With the yolks went light, live, brown sugar fresh from a Louisiana plantation. When the mixture became a mass of creamy froth, the white were stirred lightly in along with a dash of grated I ought to say, right straight and plain, nutmeg and a little French brandy. After a minute of tossing together, one person poured in whiskey while another stirred the compound. Gurgle! whish! whip! was all you heard for three min-

The RE is so much Christmas to a gentleman.

"Ah, me! They are dead, those fine

away, beyond the old "quarter" play- In their confertable imaginations, Dame ground, lay the little cometery, and as it their confertable imaginations, Dame He strove to reply, but his voice was say that this love of Christmas, and the in England-and one of them grows

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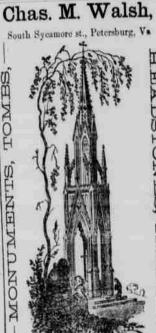


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