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FOR OLD MAMMY.

The Old Black Mammy Will Never Be Forgotten By the Children She Tenderly Cared in the Days Gone By.

The chord of affection between the black mammy and her white folks has often been well nigh as strong as the feeling between mother and child. Some time ago old Aunt Amanda, a negro mammy, lay dying in a New Orleans hospital. In the old days she was a slave in one of the sugar parishes of Louisiana. When her beloved mistress died, she cared as tenderly for the children of the dead woman as she could. The family scattered, the two daughters making their homes in Louisiana, and the son going to Chicago. The news of the mortal illness of the "Old Mammy" brought to her bedside one of her old mistress's daughters who was weighted down with the responsibilities of her own large family. The other daughter, unable to leave, sent her friend, a Christian minister, to offer prayer for and to administer the sacrament to the dying woman. The son, who lives in Chicago, received news in Pittsburg of her impending end, while on a business trip, and at once journeyed to New Orleans to see his old mammy before she died. This same son, some years before, relinquished his share in his father's estate, so that his old mammy might be cared for in her declining days. Old mammy went peacefully to sleep, happy in the love of Ole Miss's chillun. Hers was the simple faith and hers the kind heart that memory holds in honor forever.

SHE'S YOURS.

"So you want to marry my only daughter?"
"Yes, sir."
"Got any money saved up?"
"Yes, sir."
"Could you let me have \$5,000 on my unsecured note?"
"I could, but I wouldn't."
"I guess you can take care of her, all right. She's yours, my boy, and here's a five-cent cigar."
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While walking through a crowded downtown street the other day, I heard a little urchin to his comrade turn and say:
"Say, Jimmy, let me tell youse, I'd be happy as a clam if I only was de feller dat me mudder inks I am."

"Gee, Jim, she inks dat I'm a wonder, and she knows her little lad could never mix wid nothin' dat was ugly, mean or bad. Lous er times I sits and inks how nice 't would be, gee whiz, if a feller only was de feller dat his mudder inks he is!"

My friends, 'be yours a life of toil or undiluted joy. You still can learn a lesson from this small unlettered boy. Don't aim to be an earthly saint with your eyes fixed on a star. Just try to be the feller that your mother thinks you are.

WHAT MIGHT BE DONE,

What might be done if men were wise—
What glorious deeds, my suffering brother,
Would they
In love and right,
And cease their scorn of one another.
Oppression's heart might be imbued
With kindling drops of loving kindness,
And knowledge pour
From shore to shore
Light on the eyes of mental blindness.
All slavery, warfare, lies, and wrongs,
All vice and crime might die together,
All wine and corn
To each man born,
Be free as warmth in summer weather.
The meanest wretch that ever trod,
The deepest sunk in guilt and sorrow,
Might stand erect
In self-respect
And share the teeming world to-morrow.
What might be done? This might be done,
And more than this, my suffering brother—
More than the tongue
E'er said or sung,
If men were wise and loved each other.

Porto Rico's New Wonder.

From far away Porto Rico come reports of a wonderful new discovery that is believed will vastly benefit the people. Ramon T. Marelan, of Barcelona, writes: "Dr. King's New Discovery is doing splendid work here. It cured me about five times of terrible coughs and colds, also my brother of a severe cold in his chest, and more than 20 others, who used it on my advice. We hope this great medicine will yet be sold in every drug store in Porto Rico." For throat and lung troubles it has no equal. A trial will convince you of its merits. See and \$1. Trial bottle free. Guaranteed by all druggists.—Adv.

Marriage may either form one's character or reform it.

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If a girl's arms have pretty dimples in them she'll get them sunburned.

NOT SO BAD.

At The Shop of the Hunchback by Dr. Frank Crane.

Why, said my friend, the hunchback, should I complain because my back is not so straight as yours? It simply means that in one respect I am inferior to you. But then in other respects you are possibly inferior to me.

The most widespread trait of men is inferiority. Everybody is inferior at some point in his personality to everybody else if he meets. Why should I care if mine is in my physical shape?

The judge on the bench may be inferior in lovable human qualities to the prisoner he condemns.

The preacher in the pulpit may be inferior in intellectual honesty and genuine moral courage to the sinner in the pew.

The plain girl may have vastly more womanliness and richness of soul than the pretty girl.

Tom, at school, is humiliated because he cannot jump so far, run so fast, nor play baseball so well as Dick; but Dick cannot do arithmetical like Tom.

Why should any one whine because of what he is not, when there is enough that he is, or why should he bemoan what he cannot do, instead of being delighted over what he can do?

Life may be contemplated from the valley of one's defects or from the peak of one's excellencies.

Old world caste and rank should teach something to us free children of democracy. Their system of grading was false, but it represented an eternal truth; that while there are those above us there are those below us. The English butler in a lord's house would be miserable if there were in his world only those to whom he must bow low and speak softly, but his spirit is refreshed by the underlings beneath him whom he can browbeat to his heart's content.

I have no great moneys like the rich man in the big house yonder, but then I have a little sister who loves me for no reason or gain at all, who lives for me and would die for me. If the rich man knew about her he would envy me.

Though my back is crooked I have many marvelous and extraordinary gifts. For instance, I am contented. I know dozens of people who are spending money by the shovelfuls to attain contentment, and I have it for no price at all.

I am free, that is, I owe no man anything. I am not bound to please people I do not care for, and no one tells what I must do. I keep my shop here, just Jenny and I, and we make a living. Think of the myriads of human souls held in leash by other souls one way or another!

Then I have a collection, not of china, nor oil paintings, nor jewels, but of most comfortable tastes. I like to read, and books are cheap and libraries free. I like music and have the price of tickets to the concert. I like sunshine, and there is the liberal sun pouring in at my window. I like my dog and he worships me. I like a glass and a pipe in the evening and a genial crack at arguments with my friends.

A man that has accumulated, ramed and trained tastes enough to keep him interested in living and happy in his days and nights is the real millionaire.

It's not so bad to be a hunchback.

I might have been a fool.

Huntsville, Ala. W. C. Pollard, a well known citizen, says: "I have used Foley's Honey and Tar Compound and found it a most excellent preparation. In fact, it gave me relief from my cough and I have used it ever since. I have used a good many, but I am not over seventy years old."
—Adv.

SURE OF HIMSELF

"Aren't you afraid you may become a slave to the smoking habit?"
"No, I can quit whenever I want to."
"How do you know that? Have you ever tried it?"
"No; but I've cured myself of the habit of voting for every candidate who is nominated by the political party to which I belong, and a man must have a strong will to do that."

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A WOMAN'S NEW SHOES.

"Mercy, how Loose They Are."

When a woman has a new pair of shoes sent home she performs altogether different from a man. She never shoves her toes into them and bawls until she is red in the face and all out of breath and go stamping and kicking around, but pulls them on half way carefully, twitches them off again to take a last look and see if she has got the right one, pulls them on again, looks at them dreamily, says they are just right then takes another look, stops suddenly to smooth out a wrinkle, twists around and surveys them sideways, exclaims: "Mercy! how loose they are," looks at them again square in front works her foot around so they won't hurt her quite so much, takes them off looks at them, looks at the heel, the bottom and the inside, puts them on again, walks up and down the room once or twice, remarks to her better half that she won't have them at any price, tilts down the mirror so she can see how they look from that way, backs off, steps up again, takes thirty or forty farewells looks, says they make her feet awful big and never will do in the world, puts them on and off three or four times more, asks her husband what he thinks about it, and then pays no attention to what he says, goes through it all again, and finally says she will take them.

Dan J. Joyce, Sanville, Henry county, Virginia, says: "I took a cold with a cough which hung on for two years. Then I commenced using Foley's Honey and Tar Compound and the cough finally left me and now I am perfectly strong and well." Is best and safest for children and contains no opiates.
—Adv.

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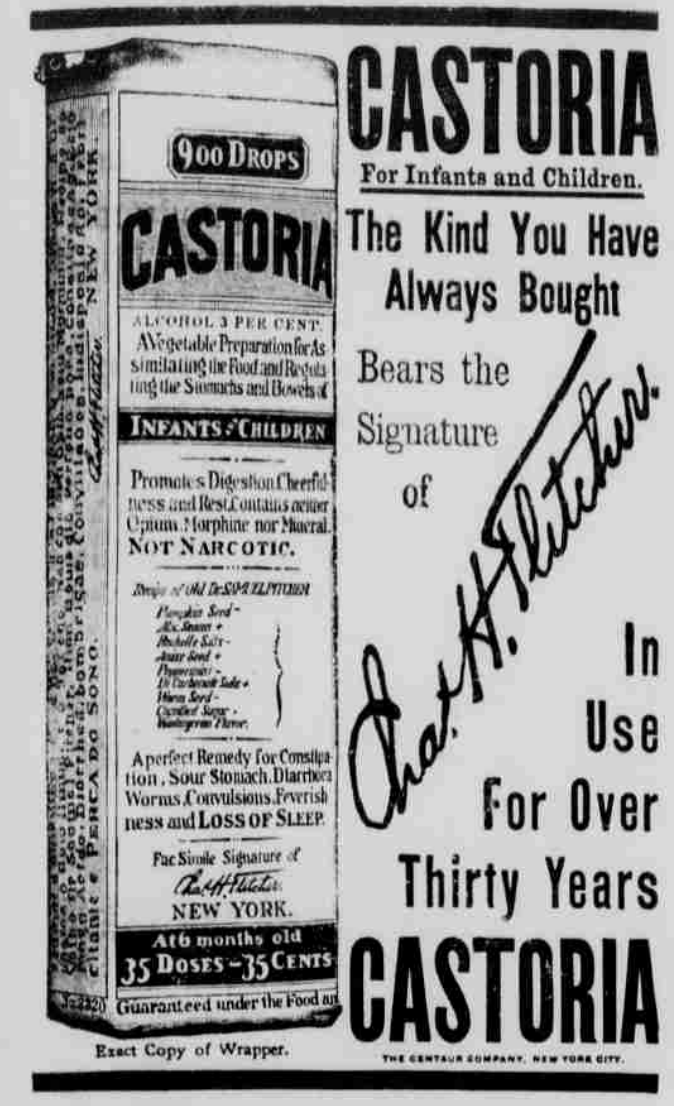
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