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## "Cousin Sally Dillard"

By HAM C. JONES

A headless disciple of Themis rises and thus addresses the court:

May it please your Worship and you, gentlemen of the jury, since it has been my fortune (good or bad, I will not say) to exercise myself in legal disquisitions, it has never fallen me to be obliged to prosecute so dreful, marked and malicious an assault—a more willful, violent, dangerous battery—and finally, a more diabolical breach of the peace, has seldom happened in a civilized country; and I dare say, it has seldom been your duty to pass upon one so shocking to benevolent feelings as this which took place over at Captain Rice's in this county. But you will hear from the witness.

The witnesses being sworn, two or three were examined, and deposed. One said that he heard the noise, but did not see the fight; another, that he saw the row, but didn't know who struck first; and a third, that he was very drunk, and couldn't say much about the scrimmage.

Lawyer Chops: I am sorry, gentlemen, to have occupied your time with the stupidity of the witnesses examined. My artless gentlemen, altogether, from misapprehension on my part. Had I known, as now I do, that I had a witness in attendance who is well acquainted with all the circumstances of the case, and who was able to tell himself clearly understood by the court and jury, I should not so long have trespassed on your time and patience. Come forward, Mr. Harris, and be sworn.

So forward comes the witness, a fat, shifty old man, a "cettle" corned, and took his oath with an air.

Chops: Harris, we wish you to tell all about the riot that happened the other day at Captain Rice's; and as a good deal of time has already been wasted in circumlocution, we wish you to be candid and to the point at the same time as explicit as possible.

Harris: Admetty (giving the lawyer a knowing wink, and at the same time clearing his throat.) Captain Rice, he gin a treat, and cousin Sally Dillard, she came over to our house and axed me if my wife she moutn't go? I told cousin Sally Dillard that my wife was poorly, being as how she had a touch of the rheumatics in the hip, and the big swamp was in the road, and the big swamp was up, for there had been a heap of rain lately; but howsomever, as it was she, cousin Sally Dillard, my wife she moutn go. Well, cousin Sally Dillard then axed me if Mose he moutn't go. I told cousin Sally Dillard that Mose, he was the foreman of the crap, and the crap was smartly in the game; but howsomever, as it was she, cousin Sally Dillard, Mose he moutn go.

Chops: In the name of common sense, Mr. Harris, what do you mean by this rigmorale and what?

Witness: Captain Rice, he gin a treat, and cousin Sally Dillard, she came over to our house and axed me if my wife she moutn't go? I told cousin Sally Dillard that my wife was poorly, being as how she had a touch of the rheumatics in the hip, and the big swamp was in the road, and the big swamp was up, for there had been a heap of rain lately; but howsomever, as it was she, cousin Sally Dillard, my wife she moutn go. Well, cousin Sally Dillard then axed me if Mose he moutn't go. I told cousin Sally Dillard that Mose, he was the foreman of the crap, and the crap was smartly in the game; but howsomever, as it was she, cousin Sally Dillard, Mose he moutn go.

## The Turk

By NICHOLAS C. MOSSIDES IN COLLIERS

The Hospitable Turk.  
Turks, however, are of two kinds—the government official and the man of the people—and of these the one is the very antithesis of the other. Just as the former is false, cruel, servile, arrogant and unjust, so is the latter simple, honorable, and hospitable. Hospitality, indeed, is the Turk's greatest virtue. Should you travel among the true Turks in Asia Minor you will find, instead of inns and hotels, a warm welcome in every house. The chief men of the village will dispute with each other for the honor of being your host, and he who has won that privilege is envied by his neighbors. If not rich enough to afford a "moussafir adassi," or guest-chamber, he will place his own room at your disposal but wherever you may lodge, you will always find in large Turkish letter this traditional inscription: "Here is received the Stranger! In the name of God! the Compassionate! the Merciful!"  
"Nor are introductions necessary. Whatever your creed or condition, your rank or your country, whether Christian or Moslem, wealthy or poor, you will be lodged and entertained as long as you choose to remain. While a guest you are not only not allowed to expend a penny, but are not even permitted to offer a "tip" to the servants, for this would be considered a great insult to your host. Nor must it be supposed that this is true only of the rich or well-to-do; it is characteristic also of the poorest peasants. They do not wait simply to receive you; they will go out to find you. In many villages a guest-chamber is kept at the public expense.

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## A PROBLEM FOR TAFT

Nation's Railroads Getting Into the Grip of a Few Men.  
(Wash. Dispatch to N. Y. Herald.)  
That a series of railroad combinations and centralizations for control is under way, which in the next two or three years will place the domination of the country's transportation interests in the hands of a few men, is the conclusion which officers draw from the movements of the present year and the closing months of last year. The question is asked on every hand: "What is the government going to do about it?"  
The fact is that everything just now is waiting on some decisions in important cases pending in the courts. There is the New York, New Haven and Hartford case, which deeply concerns New England; the case against the Union and Central Pacific roads, in which the government seeks to compel the Union Pacific to surrender the better part of the San Pedro road; action under the anti-trust laws for the dissolution of the Standard Oil Company, which while not directly affecting transportation, is expected to develop some important judicial interest. The Interstate Commerce Commission's decision in the Spokane case, which has been a constant pressure for some proceeding in regard to the consolidations and combinations which are being developed from time to time. The activities of the J. H. Hawley interests are especially attracting attention. It has been known recently that Hawley and Mill are working in pretty close harmony. Hawley sold his Colorado Southern to the Hill group, an alliance which, if it were long reports from the inside, that Hawley has secured control of the Missouri, Kansas and Texas. The names of the latter are not mentioned, but it is perfectly possible in co-operation with Hawley, a line from the Northwest, through the mountain and plain country, to the Gulf of Mexico at Galveston.

## THE LAST RETREAT

By R. Walter Townsend.

The incidents related in this ballad were obtained chiefly from A. E. Stronach's account of the last days of Johnson's army from Bentonville to Greenboro, and which was published in the News and Observer, August 16, 1908.

"Twas sixty-five on April day,  
As through our Raleigh made its way,  
An army with its long advance,  
Horse, foot, artillery, ambulance,  
With that half listless, steady tramp  
Of life that moves from camp to camp.  
Alas for the Confederate!

As up and down the long drawn  
Which slow bedraggled moved along.  
What change, what color, marked the  
What history brief of all had been;  
What balance due from victor's cost,  
What grim suggest of battle lost,  
While passes the Confederate.

Who e'er must win by arm and strife,  
War promise holds as long as life,  
A new-born sun the clouds may break,  
A fleeing goal itself o'ertake,  
Long suffered hopes become the laws,  
Which fuse the soul at one with cause,  
God save the true Confederate!

Along the line new life awoke,  
As on the air glad music broke,  
The war-horse prances as in pride,  
The soldier steps with firmer stride,  
The banners gaily flap the air,  
And seem to move to conquest near,  
As onward goes Confederate.

As thou hast seen the doctor smile  
To forestall grief he would beguile,  
And e'en a cheering aspect play,  
O'er features soon to droop, decay,  
Thus war with glee would screen its  
gloom,  
With music half a coming doom,  
To dazzle the Confederate.

O'er town and troop a languor fell,  
A sterling sense all was not well,  
Though they march as victors go,  
They leave our city to the foe,  
Before a mystic prospect lies,  
Out which may spring a last surprise,  
God pity the Confederate!

Like trickling fount the news had run  
Of message of our Lee undone,  
On this might come another blow,  
Our banner surrender to the foe,  
Of all our arms, munitions, men.

## SENATOR TAYLOR'S STORY.

(By James S. Evans in New York American.)  
Washington, May 19.—"We have lazy men everywhere," said Senator Robert L. Taylor, of Tennessee. "But down near Union City, where the Night Riders have been frightening everybody, from the Governor down to a man named Lou Knight, who, for indolence, has no peer.  
"Lou is a hermit. His only companion is a dog. He lives in a small cabin, one that contains no windows, partitions or exits except the door. When it is raining, he sleeps; when the weather is fair he either fishes or hunts.  
"He provides a mat for the dog to sleep on and this is placed at the end of the one long room. When Lou wakes up, the room being dark, he cannot tell whether it is raining or if the atmosphere is dry. So he calls in the dog, and, reaching over the top of his back, which he does so black to sleep, if dry he gets up.  
"And I think I may compare Lou Knight's habits to those of some of the Senators in charge of this tariff bill," continued the Senator. "They are feeling of the Governor's doing to ascertain how the weather is. Understand?"

## NEW PROPHECY READS FUTURE.

Big Storm to Strike Laurens, S. C.—World to End in 2009.  
(Charleston News and Courier.)  
The Laurensville Herald prints the following letter, signed Thomas M. Workman: "A man can have on his place a storm pit; for when most needed it will be out of reach. If you wish to know that a storm is coming several minutes before it reaches you listen to the thunder. If it rolls and jolts its tones, rumbling, which the sound like a wagon jolting over rock, you may rest easy, for there is no severe storm in the direction of the thunder. But if you hear one long crashing boom—rumbling—and quivering boom—the sound gradually dies away without changing its tone, go to your storm-pit. If you intend to use it when needed. For cloud or no cloud, the thunder comes from a storm or cyclone. I am guessing that there

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Commissioners.

Along with State which have their own... And was to the Confederate!

But as they near the edge of town, A band of girls came running down From a sequestered boarding school, Which seemed had then suspended rule, And up and down the campus wall, Await our army each and all, While onward comes Confederate.

No idle whim, or purpose lay, Hath drawn their feet beside the way, For war's ordeal had lost disguise, Alike to young and sober eyes; But like our soldiers would defend, And cheer the prospect to the end; Oh, pity the Confederate!

Aye, gladdened eyes there quick be-hold, Far o'er the fence they water hold, With all the manner that embers, 'Twas woman's pitying tone and tears; As if each cooling drop they dealt, Might save the cause for which they felt, Oh, cheer the brave Confederate!

Their yearning kindness none might shut, But often drink to every one, Bespattered trooper, luckless youth, Begrimed, careworn, in garb uncouth; The private grum and man of rank, From palls, from tubs, from soft hands drank, While halted the Confederate.

Our force pressed on, and soon the day Of shell and camp had passed away; But of the things the change had left, Of sons of mercy, cause, heart, Our honor yet remained behind, As not to fate to be resigned, While lived a staunch Confederate.

Aye, often now in pride we gloat O'er memories deep and scenes remote, And in our ardor frequent tell Of how we suffered, fought, and fell; Amid it all the thought is sweet, Who cooled our thirst beside the street, When marched the sore Confederate!

Ye who would prize of woman's love, As something trifle may disprove, Of all her weakness from the first, As loveliness by fancy cursed, Whatever her failings, new or old, With loyal deeds let this be told, When sleeps the last Confederate! Raeford, N. C., April 9.

Henry, aged two, had become very much interested in watching his mother make comfortable. When the first snow came, his bed being near a window, he awoke early in the morning and called loudly to his mama. "O, mama, the trees are all covered with battin'!"—The Defiant.

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