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MRS. SCRUGGINS RELATES HOW

MR. SKINKLE FOUGHT A DUEL.

BY NED.

'Sich times as we've had lately,' said Mrs. Scruggins, the other day, to her confidential friend and gossip, Mrs. Brown;—'sich times as we've had. First comes the cholery, and then the great fire, and then the cholery agin worse than ever; and then arter anuther great fire, it all winds up in a big mongst the firebeas and firemen; and private people seems to suffer jist as much as the public does. Misfortunes allays keeps cumpany, and its sum conserlation in knowin that there are 'tothers jist as misfortunate as you are, or perhaps more so. My spirits, Mrs. Brown, have bin dredful low, and no wonder; ef men will make mile posts out of themselves, stickin up where every body can see 'em, its a providence if they aint talked about and slander'd. There is allays plenty of evil tongues that wants mity little to set 'em a goin; and then, goodness gracious, how they will wag! They ruinate more characters in one day, than doctors will patients in a whole year; and that's sayin a good deal. I do think, of all people in this world, them there that go round makin other folks bisness theirs, and stick in their probiscusses in places where they aint wanted, are the most dispisable. I havn't the least doubt, that one-half of the quarrels and strifes, and better feelins, that rises up betwixt friends and neighbors, is the work of tale bearers and gossipers, who have a way of makin a heap out of nuthin, and what is in its self raal bad—a good deal worse; and this puts me in mind of a sarcumstance that cum to my hearin, about Mr. Skinkle and a widder, whose name was Mrs. Miller, which all had its beginnin by people talkin. It made a very great and sanatory expression on my mind, which I havn't got over yet.'

'You see Mrs. Miller was a buxum widder, who Mr. Jones was settin up to, and people did say that they was ingaged.—Well, one evenin' at a tea party at the *Warehouse*, Mr. Skinkle sed to a feminine friend in a jokin kind of way, that Mrs. Miller's face was excessive red, and wundered if she didn't paint. Although Mr. Skinkle was a jokin, the feminine he was promanatin with thought he was in arnest; so what should she do, but go and tell her confidential friends that Mrs. Miller painted, for Mr. Skinkle sed so. Twasn't long afore the story got to Mrs. Miller's ears, and dredful mad she was, I tell you. The first time she saw Mr. Jones arter that, she told him, and sed she thought it a shame, to be talked about in that there way, and took on at a great rate. Mr. Jones told her not to mind it, he'd no doubt Mr. Skinkle was a jokin'—but no! that wouldn't do; Mr Skinkle had traversed her reputation, and he orter be made to 'poligize for it. Mr. Jones at last, to peacify her, sed he'd see Mr Skinkle about it, 'and if he don't 'poligize,' sed Mr. Jones, very fearce, 'I'll make him eat up his own words.'

'Don't do enny thing disperate,' Mr. Jones, sed Mrs. Miller, 'I'll never forgive myself if you do.'

'Mr. Jones promised he wouldn't, and though Mrs. Miller didn't know it, there wasn't enny danger; for Mr. Jones was the last man in Missouri to get in enny scrape, providin there was enny way to help it, or a easy way to get out.'

'Well, Mr. Jones went to Mr. Skinkle, and ses, ses he, 'Mr. Skinkle, you have insulted the widder Mrs. Miller'

How?' ses Mr. Skinkle.'

'You sed she painted, ses Mr. Jones

'So I did,' ses Mr. Skinkle.

'I want satusfaction,' ses Mr. Jones.

'In what way?' ses Mr. Skinkle.

With that Mr. Jones perposed to *take* sumthin first, and they'd talk over the affair arterwards. Arter a good deal of laffin and jokin, (for they was not in arnest, of course,) Mr. Skinkle sed he didn't know enny way to settle the quarrel, exceptin it was by gettin up a little street fite with revolvin pistols, loaded only with powder.

'Oh no,' ses Mr. Jones, 'that wouldn't do; we'd git tuk up.'

'Well, then,' ses Mr. Skinkle, 'we'll have to fite a duel.'

'I don't see enny way of gettin over it,' sed Mr. Jones, and with that parted in high speerits to hunt up seconds.

'What is seconds, Mrs Scruggins?' asked Mrs. Brown, with considerable curiosity.

'Seconds,' said Mrs. Scruggins, 'is men who, in order to show how strong a friendship they have for their friends who wants to fight a duel, gits every thing fixt for 'em, and then go along and stand out of the way to see 'em shoot at each other. It's on the same principal that brides and grooms gits people to stand up with them as bridesmaids and groomsmen, 'ceptin, indeed, the last kind of ceremony is a little the most pleasantest. But, as I was sayin, Mr. Skinkle and Mr. Jones went after their seconds. Mr. Skinkle got a young man named Tanner, and Mr. Jones one he called Holly. Betwixt the seconds, 'twas 'greed to meet on the next Sunday at the Prarie House, at two o'clock in the afternoon.

'Mr. Skinkle,' ses Mr. Jones, on Saturday evenin, as they was talkin it over, 'I aint goin to risk my precious life for nuthin. I want the widder to know how I am a sackrafisin my life at her altar.'

'That's a fact—so you ought,' ses Mr. Skinkle. 'Aint there know way to let her know it beforehand?'

'I'll fix it,' ses Mr. Tanner. 'You write a challeng, Mr Skinkle, to Mr. Jones, and I'll find a way to let her git aholt of it afore the duel cums off.'

"Well, the challenge was writ, and the next mornin Mr. Short, a young man of ther 'quaintance, called on Mrs. Miller, and accidentally dropped the challenge out of his hat on the floor.

'But, Mrs. Scruggins, pray tell me what is a challenge,' asked Mrs. Brown.

'A challeng, Mrs. Brown,' said Mrs. Scruggins, 'is a very porlite little note, which one friend sends to another, informin him that his feelins is aggervated, and nuthin will ever please him till he shoots at his friend, and gits shot at himself.—That's what the lords calls satusfaction, and a curous satusfaction it is; but then there's on accountin for tastes, as Mrs. ——'s sarvant sed when he was his missus kiss her lap dog.

"But as I was sayin, Mrs. Miller was the challenge, and thinkin it was all in arnest, she wasin a dreadful way. After faintin away two or three times, and scarin her friends half to death, she sot in the rockin cheer, and rocked herself amost crazy. After awhile Mr. Robinson, one of Mr. Skinkle's friends, who was in the secret, cum in, (accerdental, of course,) and axed what the matter was. Mrs. Miller told him all about it, and begged him to stop them from fitin—they'd certainly kill each other. Mr. Robinson said he couldn't do it; he had tried it already—the duel was bound to come off. He told her, howsundever, that she could prevent it, by goin to the place where they was to fite.'

'Mr. Skinkle surely wouldn't hare the heart to shoot Mr. Jones rite afore her face.'

'Aint there on other way, Mr. Robinson?' ses Mrs. Miller.

'None in the world,' ses Mr. Robinson; 'and I think, Mrs. it's your duty to go.—If you don't I wont answer for the konsekenses.'

'Well, then,' ses Mrs. Miller, 'I'll go!'

'That's right,' ses Mr. Robinson. 'I'll go and git a buggy, and you git ready; it's now one o'clock, and the dooel cums off at three'

"With that Mr. Robinson starts off, and tells Mr. Skinkle and Mr. Jones that the widder was cumin out to stop the dooel.

'When you see me cumin, Mr. Skinkle,' ses Mr. Robinson, 'you must start out in the field the other said of the Pararie House, and I'll drive up to the fence in the buggy.'

"Well, the duelin party started, but afore they go half way out they saw a buggy, with a very fast horse, cum tearin ub behind 'em.

'As I live,' ses Mr. Skinkle, 'yonder cums M. Robinson with the widder.

'So it is,' ses Mr. Jones, and then they whipped up their horses and hurried on to git there first. Tyin their horses to the fence in front of the Pararie House, off they went down in the meadder to fite. When they got there, they found out that there wasn't but one pistol betwixt 'em, which was all the fault of Mr. Holly, who had got one for Mr. Jones, but none for Mr. Skinkle, as he orter have done.

'Never mind,' ses Mr. Skinkle, 'the widder won't know the diffrence. I'll shoot at you with the butt of my ridin whip.

"While they was a talkin the buggy cum tearin up the road, and stopped alongside the fence, near a big gate, which was about one hundred yards from them, inside.

'Now, gentlemen,' ses Mr. Tanner 'take your places, and when I drop my handkerchief, Mr. Jones, you must fire.—Mr. Skinkle, if your ridin whip will go off, you may fire too.'

All this time the widder was settin in the buggy looking on. When she saw Mr. Tanner standing up with the white handkerchief, she turned orful pale, but when the pistol went off, she give a screech and a'most jumpe'd clean out the buggy.

'Is he killed Mr. Robinson?' says Mrs. Miller, in a faintish voice.

'Nobody hurt,' ses Mr. Robinson.

'But look, they're goin to firin agin'—'Can't we stop'em Mr. Robinson?' ses Mrs. Miller.

'Certingly,' ses Mr. Robinson, 'but we must go inside the field.'

'I'll do enny thing,' ses Mrs. Miller.

With that they got out the buggy and went to the gate; but missfortunately, the gate was locked.

'There's no help for it, Mrs Miller, ses M. Robinson, 'You must must clim over.'

Mr. Robinson told Mr. Skinkle afterwards, that he had to stuff his handkercher in his mouth, to keep from laffin rite out, while the widder was climin over that 'ere nine bar gate.

When the widder cum up to where Mr. Jones was standin, lookin dredful fearce, with the pistol in his hand, she almost went off in a faint.

'Mr. Jones,' says she, layin her hand on his shoulder very affectionate, 'dont, please *dont* shoot any more.'

'I'm satisfied,' sed Mr. Jones, if Mr. Skinkle is; Mr Holly, will you *ask* Mr. Tanner, if Mr. Skinkle's satisfied?'

Mr. Holly went away and cum back, and sed that Mr. Skinkle wasn't goi... to be,

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