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Stories Told Which Illustrate This Feeling—Slave Gets Position For His Old Master.

(By Savoyard.)

Some days ago the judge of one of the circuit courts of Virginia appeared in a court of justice in New York and made an urgent plea for leniency in behalf of a negro woman charged with grand larceny to which a plea of guilty had been entered. The woman had long been a servant in the family of the Virginia jurist and had discharged her duties faithfully and honestly. The family was much grieved when tidings of the woman's trouble came to them, and the judge was easily prevailed on to hasten to New York and to do all possible to mitigate the punishment visited upon the accused. His mission failed, however, and the woman was sentenced to two years at hard labor in State Prison.

The incident has been widely commented upon and some surprise expressed that that Virginia jurist should play the part he did in the incident. At the South the surprise would have come if the judge had failed to go to New York and make a plea for the old family servant. It is not at all extravagant to say that at the South daily prominent white men and white women make like pleas in like cases. There is a good fellowship between the best classes of both races at the South that the North does not understand and is incapable of understanding.

Let me relate a story that was told in congressional circles when I first came to this town forty years ago. Blanche K. Bruce, a bright mulatto man, a very handsome man, was a Senator in Congress from Mississippi. He was one of less than half a dozen Senators who were intimate with Roscoe Conkling; but he was frank to say that he always felt more at home on the Democratic side than on the Republican side. L. Q. C. Lamar, a Democrat and a great man, was his colleague.

The former master of Bruce came on to Washington, and, aged in years, broken in fortune and in health, was in very hard lines. Bruce went to President Hayes and asked for a place in one of the departments for "a consultant." It was before the era of the Civil Service Commission, and the President readily granted the request. Bruce then went to Lamar and told him he had designed the place for his old master, but he knew the old fellow would never accept it at the hand of his former slave, and he asked Lamar to allow the appointment to be charged to himself and that he tender it to the old gentleman.

Lamar was much affected, and, holding out his hand to Bruce, exclaimed:

"Bruce, you are a gentleman of the most delicate and refined feelings, and I am proud to number you among my friends. I cordially agree to your proposal."

The appointment was made out, the old gentleman got the place and held it till his death, not a great while later; but he never knew to whom he was indebted for the preferment.

Col. John B. Brownlow told me the story of another negro Senator, the first of his race to hold a seat in either house of Congress, his name being Hiram R. Revels. When he took his seat in the Senate, Sumner, of Massachusetts, made much of him.

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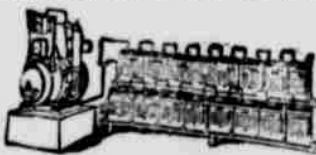
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and when the session closed he accompanied Sumner to Boston and under the guidance of Sumner he made a lecture tour of several of the New England States that netted him above \$10,000 cash—his theme, "Southern Slavery."

Not a great while afterward General Grant, then President, literally ordered the Senate to depose Sumner as chairman of the Committee on Foreign Relations, and Revels voted as Grant ordered. Some days afterward Sumner met Senator Vickers, of Maryland, and asked him if the negro, as a race, was devoid of gratitude. Vickers answered, "Not entirely; but to compensate for any defect in that respect, the negro as a race is also without malice, and they forget an injury as readily as they forget a favor."

Born in North Carolina, Revels was educated in the North, where he lived, and more or less prominently figured, for years before the war.

Jerry Haralson was the most picturesque of all our negro solons. He was a member of the Forty-fourth Congress, and had an extravagant admiration for Protector Knott, chairman of the House Judiciary Committee. Knott honored him, and it was no uncommon thing for the Hon. Jerry to call at Knott's boarding house, take a seat in the kitchen and send for Knott. The latter, his face as solemn as a clock, though convulsed with laughter to the tips of his fingers and toes, would go into the kitchen and learnedly discourse with the Hon. Jerry on grave matters of state. Jerry was a cornfield negro, and black as the ace of spades.

There is in this town a colored 400 that is simply out of sight. It is the very quintessence of caste, and nothing in Philadelphia, or old Virginia, is a marker to it in the way of exclusiveness. By some sort of ridiculousness the Hon. Jerry was invited to a shindig given by this set and some of the upper crust resented his presence. But they made out to tolerate him for that occasion only, and one of the most aristocratic of the dames apologized for the tolerance of him after this fashion: "Mr. Haralson, you ought to feel highly honored to be admitted to our circle. You are the first gentleman of your color who ever was received by us." To which the Hon. Jerry responded with this Partisan shaft: "Madam, my color shows that my mother was an honest woman than yours!" Then he was kicked out.

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