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stop, and concluded that six feet five would do for a feller that couldn't afford the expensive luxury of a wife to make his pants...

'You have so many gold pieces in your pocket, you can afford to get your trousers made now. Why don't you and your mother hold another caucus, and see what your mother can do for you?'

'Stranger,' said the rough, great man, and his whole face loomed up with a mingled expression of pain and pride. 'Stranger, I spoke a word here I didn't mean to; a slightly word like about my mother. I would give all the gold in my pocket to bring her back for one hour, to look upon this country as it is now.'

My brother, he took down to St. Louis, and got married down there, somers; and I just went where the wind blowed, and when I'd scraped mouey enough together, I cum back and bought a few acres of land around my mother's old cabin, for the place where I'd laid her bones, was sacred; like--

'Well, in the course of time, it turned up right in the middle of Chicago. I couldn't stand that--I loved my old mother too well to let omnibusses rattle over her grave, so I cum back about fifteen years ago, and quietly moved her away to the buryin' ground; and then I went back to Texas, and wrote to an agent arterward to sell my land. What cost a few hundred to begin on, I sold for over forty thousand--if I'd a kept it till now, 'twould have been worth ten times that; that's so, but I got enough for't--I soon turned that forty thousand into eighty thousand, and that into twice as much, and so on, 'till I didn't know nor don't care what I'm worth; that's so. I work hard, am the same rough customer, remember every day of my life what my mother taught me; never drink nor fight; wish I didn't swear and chew; but them's got to be kind a second natur' like, and the only thing troubles me is my money--haven't got no wife nor children, and I'm going now to hunt up my brother and his folks. If his boys is clever and industrious, ain't ashamed of my big boots and old fashioned ways, and his gals is young women and not ladies; if they help their mother, and don't put on more'n two frocks a day, I'll make 'em rich, every one on 'em.'

'Now, gentlemen, 'tain't often I'm led to tell on myself after this fashion. But these old places where I trappe'd when I was a boy, made me feel like a child again--and I just felt like telling these youngsters about the changes and chances a feller may meet in life, if he only tries to make the most of himself.'

'But boys,' said he, turning to a party of young men, 'there's something better than money. Get education. Why, boys, if I had as much learnin' as money, I could be President in 1857 just as easy. Why I could buy up half the North, and not miss it out of my pile. But get learnin'; don't chew tobacco; don't take to liquor; don't swear, and mind your mothers--that's the advice of a real live Sucker; and if you mind what I say you may be me, (and it ain't every feller that has a good one) and breeches that's a man, by a long ways--Foller out her counsels; never do a thing that will make you ashamed to meet her in heaven. Why, boys, I never done a bad thing but I heard my mother's voice reprovin' me; and I never done a good thing and made a good move, but I've seemed to hear her say, 'that's right, Jack,' and that has been the best of all. Nothin' like a mother, boys; nothin' like a mother--that's so.'

All this had passed while waiting to wood, just out of Chicago. The great man was swelling with emotions called up from the dark shadows of the past; his big rough frame heaved like a great billow upon the ocean. Tears sprang to his deepest and earnest eyes--they swelled to the brim--and swam round asking to be let fall as tributes to his mother's memory--tributes to the love of the past. But he choked them down, and turning a snatch of an old ballad, he thrust his hands down into his pockets, walked back to the end of the car, pulled the gigantic collar of his shaggy coat up around his ears, buttoned it close, and leaned back against the window in silence.

The cars rattled on. What a mind was there; what a giant intellect, sleeping, buried away from light and use as by a rubbish of prejudice, habit and custom--doing but half work for want of culture.

'A mute inglorious Milton,' or rather Webster, going about the world, struggling with his own soul, yet bound by chains of ignorance, which precluded his doing but a moiety of the good it lay in his power to do.

All the way through our long, tedious journey, he had been ever on the watch to no good. He gave up his seat by the fire to an Irish woman and a young girl took one further back; soon a young girl seated herself by his side, as the night hours wore on, and she nodded wearily, he rose, spread his beautiful leopard skin with its soft, rich lining, on the seat, made a pillow of his carpet-bag, and insisted that she should lie down and sleep.

'What will you do?' said she, naively. 'Never mind that--I can stand up and sleep like a buffalo; I'm used to it--That's so.'

A little boy, pulled up from a sound nap, to give place to incomers, was terrified and made happy by a handful of chestnuts and a glowing bit of candy out of the big man's pocket. When he left the car for refreshment, he brought back his hands full of pies, and distributed them among the weary group. A mother and seven little children, the eldest not twelve years old, whose husband and father left the cars at every stopping place, and returned more stupid and beastly each time, scolding the little tired restles ones with thick tongue, and glaring his furious red eyes upon the poor griefed victim of a wife like a tiger upon its prey, 'because she'd did not keep her young ones still; they would disturb everybody.' No bit of refreshment no exhilarating draught, no rest from that fat, cross baby, came to her all the long night, save when the big man stretched out his great hands and took her baby boy for an hour, and let him play with his splendid watch to keep him quiet.

'I'll give yer a thousand dollars for him,' said he, as he handed him back to her arms. 'You may have the whole lot for that,' answered the drunken father with a swine-like grunt.

'It's a bargain,' said the big man, 'providin' the mother's willin'.'

'Indeed, sir, it's not one of 'em can be had for money,' was the quiet determined response of the mother's heart.

How kindly he helped her off the cars, when, at the break of day, they came to their journey's end.

Thus all night he had been attracting the attention of the waking ones in the cars--But his kindness and rough politeness would soon have been forgotten by the mass of the passengers, had he not stamped it upon our memories with his gold.

'I wonder who he is,' and 'where did he get it?' were an interesting character.

'Education would spoil him.' 'What rich fur!' 'Did you notice what a splendid watch he carries?' 'He's some great man incoz.'

Such were a few of the queries that passed from lip to lip. But there came no answer; for he, who alone could have answered, sat crouched in his fur coat, seeming unconscious of all but his own deep thoughts.

'Chicago!' shouted the brakeman, and in an instant all was confusion, and our hero was lost in the crowd. The next we saw of him was at the baggage stand, looking up a bin-l'box for a sweet looking country girl, who was going to learn the milliner's trade in the city. As we passed to our carriage, we discovered him again, holding an old man by the hand, while he grasped the shoulder of the conductor of another train with the other, getting for the gray-haired sire the right information as to the route he should take to get to 'his darter, who lived near Muscatine, Iowa.'

'God bless him for his good deeds!' was our earnest aspiration, as he whirled round the corner. May his shadow never grow less, or the gold in his pocket diminish, for in his unnumbered charities and mercies dropped so unostentatiously here and there, he is perhaps doing more good in his day and generation, than he who donates his thousands to build charitable institutions, to give honor to his own name.

Oh how much the world needs great hearts that are able to comprehend little things--and yet how often it happens that the learned, the wise and the rich, outgrow the every-day wants of humanity, and feeling within themselves the power to move might y--pass by the humble duties that would make a thousand hearts leap for joy--and push on, looking for some wrong right, some great sorrow to be soothed, some giant work to be accomplished, and failing to find the great work, live and die, incarcerated in their own selfishness and do nothing at all.

This rough man's nature seemed the nature of the little child. His quick eye saw at a glance; his great heart warmed and his great hand executed his little works of charity--so small that one would have expected to see them slip through his giant fingers unaccomplished--yet they were done. The 'angel over the right shoulder' will have a longer column to set down to his account of deeds well done, than all the rest of the passengers of that crowded car, on that long, tedious, stormy night, in January, 1856.

SLAVERY IN ILLINOIS. The Mattoon (Illinois) Gazette, edited by D. J. Van Doren, (formerly whig, now 'national' pro-slavery,) thus unfolds the banner of the re-establishment of slavery in Illinois. 'The capitals are the Gazette's own.'

'With the growing tendency to negro equality in our State, it is now a subject of serious consideration to the people of Illinois, whether they will extend to negroes political and social equality, and continue to let them pour into the State, or whether they will at once declare as a measure of self-defence and policy, in favor of the RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF SLAVERY IN THE STATE. It may be to some of you a startling question, but it is always a matter of discretion to determine between two propositions. You have before you a negro equality in all its forms and bearings, and the mildest possible form of negro slavery. Which will you take? You have seen how powerless your 'black laws' have proven to be. Some other course must be taken. If we are to have the African race amongst us, let us have them slaves; well fed, well clad, but kept in their proper sphere, and allowed all the privileges consistent with their real wants, and the safety and well-being of our own race.'

As a philanthropist and a friend to the whole human family, we greatly prefer the latter. The Legislature passed the law over the veto, and elected Gen. Rusk to the high office.

On the annexation of Texas to the United States--and her admission into the Union, Gen. Rusk was chosen one of the first Senators; and in the drawing for terms with his colleague, Gen. Houston, he drew the long term, which expired in 1851. He was re-elected--unanimously, we believe--and has been just re-elected again, without opposition, for a third term.

What has been Gen. Rusk's career in the Senate is well known to the whole country. It has not been marked by detached acts of high statesmanship, or by brilliant oratory on special occasions, so much as by steady performance of his whole duty on all occasions, with an ability fully up to the mark, and a directness and integrity of purpose, which won for him frequent admiration and universal confidence. In the Senate of the United States there has been no Senator, for years, to whom more unswerving respect was paid on all sides, for the solidity of his judgment, the purity of his patriotism, and the strength of will and of capacity with which he adhered to his convictions. He was a trusted leader of his own party--one they delighted to honor; yet its adversaries honored him, and never vented upon him the reproaches which they heaped upon his party.

He was Southern born--true to his section, and even fiery in the zeal with which he resented and repelled aggressions upon the rights of the South, yet he labored with energy, with hope and with faith, for the preservation of the Union.

There has been, indeed, a growing conviction throughout the Southwest, and not confined to that region, but widely spread in other sections, that in the troubled times for our country, which are apprehended to be so nigh, we might find a capable, wise, brave and honest leader in Thomas J. Rusk. We know that during the late Presidential contest, when it was doubtful whether a union of conservative forces could be effected on any man strong enough to defeat the combination which at last centered about Fremont--there was many an anxious thought turned upon Rusk as the man for the times; and in leadership for the coming struggle his name had already begun to present the nucleus of a powerful organization.

These hopes are suddenly darkened. The strong mind is shattered; the strong heart has been broken. Some fatal grief, inscrutable in its workings, crushing out hope, has driven to the desperate refuge of suicide, one in whom the heroic qualities were so manifest that the world would have invited him to grapple with the deadliest foes