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TRAVELLING MOUNTBANK.

A TRAVELLING MOUNTBANK, in the reign of King George I., having collected an audience, addressed them in the following words:—"Being originally a native of this place, I have for a long time been considering in what manner I can best show my regard for my brother townsmen; and after maturely weighing the subject, I am come to a resolution of making a present of five shillings to every inhabitant of the parish; it will, I own, be a heavy expense, and I hope no one will attempt to profit from my liberality; who not really and truly a patriot." The multitude pressed forward with open eyes as green velvet bags of ample dimensions, which hung on the arm of this generous man. "I know you are not so avaricious," continued the orator, "and so mercenary as to value my bounty merely because it would put a few shillings into your pockets; the pleasure I see sparkling in your eyes cannot be produced at the thought of dirty pelf, which to-day is in your hands, and to-morrow may be in the gripe of a miser, a highwayman, or a pawnbroker. I perceive what it is that delights you—the discovering in one, whom you considered as a stranger, the warmest and most disinterested friend you ever had in your lives. Money, my good people, too often tempts the young and other excesses, to the destruction of their health and understanding. In order, therefore, to prevent what I meant for a benefit being converted into an injury, I freely present to every brother townsmen (dipping his hand into the green velvet bag) this inestimable packet, which contains a box of pills, a paper of powders, and a plaster which has not its fellow in Europe for violent bruises and green wounds, whether by knife, sword, or pistol. If applied on the patient's going to bed, I pledge my reputation that the ball, if there is one, shall be extracted, and the flesh be as sound as the palm of my hand before morning. But for those who dislike the pain and smart of such things as plasters and ointment, and who are not fond of trouble, let me commend the powder, it acts, ladies and gentlemen, by sympathy, and was the joint invention of three of the greatest medical men that ever lived, Galen, Hippocrates, and Paracelsus. If you have a few gains only of this powder, I fear, rush into the thickest of the battle, and defy broadsword, pike, or bayonet. All I say is, get wounded, get crippled, get mangled and backed like a crimped cod; the longer, the deeper, the more numerous the cuts are, the better shall I be pleased, the more decisive is the proof it will afford of the merits of my invaluable powder. Give yourself no sort of uneasiness, only handkerchief, then get to bed and to sleep as soon as you can; in the meantime, let me tell you, which did the injury be rubbed nine times with a small quantity of the powder, and take my word for it you may follow your usual occupations the next day. Of the pills I need say nothing; they have long pronounced their own paeany, and there are full directions sealed up with them; but as you live rather out of the way of the great world, it is but fair to tell you that they procure husbands for single women, and children for those who are married; they are great sweeteners of the blood, and wonderful improvers of the complexion. The selling price of these matchless remedies (said the doctor) has been six shillings from time immemorial; but as I am resolved to stand by my word, and as I do not practice pharmacy for the love of dirty lucre, if you will throw up your handkerchiefs, with the small sum of one shilling tied in each, merely to pay traveling charges and servants wages, I freely make you a present of the rest of the money, according to my original promise. Besides medicines, which no master of a family, nor indeed any one who values his life and limbs, ought to be without, the favourite of fortune will be entitled to a superb and elegant piece of massy plate." This attractive article was immediately brought forward and displayed.

A small number of the crowd, who were so abundant as to doubt any thing the doctor said, began to smell a rat, marched off

in silence, but the mass was not formed of materials capable of resisting so complicated an attack on their feelings and understandings; the present of a crown to each man, at first so confidently professed, had dissipated all fear of imposition; for how could one who acted so much like a gentleman be supposed to want to take them in! His ostentatious palaver had diffused a magic ray over his powder of dust, his rosin, and his jargon; for the passive infatuation of being cheated is not without its pleasures; and the superabundance of plate glittering in their eyes, and dazzling their reason, completed the conquest of the impostor. He was proceeding in his address, but a shower of shillings interrupted his harangue, and two hours were fully occupied in causing his brother townsmen of his silver, and emptying the green velvet bag of the six-shilling packets; while his assistants diverted the anxieties, and allayed the impatience of the people, by music and tumbling. Handkerchiefs from all quarters dropped round the cunning knave; inhabitants of Brentford, of Kensington, Chelsea, Turnham, or of any other green, were permitted to contribute their shillings, without any ill-natured questions being asked concerning the place of their residence. The business of the day concluded with general satisfaction, as those who did not get the rich prizes possessed that which was nearly equal in value; and the artist owned at an inn, in the evening, over a duck and green peas, that the net profit of his afternoon was five and twenty guineas.

TRIBUTE OF RESPECT.

At a meeting of the members of the Rockingham Bar, at the August Court, 1857, for the purpose of paying a proper respect to the memory of the late Hon. Thomas Settle, R. A. Gorrel, Esq., was called to the chair, and John H. Dillard appointed Secretary. After an explanation of the object of the meeting by the chairman, the following resolutions were offered, responded to, and adopted:

Resolved, That we, the members of the Rockingham Bar, have heard with profound regret and sorrow of the death of the Hon. Thomas Settle; and, whilst we bow with humble submission to the dispensations of an overruling and all-wise Providence, we can not but deplore the loss, which as individuals and as a profession, we have sustained in his removal.

Resolved, That whilst we lament the death of our departed brother, it affords us unmingled pleasure to review his long life of useful labor and public trust, and to reflect that as a member of the bar in the practice of his profession, as a representative of his native county in the State Legislature, as a representative of the law on the Superior Court bench, as chairman of the county dispensing justice in his old age in his private walks of life, he has acquired himself with distinguished ability, fidelity and purity, to the satisfaction of his countrymen, and acceptably, as we humbly believe, to his God and Judge.

Resolved, That in a long life of industry, integrity and public service, he has afforded us an example worthy of our imitation, and which challenges our unanimous approbation.

Resolved, That we sincerely sympathize with the family of the deceased, and claim the privilege of mitigating our tears with theirs in this bereavement which we have in common sustained.

Resolved, That we will wear the usual badge of mourning for the space of thirty days, in token of our respect to the memory of our deceased friend and brother.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions, signed by the chairman and secretary of this meeting, be transmitted to the widow of the deceased, and that a copy be sent to the editors of the Standard, Register, Patriot and Flag, and Sentinel with a request that they insert the same in their respective papers.

R. A. GORREL, Chairman.
JOHN H. DILLARD, Sec'y.

GEN. JACKSON.

Some time in 1838 or '39 a gentleman in Tennessee became involved and wanted money, he had property and owed debts. His property was not available just then, and off he posted to Boston, backed by the names of several of the best men in Tennessee. Money was tight, and Boston bankers looked closely at the names.

"Very good," said they, "but, do you know General Jackson?"

"Could you get his indorsement?"

"Yes, but he is not worth one-tenth as much as either of these men whose names I offer you."

"No matter," General Jackson has always protected himself and his paper, and we'll let you have the money upon the strength of his name."

In a few days the paper with his signature arrived. The moment these Boston bankers saw the tall A and long J of Andrew Jackson, our Tennesseean says he could have raised a hundred thousand dollars upon the signature without the slightest difficulty.

So much for an established character for honesty. However men may have differed with Andrew Jackson politically, no man could deny him the merit of being an honest man.

"As I approve of youth," says Cowley, "who has something of the old man in him, so I am not less pleased with an old man who has something of the youth. He who follows this rule may be old in body, but can never be old in mind."

MANDRIN, THE SPANISH SMUGGLER.

Dr. Smollett mentions, in his Travels through the Continent of Europe, that he heard a great deal, on the Pyrenean frontiers of France, respecting a noted smuggler, or rather robber-captain, named Mandrin, who had lately been taken and executed for his crimes. Valencia, in Spain, was the native place of Mandrin, and also the spot where he had suffered. In passing through the city, Dr. Smollett saw the gibbet on which the smuggler died, and made some inquiries respecting him. The driver or conductor of the traveller, to whom these inquiries were addressed, was a dark swarthy fellow named Joseph. "At the mention of Mandrin's name," says the traveller, "he started in Joseph's eye; he discharged a deep sigh, or rather groan, and told me he was his dear friend. I was a little startled at this declaration; however, I concealed my thoughts, and began to ask questions about the character and exploit of a man who had made such noise in the world.

He told me Mandrin was a native of Valencia, of mean extraction; that he had served as a soldier in the army, and after wards acted as tax-gatherer; that at length he turned smuggler, and, by his superior qualities raised himself to the command of a formidable gang; consisting of five hundred persons, well armed with carbines and pistols. He had fifty horses for his trunk, and three hundred mules for the carriage of his merchandise. His headquarters were in Savoy, but he made incursions into Dauphine, and set the military at defiance. He maintained several bloody skirmishes with these troops, as well as with other detachments, and in all those actions signified himself by his courage and conduct.

Coming up at one point of fifty of the soldiers, who were in quest of him, he told them very calmly he had occasion for their horses and accoutrements, and desired them to dismount. At that instant his gang appeared, and the troops complied with his request, without making the least opposition. Joseph said he was as generous as he was brave, and never molested travellers, nor did the least injury to the poor, but, on the contrary, relieved them very often. He used to oblige the gentlemen in the country to take his merchandise, his tobacco, brandy, and muslin, at his own price, and in the same manner he laid open towns under contribution. When he had no merchandise, he borrowed money of them upon the credit of what he should bring when he was better provided.

He was at last betrayed by a woman to the Colonel of a French regiment, who went with the detachment in the night to the place where he lay in Savoy, and surprised him in a woodhouse while his people were absent in different parts of the country. For this intrusion, the court of France made an apology to the king of Sardania, in whose territories he was taken. Mandrin being conveyed to Valencia, his native place, was for some time permitted to go abroad, under a strong guard, with chains upon his legs; and here he conversed freely with all sorts of people, flattering himself with the hopes of a pardon, in which however, he was disappointed. An order came from court to bring him to his trial, when he was found guilty, and condemned to be broke on the wheel. Joseph said he drank a bottle of wine with him the night before his execution. He bore his fate with great resolution, observing, that if the king had not written to the king he had delivered, he certainly should have obtained his majesty's pardon. His executioner was one of his own gang, who was pardoned on condition of performing this office. You know that criminals, unless the wheel were first strangled, upon the sentence imports that they are to be broke alive. As Mandrin had not been guilty of cruelty in the course of his delinquencies, he was indulged with this favour. Speaking to the executioner, who he had formerly commanded, Joseph, said he, 'thou shalt not touch me till I am quite dead.'—Our driver had no sooner pronounced these words, than I was struck with a suspicion that he himself was the executioner of his friend Mandrin. On that suspicion, I exclaimed, 'Ah! ah! Joseph! if the fellow should tip to the eyes, and said, 'I did not know how to prosecute the inquiry, but did not much relish the nature of Joseph's connections. The truth is, he had very much the looks of a ruffian, though, I must own, his behaviour was very obliging and submissive."

Though it is probable, from the source of Dr. Smollett's information, that this account is correct, it is stated in Sir Walter Scott's Diary, that Mandrin was broke alive upon the wheel. Sir Walter, speaking of the little concern which any occurrence gave him after having experienced the first great blow in his misfortunes, says, "I remember hearing that Mandrin testified some horror when he found himself bound alive upon the wheel, and saw the executioner approach with a bar of iron to break his limbs. After the second and third blow, he fell a laughing, and being asked the reason by his