

MISCELLANY.

HOW THE SCHOOL-MASTER MARRIED A FORTUNE.

BY MAJOR JOSEPH JONES.

It's about ten years ago since the incident which I'm going to tell took place. It caused a great sensation in Pineville at the time, and had the effect to make fellows monstrous careful how they run away from every girl in the settlement whose father had twenty niggers, and had coured all of them in a day's ride. He was rather old to be popular with the gals, and somehow they didn't like his ways, and the way they did him off was enough to discourage any boy but a Yankee schoolmaster who wanted to get married, and had't many years of grace left. But it didn't seem to make no sort of difference to him. He undertook it by the job. He was bound to have a rich wife out of some of em, and if he failed in one case, it only made him more persevering in the next. His mother was "never say die!"

Betty Darling, as they used to call her—old Mr. Darling's daughter, what used to live out in the Run—was about a torn down mischief of a gal in all Georgia. Betty was rich and handsome and smart, and had more admirers than she could shake a stick at, but she was such a torment little coquet that the boys were afraid to court her in dark night earnest. When Doolittle found her out he went in at her, like a house on fire. She was just the gal for him, and he was determined to have her at the risk of his life.

Well he laid siege to old Darling's house day and night, and when he couldn't leave his school to go and see her, he'd write to her that was enough to throw any other gal but Betty into a fit of high spirits to read em. Just as everybody expected after encouraging him just enough to make a fellow believe he had the thing dead, she kicked him flat. But shaw, he was perfect poised to that, and he was too much of a philosopher to be discouraged by such a rebuff, when the game was worth pursuit.

He didn't lose a minute's time, but just brushed up and went right at her again. Everybody was perfectly surprised to see him going back to old Mr. Darling's after the way he was treated by Betty; but they was a good deal more surprised when the boys were terribly alarmed in about a month at the headway he seemed to make in his suit. Hill to once, Betty's conduct was set to change towards him, and though her father and mother was terribly opposed to the match, anybody could see that she was beginning to like the school master very well.

Things went on in this way for a while till tiny old Mr. Darling began to get uneasy about it, and told Mr. Doolittle one day that he mustn't come to his house no more; and if he kept him a minute any more love letters and kiss verses to his daughter by his nigger gal, he'd make one of his boys give him a lifted cowl.

But Mr. Doolittle didn't care for that neither. He could see Betty when she came a-whip in the stores in town, and there was no one way to get letters to her. What did he care for old Mr. Darling? His darter was dead and he was in love with him, and was just the gal to run away with him too, if she was opposed by her parent; and as for the property, he was certain to get that when he married the gal, Betty.

One Saturday, when there was no school, Mr. Doolittle went to old Squire Rogers, and told him he must be ready to marry a couple that nite at exactly ten o'clock.

"Mum, see he, you mustn't say a word to nobody, Squire. The license is all ready and the party wants to be very private."

Squire Rogers was one of the most accommodating old fellows in the world on such occasions. Mrs. Rogers was a monstrous cranky, cross old lady, and nothing doing the old Squire so much good as to marry other people, if it didn't make no odds who they was. Betty was a young beauty, and an injured man and a great scholar in his opinion, and belonged to his church.

Mr. Doolittle had arranged the whole business in first rate order. Betty was to meet him at the end of her father's lane disguised in a riding dress borrowed for the occasion, when he was to take her in a close one horse barouche and fly with her to the Squire's office, where they was to be united in the bonds of wedlock before any body in the village knew'd any thing about it. He had made arrangements at the hotel for a room which he seed fixed up himself for the auspicious occasion, and he had let a letter to a friend of his down in Anguist to be there next week to take charge of his school as he thought it might be necessary for him to keep out of the way of old Darling for a few weeks, till the old fellow could be sure to come to.

All day Mr. Doolittle was busin about as if he wasn't certain which ends he stood on while the sunshine of his heart beamed from his tilled colored face in a way to let every body know something extraordinary was going to happen.

Just after dark he mout have been driven out by himself in a barouche toward old Darlin's. Every body expected something, and all hands was on the lookout.—It was plain to see Squire Rogers' importance was swell'd up a considerable with something, but nobody couldn't get a word out of him.

Mr. Doolittle didn't spare the lash after he got out of the town, and with straining eyes and palpitating heart, he soon reached a place appointed to meet the object of his consuming affections.

Was she there? No! Yes! Is it! Yes that she is—the dear creature! The skirt of her nighkeen riding dress, what sets close to her angelic form, fluttering in the breeze. She stands timidly crouching in the corner of the fence holdin her vale close over her lovely face: trimblin every jint for fear she

might be discovered and tore away from the arms of her devoted Ebenezer!

"Dearest angel" sez he, in a low kind of voice.

"Oh, Ebenezer! and she kind of fell in his arms.

"Compose yourself, my love."

"Oh, if father—"

"Don't fear, dearest creature. My arm shall protect you against the world."

And then he was just going to pull away by the waist or kiss her—

"Oh, sez she, 'd'nt I hear somebody comin'?"

"Eh, sez he looking round. Let's get in my dear."

And with that he helped her into the barouche, and contented himself with a tip of a burin kiss that almost singed the kid glove on her dear little hand, as he closed the door. Then jumpin on the front seat, he drove as fast as he could to town, encouraging her all the way, and swearing to her how he would love and make her happy, and telling her how her father and mother would forgive her and think just as much of her as ever.

Poor gal! she was so terribly agitated that she couldn't do nothin but sob and cry, which made Mr. Doolittle love her more and more.

When they got to the Squire's office, and the boys that was on the watch seed him help her out of the barouche, everybody knewed her at once, in spite of her disguise, and such another excitement was never seed in Pineville. Sun of the fellers was half out their seats, and it was necessary to hurry the ceremony over as quick as possible for fear of being interrupted by the town that was evidently bristling.

"Be quick, Squire," sez Doolittle, hain't you a license, and shakin like he had an ager, 'for Miss Darling is very much agitated."

The Squire hardly waited to wipe his spectacles, and didn't take time to enjoy himself in the ceremony slow, and puttin the disinterested in his voice, like he was doing. The noise was gettin louder out of doors, and somebody was knocking to get in.

"Oh I!" sez Betty, leanin on Mr. Doolittle's arm for support.

"Go on," sez Doolittle pressin her to his side, his eyes on the Squire, and his face as white as a sheet.

"Open the door, Rogers," sez a house voice outside.

But the Squire didn't hear nothin til he pronounced the words of the ceremony, and Ebenezer Doolittle and Elizabeth Darling were pronounced man and wife.

Just then the door opened. In rushed old Mr. Darling, and Bill and Sam Darling followed by a hole pile of fellers.

The bride screamed and fell into the arms of her father.

"Take hold of her!" sez old Darling, flourishing his cane over his head. "Take hold of the hussy!"

"Stand off!" sez Doolittle, throwin himself in real stage attitude, and supportin his faintin bride on one arm. Stand off, old man! she is my lawful wife, and I proclaim the protection of the law."

"Knock him down!" take hold of him!" sez half a dozen; and Bill Darling grabbed the bridegroom by the neck, while Squire Rogers jumped up on the table and bellowed out—

"I command the peace! I command the peace in the name of the State of Georgia!"

"She's my wife! my lawful wife!" shouted Doolittle. "I call upon the law!"

Just then the bride got over her faintin fit and raised her drooping head—the well fed off, and—oh! oh! late! Mr. Ebenezer Doolittle stood petrified with horror, looking in his arms, not Miss Betty, but Miss Squire's waiting maid, one of the blackest niggers in Georgia, who at the interesting moment, rolled her eyes up on him like two pealed onions, and throwin her arms around his neck exclaimed—

"Dis is my dear husband what Miss Betty did me her own self!"

"Such a shout as did follow!"

"Go to the devil, you black—!" sez Doolittle, tryin to pull away from her.

"Stick to him, Silla," says the fellers, 'his yours accordin to law!"

Old Squire Rogers looked like he'd married his last couple, poor old man, and hadn't a word to say for himself. The boys and the young Darlings liked to laughed themselves to death, while old Darling who was mad as a hot bet, was to be united in the bonds of wedlock before any body in the village know'd any thing about it.

POOR Doolittle! He mad out, at last, to lose from his wife, and find the black nigger. He haint never been heard of since, 'for he fell from that day to this.

LUCK

A German in Albany lately came into possession of 24,000, the bequest of his wife, who ran away to California with another man some years ago, and married infamously, but repented on her death bed, and made amends by leaving her money to the injured husband. Meanwhile the German married a second wife and has several children, who will have the benefit of the fortune so oddly come by.

LONDON SHOE BLACKS.

The shoe blacks of London are formed into a regular brigade, under suitable supervision. The third annual report, just published, states that the earnings of forty boys for the past year have amounted to 2,850. Of this sum, 1,815 was paid for their maintenance, and the balance is placed to their credit in the saving bank.

YOUNG AMERICA

A lad about 11 years, was "dropped off" The train at Palmer, one day last week, the conductor thinking he would find his way to the State Almshouse, but Young America had no idea of accepting such charity, and declared his intention of working his way West. Penniless though he was, The philosophy of the precocious lad secured him comfortable quarters for the night, and the next day he went on; one of his sayings, was that in the room of a supper, he had buckled his belt a little tighter, and should let it out and fill up when he got something to eat.

A LIBERAL LANDLORD AND EMPLOYER.

A correspondent of the Harf. rd. (Conn.) Times states that Colonel Colt, who on the first of October reduced the rent of his tenants within his improvements on the South Meadows, 15 per cent to the contractors, and 20 per cent to all the laborers in his employ, again on the eve of winter sent a thanksgiving present of a barrel of flour to one and all the tenants in the village. He has in his employ six hundred men, of which 276 are men with families.

SERIOUS COLLISION ON THE NASHVILLE AND CHATTANOOGA RAILROAD.

By the unfortunate collision of two trains on this road last Monday night, four, the two engines Eakin and Hoin, were much injured and two big gauge cars completely wrecked. The following persons were wounded: John Ryan, leg broken; Jack Nat, engineer, ankle broken; C. W. Washburn, engineer, leg broken; J. Skinner; baggage master, arm broken.

Another Accident.—The Nashville Gazette of Wednesday, says: Information was received here last night of another distressing accident on the Chattanooga Railroad. The telegraph states that the train ran off the track yesterday about the same place that the collision occurred on the day previous, by which one man was killed, and a woman so badly injured that death is expected to ensue immediately.

In addition to the above, we learn from a dispatch received last night, that another man had his leg broken.

NOTICE.

THE Wilmington and Weldon Railroad Company have made arrangements for forwarding all goods consigned to the care of the Company, and destined for any point on the line of the North Carolina Road, free of commission.

If landed on the Company's wharf, there will be no charge for cartage, but the expenses will be incurred if landed on any other wharf, and will be added to the freight on the way out, to be collected on delivery, by the North Carolina Railroad Company.

N. B.—To avoid detention at Wilmington, it is essential that the amount of freight be remitted in full, at this store on or before the 1st of January, on each bill of lading, and if goods for more than one person are included in the same bill of lading, the full amount for each consignment must be separately stated.

By order of the Board of Directors.

S. L. FARMONT, Eng. & Supr.

Office of Engineer & Superintendent, Wilmington, N. C., Jan. 28, 1857.

NOTICE.

OWING to the fact of our being compelled to pay Cash for our supplies, we will hereafter present bills monthly. We would ask settlements for bills past due, and an observance of the above.

GEORGE MYERS.

Oct. 24.

OUR MOTTO IS "TO PLEASE"

AT THE Wilmington Saddle, Harness, and Trunk Manufactory.

THE subscriber respectfully informs the public that he has recently received additions to his stock of Saddle and Harness Mountings, &c. the latest and most improved style, and is constantly manufacturing the same to order, in every description of article the above line. From his experience in the business, he feels confident he is able to give satisfaction to all who patronize him, and he is now on hand and will constantly keep a large assortment of Coach, Gig and Sundry Harness, Ladies' Saddles, Bridles, Whips, &c.

Call on him if he will warrant to be of the best materials and workmanship.

He has also a large assortment of Trunks, Valises, Saddle and Carpet Bags, Satchels, Fancy Trunks, &c., and all other articles usually kept in such establishments, all of which he will warrant to be of the best quality, and at the lowest prices.

Saddles, Harness, Trunks, Medical Bags, &c. &c. made to order.

Call on him above the subscriber's, who keeps on hand a large supply of String Leather, and has now, and will keep through the season a good assortment of Mr. Nettles.

He is also able to make and examine my Goods, whether in want or not, and take pleasure in showing my assortment to all who may favor me with a call.

Harness and Coach Trimmings sold at a fair price to persons buying to manufacture.

Also, Whips at wholesale.

Call on him at his store, where he has bought and sold commissions.

JOHN J. CONLEY.

Oct. 137.

THE NORTH CAROLINA MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY, RALEIGH, N. C.

THE above Company has been incorporated in the State of North Carolina, and is under the direction of the following Officers, viz:

Dr. Charles C. Johnson, President.

Dr. Wm. H. Haywood, Vice President.

Dr. Wm. H. Haywood, Secretary.

Dr. Wm. H. Haywood, Treasurer.

Dr. Wm. H. Haywood, Attorney.

Dr. Wm. H. Haywood, Medical Board of Directors.

Dr. Wm. H. Haywood, Consulting.

Dr. Wm. H. Haywood, Agent.

The Company has received a charter giving advantages to insured over any other Company. The Section gives the Husband the privilege to insure his wife, and the wife her husband, and Children free from any claim of the representatives of the husband or any of his creditors.

Organized on purely mutual principles, the life members participate in the profits which are accumulated annually. Besides, the applicant for life, when the annual premium is over \$300 may pay one half in a Note.

All claims for insurance against the Company will be paid within ninety days after proof of the death of the party is furnished.

Slaves are insured for one or five years, at rates which are equal to all Slaveholders to secure the place of property against the uncertainty of life.

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