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Uncle Noah's Latent Powers.

H. T. Keating in Lippincott's Magazine.

One morning, after long years of faithful but unrequited service, Uncle Noah, the slave, appeared before his master on the veranda, and, hat in hand, explained that, admonished by severe twinges of rheumatism, he feared he would not long be able to serve as he had for so many years.

The master, who really had respect and regard for his faithful slave, heard with sympathy the story of decaying strength and encroaching disease.

"Well, Uncle Noah," he remarked, "you have done your part and lived your day. You shall not be cast aside. I will give you charge of the younger negroes; you can oversee their work. If you're disabled, you shall have a strong young fellow to support, or even carry, you wherever you want to go."

Uncle Noah, with profuse thanks, hobbled away, inwardly jubilant, but outwardly lugubrious, to assume his new ease and dignity. In a suspiciously short time word came to the master that Uncle Noah was down with rheumatism. A strapping young fellow named Juba was promptly detailed to attend him.

The old man had been a great hunter of the coon and 'possum, and his kennel of hounds, as fine a one as was to be found in all the Mississippi bottoms, missed their master sorely, but the hunting instinct often took them to the woods to "tree" a little on their own account. And so it came about that one night, as the old man lay upon his humble bed, with Juba asleep upon a pallet spread before the mud and stick chimney, the deep and peremptory baying of the dogs told that they had treed something. Uncle Noah listened in silence as long as he could, and then called: "Juba! Juba! Git up! I'm gwine down to de houn's. Tak' me dar, quick!"

Juba, sleepy and rebellious, was forced to obey, and with Uncle Noah upon his back he soon stood at the root of a scrub oak, at the end of whose highest branch lay something, sure enough, but it seemed too large for either a coon or a 'possum.

By this time Uncle Noah's blood was up. He commanded Juba to climb the tree and shake the animal out, so that the dogs might dispatch it. Juba laid the old man upon the ground, more or less carefully, and up he went. The hounds stood expectant; Uncle Noah sat no less so. As the young fellow approached the animal it turned two omniscient green eyes upon him and then began to climb downward. Juba could not face the nearing danger; he backed down the limb. The animal, now assuming gigantic proportions in his inflamed imagination, came on all the faster, until, frenzied with fright, Juba half sprang, half fell from the tree with a curdling yell that communicated his panic to the hounds, and he and they, commingling their cries, tore through the woods at a break neck speed towards home. They soon reached the cabin. Then, for the first time, the thought came to Juba that he had left Uncle Noah lying upon the ground at the mercy of the beast. What should he do? He was afraid to return; he was equally afraid to report to Aunt Dilsey his craven desertion of his charge.

At last he determined to make a clean breast of it and take the

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consequences. So, calling and pounding till Aunt Dilsey, Uncle Noah's wife, stuck out her head, he began to relate his story:

"Aun' Dilsey, I took Unc' Noah down whar de houn's was, an' dar was a grea' big pant'er in de tree. I put Unc' Noah down and clum' de tree to knock im' out, when 'e jumped onto me an' we both fell out. De varmint was so big dat de dogs got scared an' run home, an' I come after 'em; but I forgot Unc' Noah, an' 'e down dar now. What mus' I—"

Just at this point a woolly gray head appeared in the doorway beside Aunt Dilsey's and Uncle Noah's voice exclaimed wrathfully,—

"You fool nigga, I come in wid de dogs!"

Is Golf Catching

on to popular favor? It seems to be. A noticeable increase in sales of Painkiller comes from golf districts. The reason for this is clear, as Perry Davis' Painkiller relieves it. Bathe the affected parts, freely, keep them warm and do not expose yourself to cold and dampness. Medical science marches right along, but it has not found the equal of Painkiller in the treatment of neuralgia.

In Memory

Of Mrs. Janie Talbirt Sims, wife of Jesse Sims, who died near Longville on August 24, 1902, at the age of 24 years. Her remains were buried at Pleasant Plains Baptist church of which she was a member after funeral services conducted by her pastor, Rev. R. J. Blackmon.

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Aunt Sarah Jane.

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To the Memory

Of little Martha Jane Hinson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Hinson, who departed this life July 27th, 1902, aged 10 months and 5 days. Dear little Janie, we do miss you so much; it is so lonely without your sweet little smiling face in our midst, but we know you are safe in the arms of Jesus where there will be no more sickness and death.
Mother.

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Condition of the Crops.

Washington, Sept. 2.—The weekly summary of crop conditions made by the agricultural department says: The temperature conditions in the northern districts east of the Missouri Valley during the week ending September 1 were more favorable for maturing crops than in the previous week, but, as in the two weeks immediately preceding the excessively high temperatures prevailed in the Central and West Gulf districts, including Oklahoma and Indian Territory. Continued absence of rain has intensified the drought in the West Gulf districts, and rain is generally needed in the Ohio Valley and in coast districts from southern New England to the Carolinas. In the States of the Missouri Valley and in portions of upper Mississippi Valley corn has made fair progress, but has not matured rapidly, owing to the low temperature and excessive moisture. Dry, warm, weather is greatly needed in the Missouri Valley for the maturity of corn.

But little rain has fallen over much of greater part of the cotton belt westward from the Mississippi river during the past month, the last three weeks of which have been excessively warm. The week ending September 1 being practically rainless over the greater part of Louisiana portions of Arkansas and Oklahoma, and throughout Texas, with the exception of a few light showers in the north central and northeastern portions, the rise of which, with the ravages of insects, has been a steady deterioration in the condition of cotton during the second and third decades. While favorable weather conditions in the near future would cause a marked improvement in the condition of cotton in Texas, the reports indicate that, under the most favorable circumstances, they would be much short of an average crop. The central and eastern district of the cotton belt, while the exception of portions of the Carolinas, where the drought continues, have received abundant rains, but too late to be of material benefit, while causing considerable injury to open cotton. Some slight improvement is reported from portions of Florida and Georgia and less premature opening from Alabama, but rust and shedding are very general throughout the central and eastern districts (the weather map of this date, September, shows that good rains fell over a large part of Texas during the 24 hours ending at 8 a. m. September 2).

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VERY FACE OF THE EARTH CHANGED

And the Rabacca River is Even Now a Stream of Fire.

Kingston, Island of St. Vincent, Saturday, Sept. 6.—The sights in the Windward district of this island resulting from the eruption of the Soufriere volcano Sept. 3, are very interesting. The Rabacca river even now is a stream of fire a quarter of a mile or more wide. The greater part of the Rabacca is wrapped in vapor and there are mimic eruptions everywhere. The river bed is continuously throwing up columns and dense clouds of steam, mud and pebbles. The land has spread farther seaward and is changing considerably the appearance of the district from what it was prior to Sept. 3. This was probably caused by the object that flowed down the slopes filling the sea about the coast.

Fifty laborers, deceived by the apparent quietude of the volcano, where working within the fire zone on Wednesday at the extreme north of the island, when they suddenly saw evidence of an approaching disturbance of the mountain, but were to leave the spot before electric flashes and an outpour of gases drove them to their shelter, where they remained, at the base of the mountain throughout the terrible night, while forked lightning darted in all directions around them. The men miraculously escaped unhurt and arrived at Kingston yesterday.

The port officer of Chateau Belair, who saw the Soufriere from the sea yesterday says that the mountain is considerably lower than before.

He declares that the appearance of the summit has changed. A large proportion has evidently been blown off and the hill has a much more jagged contour. The neighborhood is altered. New ridges, valleys and a strange ravine have been cut in the west side of the volcano, down to what was formerly the Carib settlement of Haracai, where liquid matter was seen flowing during the afternoon of Sept. 3. The northwestern estates, Petit Bordelle and Sharps are covered with from 10 to 20 inches of gritty substance. The crops of arrow root and cocoa are ruined.

During the night of Sept. 4 there was a terrific storm, accompanied by blinding lightning and terrible peals of thunder and a moaning sound from the agitated crater.

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"It all depends upon the point of view," said Ex Governor Boutwell the other day, during the course of a little comparison he was making between Lincoln and Roosevelt. Roosevelt recently said he wouldn't give much for a soldier who didn't want to fight. Lincoln once told me that he had never known but two soldiers who wanted to fight who were any good.

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By Chas. D. Jones, Esq., Probate Judge.

Whereas, William B. Caithen, of Lancaster S. C., has made suit to me to grant him Letters of Administration of the Estate of and effects of JOHN M. CAITHEN, deceased.

These are therefore to cite and admonish all and singular the kindred and creditors of the said JOHN M. CAITHEN, deceased, that they be and appear before me, in the Court of Probate, to be held at Lancaster, S. C., on the 18th day of September, 1902, after publication thereof, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any they have, why the said Administration should not be granted. Given under my hand and seal this second day of September, Anno Domini, 1902.

CHAS. D. JONES,
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