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HAD GOOD POINTS

**Hot-Tempered Woman Evidently
Not Altogether Bad.**

**Surely No High-Priced Lawyer Could
Have Surpassed Pathetic Plea
of Husband Which Won
Her Her Liberty.**

There was a negro family living in Bowling Green, Ky. The wife had a notoriously ungovernable temper, usually taking it out on her husband, who was meek and lowly. On this occasion she struck him with a skillet, inflicting a wound so painful and dangerous as to necessitate his having to be taken to the hospital for treatment. The neighbors, knowing the violent temper of the wife, and the cruel treatment she had inflicted upon her husband for such a long time, were so outraged they could endure it no longer, and procured a warrant for her arrest on the charge of assault with a deadly weapon.

The husband sat through the trial, giving rapt attention to its every detail. The case was handed over to the jury and after very brief deliberation it brought in a verdict of guilty. The old darkey husband rose and said:

"Marse Jedge, I don't reckon nothing a ole nigger could say would make much diffunce, but I would lak to say a word before you send the 'old 'oman to the penitenshy. She's always been a good mother to the chillun, all the neighbors will tell you that. She washes and scrubs and sews and mends for 'em, and keeps 'em clean and nice, an when they's sick she sits up with 'em at night. And, Marse Jedge, I jest want to ax you if you won't let her go by the house and see the chillun befo' you send her to the penitenshy. They's at home all alone right now, cryin' they po little hearts out and it would do 'em good, and the ole 'oman, too, if she could just go and kiss 'em good-by befo' she was put in the penitenshy."

By this time the judge and the spectators were in tears and the judge said: "Gentlemen of the jury, I haven't passed sentence yet and if you want a few minutes to further consider this case, I will be glad to grant it." The jury retired and in a few minutes returned with a verdict of "not guilty."

Sailor Values Charm.

The king and queen recently received at Windsor castle the Australian, New Zealand and South African press delegates now on a visit to Great Britain. His majesty spoke warmly of the gallantry of the Dominion troops, and exchanged recollections of his empire tour of 1901. When Mr. Pirani of New Zealand mentioned the name of Maggie Papakura, the Maori guide who conducted the king round the hot springs wonderland of Rotorua, the king recalled her at once, and was interested to learn that she is now in England. The New Zealand delegates found that Princess Mary knew all about the pre-war Maori prophecy concerning the battle-cruiser New Zealand—that she would go into action within a given number of years and would be hit but escape serious damage if her captain wore a Maori tiki (greenstone charm). The first part of the prophecy came true, and so up to date has the second. The captain does not forget to wear his tiki.

Passed by Sentry.

A colonel of a colored regiment coming in about 10:30 was duly challenged by the sentry, and responded: "Colonel —, officer of the camp." The sentry tried his best to pierce the darkness, gave it up, and finally said:

"Look 'enh, man, yo-all su de foth man what's done tried to make me think he's Cunnel —. Go way wild dat stuff."

The colonel pretty warmly reaffirmed that he was Colonel — and demanded immediate admission. The guard, unabashed, told him to step up so that he could see him. The colonel walked up to him in a rage, and you can imagine his consternation when the sentry took hold of the silver eagle on his shoulder, looked up at him with a grin on his face and said: "Oh, Lawdy! 'Tis de ole bird, ain't it?"—The Bayonet.

"Flu" Marketing.

Marie, who was three Thanksgivings, was out trying her new mask. Passing a grocery, she decided to buy some bananas. Mother, not having worn her "flu" protector, sent Marie in to make the purchase. Mother saw the grocer pulling off tons of bananas, it seemed. At length, when there was nothing left but the stalks, Marie handed the grocer her little pocketbook containing one solitary dime. "How many bananas did your little girl want?" asked the grocer as he came to the door. "Ten cents' worth," replied mother. "She told me she wanted a peck," said the grocer.

Cecil Rhodes' Dream Realized.

The early completion of a tunnel under the Straits of Gibraltar, which, in connection with the tunnel from Dover to Calais, will practically complete a all-rail connection between Cape Town and London, will more than realize the dream of Cecil Rhodes of a Cape-to-Cairo railroad. The necessary links along the Barbary coast will be simple matters when the intervening waters have been spanned. England is taking hold of the Gibraltar tunnel in a way that means the success of that gigantic enterprise.

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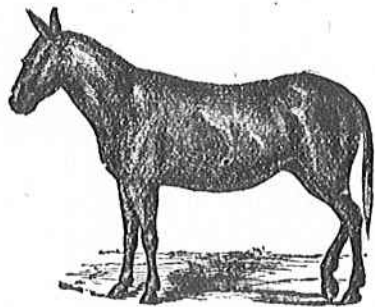
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