THE AMERIOAN
Joshua §mith MaN OF HONOR Ho was a tall, angular fellow, with
small round head,
black as as a raven's plumage, and a a gair that reminded you of your boyhood das
when you tried to appear at ease, an
gracelul, with a stope bruise on eac Certainly you will all rote his dia
greeabie as well as homely ather reai
iog so much but in that conclusion $v$
 Uncle Joshua could not be found
Oakdale. There never was a childre party that he did not reecive the fir
Invilution to attend. $A$ tes party $w$ never given without his name appear
ing on the istot inteded guess.
kind of amsement was erer put on to by the mate part ot the population un un
less he was irst consulted, and if $h$ h thought it would be a succese
Immediately put in motion. that Uncle Joshuu was well-tocdo, a was sull single though he was past
thirty and had had many tair and
aithed gitted maidens try to take his heart ty
storm, but none of them seemed to amaken anything akin to terder teel
Ings, so one by one they lett him to ht
solltude. silis. neighbors were all anxious to see
him marry - all had heereral marriage. abbe daughters which they were wriallog
he should plck from-and eetle down
 tion, tendered this pitce of advic
hoping thereby to win the name of $b$ b
 of Deacon Lett; the pleadidngs ot 1 squir
Fontes: the argument of Todd; the entreaties of old maidis sand
the expostulations of married women,
 but sure current that what sweeping
him nito the jaws of that hideous mon-ster- bachelorhood-he bethought him-
self of a way to rid him of this obnox-
 other halt were crazay over the reports
that were erming in trom Calitronis of the unlimited quantity of gold that
was being taken from the ground wasted from the sand along the rivers,
and crushed out of the very rocks them. selves. Jocle Joshua belonged to the last
Ualt, and when he became thoroughty
hat aware that nothing but the balmy yir
of Callornaia would satisfy hlm , he
 under the care of a bosom trinend
When that was all over he joined large company that was passing
through Oakdale tor the Pealfife slope
and was soon moving westwrd
 throw into raptures the most fickil of
womankind on one side was bound.
less liains, coursed by brooks and ivi. ers, and doted by lakes whooe waters were as olear as orystal, and reflected
every bobect In
other the
she while oo the promitiently against the azure sky, an
aroundit hem hung a smoky, leeepy a mosphere.
Then came the dismal swamps and scorching plains of Texas. It was her
that all the glitering hopes were ba
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