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SLAVES GENER-THEM KINDLY.

a School Teacher in Ante-B-Easy Life of the Colored ands-Strong Attachment Bethe Blacks and Whites.

e average New England youth who to Kentucky to teach school anywhere thirty to fifty years ago the slaves apd to have a pretty easy time of it. They d not work like the sons of well to do farmers in Maine and Vermont. They had more money and more time for enjoyment. Mason county at the time I lived there had a very large slave population. As compared with the white population, I believe it was as large as in any part of the south, except a few parishes in South Carolina. I expected to witness much cruelty, but I never did. The owners of slaves generally treated them kindly. They certainly did not overwork them. I well remember the first time I walked out from the village among the farms. I saw fifteen able bodied negroes sitting like so many black crows on the top rail of a fence at one end of a cornfield. It was a little after 10 in the morning. There was no slave driver, with whip in hand, mounted on a horse, as I had expected to see. The men who were resting, and whose mules were eating corn leaves, were sent out to plow corn. I asked the man who was nearest to me if anything was the matter. "Oh, no, masso," he answered: "we was jess a-waiting for de horn to blow for dinner." I found that was about a sample of the way sinves worked, or rather rested.

On Saturday I was surprised to find most of the negro population in town. Many of them brought in wood cut on massa's place, which they sold and received the pay for. The money they spent as they chose. Others were dressed in their Sunday clothes and had come into town simply to have a good time. I found that nearly every slave had a plot of ground of his own on which he raised tobacco, sweet potatoes and other things, which he sold for the purpose of obtaining spending money. The two weeks that included the winter holidays was the time of jubilee when strange that he revels in signs portending nearly every slave worked for whom he chose death. His heaven, like the Mussulman's, is and had the money he earned. If masters one of sensual delights, and corpses and funand mistresses desired to have their own erals are to him a great joy. To put a black boys and girls work at home during the holi- pin into a child's dress, to try on any one's day season it was necessary to engage them mourning garments, to open an umbrella in some time in advance. Such opportunities the house, to break a looking glass, to carry for earning money were unknown to boys a spade through the house, are all signs of brought up on New England farms, as my old friend and myself could testify to.

The next thing that struck me as very strange was the strong attachment that existed between the whites and blacks that had the same home. Nearly every male slave regarded his owner as the greatest man in the country. He took pride in him and boasted even severely he still thought massa was a mighty big man who hadn't time to waste over common people. Almost every slave, old or young, looked on missus as a saint, and was not far out of the way. The southern woman who was at the head of a large family of whites and blacks was in a worse condition of slavery than any person about the plantation. There was a birth, marriage or death in the family almost every week. receive it in most grotesque form from their She was the confidant of every one and the "preachers," it is little wonder that their conperson relied upon for advice and assistance. ception of things spiritual is distorted. With was literally "the servant of servants." Her responsibilities were many and varied. She had little time for reading, rest, recreation

The quarrels of slaves belonging on different farms were generally taken up by their masters. No white man could abuse a slave belonging to another with impunity. He was called to answer for his act as promptly as if he had mistreated a son. In tracing up the came of enmittees between white families I generally found them to be connected with the treatment of slaves. Two nice girls in my school never talked together, I noticed, though they belonged to the same class and were general favorites. I wondered at this and inquired about it. I learned that the grandfather of one of the girls, while in a passion, struck the favorite servant of the grandfather of the other girl and declined to apologize for it. This occurred before my pupils were born. Both parties to the quarrel had long been dead, but the quarrel was not settled, and I question if it is now.

There was a law in Kentucky, as in other southern states, that forbid giving instruction to slaves in reading and writing. Still, I was convinced that all the bright negroes who wanted to learn to read did so. It is very difficult to keep persons from acquiring a knowledge of a written language. If books and papers are exposed persons will learn to read them. I noticed that a colored boy who had a dozen letters to deliver at different places left each at the right place. When n white child was being instructed in reading at home-half a dozen little blacks would be learning. A little white boy or girl who played "keeping school" had negro children for pupils. A slave who learned how to read was not long in learning how to use a map. In one short lesson he found out where Cauada was and what state he would have to pass through to get there.

Mild as was the system of slavery that prevailed in Kentucky, there were some who escaped from it. They were not, as is generally supposed in the north, those who were worked very hard, were cenied all privies and pleasures, and were beaten for litor no cause. The class that ran away rised the petted or spoiled negroes, who any privileges and ways of making who did very little work, those hard a reputation that they had

lends and wanted to try their luck in a place, those who had committed petty and were undiscovered, and those had made unhappy marriages. If there e two suitors for the same dusky damsel would sometime tell the other that his er was embarrassed and that there was er of his being sold and sent down the er. He knew that if he could scare his val into running away he could secure the ize both were seeking. Love is a disturbing element in the hearts that beat under ck as well as under white skins,-Rodney elch in Chicago Times.

> College Making Great Progress. u are erecting a young men's ir town," said Alpha to Omega.

"replied Omega. "The base-re already laid out, and ground for the college buildings in a

ollows Naturally.

my child? inquired the ma-

NEGRO SUPERSTITION.

AFRICAN FETICHISM SOFTENED BY CONTACT WITH CIVILIZATION.

Charms Worn for Protection Against the Evil One-The Belief in Witches and "Conjur Niggers" - Signs Portending Death-Various Ludicrous Notions.

The contact of the African with a mighty civilization modified and softened his fetichism, and today his superstition is of a different fiber. He is a firm believer in a personal devil, and accepts him with all time honored stage properties-horas, tail, cloven foot and red hot pitchfork. For protection against this awful one the negro wore the greatest number of charms. To ward off his familiars the witches, every negro nailed to his cabin door a horseshoe. This charm, however, had no power unless it had been accidentally found. The "white folks at de big house" were often presented with one of these witch deflers, and if they failed to use it, the giver, pityingly and surreptitiously, nailed it somewhere on "marster's" premises.

Old negro nurses teach their charges that the tangles which after a night's sleep are apt to appear in the hair are knots tied by witches, and everybody in the southern states is familiar with the darkies' belief that witches ride horses and mules in the dead of night, exhausting their strength.

To ward off the approach of any of the foul sisterhood silver dimes and five cent pieces with a hole in them, strung on a cord and suspended from the neck, are unrivaled. Odds and ends of bones strung together, and plessed by a Voudoo priestess, constitute a Grigri, which is a marvelous foil against the Evil One. In southern Louisiana there are large numbers of negroes who believe that certain other negroes have commerced with Satan, receiving from him a liberal endowment of his diabolic powers. These are known as "cunjur niggers," who can "houdoo" you. To incur the ill will of one of them is a grievous misfortune.

As every negro, even the most debased, is sure of salvation, and speaks with confidence of his place in heaven, where he will "set at de same table ez de white folks," it is not death. To drive a nail after dark, except in making a coffin, will bring death; and any man so unfortunate as to bury three wives will bury six. A spider seen in the morning brings good luck; at noon, disappointment;

and in the evening, bad luck. If accidentally a garment be put on wrong side out, and if it be worn that way until about him whenever there was an oppor- noon, and then turned, the wearer will have tunity. If he was treated pretty strictly or good luck. To give a knife or seissors to a friend is to sever friendship, except, indeed, a bent pin be given in return, which averts the impending rupture. The Roman Catholic negroes of southern Louisiana will not cut a banana crosswise, because through its center runs a dark streak, which if cut transversely presents the appearance of a cross. To avoid

this sacrilege the fruit must be broken. They accept the Bible literally, and as they Her time was anybody's but her own. She out a pang of conscience they will eat the chickens from a neighbor's hen roost, the pigs from his pen, the melons from his "patch," but cannot be induced to commit the unpardonable sin of eating a dove.

If a black cat enters your house you will receive money; an itching palm denotes the same thing, while an itching sole signifies that you will travel. Should your right ear burn, then some one is talking in your favor; but if it be the left, the tongue is evilly entreating you, and you must immediately wish that its owner may bite it. Should you succeed in spitting in your right ear, you silence your enemy. If a knife, fork or selssors in falling sticks up in the floor, prepare for visitors; also if a thick cock crows three times in succession at the back door. The possession of a frizzly hen means good luck to the owner, while two frizzly hens denote a measure of prosperity which rouses

the jealousy of "ole Satan." There is a ludicrous belief that to step over the outstretched legs of any one will stop his further growth. But the evil spell will work backward, for by stepping back over the legs they resume their suspended work of de-

No work in garden or field can be done without regard to hunar phases. An old auntie in my family would never make soap except in the full of the moon, and then the soap must be stirred only one way. Her soap stick, of rare virtues and great age, was believed to have certain occult powers, which made it popular among the soap making sisters. Ask a negro man why he wears a brass

ring in one ear, and he tells you it will cure sore eyes. Chills and fever are cured by swallowing cobweb pills, and the pain from any insect bite is instantly removed by rubbing the puncture with three kinds of grass. What folly to endure warts when by rubbing them with a piece of stolen fat bacon, and then burying it secretly, the warts will disappear in a few days. So, too, why weary the flesh with looking for a lost article when you need only to throw something away to find the thing mislaid! Your mind, however, must be fixed upon the thing lost to succeed, so that here one of the elements of the faith cure seems to come in. Any lady who throws away the combings after dressing her hair will suffer with headache, for the birds weave

this hair into their nests, The young generation of negroes, who are now skimming over the contents of a multitude of text books with high sounding names, are in bond to the same superstitions which enchain their fathers. Not all of the mental and moral philosophy set down in the books with which they are burdened can break the thrall cast by the witch and the "cunjur man," while the study of the higher mathematics has not yet developed that reasoning faculty which exercises the incarnate devil with all his gallimanfry of evil spirits into the limbo of unbelief .- Harper's Bazar.

Satan's Legal Rights.

A London correspondent writes from Finland that a property holder in one of the interior towns of the province left a will bequeathing all his possessions to the devil. The dead man's family protested that the will was void, but the Finnish lawyers were disinclined to interfere with the rights of so formidable a personage as the new legatee, and, the correspondent adds, the devil has become, by legal right at least, a Finnish landowner.-New York Tribune.

When you are buying hid gloves remember that there is such a thing as a price that is too cheap. It is best to pay a good price and get the good gloves that go with it. Ex-amine the stitching to find places where the thread has broken through the leather, stretch the seams, and if the thread pulls away, leaving a white spot, don't get the gloves. The leather should stretch easily to take a good fit and to wear well.

STRAY NEWSPAPER ITEMS.

It is announced that there will be another "Passion Play" at Ober-Ammergau

Engines of 20,000 horse power have

Of the 8,000,000 francs worth of china made last year at Limoges, one half came to America.

een ordered for the new cruiser Blake, at a cost of £140,000. It is said that barely half a dozen watering place hotels thus far have met

heir expenses. The reports of extravagance and show

at our watering places are not so loud nor so numerous as usual. The daily opening of the churches is being advocated heartily by Lord Car-

narvon and the bishop of Cambridge. Parisian swells steadily give way to English fashions. They now wear the regular short white tie for evening dress, instead of their former black butter-

A newspaper in Constantinople says that 212 Christians and Jews have become Mohammedan during the past year, a larger number than those who have abandoned Mohammedanism for other

A Michigan peddler who sold goods on the cars, first singing a comic song to attract attention and please his customers, dropped dead in a train a few days ago. He is believed to have left a fortune of \$200,000, accumulated in this

Germany is doing considerable foreign missionary work nowadays. It has eighteen societies and supports 522 missionaries, who look after their 210,000 converts. Last year the total receipts in money were over \$700,000.

Three Chinese pheasants attacked a 14vear-old boy near Vinegar Springs, Ore., a short time ago, and fought him so hard that he dropped a sack of wheat he was carrying and fled for safety. When the neighbors went to the spot the wheat and birds had both vanished.

An Australian football club has arranged with an accident insurance company to pay any of its members who are disabled while playing the game 30s. per week as long as they remain on the sick list, and £200 to the relatives if the injuries received in the football field should terminate fatally.

The great white marble palace which Wilbur F. Storey, of Chicago, built, and which is one of the features of that city, is again offered for sale. Although still unfinished, more than \$600,000 has been spent on it, while it is doubtful if onequarter of that amount will be offered by a purchaser.

Bolivia, which has an area of 500,000 square miles and a population of 2,000,-000, is without a single Protestant missionary. Two American teachers, encouraged by Bolivian gentlemen and recommended by the Presbyterian board of missions, expect soon to establish a school in La Paz, the capital.

An Englishman who was playing billiards in a public house in Bromley made a bet that he could get one of the ivory balls into his mouth. He did get it in, and there it stuck, in spite of all his efforts to dislodge it. The surgeon who was called in extracted the lump of ivory, but only after taking out several of the 'experimentalist's" front teeth.

At Spezzia, Italy, the whole Italian fleet is to assemble for a two months' exercise. One of the items of the programme is to show the facility with which a large force can be disembarked. fully equipped for attack, and English alarmists predict that it will show how easily England could be invaded before a defensive force could be gathered at any point.

A monument to the memory of Emperor William will be erected by the inhabitants of the upper Fichtel mountains on a peak rising nearly 4,000 feet above the level of the sea. The spot affords on one side a view of the Saxon lowlands, on the other that of the Bohemian forest, with the Keiberg close by and the spires of Carlsbad in the dis-

A Bridgeport paper says that a cat was caught by a locomotive the other day and cut in two by a wheel, which passed over the body back of the shoulders. "After the locomotive had passed." says the paper, "the forward parts of the cat's body dragged themselves to the home vard, two or three rods distant, and there the little life remaining flickered out in a few seconds."

The Little Seal Cried.

A seal about two months old was seen resterday on the deck of the schooner Arizona, which was moored at the Commercial wharf. He is the skipper's pet and a great favorite with the crew. The captain said: "I have had the little fellow about six weeks, baving caught him at Stable Island. He was asleep when I came upon him, and before he knew it I had him in my arms. In three days from that time he was as tame as a dog, and will now fallow me all over the vessel. In the morning at about 3 o'clock the seal takes his position over the hatch, and there he will cry until some one of the crew goes on deck and feeds him. When we are outside I throw him overboard and let him swim until he is tired, and then he is only too glad to be taken on board again.'

The little fellow seemed to enjoy himself on the vessel's deck, and was very fond of the caresses of the crew. When he saw one of the men approaching him he would hobble toward him and tease for a mouthful of fish that was generally forthcoming.-Portland Press.

Automatic Machine for Perfumery. One of the latest projects for catching the pennies of the public is an automatic machine for perfumery, a number of which have been set up in the approaches of ferries and other public places. By dropping a penny into a slot, in the same manner in which nickels are dropped into the patent weighing machines, an automatic fountain is made to send out a spray of perfume for the handkerchief. The crowds of people who go down to the sea from Thirty-fourth street ferry take up so much of this perfume that the odor has become disseminated through the cars of the Long Island railroad, and in some measure acted as a public benefit in offsetting the horrible smells of Hunter's Point.—New York Tribune.

TO ENJOY YOURSELF

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Every one thinks that he can enjoy bimself, and does not lack for efforts to realize his ambition, but it is as much of an art to have a good time as it is to make a fortune. The latter does not come by whistling for it, and the good time does not follow because one is on a vacation and in search of it. The larger number of persons enter upon life without any special consideration of its meaning or its opportunities, or what they can do with themselves. If they can earn a living they think that they do well, and if they earn more than a living, they are pretty sure to show that they do not know how to make a wise use of their surplus. This is seen often enough to almost allow the forming of the rule that people usually enjoy life in inverse ratio to their opportunities. They find themselves, for instance, able to take a vacation after perhaps twenty years of incessant activity in business or manual labor. The fact of a month or two to spend, not under the click of the telegraph, but in going about at their own sweet will, is so new, so out of range with all their antecedents, that they do not know what to do with themselves. They are like Adam and Eve when cast out of paradise. They have all the world before them, in its most inviting aspects, and they stand before it in the attitude of those wa do not know what to turn to. THE EARLY EDUCATION

One can have deep sympathy with these persons, but it is easier to save the younger generation from repeating their mistakes in life than to rescue them from their perplexity. The difficulty lies deeper than the occasion that discloses it. It lies in the early education. The greater part of our people are educated in the three R's, but they are not educated through their natural instincts or tastes. Many break through their bread winning service, and follow some aside for its own sake, and it is not necessary to tell such persons how to employ themselves in their vacation, be it a day or a month. They have the power of interesting themselves in their self activity, and there is a perennial fountain of life in this capacity. It is the power of self improvement. It is the ability to make two blades of grass grow where but one grew before. But those who have the natural gift of self entertainment are the smaller part of the community, and if the multitude are to enjoy themselves, how is the result to be

It is a process of unconscious education that goes back to one's childhood, that begins with the mother's education of the child's five senses before the days of the public school, that marks her trysting time for the child to ascertain where he is strong and where he is weak. It is in such touching of the indefinite in the child on the part of a judicious parent which is the beginning of an education that gives one the command, in the course of time, of faculties that most persons have never used, because neither in youth nor in ripened life have they ever found out that they had them. It is this sort of training that antedates the school, and, when the education of women has advanced less than a thousand leagues beyond its presreally intelligent women are now, we shall have an education through the instincts, as well as through the purely working qualities of the brain, that gives us the education of the entire man or woman.

AN UNFAILING METHOD. This is a glimpse of what is meant by go ing to the bottom of things and beginning at the foundation. The capacity to enjoy life above the animal nature is largely the result of a careful education of the senses or instincts, so that we shall naturally aim for the best and assimilate it to our life. You cannot transform grown up people into what they are not, and it would be cruel to pair. many persons by pointing out to them their deficiencies. That is not required, but it is one of the sweet amenities of existence to assist our fellow men, where it is possible, in widening the circle of their facilities for enjoying life. It can be done by suggestion, by example, by ministrations of affection and where it is done with discretion one is almost sure to receive the hearty thanks of those who have been led to feel a new interest in the things that are around them.

It is said that a humorist is one of the most valuable members of the community, though it is impossible for such a person to be taken seriously; but he communicates so much good feeling throughout society, that he does for . the dull and over serious what a thunder storm in a season of dull weather does for the atmosphere. He electrifies the air and gives relief to pent up natures. The persons who .njoy life through having an aside that gives them genuine culture, and who have the capacity of communicating the suggestion of this power to others or of awakening it within them, are the benefactors of society. If they happen to be landlords, they always bave crowded houses. If they are teachers, they always awaken their pupils and push them forward. If they are parents, their children in mature life are sure to rise up and call them blessed. There is the capacity and call them blessed. There is the capacity in nearly every one to get more out of life in a good sense than they are getting, and the secret of it is to use one's little spare time every day for the purpose of advancing on the line of what one likes to do to the things that lie outside of one's immediate industry or calling. This is an unfailing method for reaching out to permanent supplies of enjoyment.—Boston Herald.

A Tobacco Hungry Indian.

In 1882 and 1883, while traveling for a large St. Louis house in the Indian territory, I learned more of Indian traits and Indian character than I could have found out from reading 100 Indian stories such as were written by J. Fenimore Cooper, Mark Twain and Bill Nye, You never meet an Indian on the road in the Indian nations, but your native quietly and suddenly emerges from the tall grass or brush of the wayside, stands on the highway in front of you and says: "How." You tell him you are well and he says: You tell him you are well and he says: "Whisky." When he is informed that you are out of that drug he puts to you the single word, interrogatively: "bacco?" You hand him your plug, expecting him to cut off a small corner, and in a second the whole plug disappears between his molars in his capa-

My Indian host, who spoke fair English, advised me to cut the remaining plugs I had into small pieces and give only one piece at a time. Six different times between Muskogee and Okmulgee, in the Creek country, at places a quarter of a mile apart, did the same Indian spring out of the grass on the road in front of me and greet me with a friendly "How? He had cut a circuit in the grass each time to come out ahead of me, and be used slight disguises of dress, thinking that I did not recognize him as the man who got the first chunk of tobacco. But I made him run about eight miles for about a plug and a half of tobacco. G. A. Schmidt in Globe-Democrat.

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