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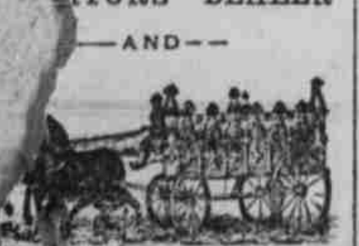

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What Dem Hens?

Among the passengers on the north bound Richmond and Danville Air Line train a few nights ago was an old darky named Dangerfield Hampton, on his way to the Old Dominion, after an absence of about fifty years. When he was sixteen years of age he was brought to Georgia by Edward Locket, a negro trader from Richmond, and was sold to Mr Wise Cousin who lived near Madison, Ga., for $350. Hampton was a native of King and Queen county, where he left some relatives, whom he now desired to see. His Georgia master owned about 200 darkeys, and made from 160 to 200 bales of cotton.

The Georgia railroad had just been completed to Madison when Uncle "Hamp" landed at Madison. After the war was over and he found himself free he went to work in earnest and made money right along. He now owns 300 acres of land and made thirty-four bales of cotton last year.

The old man was on his way to the scene of his childhood.

He spoke of having lost $1,100 by the failure of a banking institution some time ago.

The old man said, in a laughing way, that he left eight hens and a rooster in Virginia when he left there, and that he was going there to look after them. He thought that he ought to have a good price for the chickens, and interest on the amounts from the time he left until now, which he thinks would be quite a nice sum.—Richmond State.

Damages for Trees Killed by Gas.

Suit has been entered in the common pleas court by Susannah Kuch against the city to recover $1,000 damages under an unusual claim. She says that she is the owner of property on the northwest side of Leverington avenue. Upon this ground, she says, there is erected a handsome house, in which she makes her residence, and the beauty of the premises, together with the value of the house and grounds, was much increased by the presence of four handsome Norway maple trees planted by the plaintiff about twenty years ago.

Last fall the gaspipe along Leverington avenue commenced to leak, and through the neglect of the city officials this leak continued until last May, and the soil of the street became permeated with the gas, which caused the maple trees to die and become worthless. The plaintiff says that the value of her property has been greatly decreased by the loss, and hence the suit.—Philadelphia Telegraph.

Had Not Met in Fifty Years.

There was a meeting at Mascoutah, Ills., Monday, between two brothers who had not met before for upward of half a century. A well dressed, aged couple alighted from an evening train and inquired for Squire E. E. Bagby, one of the oldest citizens of the place. "He is my brother," exclaimed the old gentleman, "whom I have not seen for over fifty years." The stranger was William Bagby, a retired farmer, of Harris City, White county, Ills. He left Mascoutah about fifty years ago, and after traveling for some time he settled down on a farm in White county and married. During the war he lost track of his brother and supposed he was dead. He heard from him a short time ago and decided to visit him and his old home. William Bagby is eighty-four years of age and the squire is ten years his junior. The aged wives of the brothers had never met before Monday.—Exchange.

Already a Giant and Still Growing.

Allegany can boast of perhaps one of the largest boys of his age to be found in the state. His name is William M. Wittig, and he resides with his parents in Frostburg. He is a little over sixteen years and eight months old. For the past two years he has been growing at the rate of one-half an inch per month. His height is 6 feet 4½ inches and he weighs 186 pounds. He wears a No. 7½ hat and No. 11 shoe. He hand measures 13½ inches around the knuckles when closed. His chest measure is 44, and his waist 41 inches. He has always enjoyed excellent health, and possesses an appetite which would alarm most people, as it calls for about what would satisfy three ordinary laboring men at each meal. He lifts 350 pounds with ease. The young giant is still growing.—Maryland Cor. Baltimore Sun.

Getting Ready for Spring.

With the arrival of autumn Superintendent of Gardeners Woolson has begun preparations for beautifying the New York parks and squares next spring. The gardeners are now setting out in cold frames 250,000 pansies and daisies. Nearly 90,000 tulips will be imported from Holland, and there will be the usual number of herbaceous plants. Mr. Woolson means to try next spring the use of young ailantus trees to obtain subtropical shrubbery effects. The despised ailantus is, in its first few years, more beautiful in color and form than many a rare and highly prized shrub.—New York Sun.

Original Portieres.

We are told that bleached cowtails are the approved loops for heavy portieres, and that their festoons are terminated au naturel with tasseled ends. This rather startling information comes to us from an English paper, which, like all journals of that stamp, is prolific in bizarre schemes of action attributed solely to American women. If the American woman who has her portieres looped with bleached cowtails would receive her medal she must come to the front. As yet her street and number are unknown.—New York Sun.

An old man was buried the other day at St. Crepin, France, but was dug up soon after, as one of the bearers said he thought he heard a movement in the coffin. The old man was found to have moved his hands, and he was soon restored to consciousness and life.

A very curious coincidence happened at Kawanda Falls, Pa. Five men, all strangers, met, and on being introduced, each was found to be John A. Libson.

TWO TYPES OF BAD MEN

THE REAL THING IS IMITATED BY THE PLATED ARTICLE.

Sometimes It Is Hard to Tell Them Apart, Though, and In Experimenting One Is Liable to Run Up Against the Wrong Kind—Two Striking Examples.

"Bad men in the west break into two classes," said a gentleman, late of Silver City, "the sure enough and the imitation bad man. One is a killer and the other simply blusters. The two sorts look alike, talk alike, garb themselves in big hats, belt guns on their hips, swear and guzzle and follow each other's suit from first to last, for which reasons it is hard to tell the real thing from the counterfeit. The only sure way of distinguishing the true, solid silver bad man from the plated fellow is to test them as fast as presented.

"Russian Bill, who, in the early eighties was a rustler in the valley of San Simon in Arizona, and a singularly industrious horse and cattle stealer of that shadeless region, was an imitation bad man. He was a great talker, and—hear him tell it—had filled more graves than an epidemic. It is doubtful, however, if he ever drew human blood, and the other rustlers similarly regarded him as a man of no courage. It turned out a case of the magpie and the peacocks with the Russian though, for one evening the impulsive denizens of Shakespeare, A. T., took Bill's word for it and incontinentally hung him de bene esse.

"The Russian had company, though, for they stretched another gentleman, time and tree the same, yclept Sandy King. There was no discount, however, on King. One could have taken a brace and bit and bored clear through him and struck nothing but clean strain game. King and Russian Bill were together on the occasion of their apprehension and taking off, and were decided specimens of the two types of bad men.

THE NAME OF BILL.

"Bill, as a name, has been the property of a good many of the fighters of the west. Frequently some affix or prefix went with it to keep the blood bedewed Bills from getting all mixed up. There have been a Curly Bill, a Wild Bill, a Navajo Bill, a Buffalo Bill, a Poker Bill, a Cheyenne Bill, a French Bill, an Antelope Bill, a Russian Bill, a Broncho Bill, a Canadian Bill, a Monte Bill, a Butcher Knife Bill and Bill Bonney, or Billy the Kid, that I have known of.

"Cheyenne Bill was and is one of the false killers referred to, and always trying to 'run a blazer' upon some tenderfoot and scare him to death. Raton, N. M.—pronounced 'Rahtoon'—does not, as a community, rise early of a Sunday morning, and as I once, back in 1883, came out of the hotel in the still and early hours of that holy day, I heard a voice over on the next street raised to a point between a threat and a command. My attention was at once attracted, and getting out where I could see I found Cheyenne Bill in slow but threatening pursuit of a reluctant tenderfoot who had come in on the train the night before. What the row was about I didn't know.

"'Stop whar you be, or I'll pull on you!' commanded the vaporish Bill in a fierce tone, his hand on his six-shooter and following along after the stranger some two rods behind.

"To give the tenderfoot his due, while he kept walking away from Bill, he appeared more disgusted than scared, and while he said nothing and did not turn on his would be captor, nevertheless he received his orders to halt with becoming contempt, and kept straight on.

BILL AND THE TENDERFOOT.

"Except for my presence, Cheyenne and his victim had the town to themselves, Jack Hixenbaugh, the marshal, and the rest of the citizens being sensibly in bed. I had seen a Chinaman run Cheyenne around once over in Trinidad, and knew there was no more to be feared from him than from the last calf on the range, and shouting over to him I so informed the person from the east and advised him to go after the doughty Cheyenne and pull his head off. The tenderfoot had about made up his mind to do it anyhow, and my vote settled it. He turned and started for Bill, whereupon that person at once lost all his valor and fled briefly.

"The tenderfoot caught up with him, however, and eased his surcharged soul by three or four forceful and very meritorious kicks. This seemed to do both Bill and the shorthorn a world of good, and the former avoided the fifth by plunging up a stairway. The tenderfoot wanted to charge after Bill and kill him completely, but I urged a different view and pointed out the fact that Bill took his gun with him and that if he found himself cornered he might shoot.

"Curly Bill was another of the riotous and desperate sort. His range in 1881 and 1882 was southwestern New Mexico and eastern Arizona. No one knew where Curly Bill hailed from, but if there's truth in Scripture, where he was going was plain to all. He was reputed, when I saw him, to have killed nineteen men, and had the air of one who was looking hard for a chance to make it a score. Curly Bill has found his grave somewhere out in the arid wastes he patroled, as nothing has been heard of him for some time."—Kansas City Star.

Gave Himself Away.

One day in a chat with a friend he said to me: "Has it ever occurred to you that when old age deprives you of much of your present ability to earn a living you will be obliged to look to your friends for support, or else become a charge at some one of the charitable institutions?" I confess I am neither a money maker nor a money saver, but "it's dollars to doughnuts" that the person who thus twitted me of my weakness simply echoed as he did so the general plan which he, in the cold blood of middle age, is counting on as his resource when he shall get too old to be indispensable.—Detroit Free Press.

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