

SURELY WAS CLEVER SNAKE

Truthful Old Darkey Recalls an Incident of His Youthful Days "Foh de Wah."

In some way one clever, if not absolutely good, snake story has been passed up all these centuries and left for a white-haired darkey deacon of Brunner to bring to the colored National Baptist convention in Houston, Texas, as his offering at the "foh de meethin'" experience class.

It happened "foh de wah," according to his account, when he was enumerated in the stock inventory on a large plantation near Houston. His duties were to accompany and take care of a boy about his own age, a son of his "oi marstah."

"Yeh! Lawd," he exclaimed between his spitting, toothless gums, "my marstah sho was a smart chill. We used to go fishin' an' Ah used to help carry de bait and tackle an' such. Da' used to be a snake down on de bank of de bayou and we sho' worried de life outen dat sarprint. sho' we did. But what Ah's gwine to tell yuh is dat sarprint knowed more'n de books. When we used to set down on de bank of de creek, he would come a stealin' tru de leaves to his hole and scoot down it quick. When he'd git all but his tail in, marstah would ketch holdt de tail an' yank him out. He done got exasperated and come up to de hole awfule slow an' wind up in a curl by his hole, sorter peep in and den wink one eye. I kin jes see dat snake a-laughing now. We both got up close and waited for him to slip in. Marstah sorter nudged me and laughed sorter low. Den dat snake just atack his tail in he hole and went down head up. After dat time he always went in backwards."

PRETTY NEAR IT.

A woman strolled into the public library the other day in search of a certain book. She accosted Chalmers Hadley, librarian, and solicited his assistance in the search.

"I am searching for a book called 'The Dentist's Infirmary,'" she said. "You see, we are studying him in our literary club."

"The Dentist's Infirmary, madam?" inquired Mr. Hadley, seeking to associate such a book with such a study class.

"Yes," replied the woman, "it's all about devils and angels and such like."

The light of understanding dawned upon the puzzled mind of the long-suffering librarian and he almost gasped:

"Oh, you mean Dante's 'Inferno!'"

Perplexity. "These political problems are terrible," said the man who worries about grammar.

"What's the trouble?"

"One friend of mine after another has opened campaign headquarters. What I want to know is whether 'headquarters' is a singular or a plural noun, and if it is singular what is the plural?"

Taking his stand close to the footlights the great magician exclaimed:

"I will now cause this egg to completely disappear."

A ruralite in the audience arose to his feet and cried excitedly:

"Don't do it. What we want to see is a good egg producer."

A WORSE SECRET.



Mrs. Jellus—I'm afraid my husband is hiding something from me. Mrs. Cullus—So is mine—his money!

Phoenician Drummer—What's going on tonight? Ancient Hebrew—You can have your pick. The Nineveh Family theater has got "Jonah and His Whale" and the Babylon Musical gamblers are playing "Balaam and His Trained Ass."—Puck.

Would Be Pleased. Loquacious Visitor (who has been describing in great detail her bridal trousseau)—And you ought to see me in my going away frock! Hostess (wearily)—I—er—wish I could—London Tatler.

The Explorer—Git on, you mutt! How'll I ever reach the pole at dis rate?

A Weary Life. What written word could 'er relate One-half his perturbation—The bard condemned by cruel fate To rhyme 'thout inspiration.

THRILLING ADVENTURE OF BUSINESS WOMAN

(The plain business woman and her sister, who has been pressed into service for the occasion, enter the millinery section of a large department store).

Business woman (plaintively)—"It does seem to me that I am never free from the thrall of the hat. Just after Christmas it begins to hang over me like a pall, and when the spring hats really begin to sprout in the windows I get perfectly morbid." (Speaks very humbly to haughty saleswoman.) "If you could wait on us, please, it would be so kind of you. Something small, if you please." (To sister while haughty saleswoman departs in search of hat.) "Dear me! I wish I didn't get so positively abject on these occasions. I know some people who really get a bitter satisfaction out of sailing into exclusive millinery establishments, where the hats are dreams of beauty and becomingness, and demanding to be shown confections whose prices send the cold chills down one's back, and then departing with a dissatisfied shake of the head. But not so I. I fell impudent when I cast even a glance at the wonderful things."

(Haughty saleswoman returns balancing a hat on her hand. She looks bored to extinction. Business woman removes her much battered, squashy and obviously home made headgear and hands it to her sister. She looks doubtfully at the hat in the saleswoman's hand.)

Business woman—"It looks awfully big."

Saleswoman—"It's the smallest hat in the house, madam. Small hats are not worn at all."

Business woman (hastily)—"Oh, of course, I know the hats are all big. But you see my face is so small that when I get one of these large things on I look just like a monkey. I really don't think it's worth while for me to try it on. I'm sorry to trouble you, but if you could find something that wouldn't sit quite so far down on my head, I'd be so much obliged." (She smiles pathetically and the saleswoman frowns away.)

Sister (disgustedly)—"You're worse than an abject, Sarah. You're perfectly maudlin."

(Haughty saleswoman returns and suddenly engulfs business woman in a hat about two feet high and with a crown like a scrubbing pail.)

Business woman (gasps)—"Oh, dear! Where am I? Why, really, don't you think this one is bigger than the other?"

Saleswoman—"No, madam; it is not."

Business woman (looking forlornly and apologetically toward showcase)—"But some of those hats are smaller, aren't they? I think I'll just step over and look at them." (She gathers up her belongings with the air of a detected sneakthief and slides over to the showcase. Haughty saleswoman turns away with an air of deep disdain.)

Business woman (almost in tears)—"Why won't they be nice to me? If they only realized it, I'm such an easy mark. A kind person could sell me anything."

Sister (impatiently)—"Oh, have a little backbone. I'm perfectly ashamed of you. Now, there's a pretty hat and a little one at that. Ask that girl over there to take it out and show it to you."

Business woman (after bracing herself to the effort of addressing another goddess of the millinery world, fades away in deep humiliation upon being told that the price of the hat in question is \$25)—"She could tell by the quiver in my voice that it was not for the likes of me."

Sister—"Why didn't you make her take it out and show it to you, anyway? That's what they're here for."

Business woman (after vainly traveling up and down and around and around counters and showcases)—"Do you suppose if I wore one of these I would lose my job?"

Sister—"Here, try this one. Now, if you had a big bandeau so that you would look a little as if you had on a hat and not a necklace."

Business woman (gratefully)—"How cheering you are! (She peers out from under the hat with the air of a startled rabbit.) Would you mind asking one of the saleswomen if they have bandeaus?"

Sister (after pursuing saleswoman around the counter and finally bringing her to bay)—"I want a large bandeau. One that will hold a hat up off the head."

Saleswoman (languidly and without offering to move)—"You mean a halo. No, we don't carry them. They're not worn." (She resumes her important occupation of gazing dreamily into space. Sister returns to business woman, who is still in a millinery eclipse. She regards business woman thoughtfully for a moment. Then a triumphant light suddenly comes into her eyes. She fairly snatches the hat from the business woman's head.)

Sister (gleefully)—"They don't have halos. But—" (She seizes the old hat, and stuffs it inside the other one, then replaces the new hat on business woman's head, where it perches in a most sprightly, if somewhat precarious, way.)

Business woman (regarding herself with more or less satisfaction in the mirror)—"You're a genius!" (Wheedlingly). "You're so awfully clever and so very, very brave! In fact, I don't think I ever knew such a clever, brave person. Won't you go and see if you can, with honeyed words and sweet smiles, persuade somebody to sell this hat to me?"—Chicago Daily News.

KING OF AMERICAN ISLAND

James Jesse Strang Really Was Crowned and Had Dominion Within the United States.

There frequently appears along Chestnut street a professional beggar who claims to be Henry Strang, a son of America's only king. His tale is greeted as a huge joke, yet the story he tells is true, the only part of it concerning which there may be any doubt being his own connection with it.

The kingdom he refers to was once set up on Beaver Island, in northern Lake Michigan, and flourished for some years. James Jesse Strang, a prominent Mormon, had quarreled with the leaders of his church, and in 1846 withdrew with a few followers to that island. Other Mormons joined the colony from time to time, and by the winter of 1848 they were sufficiently numerous to threaten control of the island. On July 8, 1850, Strang was crowned king with elaborate ceremonies. There was much controversy between the Mormons and the other inhabitants of the island, mostly fishermen. While on a visit to Detroit President Fillmore heard of this little kingdom within the domain of the United States. He sent an armed vessel to Beaver Island, and King Strang was captured and tried for treason. He conducted his own defense and made such an eloquent plea that he was acquitted. In 1850 he was assassinated.—Philadelphia Record.

Embraced Whole Fraternity. Among the unwritten legends that float around the court rooms of Manhattan are a dozen or more stories which have the venerable commission of jurists, "Judge" Thomas Allison for a hero. His shrewdness, his sympathy and his tact are all famous. One day half a dozen men were in his office to qualify for jury duty—

to disqualify, as most of them regarded the matter. Two young fellows who had come in together stepped up to the desk in their turn. The first gave his name, address and age, and then the commissioner asked:

"Your occupation?"

"Artist."

"Are you worth \$250?"

"No."

"You're discharged."

The other young man also gave his name, age and address.

The dialogue went:

"Your occupation?"

"Artist."

"You're discharged."

Not in Sight. A countryman named Street owned a runaway cow. As the season advanced Street was compelled to make several long pilgrimages into the country for the reprehensible animal.

On one occasion the trail led on and on until Street had entered the environs of a town where a new trolley system was installed. Just as the cow-hunter turned a corner in the out-skirts, the car lumbered up and the conductor called out:

"Cedar Street!"

The owner of the estrayed cow stopped in his tracks and bawled back at the man in blue and gold:

"No, darn her, I ain't seed her; an' when I do it won't be good fer her blamed old hide either!"—Woman's World.

Might Be Heard Some Distance. Ty Cobb of baseball-strike fame, said at a recent baseball banquet in Minneapolis:

"I admit that there is too much loud talk, too much arguing and wrangling and chin music in a game of baseball. I know a man who was seen the other day getting into a taxicab."

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