#### Moses and His Master.

Mr. B- was a merchant in Baltimore, and did a very heavy husiness he began his prayer it was impossible he was passing over the vessels that lay at the wharf with their various commodities for sale, he stepped upon halloo for an hour or two together, so the dock of one, at the stern of which loud that you might hear him a mile he saw a negro man sitting, whose de: off. And he would pray for me and jected coutenance gave indication of my wife and children, and all my distress; and he accosted him with:

with you?"

replied:

"Ah, Massa, I'se in great trouble."

"What about?" "Kase I'se fotchod up here to be

sold." "What for? What have you been doing? Have you been stealing! Or did you run away? Or what?

"Well massa stranger, I tell you. Massa Willum werry strict man, and the place got to mine him; and I break de rule, doe; I forgot mesef, when a negro proves incorrigible I an I got too high.',

"It is for getting drunk, then, is

"O no, sah, not dat, nother."

"You are the strangest negro I have seen for a week. I can get no negro on the farm would be perfectly satisfaction form you. If you would not like to be pitched overboard, you had better tell me what you did."

"Pleas massa, don't frow de poor flicted nigga in de wata."

"Then tell me what you are to be sold for."

"For praying, sah."

"For praying; that is a strange permit vou to pray?"

"C yes, sah, he let me pray easy, but I hollars too loud."

"And why do you holloo so in your dred dollars." prayer ?"

"Kase the Spirit come on me, and I git happy for I knows it, den I gone can't control mesef den, den I hollar if old Satan hissef come.'

will really sell you for toat?"

now, kase when Massa Willum say vou." one ting he no do mean nother."

"What is wour name?"

"Moses, sah." "What is your master's name?"

'Massa name Col. Willum C-"Where does he live?"

"Down on de Easern Shoah."

"Is he a good master? Does he treat you well?"

"O yes; Massa Willum good, no better massa in de world."

"Stand up and let me look at you." And Moses stood up and presented a robust frame, and as Mr. B--- stripped up his sleeve, his arm gave evidence of unusual muscular strength.

"Where is your master?"

"Yander he is, jis comin to de wharf."

As Mr. B -- started for the shore he heard Moses give a heavy sigh. was not at all pleased with the present phase of affairs. He was strongly impressed with the idea that Mr. Bwas a trader and intended to buy him and it was this that made him so very unwilling to communicate to Mr. B--- the desired information. Mr. B- reached the wharf just as Col

negro man yonder on board the schooner."

Col. C- replied that he did.

"What do you ask for him?" "I expect to get seven hundred dol-

"How old is he?"

"About thirty." "Is he healthy?"

"Very, he never had any sickness the ague."

"Is he hearty?"

"Yes sir, he will eat as much as any office. man ought and it will do him as much good."

"Is he a good hand?"

"Yes sir, he is the best hand on my two years ago he got religion, and him.

commenced what he terms family prayer-that is, prayer in his quarter every night and morning, and when Then he would sing and pray and brothers and sisters and their children "Hey! my man, what is the matter and our whole family connection to the third generation; and sometimes Tha negro man lifted his eyes and when we would have visitors, Moses' prayer would interrupt the conversation and destroy the enjoyment of whole company; and even after I had retired, it would sometimes be nearly daylight before I could go asleep; for it seemed to me that I could hear Moses pray for three hours after he had finished. I bore it as long as I could, and then forbade his praying so loud any more. Moses promised werry nice man too, and everybody on obedience, but he soon transgressed, and my rule is never to whip, but sell him. This keeps them in better subjection, and is less trouble than whipping. I pardoned Moses twice for praying so loud, but the third

> regardless of my orders." "You spoke of Moses' quarter, I suppose from that he has a family."

> "Yes, he has a woman and three

"What will you take for the wife and the children?"

use, I will take seven hundred dollars adds tale, indeed. Will your master not but I shall not sell Moses or them to go out of the State."

and will give you the fourteen hun- fortable house of his own, and I sup-

went over to Mr. ---- 's store, drew up the writings, and closed the sale, after which they returned to the vessel, and Mr. B-approaching the "And do you suppose your master negro, who sat with his eyes fixed on the deck, seemingly wrapt in medita-"O yes; no help for me now; all de tion of the most awful forbodings, men in the world couldn't help me said: Well Moses, I have bought

> Moses made a very low bow, and every muscle in his face worked as he

massa? Is I gwine to Georgy?" "No," said Mr: B---, "I am a merchant here in the city: vonder is my store. I want you to attend on the store, and I have purchased your wife and children too, that you need cat. not be separated."

"Bress God for dat. And, masea kin I go to meetin' sometimes ?"

"Yes, Moses, you can go to church three times on Sabbath, and every night in the week; and you can pray as often as you choose; and as iong as you choose; and every time you pray whether it be at home or in church, I want you to pray for me, my wife, and all my children, and single handfollowed by a deep groan. Moses ed too, for if you are a good man your prayers will do us no harm, and we need them very much, and if you wish to, you may pray for everybody of the name of B---in the State of Maryland. It will not injure them

While Mr. B-was dealing out these privileges to Moses, the negro's eyes danced in their sockets, and his C .- did. He introduced himself full heart laughed outright for gladness, exposing two rows of as even "I understand you wish to sell that | ivories as any African can boast; and his hearts response was, "Bress God! bress God all the time, bress you too, found him trying to write a letter. I massa! Moses never tinks bout he's could hardly see my way across the gwine to have all dese commodations-Dis makes me tink bout Joseph in

And after Moses had poured a few blessing on Colonel C-, bidding him adieu, and requesting him to give his love and farewell to his mistress, in his life, except one or two spells of the children and all the servants, he followed Mr. B---to the store, to enter upon the functions of his new

The return of the schooner brought

to Moses his wife and children. Early the next spring, as Mr. Bwas one day standing at his store door of his mind,' and Sheridan was never place. He is steady, honest and indus- he saw a man leap upon the wharf suspected of being a lunatic. The trious. He has been my foreman, and from the deck of a vessel and walk that he might be available at any hurriedly toward the store. He soon light on the stupidity of a sensible moment I might want him, I built recognized him as Col. C .-- . They man, instead of proving by its feeble his quarter within a hundred yards of exchanged salutations, and to the Cols. glimmer the corresponding feebleness my own house, and I have never rung inquiry after Moses, Mr. B -- replied of his intellect. Nothing is more conthe bell day or night that his horn did that he was upstairs measuring grain stantly and completely surprising not answer in five minutes after. But and invited him to walk up and see than these apparent lapses of intelli-

Soon Mr. B --- 's attention was arrested by a very confused noise above. He listened, and heard an unusual shuffling of feet, and some one sob. especially in grain. One moining as to tell when he would stop, especially bing violently, and some one talking if, as he termed it, he got happy. very hurriedly; and when he reflected upon Col. C--'s singular movements and the peculiar expression of his countenance, he became alarmed, and determined to go up and see what was transpiring.

When he reached the head of the stairs, he was startled to see Moses in the middle of the floor, down upon his knees with his arms around the Col's' waist, and talking most rapidly, while the Col. stood weeping audibly.

As soon as the Col. could sufficient. ly control his feelings, he told Mr B--that he had never been able to free himself from Moses prayers, and that during the past year he and his wife and all his children had been converted.

Moses responded: "Bress God," Massa C---, doe I way up hea, l nebber forgit you in my prayers; I ollers put the old massa side the new one. Bress God dis makes Moses tink bout Joseph in de Egypt agin."

The Colonel then stated to Mr. B-that his object in coming to time I knew I must sell him, or every Baltimore, was to buy Moses and his family back again. But Mr. Bassured him that that was out of the the question, for he could not part with him, and he intended to manumit Moses and his wife at forty, and his children at thirty-five years of age

Years rolled on and the kind purpose of the master was fulfilled, and " If you want them for your own in conclusion the relator of this story

Old Moses is still living and doing well. He long since obtained his free. "I wish them all for my own use dom, and at present occupies a compose sings and prayes and shouts to Mr. B - and Colonel C - then his hearts content. - Methodist Pro-

#### STUPIDITY OF SENSIBLE PEOPLE.

Sir Isaac Newton constructed a house for his cats. For the convenience of the cat he cut a large hole for entrance for the equal convenience of the kit: tens he cut a smaller one, and it was not until his attention was called to 11:12, the Puritan at 11:12, the Atlanit that he realized the fact, while one tic at 11:17, and the Mayflower at would suppose might be self:evident 11:19. Soon after the start, the Pris: "Is you massa? Where is I gwine to the feeblest understanding, that the cilla went to the front of the big sloop large hole would have served for both. The author of the "Principla," one of the grandest works of the human in: ellect, failed to perceive that a kitten could go through a hole made for a

> Richard Brinsley Shersnan hired a suburban villa, and two days later eceived a visit from a friend, who vas told to climb the fence in order to oter the house. "But why not open re gate?' the friend inquired. "Beause I can't untie the string." "Why loa't you cut it then ?" Sheridan ooked at him in amazement, drew is knife, cut the rope, walked through he gate, and turning around kicked it off the hinges. "If you love me, please kick me in the same fashion,' he remarked to his friend. The most brilliant wit of his time, the dramatist who could unravel the most intricate complications in stage situations, had climbed the fence for two days for

> lack of the stroke of a pen-knife. A few years ago one of our famous meu was found dead under circumstances which gave rise to suspicion of suicide. One of his acquaintances remarked, "He was certainly crazy, One evening I called upon him and room. He complained that his eye sight must be failing, as it was hard for him to follow the lines upon the paper. In surprise I turned up the gas. His look of astonishment, as he glanced at the light, at me, the letter, and at the light again, was something impossible to describe. Of course he was crazy. If he hadn't been he would have turned up the gas himself." So easily do we reach our conclusions; so easily do we take things for granted. Yet Sir Isaac Newton was never supposed to be 'out gas jet sim; ly served to throw more

gence in passens whose intellect is ac-

knowledged to be the superior to the average. From a fool we expect foolishness, and seldom have we reason to complain of disappointment. From the wise we expect wisdom, though we sometimes fail to find it. It is said that it is only the fool who learns no wisdom from experience, but the foolishness of sensible people is generally of a kind which experience can in no way modify. It is occasion. al, variable, unexpected, of a peculiar quality, admits no argument from precedent, gives no basis for calculation. Probably by contrast and incongruity its effect is heightened and it seems more sensible than ordinary dullness, because it is inevitably com: pared with the usual mental brillian: cy. We learn from the entertaining 'Letters of Gustave Flaubert" that he had prepared a dictionary of the stupid sayings of great men," and the volume is a unique and amusing one. It was the illustrious Napoeon III who made the profound observation, "the wealth of a country depends upon its general prosperity." The famous Havin wrote, as if giving utterance to a most valuable philosophical state: ment. "As soon as a Frenchman passes the frontier, he finds himself on foreign soil." Emerson says, "Men who have commanded great armies and taken great cities, who have made laws for an empire, or proclaimed the greatest discoveries in science, have sometimes shown the uttermost idiocy in connection with the commonest affairs of life."

THE YACHT RACE.

NEW YORK, June, 17 .- The forty: first annual regatta of the New York Yacht Club was sailed to:day over the usual course. The number of yachts interested was much larger than usual, twenty:eigh: boats start. ing. The chief interests in the race centred on the contest between the Puritan, Atlantic, Mayflower, and. Priscilla, one of which will be select ed to defend the America's Cup against the Galatea. The sea was calm and not to heavy as on Tuesday. The Thetis at 11.20 was the first of the fleet to pass Quarantine Station. which she did 11:10 the Priscilla at and was never headed. The Atlantic was second, Puritan third and May:

The corrected time is Pricilla 5.59:45; Atlantic, 6.12:55 Puritan 6.22:01; Mayflower, 6.34:31.

FATE OF A FAMILY.

A family named Armstrong, con sisting of husband, and wife, two sons and one daughter, went up the Little Mountain Valley, Wy. 'T., last fail and settled. From there they myster. iously disappeared in the last part of May and not until now has any trace, of them been found. A party of cow boys passing below the location of the ranch on Tuesday a week, found the body of Mrs. Armstrong in a canyon The remains of Mr. Armstrong and his daughter were found some distance below, one in a tree top, and the other in high rocks. The boys have not been dsscovered. It is surmised that a sudden flood, caused by the melting of snow, swept away their house and the inmates, and the posi; tion of the bodies serves to conform this belief.

SHE UNDERSTOOD THE JUDGE

Judge Peterby came home not long ago pale as a ghost and trembling all over. "Whats the matter?" asked his wife. Mad dog bit me. In less than two weeks I'll be raving mad and snapping at everybody who comes near mo." Judge Peterby," said his wife, calmly "you can't work that little game on me. Ma is going to stay right here in the house and help take care of you." "I expect I'll have to go to Paris and be treated by Pasteur," said Peterby. "Ma and I will go along with you." Up to the time of going to press Peterby has developed no signs of hydrophobia, but to say that he is mad is 10 exageration whatever.

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