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John Randolph of Roanoke.

Sitting one day opposite a gentleman at a hotel dinner table in Richmond, he observed that he was eating one of those luxurious and crabs of that region, and that, as was the custom of the hotel, a glass of milk had been placed near his plate, looking up from his own, he said in a thin, piping voice:

"That's a singular dish of yours, sir, very singular; crabs and milk! Juba, bring me a bowl of milk, and crumble some crabs in it."

At the same hotel, he said to a waiter, in the temporary absence of Juba, handing to him at the same time his cup and saucer:

"Take that away—change it."

"What do you want, Mr. Randolph?"

"I want coffee, if you please."

"If that water is tea," he said, "bring me coffee; if it is coffee bring me tea; I want a change."

Next day he was heard, perhaps of his reply to a well known and highly respected gentleman of the South, who introduced himself to him while standing and conversing with some friends—

"I should be pleased to make the acquaintance of so distinguished a public servant as Mr. Randolph. I am from the city of Baltimore—my name is Blunt."

"Blunt," he replied Mr. Randolph, "I should think so, sir, and he deigned him to further notice."

"Equally familiar to many, it may be, will be found his reply to a gentleman who rather forced himself upon Mr. Randolph's notice, while engaged in conversation with others, in a hotel in Virginia.

"I have had the pleasure, Mr. Randolph, recently of passing your house."

"I am glad of it," said Mr. Randolph, "I hope you will always do so."

On one occasion, at Washington, a brother member of Congress was enlightening Mr. Randolph as to the manner of "shopping" at the capital.

"The merchants," said he, "have two prices—an 'asking price,' and a 'taking price.' I need to send my wife to make all the purchases for the family, by which we save a saving of fifteen to twenty per cent. Now, you are in the city."

"I had rather my wife," said Randolph, "bitterly, 'should make a living in any other way but one than that!'"

Being a confirmed bachelor, the remark was not less comical than severe.

Scarcely anything more characteristic of Mr. Randolph is recorded in his any of his biographers, than the following incident, which occurred on the morning he was to leave for England, on his last visit to that country. The steamer was crowded with passengers when his friend called upon him.

"Mr. Randolph," he says, "in the name of Heaven what is the matter! Do you see that it is nearly ten o'clock, and the steamer waits for nobody! Why, you are not even dressed."

"I can't help it, sir," replied he, "I'm all confused, I'm making everything go wrong when my memory has gone a wool gathering. I am just writing a farewell address to my constituents, and I've forgotten the exact words of a quotation from the Bible, which I want to close my letter with. I find the passage, but strange to say, I never was in fault before, sir. What shall I do?"

"Do you remember any part of the quotation?" asked the friend, "perhaps I can assist you with the rest."

"It begins," said he, "with how have loved thee, O—, but the life of me, I can't recollect the next word, O—, my head! There, you take the Bible and run over that page while I am writing the remainder of my address."

"My dear sir," was the reply, "you have no time to do this now; let us take the letter, Bible and all, on board the steamer, where you will have enough to find the passage you want, before we reach the pier."

After a great deal of hesitation and reluctance, and after much expostulation, the proposition was agreed to.

A rather cruel test of the affection of his servant, John was tried on the occasion referred to. John had been so long with his master that morning, and as he was preparing the trunks, Mr. Randolph said to him:

"Frank that trunk at once, John, and take it down to the steamer, and my return, take passage in the Philadelphia; call on Mr. Randolph in Arch street, and tell him that I have said, 'then go to Baltimore, call on Mr. Randolph in Monument Place and say that I shall write to him in London; thence proceed to Washington, pack up the trunk at my lodgings, take them with you to Roanoke, and report yourself to my address."

After a pause, he added, in sarcastic tones:

"But you need not obey them, unless you choose to do so. You can, if you prefer it, when you arrive in Philadelphia, call on the Manumission Society and they will make you free; and I shall never look after you. Do you hear, sir?"

This unjust asperity of John's love, was too much for the faithful fellow; his cheek swelled, his lips quivered, his eyes filled, and he replied in great agitation:

"Mass John, this is too hard! I don't deserve it. You know I love you better than my body else, and you know you will find me at Roanoke when you come back."

"I left my blood rising," said Mr. Randolph, and I could not avoid saying:

"Well Mr. Randolph, I could not believe that, if I had not seen it. I thought you had more compassion for your slaves, surely you are unjust in this case; you have punished him severely enough by leaving him behind you, without hurting his feelings. 'You have made me the poor fellow,' said Mr. Randolph, and he said:

"What? he with true emotion, 'does he shed tears?'"

"He does," he replied, "and you see them in his eyes."

"Then," said Mr. Randolph, "he shall go with me. John take down your baggage, and let us forget what has passed."

A SOUTH SEA STORY.

There is not a little of romantic interest, an account which has been given lately, in some of the papers, of the discovery of a country of a daughter of one of the native chiefs of the Marquesas Islands.

A small group in the Pacific, about midway south of the Equator, and about four thousand west of Peru. Some fifteen years ago a party of sailors from a whaling ship out in pursuit of a whale, and engaged in the capture of the right whale, were wrecked on the coast of the Marquesas Islands.

The reputation of the islanders was bad, but even at the risk of being eaten by the savages, they were compelled to land. Contrary to their expectation, they were kindly received, and for nine months entertained by the natives, who showed every disposition to have them remain permanently. They, however, kept a continual watch upon the natives, who showed every disposition to have them remain permanently.

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