

Hard on the Dárkey.

One day Secretary Schurz brought an ex-Confederate General over to see President Hayes. Schurz had fought against him or been shot by him, or in some way had been in contact or opposition to him during the war, and had struck up a great friendship with the Southerner. He had become more or less of a convert to the President's Southern policy of conciliation, and Mr. Schurz was desirous of bolstering the President's arm. The general was introduced into the cabinet meeting. Several of Mr. Hayes' advisers remained behind and were present. After a due amount of maneuvering for position, the reconstructed told his little tale:

"To explain to you, Mr. President, what I am about to relate," said he, "it is necessary that I should go somewhat into detail. All Southern houses are built with wide verandas running across the front, and not infrequently clear around the house. Here we gather and meet our friends, smoke, drink, tell the news and exchange views. At my house in middle Alabama, only a fortnight ago, I sat on my veranda in company with a judge, two majors, a colonel, three prominent lawyers and the leading physician of the county. In a sentence, the brains blood and aristocracy of the county were assembled on my veranda. What is to follow will clearly demonstrate to you, Mr. President, the great, the enormous change which has taken place over the South under the influence of your beneficent policy.

"An old colored man came by the house driving a mule hitched to a cart on which were two bales of cotton. He passed for a minute in front of the house to rest his mule when one of the party accosted him:

"Where are you going with that cotton, Uncle Joe?"

"I'm drivin' hit to the station, sah."

"Where cotton is it?"

"Mine, sah. Mine; an' I've got two mo' bales to him, sah, ready to go. I ginned it all myself, sah."

"Why, Uncle Joe," said the Colonel, "you must be getting rich. If you have four bales of cotton all your own, you are a capitalist. I think you ought to be a senator."

"Yes, sah," said the old negro, "if you gentlemen will do me the honor to drink with me, I be mos' happy to stan' treat."

"So, Mr. President, the whole party took their feet down of the railing, went down the street, entered a saloon, and drank with that colored man, and at his expense."

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