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CHILDREN

AN ECONOMICAL MAN. He lived on nineteen cents a day—Ten cents for milk and butter.

And he had five in great content. And if he wished an extra dish He'd take his pole and catch a fish.

And if his stomach raised a war 'Gainst his penurious habit He'd go and kill a woodcock or Amass a rabbit.

And that he might live in bank The proceeds of his labor, He'd happen round at meat, the crank And dine upon his neighbor.

And then he'd eat enough to last Until another day had passed.

He bought no panache, nor vest, Nor rich, expensive jacket.

He had once an old-fashioned top hat, He thought would stand the racket.

He patched it thirty years, 'tis true, And then declared 'twas good as new.

He owned but one suit of black, And minus cuffs and collar, He'd and let his friends look 'Nin hundred thousand dollars.

And Jack he ran his horse through, And only took a year or two.

A DEAD SHOT. THE BALL THAT LAD A NOTED DELINQUENT

Some fifty years ago there lived in the west of Ireland a certain Captain Fenton. This man had gained an unenviable notoriety in his own and the neighboring counties as a successful thief.

He had the reputation of being an unerring shot. Coolly and collectedly he stepped to his place, took steady aim, almost invariably "bringing down his man."

It will, therefore, be readily conceived that he was dreaded and shunned by his neighbors. He was a bachelor, and lived alone in a large, ancient gentry mansion.

At that time there happened to be a libel-ridden stipendiary in the neighborhood of Galway, Captain Fenton was on terms of intimacy with some of the officers, and through a friend by a general favorite, it is not infrequently reported that he dined at the mess on guest night.

But whatever he was present an air of restraint pervaded the assembly. The dinner was sure to be a spiritless affair, and always lacked the tone of good-fellowship which usually characterizes such entertainments.

It was, in a measure, he is supposed to be by the fact that the captain was of a morose, ill-humored disposition. His conversation generally displayed a bitter acrimony. Moreover, all present were aware of his fame as a duelist. This knowledge rendered them more cautious in speech, lest a chance word or expression should afford him sufficient grounds for picking a quarrel.

About six months after his arrival in Galway the regiment was joined by a junior subaltern. He was a mere lad, being still in his teens; yet, by all accounts, he was a fine, soldierly young fellow. He gave every promise of making a splendid officer, and but a few weeks sufficed to establish him as a favorite.

But alas! Only a short time elapsed before he had the misfortune to fall foul of Captain Fenton. Though I have heard the story from those who dwell in the place who were fully acquainted with every detail, yet I have never been able to ascertain the exact cause of the disagreement. However, certain it is that a challenge was given and accepted. The affair was kept as secret as possible, and at the appointed time the meeting took place in the corner of a meadow half a mile from the barracks.

It was a bright spring morning. The peaceful aspect of nature formed a terrible contrast to the awful business which had brought those five men so early to this lonely spot. No much time was lost in preparations. The combatants were placed, the pistols loaded, and the seconds withdrew. The young officer stood with the fall of his body presented to his opponent. He was a novice in such affairs, poor boy! It is even said that at the precise moment of firing he involuntarily closed his eyes. If such was the case, he never opened them again in this world! His adversary's ball passed right through his heart.

The surgeon ran forward and raised the fallen youth. A hasty examination showed that he had been struck in the chest. While he was thus engaged, Captain Fenton was occupied in a very different manner. He was carefully counting a notch on the stock of his pistol. There were seven other marks of a similar description, and each one represented a victim to whom that weapon had dealt death.

A stretcher was brought from the barracks, and the corpse was conveyed there without delay. The affair would doubtless have created a profound sensation, but for obvious reasons those engaged in it were careful to let as few particulars as possible leak out. The friends of the deceased were communicated with. There seemed little likelihood of any unpleasant consequences ensuing Captain Fenton's death, and he was without suspicion, only the two reports were heard. For a few seconds the smoke prevented the spectators from ascertaining the result, but as it slowly rose, they saw old Mr. Martin standing erect and grim, while Captain Fenton was stretched full length upon the ground.

Both the seconds hastened towards their principals. The two men from the barracks ran to Mr. Martin's side, and eagerly inquired if he was hurt. They found the old gentleman bleeding slightly at the neck, but he carelessly brushed the blood away with the back of his hand. Then turning with a kindly manner towards the youth he said: "I don't think I had any other way of preventing this poor boy from sharing the fate of his brother."

Captain Fenton's second now advanced and announced that his man was dead. The bullet had penetrated his left temple. He requested their assistance in removing the body. This they readily granted, but Mr. Martin and his young friend held aloof. As the others raised the dead man, they noticed a peculiar hardness and stiffness about the body. On looking upon the corpse, they saw a cry of horror and rage broke from them. They found concealed beneath his clothing a light-fitting coat of mail.

The case of his having escaped unnoticed in so many deaths was now fully explained. He had evidently provided himself with this defense from the old army which his mansion contained. Though, doubtless, not perfectly bullet-proof, yet in nine cases out of ten a ball would almost sure to glance off the network of steel.—Lancet, Spire Moments.

Won Half a Million. "The oldest thing I ever heard of" said one of our brokers to another in the Hoffman House, the other day, says the New York World, "was between Henry Harley, who first conceived the idea of a tide water pipe line from the oil regions, and one of the operators who used to make his headquarters early in the sixties in Harley's office. The gambling spirit pervaded the whole business in those days. Henry Harley and his Brunswick crowd used to get together about 10 in the morning, and Henry often opened the ball by offering to buy or sell 500 barrels of oil at a given figure at a certain hour that day. He might gain or lose as much as \$100,000 on one of these offers, and that sort of gambling seemed to satisfy him. He fought shy of side issues. "Nigger up or nigger down" the avenue was their favorite gambling game. It was their own invention. Two of them would sit at a side window and the other three at a window fronting Fifth avenue. The two on the side would bet whether Harley would win or lose. Harley would bet \$10, \$20, \$50 or \$100 a clip, and they would bet, that the first colored person passing would go up or down the avenue. The three in front would be judges and referees. Day after day and week after week the gang taxed their ingenuity to get Harley into their game.

"Harley—not one of the brothers, but an old man also—had lost \$10,000 to West on one morning in the old days before Harley got to the office. Phillips felt a little sharp set, and he bet West \$500 more that he would get Harley into the 'nigger up or nigger down' game before night. West took the wager.

"On his way down town Harley, who was a pretty close observer, had read in his morning paper that the colored people of New York were going to celebrate Emancipation Day that day by a grand parade which would form on Union Square and march to Central Park. He attached no particular importance at the time to the announcement, but when he got to his office and Phillips began badgering him to 'nigger up or nigger down' at \$20 a head, his eyes flashed, and to the astonishment of all the old men within the office he said in a low, hoarse voice, 'I've stood this thing long enough now, and I'm tired of it. I'll bet you an even hundred each that more negroes go up than down to-day.'

"So the judges and the referee went to his windows and Harley went about his business as if nothing had happened or could happen.

"By 11 o'clock a crowd of people—men, women and children had gone down Fifth avenue in plain sight of the judges and not a single one had gone up. Phillips naturally felt a little 'at my' since he was \$75,000 to the left, and he ordered a basket of wine. Harley kept up an imperturbable front. He was secretly agitated, inasmuch as the matter had gone just the opposite of what he believed. He had a right to expect they would go down.

"It didn't occur to him that the 370 people were going down, to where the parade was to form.

"At 1 o'clock he returned. He had hardly got his head inside the door when a wild barbaric strain was heard pealing up the avenue, and in a moment a gorgeous sable drum major broke into view at the head of a splendid negro band. Every eye was turned to see what he had broken loose, but Harley, who felt that his time was coming at last, kept his own counsel. Before 5 o'clock that day 6,000 colored people marched past the office windows in the Brunswick Hotel and Harley was \$312,000 ahead of the game of nigger up or nigger down. "I don't believe it," he played there much sicker that. Harley accepted a dinner to the gang in his own stakes.

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