He sat one side of the room in a big white-oak rocking chair. She on the other side in a little white-oak rocking chair. A long-eared deer hound, snapping at flies, was by his side; a basket of sewing by hers. Both rock incessantly, that is the young people, not the dog and basket. He sighs heavily and looks out the and looks out the west window at a crape myrtle tree; she sighs lightly and gazes out the east window-at the turnip patch. At last he remarks :

"This is mighty good weather to pick

"Tis that, if we only had any to

The rocking continues.

"What's your dog's name?" "Coony.

Another sigh-broken stillness. "What is he good fur?" said she, abstractedly.

"Your dog, Coony."
"Fur ketching possums."
Silence of half an hour. "He looks like a deer dog.

"Who looks like a deer dog ?" "Coony."
"He is—but he is kinder bellowsed an' gettin' old an' slow now. An' he ain't no 'count on a cold trail."

In the quiet ten minutes that ensued she took two stitches in her quilt; it was a gorgeous affair, that quilt was, made by the pattern called "Rose of Sharon." She is very particular about the nomenclature of her quilts, and frequently walks fifteen miles to get a new pattern, with a "real putty name."
"Your ma raisin' many chickings?"
"Forty odd."

Then more rocking, and, somehow, after a while, the big rocking chair and the little rocking chair were jammed side by side.

"How many has your ma got?"
"How many what?"
"Chickings."

"Nigh on to a hundred."

By this time the chairs are so close together that rocking is impossible. . 'The minks has eat all ours.'

Then a long silence reigns. At last he observes: "Makin quilts?"

"Yes," she replies, brightening up,
"I've just finished a 'Ronrin' Eagul of
Brazeel, 'a 'Sitting Sun' and a 'Nation's Pride.' Have you ever saw the
'Yellow Rose of the Parary?'"

More silence ; then he says : "Do you love cabbage?"

"I do that." Presently his hand is accidentally placed on hers. She does not know it —at least does not seem to be aware of it. Then after a half hour spent in sighs, coughing and clearing of throats,

he says:
"I'se a great a-mind to bite you."
"What you great a-mind to bite me

"Kase you won't have me." "Kase you ain't axed me." "Well, now, I ax you."

"Then, now, I has you." Then Coony dreams he hears sound of kissing.

The next day the young man goes to Tigerville after a marriage licence. Wednesday the following week. No

A Milwaukee paper says of the nin in its relation to man: "It kisses and blesses him, but will not obey him." Blobbs says that that expression suits his wife exactly.

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