

SOFTEN THE BLOW. Then from that small bundle came a feeble wail—a human wail—a cry of innocence appealing to Heaven against the cruel neglect and abuse of mankind.

From that time forward, there was a change in Abel Grimes. The iron began to melt, the stone began to soften, the soul began to humanize, and people who had known Abel Grimes for years, began to wonder for the first time how it was that he had become so kind and so good.

AN AWAKENED LOVE. Abel Grimes was an old bachelor. Some people called him an old cut-throat, and some people called him an old hunk, and these titles were really more truthful than flatterings.

Abel Grimes was a pretty hard man, and everybody called her—except her own interests were at stake; cruelly had no more feeling than a lamp-post, no more clarity than a tobacco sign; seemed ever grasping for every thing, never yielding up anything; living only for Abel Grimes, and caring for nothing beyond himself.

When he was twenty, Abel Grimes went to see a young lady—a very sweet young lady, everybody called her—and it was at her house that he met her.

From that time forward nobody ever heard Abel Grimes laugh. In fact it is doubtful if he could laugh. He drew into himself, like a turtle into his shell, and to the world he presented an exterior as hard as that shell.

He bent his whole energies to making money. And he made it. He owned houses and lands, which he rented to the rich and to the poor. But woe to the luckless wight who came up short on pay-day.

He seemed devoid of pity and never showed mercy. Into the street went a sick father or mother or starting children if he failed to get his lawful due.

He gave nothing to churches, because he believed in no religion; he gave nothing to hospitals, because he had no business to be sick; he gave nothing to charitable societies, because the poor ought to work for their bread.

He bought a splendid mansion, surrounded himself with luxuries, and kept servants who were no better than so many slaves in his regard.

His sister kept house for him, being a quiet, timid, nervous widow, with no other home, nor any means to live without labor.

Of all days in the year, Abel Grimes hated Sundays and holidays. Because he could not vex people in his business transactions on those days, and because poor people were idle and seemingly happy, and he hated to see people happy.

He would have shut them all up in black-pits, and kept them to work there all their lives for his gain and comfort, he would have done so.

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It seems only yesterday to stockmen of Texas when raising horses was considered a profitable business. The cowboys expected to make money out of the cattle and regarded raising horses as simply a necessary adjunct to their business.

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French Influence on the Niger. The Eastern Sudan has its false prophet, but he has been preceded by El Hadj Omar, leader of the Toucoulers, a branch of the great Fulaish race, subduer of the various tribes of Malinke and Bambaras who had previously held the region, around and beyond the Upper Senegal and the Upper Niger.

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