



## The Farm and the Furnace.

**It's all Right Captain!**

As the fleet steamed it was coming up the Mississippi, not long since, several way passengers came on board at Vicksburg, and among them a great looking middle aged Kentuckian, who very soon became the subject of curiosity, wonder and general remark. After travelling a short distance, the party except 'our hero' made their way to the 'Captain's Office' and paid their fare to the place of destination. The next day, the clerk made bold to call on the delinquent passenger, who had taken no berth; but had passed the greater part of his time in sleeping in his cabin, and with his usual urbanity of manner, asked the Kentuckian to give him his place of destination, as it would aid him in making up his book intending his question also a gentle hint to pay his fare.

The giant roused from his lethargy and replied:

"I'm going up the river a-piece—it's all right Mr. Clerk."

"The clerk not being much the wiser from this answer, again politely asked,

"At what point do you expect to land sir?"

"Don't land at no point, Mr. Clerk. It's all right though."

Here the clerk left our hero and went to consult the Captain, who at once lost his wonted good humor, as the clerk related the result of his interview with the delinquent customer. The captain proceeded forthwith to bring the matter to a focus and accosted the Kentuckian saying,

"How far are you going to bear us company up the river, Uncle?"

"Oh! I'm going a-piece up with ye—but it's all right Captain!"

"But 'air," said the Captain, "you have neither paid your fair nor given the clerk your place of destination, and you are old enough to know that the custom of steam boat men, that when a man refuses to pay his fare, or to give a good reason for not paying, we put him ashore immediately."

"Well, captain, 'posse' is your custom but it's all right!"

Here the Captain lost his patience and resolved to put him ashore forthwith, and accordingly ordered the pilot to land, and him to make ready to go ashore, to which he reluctantly replied. "It's all right, Captain."

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After getting on terra firma, the Captain gave him a short blessing for giving him the trouble to land, and threatened him a top dressing if he ever saw him again, &c., &c.

To which the old man responded again, with an air of triumph, pointing to a fine looking cottage just above him on the bank:

"It's all right, Captain, that's my house."

Captain. It's all right.—*Examiner Journal.*

### Moral Sustainer.

When a friend of ours whom we shall call Agricola was a boy, he lived on a farm in Berkshire county, the owner of which was much troubled by his dog Wolf. The ear killed his sheep, knowing, perhaps, that he was conscientiously opposed to capital punishment, and he could devise no means to prevent it. "I can break him if it," said Agricola, "if you will give me leave." "Thou art permitted," said the honest farmer—and now we will let Agricola tell the story in his own words, promising, however, that a ram cannot be a good marksman.

"There was a ram on the farm," says Agricola, "as notorious for butting as Wolf for sheep-stealing, and who stood in as much need of moral suasion as the dog. I shut Wolf up in the barn with this old fellow, and the consequence was that the dog never looked a sheep in his body literally.

Wonderfully uplifted was the ram by this exploit; his insolence grew intolerable; he was sure to pitch into whosoever went nigh him. "I'll fix him," said I, and so I did. I rigged an iron crowbar out of a hole in the barn, pointed foremost, and hung one end of the bar on the end of it. You can't always tell, when you see a hat, whether there is a head in it or not, how then should there be? Aries made at it full butt, and being a good marksman, from long practice, the bar broke in between his horns, and came out under his tail. This little admonition effectually cured him of butting.

**PRESENCE OF MIND.**—It is recorded of Lord Berkeley, that he was suddenly awaked at night in his carriage by a highwayman who thrusting a pistol through his lordship's breast, demanded his money, exclaiming at the same time that he had heard that his lordship had boasted that he never would be robbed by a single highwayman, but that he should be taught the contrary. His lordship, putting his hand in his pocket, replied,

"Never would I be robbed, were it not for that fellow who is looking over your shoulder." The highwayman turned round his head, when his lordship, who had drawn a pistol from his pocket instead of his purse, instantly shot him on the spot.

My dear," said an anxious father to his beautiful daughter of sixteen, "I need that you shall be married; but I do not intend you shall throw yourself away on any wild, worthless boy of the present day. You must marry a man of sober nature, age, and that can charm you with wisdom and good advice, rather than with personal attractions." What do you think of a fine, intelligent, mature husband of fifty?

The timid, meek, blue eyed little daughter looked in the man's face, and with the slightest possible touch of interest in her voice, answered, "I think two of twenty-five would be better, pa."

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