

HOW A DRY JOKER WAS JOKED.

At the name of Caleb Meeks, what reminiscences pass before our mental vision? Old recollections come crowding upon us, and we see an array of the "sold" pass before our mind's eye in the shape of the seekers of the mythical Frank M'Laughlin, the victims of croton oil and jalap, and for the administration of which no medical reason existed, and a long line of those who have been humbugged generally, without any specific species of sell. Caleb was the prince of dry jokers; he lived, moved and had his being through a diurnal succession of sells; indeed, his life was one great sell, composed of a conglomeration of the infinitesimal sells of fifty years' duration.

Now, Nixby—Nathan Nixby—was one of Caleb's truest and staunchest business acquaintances; but he had never been introduced into the domestic circle made glad by the portly presence of Mrs. Caleb, who was somewhat addicted to jealousy. The reason for this lack of acquaintance was that she lived a secluded life, in one of the little villages on Long Island, and Nat Nixby lived in our hotel of New York. Well, one day, Caleb was hard pushed for an object upon which to inflict a practical joke, and in his dilemma he selected Nat Nixby for his victim.

The manner in which Nat was sold I do not choose particularly to describe; suffice it to say that, under the play of Caleb's exuberant fancy, Nat made a journey to Albany, and insisted that a lady there had sent an amatory epistle, which he produced. The lady became indignant, called in the aid of her husband, who literally skinned Mr. Nat Nixby, who thereafter returned to Gotham with a very adult flea in his aricular apparatus.

This event happened in the early spring time, and on a beautiful day about a week after Nat's return from Albany, he met Caleb at Sherwoods. The sell was disclosed by Caleb, and a hearty laugh was had over Nat's mishap, and at his still bruised features, in which he joined; but those present noticed that he didn't laugh an inch below his chin; indeed, it was generally believed that Nat's mirth was entirely simulated.

"Now old fellow," said Caleb, "you don't hold any malice do you?" "Not a bit," answered Nat, "and in a token of amity let us take a smoke around."

Which thing they did in the usual manner.

"How did you come to town?" asked Nat. "I drove up in a light wagon," replied Caleb.

"And when will you return home?" "About six o'clock this evening," said Caleb.

Nat thereupon pleaded an engagement, and left; but as soon as he was out of eye shot of his joker friend, repaired to Ray's stables, in Warren street, where he hired a fast horse and light vehicle, with which he started through a by street, to the residence of his friend Cale on Long Island.

On arriving, he left his horse and wagon at a public house, and proceeded to the aforesaid residence, where he inquired of the servant if Meeks was at home. On being answered, as he knew he would, in the negative, he said:

"This is unfortunate. I wanted to pay him some money. If I could see Mrs. Meeks it would do as well. She could give me a receipt in the name of her husband."

Mrs. M. was frugal and industrious, and always attentive to her husband's interests. As the last remark fell from the lips of Nat, a fine looking matron called from up the stairs, to show the gentleman into the parlor, where she followed in a few minutes. Nat bowed and said:

"I desire to see Mrs. Meeks, madam."

"Very well, I am Mrs. Meeks," replied she.

"Pardou me, madam," said Nat, with a doubting shake of the head "but this is a matter of some importance, the payment of money; and you are not the lady Mr. Meeks introduced to me as his wife, last winter."

"Not the lady? What?" shrieked she; "do you mean to tell me that—?" "I simply tell you, madam," replied Nat with icy imperturbability, "that Mr. Meeks last winter, in Broadway, near Leonard Street, introduced me to a lady whom he called Mrs. Meeks, and you are not the lady."

"Indeed!" exclaimed Mrs. M., her eyes flashing fire; "how did you see her?" "Well about twenty five."

"Twenty five; and how was she dressed?" "She wore her hair in ringlets, and diamond ear rings."

"Diamond ear rings?" "A heavy silk velvet dress, very large gold bracelets, a magnificent watch and chain."

"Well go on," she said spitefully. "Silk velvet hat, trimmed with magnificent lace, and a muff and boa."

"Boa!" wrenched out the now thoroughly irritated dame; you had better bore your way

outside of this house, sir, mighty quick, or else somebody will have a headache! No, sir, I am not Mrs. Meeks, and I want you to leave."

"Oh, certainly," said Nat, who saw the tallest kind of a squall brewing, and who had good reason to fear that the sturdy dame might lurch at his head a coach shell or some other of the heavy ornaments which adorned the mantle. Nat, therefore, beat a retreat from off the premises, and placed himself behind a stone fence, from which he could command a view of the Brooklyn turnpike. He did wait long before he saw amiable Caleb driving down the road all unconscious of the ambush of Nat. The expression upon Caleb's face was one of the greatest amiability, and exemplified that he was at peace with "all the world and the rest of mankind."

In a brief space of time Caleb's steed was given into the charge of a stable boy, and unconscious and happy he entered his domicile and shut the door. The moment he entered an attentive ear might have detected the sounds of a voice in no way mellow or expressive of endearment; and in an instant after Caleb hurriedly came through the door with amazement on his face and a mop in his rear, the wrong end of which was under the direct and personal superintendence of a lady who was very red in the face and very sturdy in the arms, and who strongly resembled Mrs. Meeks.

The battle had commenced in the passage way. Caleb's castor which had shown in the rays of the setting sun, as he drove down the road, was very much bruised and out of shape; indeed, it was driven over his amiable physiognomy.

"What in thunder is out?" yelled Caleb.

"Twenty five years old," shrieked the infuriated dame, and bang, Caleb caught the mop over his shoulders. "Corkscrew ringlets," and punk he got it in the back, with all the strength which nature and anger had given to the enraged lady.

"D—n it don't do that!"

But it was no use, he had to take it.

"Diamond ear rings!" punk. "Silk velvet dress," bang. "Gold bracelets," whump.

"Murder!" roared Caleb.

"Watch and chain," she yelled, and biff, he took it over the head.

"Muff," bang, slump. "Boa," bang, and down went Caleb with a cry of murder.

Now fell the blows thick and fast upon the bruised head, back and face of the prostrate joker; while the lady again rehearsed the catalogue of the wearing apparel and jewels of the other Mrs. Meeks, timing the utterance of the name of each article with a blow upon her prostrate, writhing and bleeding lord.

But all things must have an end. The violent exercise of the arms and lungs, in which Mrs. Meeks had indulged, had somewhat exhausted her. She had twice run through Nat's imaginary catalogue, and feeling her strength departing, gathered herself for one grand and final effort. Caleb looked with horror upon the upraised mop; he heard the words, "Oh the nuzzy," shouted in a vigorous tone; he heard a bustling whizzing sound in the air, and in an instant the poor fellows nose was as flat as the other parts of the face. His tormentor retired into the mansion and left him alone in his gore. Slowly, and with the most keen sensations of pain, he raised himself into a sitting posture, and with many a groan of agony, he proceeded to inspect his personal condition.

"This arm's broken certain! Oh! and this left shoulder must be dislocated! Good Lord, what a nose! I shan't be able to go about for a month! Oh, Lord, how sore I am!"

Now, Nat with the most pleasurable emotions, had through the crevice of the fence, observed the whole of the little family jar which I have so freely described; and he now stood looking over the fence at the back of dear friend.

"I say, Uncle Caleb," shouted Nat.

"Hey!" said Caleb, as he turned in some little astonishment, to look upon his former victim.

"I say Caleb shouted Nat how do you feel about now?"

"Oh you——" (I shall leave it blank.) yelled the enraged Caleb, as he sprang to his feet and made for the house.

"I'll fix your flint."

But Nat didn't want his flint fixed, and therefore made his way with all celerity up the road.

Soon after there appeared upon the green sward, rendered sanguinary and sacred by conjugal endearments, a lame man, who wore a shocking bad hat, and who had taken possession of a fowling piece loaded with buck shot. If the lame individual meant to shoot Nat he reckoned without his host. That worthy, thanks to a long and thin pair of legs, was out of gun shot range.

Caleb from that time forth, and until he filled the grave which he now occupies, so well eschewed dry joking, and was always sensitive on the subject of mops.

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A. JELENKO, Johnstown, mar. 13. May 23, 1861.-41.

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AT THE

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JOHN PARKE, Johnstown, March 13 1861.-ly.

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ALSO.—A piece or parcel of land situated in Cambria township, adjoining the ancient City of Baldonia, lands of James and Geo. Mills, Charles P. Murray, Alex. M'Vicker and others, containing 2 1/2 acres and 83 perches.

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ALSO.—A piece or parcel of land situated on the Pennsylvania Rail Road, near Portage Station, in Washington township, containing 50 acres.

ALSO.—A piece or parcel of land situated in Summerville township, bounded by the Pennsylvania Rail Road, lands of the Heirs of Robert Finn, dec'd., Patrick Riley and others, containing about 60 acres, having thereon erected several DWELLING HOUSES.

ALSO.—A tract of land situated in Allegheny township, adjoining lands of Patrick McGuire and others, containing 212 acres and 39 perches and allowance.

ALSO.—A tract of land situated in Chest township, (late the property of Frederick and Mary M. Schneider,) adjoining lands of John Ballweber and others, containing 150 acres, more or less, small portion of which is cleared and thereon erected a CABIN HOUSE.

ALSO.—About 2000 acres of land, situated on the waters of Blacklick, in Carroll township, which will be sold in lots as may suit purchasers.

WILLIAM KITTELL, Ebensburg, October 24, 1860.—48-41.

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March 20, '61, April 11, '60.-ly Aug. 14.

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EDWARD GLASS, Ebensburg, July 10th 1861.

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Ebensburg, April 14, 1861:24ly

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Ebensburg, July 10th 1861. 41.

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ISAAC CRAWFORD, Ebensburg, April 17, 1861. 41.

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Johnstown April, 17 1861. 41.

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