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His Last Breakdown

E. N. BROWN.

NEW YEAR'S IN THE SOUTH FIFTY YEARS AGO

By WILLIAM ROSSER COBBE.

THE first day of January at the South 50 years ago presented scenes that would be strange indeed if enacted in this generation.

To the negro slaves as well as to the many white people it was known only as "hiring day."

At every county seat in every slave state it was the yearly custom for people of all degrees to gather, some as spectators, others as actors in the events of the day. By far the greater number collected prompted solely by idle curiosity.

Upon every corner and at every point available in the courthouse square sat negro women with great baskets of "apple-jacks" (a sort of fried apple pie), gingerbread and persimmon beer which they offered for sale.

During the day men engaged in tests of agility and strength, which ended not in-

der. This, also, was commonly the practice as to "cornfield niggers" and unskilled laborers generally, of both sexes.

There were pathetic scenes now and then when negroes were sold at public auction on New Year's day. Very rarely it chanced that at such times members of the same family were sold to masters widely separated.

It should appeal to the common sense of any man that slaves being valuable holdings, their owners would neither treat them cruelly nor permit them to be abused by others. Owners of valuable horses uniformly are kind to them, and horses are not human.

In this Southern New Year's day, too, men met to settle long due debts, to pay notes and to rent farm lands. Taken altogether, it was a busy, busy day, full of its comedies as well as its dramas, and, sometimes, tragedies.

At such times the slaves of the plantations enjoyed their annual two weeks' vacation and these crowded the villages to buy all manner of gimcracks—cheap jewelry, ribbons and laces, and, having a sweet tooth, cheap candies as well. Any well-ordered slave could make "overtime" money, and it was a very sorry one, indeed, who had not a few dollars at the New Year, to throw away in folly upon a wife or a sweetheart.

The "white trash" gathered then solely with a view to looking on and to picking up what they could. As they were despised by both the well-to-do whites and the negroes of all degrees, they usually kept to themselves. They neither hired nor were hired, but in some manner contrived to secure their full share of whisky.

Like the old "general muster" day of the ante-bellum days, the "old de wahl" New Year has passed away with all its scenes, and shiftings, yet the memory of it remains with the older residents as reminder that one day at least, and that the initial one, of the Southland, was one of potential energy and signally characteristic in its incidents of the age and times.

Had the Same Effect.

"I hear that Jack's fiancée has made him give a New Year's promise to stop smoking."

"That so? Well, mine has not said a word about giving up the weed, but our engagement has just the same effect."

"How so?"
"Every time I call all the cigars in my vest pocket manage to get crushed, and, of course, I don't smoke them!"—Baltimore Herald.

Plans for the New Year.

Now man resolves to strive anew
And in the coming year win more
Of that which misers fasten to
Than he has ever gained before.

His wife applauds him and sets down
Considering how she will show
A few new didoes to the town
If hubby gets his schemes to go.
—Chicago Record-Herald.

TRUE TO HIS RESOLUTION.



The Little Fellow—Strike me if yer wants ter. I've resolved never ter lift me hand in anger agin' another agin'.

Economy of Labor.

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"Why, I hear eet all around zat you 'play second fiddle, to your wife!'"—Baltimore Herald.

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Mrs. Dobbs—Mrs. Hobbs has got our cook; she met her and offered her a dollar more a week than we pay.

Mrs. Dibbs—How horrid in her! Mrs. Dobbs—Yes, but she was very nice and ladylike about it; she sent her old cook over to see if we wanted her.—Puck.

Not the First.

"No," said the bride-to-be, "I didn't accept Jack the first time he proposed."

"How could you?" replied Miss Wryvell.

"Why not?"
"Your weren't there."—Philadelphia Press.

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