

Story of a Bed Quilt.

The ladies of Middleton N. Y., had decided to present a fine quilt to their pastor. It was to be an autograph bed quilt.—Every old, young, married, and unmarried woman of the congregation was to donate a fragment of some wearing material from which the quilt was to be made. Then the autographs of all the donors or anybody else who chose to contribute the small sum of one dime was to be skillfully wrought on the patches in many-colored silk, by the needles of the fairest of the flock. Work was begun on this wonderful quilt two months ago. Long before it was finished the question of who should have the honor of presenting it to the pastor was the leading one for discussion at the meetings of the ladies. When the quilt was completed, week before last, the question was still undecided. Two prominent young ladies were rivals for the honor. Finally, to settle the matter without creating un-pleasant feeling and making the quilt a stumbling block, it was concluded to decide by lot who should place the quilt in the pastor's hands. The plan was to hold a social, at which the drawing was to take place. Chances were to be sold at ten cents each, the proceeds were to go to the church fund. Whoever should draw a ticket inscribed "Quilt" secured control of the privilege of presenting it.

The social was held a few nights since at the house of Brother William Davy.—Everybody was there. The quilt, gorgeous in coloring and remarkable as to autographic inscription, was prominently displayed.

There was great excitement over the taking of chances. The two young ladies were supported by their respective friends and almost every chance sold was placed in the name of one or the other of them.

Old Uncle Tunis Wood, who lives near Centreville, was passing Brother Davy's house about 9 o'clock on the night of the social. He heard the sounds of merriment within. He knew it was a public gathering, and the purpose of it. He went in.

Uncle Tunis was surrounded by the young ladies and their friends at once.—Each besought him to buy a chance for her.

"Can't choose betwixt ye," said he.—"I'll split the difference and buy a chance for myself."

He bought one. Seven hundred and sixty chances were all that could be sold.—then the drawing commenced. After about four hundred tickets had been drawn and the prize ticket was still in the hat, Tunis Wood's name was called. He drew out a ticket. It was marked "Quilt."—The old man had drawn the prize. He was besieged by each young lady to let her be his substitute in presenting the quilt to the preacher.

"The preacher! Give this quilt to the preacher! Well, not this year, I guess.—Ain't this quilt good enough for me? I guess no preacher don't git this quilt. I won it, I reckon!"

And the old man took the quilt and went home with it. A committee followed him to tell him that he didn't seem to understand the object of the drawing. He said that he thought he understood it very well. Since then the ladies have visited him and offered to make him a quilt exactly like the one he drew if he would let them have that one.

"This un suits me to death," he replied, "an' I'm afeard you couldn't git them colors jist like that again. I wouldn't like to part with it, ladies."

And at last accounts neither pleadings nor threats could induce him to change his mind.

A Very Strange Case.

A German named Axler died in the New York hospital last week who had been admitted two weeks previously. He had had an attack of vomiting which lasted three days, and about a week before his admission began to have pains all over his body. He thought he was suffering from rheumatism, and it was to be treated for that affliction that he went to the hospital. He was put under the care of Dr. Moller who found that the usual symptoms of the rheumatism were absent. Dr. Moller suspected trichinosis and questioned the patient, who told him that he was a butcher and had been in the habit of eating raw pork. The next day Dr. Moller extracted a little muscle from the patient's shoulder, put it under the microscope and found trichinae in it. The pains of which Axler had complained when admitted continued for three days, and then left him with a slight fever. A week before he died he became delirious, could not sleep without medicine, and he was unable to take any nourishment. He gradually became more and more exhausted and died on Saturday last.

On Saturday a post-mortem examination was made by Professor Janeway and Dr. Moller. The various muscles were full of trichinae and a mother-worm was found in the intestines, its body being full of young which had not yet been discharged. In one grain of muscle fifteen trichinae were found, and Professor Janeway and Dr. Moller estimated that there were fully 50,000,000 of them in the body. Dr. Moller said that trichinosis is very hard to diagnose. It is a rare disease, for people have been so often warned against it recently that they now cook their meats thoroughly.

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