

The Kernal's Room.

HOW SQUIRE SKAGGS GOT SHINNED BY THE PHAROAH MEN.

"You see," said the squire, pitching his voice to an exasperated attitude, "it was sorter this way. Last Thursday was a week ago, I sailed down from Gwinnett to Atlanta with seven bags of cotton. After I sold 'em, I kinder loafed round looking at things in general and feelin' just as happy as you please, when who should I run agin but Kernal Blasius. Me an' the kernal used to be eggheads, me an' he was as thick as five kittens in a rag basket. We drunk out the same good, an' we got the kernal outen us by the same bawdy-legged school-teacher. I wuz gettin' as lonesome as a run-crow, afore I struck up with the kernal, an' I was glad to see him—mighty glad. We knocked around town right smartly, and the kernal interjected me to a whole raft of fellows—mighty nice boys they wuz too. After supper the kernal says:

"Skaggs," says he, "I go to my room where we kin talk over ole times sorter comfortably and ondisturbed like."

"Greenable," says I, an' we walked a square or so an' turned into an ally an' walked up a narrer par of stars. The kernal gin a little rap at a green door, an' a slick lookin' merletter popped out an' axed us in. He wuz the bowinest peddler nigger you ever seen. He jest got up an' spun aroun' like a tom cat with her tail afire. The room wuz as fine as a fiddle an' full of pictures an' sofs, an' I thought to myself that the kernal wuz a luxuriant case. There wuz a lot of mighty big fellers scattered round a laffin' an' talkin' quite scashable like. Aparent, the kernal wuzn't much sot back, for he sorter laffed to himself an' then he says:

"Boys," says he, "I hev fetched up a fren." Judge Hightower, this is Squire Skaggs of Gwinnett, Major Briggs, Squire Skaggs, and so on all round. Then the kernal turns to me an' says:

"Reely, I wuzn't expectin' company, but the members of the Young Men's Christin Sossahun make my room their headquarters."

"I ups an' says I wuz mighty glad to meet the boys. I used to be a prayin man myself afore I got to cussin' the yankees, an' I hev always had a sorter hankerin' arter pious folks. They all laffed an' shuck ban's over agin, an' we sot thar a smokin' an' a chevin' jest as muchuel as you please. I disremember how it came up, but presently Major Briggs gits up an' says:

"Kernal, what about that new parlor game you got out the other day?"

"Oh," says the kernal, looking sorter sheepish, "that wuz a humbug. I can't make no head nor tail outen it."

"Well, bet I kin manage it," says Judge Hightower, quite animated like. "I'll show you how judge with pleasure," said the kernal, an' then he went to a table, unlocked a box an' took out a deck of keards an' a whole lot of little whatyoumaycalls, similarly to horn buttons, some white and some red."

"Squire Skaggs paused and supplied his tireless jaws with a fresh quid of tobacco."

"It ain't no use to tell you any more. When them fellers got done larnin me that game I didn't have money enough to take me down stairs. I lay I looked a little wild, for when the judge closed the box he said:

"We have had a pleasant evening, squire. You'll find the kernal waiting for you on the steps, an' he'll give you your money back."

"I auld never laid eyes on the kernal sence, an' when I do thar's goin' to be a case for the kernal—your mind my words. I seed Rufe Lester next day—you know Rufe; he's in the legislature now, but I used to give him pop-corn when he wuzn't so high—I seed Rufe, an' he sed I wuz took in by the pharaoh men. Took in ain't no name for it. Darned ef I didn't go to the bottom an' get shinned alive."

VETERINARY SURGERY.—A very scientific surgical operation was performed Monday on a valuable horse owned by Mr. Martin Horst, of this city. The animal had a terrible discharge from his nostrils during the past nine months. The owner, fearing the case was glanders, consulted Professor McDonnell, veterinary surgeon, who after examining the case, pronounced it a case of nasal gleet, and curable. The professor opened the skull, and removed from the inside a large quantity of matter after which an elastic probe was introduced through the opening, and brought out at the nostril, making a conduit through which, after being injected, the fluid and matter ran freely. The animal makes rather a singular appearance now, with a hole in his skull, but feels as well as if nothing ailed him. He can be seen at Thorp's livery stables. We should think this operation would require eminent skill for its performance. Probably there is not a person in Mobile that ever saw the like before. It is certainly interesting.—*Mobile Graphic.*

According to the Danbury News, a Mr. Henderson of that village was appointed constable on Thursday afternoon. In the evening he officially interfered in a fight in the saddle-factory, and within the space of three minutes was knocked down, dragged over a rough floor on the back of his head, kicked down two flights of stairs, bitten on the back of his neck, lost two of his teeth, and was shoved through a fence in his shirt sleeves. He resigned the next morning. He said he was afraid he was too unattractive for the office.

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BORER PREVENTIVE.—A correspondent of the Mobile Register gives the following remedy against the fruit tree borer:

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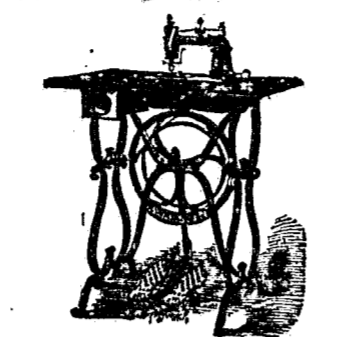
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