

UNCLE TOM'S CABIN.

(Chap. 4, continued.)

Now, between Sam and Aunt Chloe there had existed, from ancient times, a sort of chronic feud, or rather a decided hostility; but as Sam was meditating something in the present department, the necessary and obvious foundation of his operations, he determined, on the present occasion, to be eminently conciliatory; for he well knew that, sitting "missis" orders would naturally be followed by the letter; yet he should gain a considerable deal by enlisting the spirit also. He therefore appeared before Aunt Chloe with a touching subdued, resigned expression, like one who suffered immovable hardships in behalf of a persecuted fellow-creature—engaged upon the fact that misis had directed him to come to Aunt Chloe for whatever might be wanting to move up the balance in his solids and flinters; and thus unequivocally acknowledged her right and supremacy in the cooking department, and thereto pertaining.

The thing looks accordingly. No poor, simple, virtuous soul can ever rejoice at the sentiments of an abiding烹饪政客 with more than the Aunt Chloes we were over by Master Santa's authority; and if he had been the prodigal son himself, he could not have been overwhelmed with infinite bewitching temptations and—had soon found himself seated, happy and glorified, over there, the place containing a sort of apartment of all that was good and true in this table for two or three days past. Savory morsels of ham, golden blows of terra-cotta, fricassée of oysters, every conceivable mathematical figure, chicken wings, gizzards, and drumsticks, all appeared in picturesquely combination; and Sam, as master of all these good things, with his palms cocked rejoicingly to one side, and peering Andy at his right hand.

The kitchen was full of all his peers; who had hurried and crowded in, from the various cabins, to hear the termination of the day's exploits. Now was Sam's hour of glory. The story of the day was volunteered, with all kinds of ornament and varnishing, which might be necessary to heighten its effect; for Sam, like some of our fashionable dilettantes, never allowed a story to lose any of its gilding, by passing through his hands. Hours of laughter attended the narration, and were taken up and prolonged by all the smaller fry, who were lying in any quantity, about the floor, or perched in every corner. In the height of the uproar and laughter, Sam, however, preserved an immovable gravity, only from time to time rolling his eyes up, and giving his auditors divers inexpressible droll glances, without departing from the sententious elevation of his oratory.

"Yes see," fellow-countrymen," said Sam, elevating a turkey's leg with energy, "yes see now, what did ya yer chile's up ter, for 'fendin' yer self—yes, all on yer. For him, as tries to get one o'er people, is as good as tryin' to get all; yet see the principle's de same—dat's clar. Andy, any one o' these yer drivers that comes smellin' round after any our people, why, he's got se in his way; I'm the feller for ya to come to, b'rethren—I'll stand up for yer rights—I'll stand up for the last breath!"

"Why, but Sam, you tell me, only this mornin', that you'd help this yer m'n'e to catch Lizzy; seems to me yer talk don't hang together," said Andy.

"I tell you now, Andy," said Sam, with awful superiority, "don't yer be a-talkin' 'bout what yer don't know nuthin' on; boys like you, Andy, means well, but they can't be 'sped' to colligate the great principles of action."

Andy looked rebuked, particularly by the hard word "colligate," which most of the younger members of the company seemed to consider as a settler in the case, while Sam proceeded.—

"Datar was conscience, Andy: when I thought of givin' dat Lizzy, I mally 'spect'd mis's w'at set dat way. When I found misss was the contrar, dat ar was conscience more yet—cause fellers sellers gets more by steppin' to missis side—so you see I's persistent either way, and sticks up to conscience, and holds on to principles. Yes, principles," said Sam, giving an enthusiastic toss to a chicken's neck, "what's principles good for, if we isn't persistent, I wanter know! Thar, Andy, you may have dat ar bone, 'tan't picked quite clean."

Sam's audience hanging on his words with open mouth, he could not but proceed.—

"Die yer mather 'bout persistence, feller niggers," said Sam, with the air of one entering into an abstract subject, "die yer 'distrain's a thing what an't seed into very elat, by most anybody. Now, yes see, when a feller stands up for a thing one day and night, de contrar do next, folks'ee (and nat'rally enough they see), why he ain't persistent—hand me dat ar bit o' corn-eaté, Andy, let's look inter it. I hope the gen'len' and der' birax will 'use my usin' an' or'nary sort o' parson. Here! I'm a tryin' to get top o' der hay. Wal, I puts up my larder dis yer side: 'tan't no go, den, 'cause I don't try no more, but puts my larder right de contrar side, an' I persistent! I'm persistent in wanting to get up which any side my larder is; I don't yer see, all on yer!"

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"It's the only thing ye ever was persistent in, Lord, know!" muttered Aunt Chloe, who was getting rather restive; the merriment of the evening being to her somewhat after the Scripture comparison—¹²like vittages upon vittre."

"Ye, indeed!" said Sam, rising, full of support and glory; for a closing effort. "Yes, my fellow citizens and ladies of all other sex in general, I have principles—I'm proud to o' on 'em—they're perh'aps to die yer times, and ter all times. I has principles, and I sticks to 'em like forty—just anything that I thinks is principle. I goes in to it, wouldn't mind if die bare me live. I'd walk right up to a stake, I would, and say, here I comes to shed my last blood for my principles, fer my country, fer dat gen'ral interests o' stately!"

"Well," said Aunt Chloe, "the o'va principles will have to be, to get to get some time to night, and get 'em keepin' everybody up till mornin'; now, everyone of you young uns that don't want to be cracked had better be a-some mighty sudden." ¹³—

"Wittigent all on yer," said Sam, waving his palm-leaf with benignity, "I give you my blessing: go to bed now, and be good boy."

And, with this paternal benediction, the assembly dispersed.

MORNING, 8 A.M.

"Philosophical happiness is to want little and enjoy much; vice versa, happiness is to want much and enjoy little."

An old gentleman, by the name of Gould, married, a girl of nineteen. He wrote a letter to a friend, informing him of the happy event, with this couplet:

"So you see, my dear friend, though eighty years old, a girl of nineteen has given birth to me."

"He received a reply in these words:

"A girl of nineteen may love Gould, it is imp."

"But, believe me, dear sir, it is Gould without U."

R. B. IRVING.

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THE MAILED for transmission to the neighbouring Provinces, Newfoundland, and the United States, during the ensuing Winter, will be made up every THURSDAY at noon, commencing on Thursday, the 16th December; and the Mails to England will be made up on that day, and on the days following, for the arrival of the packet-gates.

The Subscribers have pleasure in announcing to their numerous Friends, and the Public, the arrival of their Fall and Winter.

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