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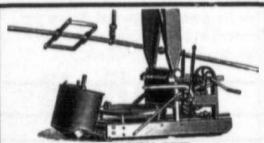
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an' sisterin in de same party:

We had met in dis lonesome

locality to deform de las' final

obsequeness ober de remnant

ob our frien' and fellow-citer-

zen, Rub'n Rabbitfoot. Man

born of a female is in for a few

days, but lots o' trouble. He

comes up, an' time he gits up

size to hab sense 'nough to help

himself, he's cut down again.

After all de clearin' up an' de

layin' off, and de plowin' and

harrowin' sarcumstances ob dis

life, Death comes like an early

fros' on de cotton-stalk an' cuts

off de crop and leaves us all in

debt for our supplies furnished

by our Lord, de greatest ob de

wholesale merchants. And right

here, my fellow brudderin, I will

mention, dat if what dey say is

true, an' he is king of all de

Jews, what in de name ob God

is gwine to 'come of de nigger

what owes him anything? But

I hope our brodder hab reached

dat shinin' shore where mor-

gages and waverin' notes do not

prevail - whar de merchants

cease from trubbilin' an' de niger

am at res'.

In de mi'st of life we are in

debt. At any time you can look

out fur de Lord to take judgment

on you an' foreclose de mor-

gage. We fotch n'thin' in to

dis world, and when we leave

we'll light out naked as a hant.

Yes, my Gawd!

You all know dat Rub'n was a

man dat hoed his own road,

plowed a straight furrow and

laid his crop by clean. I am now

happy to say dat we will take

de 'vantage ob dis splendid op-

portunity an' lay him by in de

same fashion. Dis same goose-

neck hoid, what he used las'

week wid his own han's, we

will now use to cover his head

wid. Rub'n was man among ten

thousand; he was a man to be

trusted for any reasonable amount;

he was a man ob quality;

he always wore a biled shirt an'

kep' his mule trimmed; paid de

preacher and voted Republican

ticket. But death hab claimed

her own, an' de preacher will

lose his money, an' de party his

vote. Hab mercy on us, O

Lawd! in dis de time ob our tribu-

lation. But, my belubbed brud-

derin, life is so dreadfully un-

sartin—just as unsartin as a cot-

ton crop in de barrens or de

promises ob a candidate for Con-

gress. Den it becomes us to be

ready. Hab your satchel packed

an' be ready to bode de train.

Here, I'll gib you a frustration

ob readiness an' unreadiness:

Las' year, when de 'socation

met in Huntsville, I heerd dat

de train was going to stop at de

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