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"An wasn't it a lick, though?" Jason said. "Why, say, it jest keeled Jim over thar so quick that I bet he never knowed what done it."

"I bet be didn't know nothin touched him-jest flopped down thar for all the world like a shot hog. Didn't 'low it was in you to hit a feller like that,

"Lord, I reckon Sim never knowed it neither," Pap Sampson said, "but he knows it now, an you all better look out. No matter how harmless a dog is while he's asleep, he may be the wust kind of a dog when you wake him up. An Sim Banks is awake now." "An you'd all better not fool with

him if you don't want to git hurt," Hicks added. "You'd all better not say nothin bout Loueesy," Sim said, "'less'n you all

wants to git your heads punched." "Guess nobody hain't goin to say nothin 'bout Loueesy," Pap Sampson replied, "so you mought's well quit a-throwin that at us. Jim Thorn had no business to speak the word he did, even if it had been a true word, an I most know it wasn't, an you done right an nat'ral to take it up. I'm a peaceable man myself, as you uns all know, an ingin'ally I set my face ag'in fussin an foughtin, but I ain't got nary a

word to say ag'in a man what fights for his woman's good name. So I say, Sim Banks, an I say it open an above board, you done jest right, an ever' fair minded man an woman is bound to say the same."

"That's what they are," Jacob Hicks promptly agreed. "My land, Pap, you uns all knows I ain't no hand to mix up in no furse an that I ain't never fit nobody in all my life, but you jest let some feller say ary a single word ag'in my woman, an if the fur don't fly it won't be my fauit. Them's my sentiments ever' time, an I ain't a-keerin

who knows it." "Course, Sim done right," another said, with that ready sympathy people are apt to feel for the victor as against the vanquished. "I'd 'a' done jest like him if I'd 'a' been in his place, only I bet I'd 'a' laid Jim Thorn out so's he wouldn't 'a' got up no more for a

month. "By granny," said another, "I 'low Jim got off pow'ful easy myself! It were a good thing it wa'n't me he had

to deal with." "An you can bet your hide it was moughty fortunate for him," remarked a third, "that it wa'n't me." Pap Sampson thumped his cane

against the floor and laughed. "You uns are all a-talkin pow'ful big," he said, "but you uns better not forgit that Jim Thorn ain't dead vit. 'Tain't sensible to go foolin roun' a mule's heels 'less you got business thar."

As Sim Banks walked home that night he felt greatly elated, and in his soul there was a kind of feeling closely akin to intoxication. He stood erect, with a bearing proud and disdainful, held his head well up and walked with a step firm and confident.

In knocking Jim Thorn down the way he did he had demonstrated to his neighbors that he was not so much a coward as they had supposed. That within itself was a greal deal to be proud of, for he felt that in removing the stain of cowardice from his name he had raised an almost insupportable burden from his soul. But that was not all nor yet the chief cause of his

Louisa would learn what he had done, and she would know that he had done it for her sake. He would not tell her, but others would. His knowl edge of human nature was limited, but it was broad enough to tell him that his praises sung by others would be far

more effective than if sung by himself. That she would be pleased he felt assured, for she would understand how well he loved her and how more ready he was than any one else on earth to stand up in her defense. Then, too, she would realize that he was not the contemptible coward she had thought him and because of which she had spoken of him and to him in such harsh terms. Perhaps she would even speak words of praise for his conduct, and perhaps-

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oh, happy thought!-she might put her arms about his neck and kiss him. That would be a reward indeed, and for such reward he would be willing to fight the whole world.

Fond, sweet hope! But how many of our most precious hopes are born only to perish with their first breath of

When Sim reached home, he found the house dark and Louisa in bed. He



What did it mean went in and struck a light and pre-

pared to retire. His wife was asleep, and he moved about noiselessly so as not to wake her. Presently his eye fell on a scrap of paper lying on the floor. Mechanically

he took it up and glanced at the writing it bore. Instantly he sat up and read it eagerly through. Then, puzzled and mystified, he read it again and again. These were the words the paper contained: My Dear Louisa-Never let anybody know tha

you know me, and for God's sake don't tell a liv-ing soul who I am. So soon as possible I will see you and explain. What did it mean?

CHAPTER VII.

A TALK IN THE TWILIGHT. After supper Melvin and old man Turner sat out in the yard and talkedthat is, Turner asked questions, and Melvin answered them. Melvin was in a better humor since he was slightly rested and his hunger had been appeased, and to the hundred questions Turner asked he returned ready and good natured answers, although he did not always return true ones.

Finally Melvin found an opportunity to lead the conversation, and then be told about the old man back in the woods and of his queer experience with him. For the first time that evening Turner burst into a roar of hearty laughter.

"Lord a-massy," be cried, "don't you know who that old hoss was?" "Certainly not," Melvin replied. "How should I know when I am a total stranger here?"

"To be shore. I forgot 'bout that

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> "Is he crazy?" "Crazy! Who-old Hi?"

"Old HI crazy! Why, snakes an caterpillars, stranger, what you mean by askin sich a question as that?" "I thought from the way he acted

that he certainly must be crazy.' "Great possums an persimmons! Talk bout old Hi bein crazy! You don't know nothin 'bout that old hoss or you wouldn't never ask no sich a fool thing as that. Why, old Hi's the smartest man in all these parts. He sot on to a jury oncet down at the county seat."

"That so?" "You bet it are! Yes, sir-ee!" "Wonder why he behaved so strange-

with me, then?" "Why, that's plain enough when you come to figger it out. You jest happen ed to run acrost him on one of his off days."

"Off days?" "Yes, one of his off days." "What do you mean by that?" "Don't you know?"

"I certainly do not." "Waal, by shucks, you shorely don't know nothin 'bout the ways an doin's of folks yere'bouts! What I mean by Hi's off day is that this is his day for

"Ah, he has the chills, does he?" "To be shore. Why shouldn't he have 'em?"

"I don't know, I'm sure." "Course, he has the chills, an he shakes ever' other day. He was settin out thar on that log a-waitin for his chill to come on when you seed him." "And that was why he behaved the way he did?"

"Of course. Thar hain't many people, I can tell you, wants to be bothered with questions when a chill is comin on, an if a feller was to shoot you under them kind of provocations you wouldn't never git no court to hang him."

"The court would consider the shoot ing justifiable, you think?" "You bet it would. Lord a-massy, I wouldn't nigh kill nobody for nothin else on earth, I guess, but I jest most know I'd shoot a feller if he come a-pickin an a-naggin at me with fool questions when my ager was a-working

"You say Mr. Jenkins shakes with a chill every other day?"

"To be shore, I said that. Why wouldn't he shake ever other day?" "It's a regular part of his life, is it?" "Jest as much a part of his life as eatin an sleepin is. Yes, sir-ee! Why, say, if anything was to happen to old Hi so that he missed havin his chill on his reg'lar day I reckon he'd feel more lost than if his old woman was to die In these parts ager is a part of a feller's rights an privileges, same as votin an holdin office is."

"You bet your hide." "Does Mr. Jenkins live near this?" "No, not as you mought say right near. He lives over t'other side of Coon Run river. Hain't been over in that settlement, I reckon?"

"Waal, you won't lose nothin, I guess, if you never do go over thar."

"Why?" "Oh, them folks over thar ain't jest the sort a body keers to have much to do with. Leastwise I find 'em that a-way."

"Are they bad characters?" "No, I don't know as you can put it that a-way exactly, 'cause they're peaceable enough an honest an all that. They're jest so different from we uns

"In what way are they different?" "Waal, for one thing they're so doggone ign'unt. Why, say, them folks over thar hain't got no more edication than a gang of possums, not a blame bit more. Sich ign'unce is plumb piti-

ful shore. I allus feel sorry for them that hain't got learnin, don't you?" Melvin looked at the old man in oper eyed astonishment and muttered an assent. It occurred to him, however, that if the people on the other side of Coon Run were any more lacking in learning than Turner was their condition, as far as education goes, was pitiable indeed But he was very far from giving utter ance to any such thought, for already, he had learned that the average Pos sum Ridger was a sorely sensitive individual, who was liable to take offense on the smallest provocation.

To be Continued.

JINGLES AND JESTS. A Shattered Ideal.

Oh, the man whom I wed must be hands Said a maiden just out of her frocks.
'I can't love a man who in stature is small,
And I won't marry houses and stocks. Of course he must keep me as papa does now; Still I'll start on an income quite small, But I never well marry''—and mark well !

"A man who is not six feet tall." AT TWENTY-THREE. "I think that tall men are so nice," said "But, of course, I'll not marry for looks

The kind you read of in books.

I love to see men who walk head oct,
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And deep in my heart I hope and expect 12.

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