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cover the sores on his animals' backs. "Let the public see the sores, me man," I said, "and it's good-bye to me if you don't give up every one of those poor creatures. If I'd known you were in such a dirty business I'd never have married you." So he said he'd keep me, being as I was the choicest and trickiest animal he had, and the best kicker, and I bet you I soon sent that lot of animals flying to good homes in the country, and I got him a position as policeman, going to His Worship the Mayor me own self an' tellin' a straight story to him that I said is the father of the city.'

"Susie liked this woman and made a great many direct bows to her which pleased her very much.

"'God bless the little angel-faced creetur,' she said. 'She reminds me of me own mother in glory—well, good-bye to ye, me lady, an' good luck to the bird. I must hurry home an' make a toothsome dish for me old man's dinner, for it's bound to please him, I am, since he gave up his beasts to please me.'

"When she left, the floor-walker gently urged the other women to pass on and let Mrs. Martin finish her shopping, so she put Sister Susie