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when our Jimmy arrived on the ground looking for results he was severely reprimanded by the wretched victim, who said:

"Look hyah, Mistah; I doan't know who you is, but you 'aint no regular hangman anyhow, this 'aint no proper way to hang a cullered pusson no how; you ought to be ashamed of youself; why doan't you go and learn yo' bisness?"

Taking in the desperate situation at a glance James, who was most resourceful, hustled over to the only store, grabbed a shovel and quickly dug a hole under the nigger's feet, which permitted him to swing clear—he then pulled on his legs and earned his hundred dollar fee.

I often wondered if this was really true.