

wouldn't take any thing. So says I, "Stranger, I'am a peaceable man anyhow, but maybe you don't know what it is to insult a feller by sneaking away from his hospitality here in Old Kentucky." I held on to him all the while, or he'd have gone off like one of these plaguy precession-locks that have just come into fashion. "Captain," says I, "here's your health, and may you live to be general." "Captain!" says the other, "he's no captain; he's my servant." "What!" says I, "one white man be a servant to another! make a nigger of himself! come, that's too bad;" and I began to feel a little savage. I asked one if he wasn't ashamed to make a nigger of himself; and they got rather obstropolous. I don't know exactly how it came about, but we got into a fight, and I lick'd them both, but not till they got outside the door, for I wouldn't be uncivil anyhow. Well, what do you think? instead of settling the thing like a gentleman, the feller that had a white man for his nigger, instead of coming out fine, I'll be eternally dern'd if he didn't send a constable after me. Well, I made short work of it, and lick'd him too, anyhow. \* \* \* I must look out for some place where a man can live independent, where there's no law but gentlemen's law, and no niggers but black ones. I sha'n't see you again, colonel; it's most likely, so good-by all. I expect you'll be after me soon, for I look upon it to be impossible for a man in his senses to live here much longer; to be hopped like a horse, and not go where he pleases.' And away he marched, with a heart as light as a feather, in search of a place where he might live according to his conscience."

Another party met with on the descent of the Ohio, are sufficiently original to be interesting—it consisted of Captain Sam Hugg, the master of a trading boat—Cherub Spooney, his mate, and "a gentleman of colour," who officiated as cook, and whom Captain Sam swore to be the knowingest chap he ever knew.—"The varmint can't read," would he say, "but I wish I may be split into shingles, if he can't tell what's in a newspaper by only smelling it."