

## SUNSHINE-SHADDER

Mrs. Pompey very quickly grasped the situation and, drawing herself up at least two inches, hastened down the path, and letting herself out of the gate, walked very smartly in the direction of her neat white-painted, green-shuttered cottage.

That evening Pharaoh was denied the exercise of his gastronomic pleasures. A week from that day Mrs. Pompey and Melissa occupied separate pews in the red-brick church. Still later, when the news of the rupture was under animated discussion, a digestive spice was added to the dainty morsel in everybody's mouth by the news that Pharaoh had been found suspended to a cord from the elm in the school-yard.

Then everybody chattered unmercifully except the teacher, who dutifully arraigned the miscreants upon a charge of cruelty to animals, but as justice to the departed Angora was the plea put forth, punishment was suspended.

That a reconciliation would follow in the course of a few weeks was the general conjecture, but as the weeks slipped into months and repeated their flight, the busy bees shook their heads and hummed. Towards each other both manifested the coolest indifference. Protestations from pastor and friends prevailed not, but rather intensified the antipathy. Effects of the estrangement were felt by friends on either side, and especially by Peter Paul, for their lack of co-operation in the church was hurtful to the cause which they had hitherto so energetically