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They had been discussing peculiar names, according to the Louisville Courier-Journal. Several odd ones had been mentioned, when one of the group said:

"I was attracted by a particularly bright little negro boy one day, and asked his mother what his name was. She smiled, displaying a broadside of white teeth, and said: 'We call him Dan—Dan Brown. But Dan's just for short. Does you want to know his real full name?' I told her that I did, and she took a long breath and very carefully repeated, 'Alone on the Banks of the Dark Danube Brown, but we hardly ever use that name, 'cause I'm about the only one what kin remember it all at once!'"

A Correct Diagnosis

An exchange tells of an old colored woman who called in a doctor to prescribe for her husband. The following is the conversation between the woman and the doctor:

"What did you say was the trouble with my husband?" said the woman.

"I said," replied the doctor, "that the most annoying symptom seems to be waterbrash, or pyrosis, as we doctors call it. He must be more careful regarding the food he eats."

"Dat am just what the matter with him—perosis," said she. "He's the biggest han' for pie you eber see. He eats most three pieces ebery meal. It surely am perosis he am suffering with."

His Share of the Profits

Joel Chandler Harris, who has made "Uncle Remus" famous, was approached by an old negro, who said:

"Boss, dey tells me dat you's wrote a book about us all. Am dat a fact?"

"It am," replied the author solemnly.

"Well, den, boss, Ah wants to know how much kingdom we gets for lettin' ourselves be put in de book—huh?"

"Kingdom?" repeated the author, puzzled. "I'm afraid you won't get a kingdom for that just yet."

The old negro shuffled away, grumbling in a dissatisfied manner, and it did not dawn on Mr. Harris till some time later that he had been trying to collect a royalty on behalf of his race who furnished the material for the book.

The House-Fly a Carrier of Disease

The house-fly is, of itself, a great disseminator of disease, partaking and polluting as it does the food and drink of man, says a writer in Leslie's Monthly for June. Military authorities have noticed that officers whose tents were fly-screened suffered proportionately less from the attack of typhoid fever than did those whose tents were unprotected. The latter seems well nigh impossible, but one of the two must be done. The mosquito carries malaria and yellow fever; the rat carries the plague; the cat and the dog, hydrophobia; the hog, trichino; the sheep, cattle and horses, anthrax and glanders; and they all carry tuberculosis.

He Opened his Heart.

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