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## OF THE CULL'U'D PEOPLE

A friend from the North had gone to visit the colonel, who lived in the swampy Mississippi River bottoms of Louisiana. There was no mosquito netting over the bed, and in the morning when the negro came with the water and towels, the tortured visitor asked: "Sam, why is it that you have no mosquito netting over the beds? Doesn't the colonel have any in his room?"

"No, suh," replied Sam.

"I don't see how he stands it."

"Well, suh," said Sam, "I reckon it's jes dis away; in de fo' part uv de night, suh, de colonel's mos' gen'rally so 'toxicated dat he don't pay no 'tention to de skeeters, an' in de las' part uv de night, suh, de skeeters is mos' gen'rally so 'toxicated dat dey don't pay no 'tention to de colonel."

## His Platform.

A prominent Chicago politician, when a candidate for an important municipal office, related the following story to illustrate why he should be elected instead of one of his opponents:

"Once I told three negroes that I'd give a big turkey to the one who'd give the best reason for his being a Republican."

"The first one said, 'I see a 'Pubican kase de 'Pubicans sot we niggers free.'"

"Very good Pete," said I. "Now, Bill, let me hear from you."

"Well, I see a 'Pubican kase dey done gib us a perfective tariff."

"Fine!" I exclaimed. "Now, Sam, what have you to say?"

"Boss, said Sam, scratching his head and shifting from one foot to the other—boss, I see a 'Pubican kase I wants dat turkey."

"And he got it."

## Charged the jury.

Congressman Sydney Mudd, of Maryland, is said to have told this story about an old negro who, by some peculiar election twist, was elected a justice of the peace in the backwoods of Georgia.

His first case happened to be one in which the defendant asked for a trial by jury. When the testimony was all in and the argument had been concluded, the lawyers waited for the judge to proceed with his instructions to the jury.

The justice seemed somewhat embarrassed. Finally one of the lawyers whispered to him that it was time to charge the jury.

Looking at the jury with a grim, judicial air the judge said:

"Gentlemen ob de jury, sense dis is a very small case, I'll jes charge ye a dollar an' a half apiece."

## In His Own Line.

Jim Jackson was brought before a Western judge charged with chicken stealing. After the evidence was all in, the justice, with a perplexed look, said:

"But I do not understand, Jackson, how it was possible for you to steal those chickens when they were roosting right under the owner's window, and there were two vicious dogs in the yard."

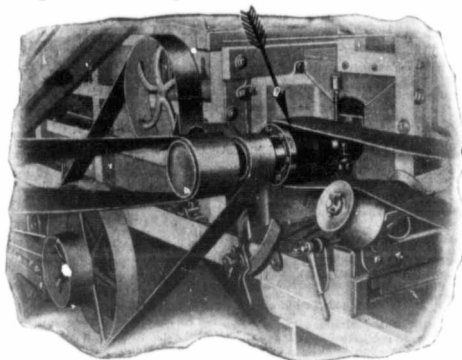
"Hit wouldn't do yer a bit o' good, jedge, for me to 'splain how I kotched dem chickens, fer you couldn't do hit yerself ef yer tried it forty times, an' yer might git yer hide full er lead. De bes' way fer you ter do, jedge, is jes ter buy yo' chickens in de market, same ez odder folks does, and when yer wants ter commit any rascality do hit on de bench, whar yo' is at home.—Exchange.

## New Logic.

Aunt Chloe Carter and Verbena Washington two colored women, met on the street on their way home from work. The compliments of the day were exchanged, and on separating each impromptu the other to come to see her. So insistent, indeed, was Verbena in her hospitality that Aunt Chloe was moved to say:

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