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then you lie."—

A coloured man, past middle-age,
but active and polite of manner,
approached the captain of one of the
lake boats.

"I un'stan'," he said, "dat you
all's is lookin' foh er man ter he'p
out on you all's boat."

"Yes. Have you ever had any
experience on the water?"

"No, suh. I dist come ter dis
p: ht er de country, an' I ain' much
on navigatin'. But I's a pow'ful
good cook, an' I reckon I kin cook
dist ez good on watah ez I kin on
land, ef I gits de chance."

"Well, I guess we can give you a
place, if that's the case. We'll have
your abilities tested to-morrow, and
if you suit, you can come along."

"Thanky, suh. Thanky berry
much, indeed. But dah is dist one
question dat I'd like fur ter ask yer."

"What is it?"

"Hab yoh boat got two masts oh
three masts?"

"It has three masts; but I don't
see how that can concern you."

"Hit doan seem ter concern me
none, suh. But ef yoh boat wus er
two-master, suh, I couldn't go wif
yer, much ez I needs de sitivation."

"Why not?"

"Case de Good Book done per-
vent it, suh. I'se done yeard de
minister read it over an' over agin,
dat no man kin serve two masters,
an' ef yoh ship wus er two-master,
suh, I'd er hatter han' in mer resig-
nation befoh I done got hired."

The man in the bicycle suit laughed
heartily.

"Very funny," he said.

"What?" asked the man with a
large section of skin gone from his
nose.

"Why, these 'Don'ts' for bicy-
clists," replied the man in the bicycle
suit.

"Let's see them," said the man
who was short of skin.

The man in the bicycle suit handed
him the paper.

"The best one isn't there," said
the man with the fantastic nose,
shortly. "If it was the rest wouldn't
be necessary."

"What do you consider the best
one?" asked the man with the
bicycle suit.

"Don't ride," answered the man
whose nose stood in need of graft-
ing, and then he carefully put a large
piece of court plaster where it would
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