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UNCLE TOM'S CABIN.
(Chap. IX. concluded.)
Mrs. Bird and her husband re-entered the parlour. She sat down in her little rocking-chair before the fire, straying thoughtfully to and fro. Mr. Bird stood up and down the room, grumbling to himself. "Pish! pshaw! confounded awkward business!" At length, striding up to his wife, he said—
"I say, wife, she'll have to get away from here this very night. That fellow will be down on the scamp bright and early to-morrow morning. It was only the woman, she could lie quite still it was over; but that little chap can't be kept still by a troop of horse and foot, I'll warrant me; he'll bring it all out, popping his head out of some window or door. A pretty kettle of fish it would be for me, too, to be caught with them both here just now! No; they'll have to be got off to-night."

"To-night! How is it possible? Where to?"
"Well, I know pretty well where to," said the senator, beginning to put on his boots with a reflective air; and, stopping when his leg was half in, he embraced his wife with both hands, and seemed to go off in deep meditation.

"It's a confounded awkward, ugly business," said he at last, beginning to tug at his boot-strings again, "and that's a fact!" After one boot was fairly on, the senator sat with the other in his hand, profoundly studying the texture of the carpet. "I'll have to get away from here this very night. That fellow will be down on the scamp bright and early to-morrow morning. It was only the woman, she could lie quite still it was over; but that little chap can't be kept still by a troop of horse and foot, I'll warrant me; he'll bring it all out, popping his head out of some window or door. A pretty kettle of fish it would be for me, too, to be caught with them both here just now! No; they'll have to be got off to-night."

Now, little Mrs. Bird was a discreet woman—a woman who never in her life said, "I told you so!" and, on the present occasion, though pretty well aware of the shape her husband's meditation was taking, she only said very quietly in her chair, and looked quite ready to hear her liege lord's intentions, when he should think proper to utter them.

"I told you so," he said, "there's my old aunt Van Trump, has come over from Kentucky, and set all his slaves free; and he has bought a place seven miles up the creek, here back in the woods, where nobody goes, unless they go on purpose; and it's a place that isn't found in a plague. There she'd be safe enough; but the plague of the thing is, nobody could drive a carriage within twenty miles of it."

"Why not? Outdjos is an excellent driver."
"Ay, but here it is. The creek has not been crossed twice; and the second crossing is quite dangerous, unless one knows it as I do. I have crossed it a hundred times on horseback, and know exactly the turns to take. And so, you see, there's no help for it. Outdjos must put in the horse quietly as may be about twelve o'clock, and I'll take her over; and then, to give colour to the matter, he must carry me on to the next tavern, to take the stage for Columbus that comes by about three or four, and so it will look, as if I had the carriage only for that I should put into business early in the morning. But I'm thinking, I shall feel rather cheap there, after all that's been said and done; but, hang it! I can't help it."

"Your heart is better than your head, in this case, John," said the wife, laying her little white hand in his. "Could I ever have loved you, had I not known you better than you know yourself?" And the little woman looked so handsome, with the tears sparkling in her eyes, that the senator thought he must be a decidedly clever fellow to get such a pretty creature into such a passionate admiration of him; and so what could he do, but walk off soberly to see about the carriage? At the door, however, he stopped a moment, and then, coming back, he said, with some hesitation—
"Mary, I don't know how you'll feel about—there's that drawer full of things—of—poor little Henry's?" So saying, he turned quickly on his heel, and shut the door after him.

His wife opened the little bed-room door adjoining her own, and, taking the candle, set it down on a table, and then, as if from a small room she took a key, and put it thoughtfully in the lock of a drawer, and made a sudden pause, while two boys, who, boy-like, had followed close on her heels, stood looking, with silent, significant glances, at their mother.

And, if mother that made this, has there never been in your house, or a doleful opening of which has been to you like the opening of a little grave! Ah! happy mother that you are, if it has not been so!

Mrs. Bird slowly opened the drawer. There were little coats of many a form and pattern, piles of aprons, and rows of small stockings; and even a pair of little shoes, worn and rubbed at the toes, were peeping from the folds of a paper. There was a toy horse and wagon, a top, a ball—memorials gathered with many a tear and many a heart-break! She sat down by the drawer, and, leaning her head on her hands over the top, all the tears fell through her fingers into the drawer; then, suddenly raising her head, she looked at the little shoes, selecting the plainest and most substantial articles, and gathering them into a bundle.

"Mamma," said one of the boys, gently touching her arm, "are you going to give away those things?"
"My dear boys," she said, softly and earnestly, "I'm sorry, but I must give away those things. I could not find it in my heart to give them away to any common person—to any that was happy; but I give them to a mother more heart-broken and sorrowful than I am; and I hope God will send His blessing with them!"

There are in this world blessed souls whose sorrows all spring up into joys for others; and, for such, the tears which fall from their eyes, are the seed from which spring healing flowers and balm for the desolate and distressed. Among such was the delicate woman who sits there by the lamp, dropping slow tears, while she prepares the memorials of her own lost one for the outcast wanderer.

As Mrs. Bird sat at her wardrobe, and, taking from thence a plain, serviceable dress or two, she sat down busily to her work, and, with needle, scissors, and thimble at hand, quietly commenced the "letting down" process which her husband had recommended, and continued busily at it, till the old clock in the corner struck twelve, and she heard the low rattling of wheels at the door.

"Mary," said her husband, coming in, with his overcoat in his hand, "you must wake her up now; we must be off."
Mrs. Bird hastily deposited the various articles she had collected in a small plain trunk and socking it, desired her husband to call the woman. Soon arrayed in a cloak, bonnet, and shawl that had belonged to her benefactress, she appeared at the door with her child in her arms. Mr. Bird hurried her into the carriage, and Mrs. Bird pressed on after her to the carriage steps. Eliza leaned out of the carriage, and put out her hand, a hand as soft and gentle as the woman's, and she fixed her large dark eyes, full of earnest meaning, on Mrs. Bird's face, and seemed going to speak. Her lips moved, she tried once or twice, but there was no sound, and, pointing upward, with a look never to be forgotten, she fell back in the seat, and covered her face. The door was shut, and the carriage drove on.

What a situation now, for a patriotic senator, that had been all the week before spurring up the legislature of his native State to pass more stringent resolutions against escaping fugitives, their harbours and abettors!

Our good senator in his own State had not been exceeded by any of his brethren at Washington in the sort of eloquence which was now for them immortal renown! How sublimely he had set with his hands in his pockets, and counted all sentimental weakness of those who would put the welfare of a few miserable fugitives before the great state interest!

He was now as a fugitive, and a "mighty confederate" not only himself, but everybody that heard him; but then his idea of a fugitive was only an idea of the letters that spell the word "fugitive"; at the most, the image of a little newspaper picture of a man with a white and brown wig, with "Ran away from his master" under it. The magic of the real presence of distress, the imploring human eye, the frail, trembling human hand, the despairing appeal of helpless agony, these he had never tried. He had never thought, that a fugitive might be a hapless mother, a defenceless child, like that one which was now wearing its mother's arms.

"I rather think I am," said honest John, with some considerable emphasis.
"If there's anybody comes," said the good man, stretching his tall, muscular form upward, "why, here I'm ready for him; and I've got seven sons, each six foot high, and they'll be ready for 'em. Give our respects to 'em," said John; "tell 'em it's no matter how soon they call, make no kinder difference to us," said John, running his fingers through the shock of hair that the senator, as he mentioned her to him. He took down a saddle, and, lighting it, set it upon the table, and then addressed himself to Eliza.
"Now, I say, gal, you needn't be a bit afraid, let who will come here. I'm up to all that sort of thing," said he, pointing to two or three goodly beds of good, rich land, marked out for people that know me now that 'twouldn't be healthy to try to get anybody out of my house when I'm 'gint it." So now you just go to sleep now, as quiet as if yer mother was a rockin' yo," said he, as he shut the door.

"Why, this is an uncommon handsome one," said the senator, "Ah well, handsome one has the greatest cause to run sometimes, if they has any kind of feeling, such as decent women should. I know all about that."
The senator, in a few words, briefly explained Eliza's history.
"Oh! on 'a'w! now, I want to know!" said the good man, pitifully; "she's now, she's that's a poor, poor creature! what a natural feeling, and doin' what no kind of mother could help a child! I'll tell ye what, these yer things make me come the nearest to swearin', now, 'most anything," said honest John, as he wiped his eyes with the back of a great, freckled, yellow hand. "I'll tell ye what, stranger, it was years ago, before I'd been in the church, 'cause the minister, round in our parts, used to preach that the Bible was in for these yer outtings; and I couldn't be up to 'em with their Greek and Hebrew, and so I took up agin' 'em Bible and all. I never joined the church till I found a minister that was up to 'em all in Greek and all that, and he said right the contrary; and I took right hold, and joined the church. I did now, fact," said John, who had been all this time unceremoniously very frisky bottled cider, which at the juncture he presented.

"Ye'd better just put up here, now, till daylight," said he, heartily, "and I'll call up the old woman, and have a bed got ready for you in no time."
"Thank ye, my good friend," said the senator, "I must be along, to take the night stage for Columbus."
"Ah, well, then, if you must, I'll give a piece

with you, and show you a cross road that will take you there better than the road you came on. That road's mighty bad."
John equipped himself, and, with a lantern in hand, was soon seen guiding the senator's carriage towards a road that ran down in a hollow, back of his dwelling. When they parted, the senator put into his hand a ten-dollar bill.
"It's for her," he said briefly.
"Ay, ay," said John, with equal concision. They shook hands and parted.

House of Assembly, Feb. 18, 1853.
His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor having, by Message, transmitted to the House a Copy of a Memorial of certain Land Proprietors and Land Agents in Prince Edward Island to Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies, praying that Her Majesty may be advised to disallow the Act for the encouragement of Education, and the Act relating to the recovery of Small Debts, both passed by the Legislature of this Colony, last Session, and the same having been read, it was
Ordered, That the said Memorial be published once in each of the Newspapers printed in Charlottetown.

JOHN M'NILL, C.H.A.
To THE RIGHT HON. JOHN PAKINGTON.
The Humble Memorial of the undersigned Proprietors and Agents of absent Producers of Land, in Prince Edward Island, Sheweth,

That the Local Legislature, during the last Session, passed a Bill for the purpose of establishing a system of Free Education throughout the Colony, whereby it is intended to impose an additional tax of four shillings and two pence per hundred acres annually on all Townships in this Island, whether the same be wildness or cultivated, improved or unimproved; and the Bill provides, that payment thereof shall be enforced under the provisions of the Colonial Statute, of the 11th Vic. cap. 7, by which Statute Wildness Land is already assessed at the annual rate of five shillings per hundred acres, and cultivated or improved land at half that amount; so that, if the Education Bill goes into operation, the tax on wildness and unproductive property will be increased to 9s. 2d. for every hundred acres, and on improved land to 6s. and 8d. for every like quantity.

That the said Land Assessment which came into operation in 1832, was equal on all lands, being two shillings on every hundred acres; but in 1837 a Bill was carried, which was limited to ten years duration, whereby the tax on wildness land was doubled, and that on improved land suffered to continue as fixed by the present Act, and so remained until 1845, when the existing Bill was equal on all lands, and into operation, which is stated in the title to have been passed "for the encouragement of Education."

That by a reference to the several Acts referred to, as well as by the correspondence of different Secretaries of State on the subject, it appears that the same was equal on all lands, of Quit Rents, the claim to which the Crown was pleased to forego, during the continuance of the said Acts, each of which contains a clause to that effect; but the tax has been of late years so gradually augmented, as now to form a very disproportionate substitute for the claim relinquished by the Crown, to give place to what seemed a milder measure than that of enforcing payment of the Quit Rents—for by the Proclamation of Lieutenant Governor Smith, dated 28th July, 1818, it is announced that His Royal Highness the Prince Regent has been graciously pleased to allow the Education Bill would "be paid justly on the owners of landed property," must also appear from the consideration, that an unequal tax on wildness or unproductive land does not exist in any of the neighbouring Provinces, nor, as your Memorialists believe, any other part of Her Majesty's dominions. That in all countries there are large tracts which can never be brought into cultivation, and it was not many years ago asserted, upon good authority, that Great Britain alone contained upwards of twenty millions of acres, which were not cultivated, upwards of nine millions of which were esteemed capable of improvement; and yet, no person ever proposed to lay a direct tax on land of this description in Great Britain, although much of it might be made of infinitely more value, than the best land in Prince Edward Island.

That the Local Legislature have also passed "An Act relating to the recovery of Small Debts," repealing various former Acts heretofore in operation, and extending the jurisdiction of the Courts to sums not exceeding twenty pounds.

That the restrictions under which rent may be used for by the said Act are so varied and stringent in character as to be tantamount in effect to the exclusion of your Memorialists from the said Courts, in most cases where rent might be recovered, as will appear by the following extract from the eighth section of the Act—
"That no action or suit, except the same commenced by assize as hereinafter mentioned, for any sum for rent due upon any lease or demise, or agreement for a lease or demise of any lands, houses, tenements, hereditaments in this Island, whereof the assize shall exceed one acre of land, whether in writing or by parol, or for rent due as between landlord and tenant, in respect to the occupation of any such lands, houses, tenements or hereditaments, shall be commenced in any Court to be constituted under this Act, unless the sum or amount demanded cannot in any way be made the subject of distress, or is recoverable thereby, or unless the assize of the commencement of such action, or of any proceeding within seven days previous thereto, there shall not be or have been upon the premises, in respect of which the rent or sum is claimed or demanded, sufficient distress to counter-veil the rent or sum so claimed; or if more than half a year's rent is claimed, a sufficient distress in sum to counter-veil a year's rent of the premises; but larger portions of the land remaining uncultivated are barren and unproductive,

or else so remotely and disadvantageously situated, that a considerable number of years must elapse before their settlement can be effected by the ordinary course of colonization; and your Memorialists beg leave to observe, that the objections advanced by the Earl of Derby, then Mr. Secretary Stanley, to the proposition of the Assembly, relative to a tax on land in 1835, may be so far to reduce the price as to render it impossible to find purchasers willing to take it at any price, subject to the amount of duty, &c. &c."

That in many instances, the present Assessment has seriously depreciated the value of property, as large tracts are annually stripped of valuable growth of timber, in order to provide for the Assessment; and quantities of land thus greatly deteriorated in value, are at length forced into the market in consequence of an oppressive and unequal burden. For in the month of January last, no less than 65,538 acres of Township Property were proclaimed by the Treasurer as liable to be sold for non-payment of the tax for the past year; and with those facts before you, your Memorialists beg leave to impress upon your consideration that the real and primary object of the Land Assessment, as stated in the despatch already referred to, is to force land into the market, and thereby create a virtual continuation of property.

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FROM LATE PAPERS... OF MR. DE WARD...

DEATH OF GREAT GRAND-CHILDREN OF BURNE... WE find the following melancholy announcement...

HASZARD'S GAZETTE

Wednesday, March 2, 1853.

Let all the seed that sows as, be thy country's... THE REV. J. B. STRONG...

THE SONS OF TOLERANCE... THE MECHANICS' INSTITUTE...

THE STEAMER ADMIRAL HAS COMMENCED HER TRIP... MARRIED...

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BLACKWOOD'S MAGAZINE FOR JANUARY... THE THREE EMIGRANTS IN AUSTRALIA...

Various things, too numerous to recite, are inscribed on the "Globe" of the reformer...

Under protection of the Court, to insinuate falsehoods, known to be such, against the character and motives of a plaintiff, or defendant...

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CHARLOTTEVILLE BRANCH Wesleyan Missionary Society... The opening services were led by the Rev. Charles Evans...

THE SONS OF TOLERANCE... THE MECHANICS' INSTITUTE... ON last Thursday evening, T. Heath Haviland, Esq...

THE STEAMER ADMIRAL HAS COMMENCED HER TRIP... MARRIED... ON Thursday last, by the Rev. John Knox, Pastor of the first Baptist Church...

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THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY... RESOLVED, That the Petition praying aid for Roads, Bridges or Wharfs, or for any object of a local or private nature...

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