

THE COTTON BLOSSOM CLUB.

RECOLLECTION JOHNSON, OF NORTH CAROLINA, ELECTRI-FIES IT.

AN ADDRESS ON THE FUTILITY OF WEALTH AND SOUR MILK.

"After the meeting had been regularly opened, Brother Gardner announced that the regular routine of business would be suspended in order to listen to an address by the Hon. Recollection Johnson, of Goldsboro N. C., who had arrived in New York two days previously. The title of the address was given as "Does riches make happiness; or, why should sweet milk sour during a thunderstorm?"

"Befo' dis pusson, who is now in de aunty room, is let into de hall, I want to say a few words," observed the President. "In de first place, I want Elder Toots an' Judge Cadaver to keep awake doo-ri'n' de lecture. It's an insult on a man to go to sleep an snore while he am talkin'." In de next place, if Shindig Watkins frovs dat cucumber which he has got in his pocket at Samuel Shin, I shall be lookin' right at him, an' befo' de meetin' closes his fucher life will be made wretched. Kuruel Cabiff an' Judge Chewso had bet-ter git as fur from each odder as possible, an' I shall depend upon Giveadam Jones to keep his eye on Uncle Bradley an' de ole man Taylor. De honorable gen'l'an will now be brung in."

"My frens," he said as he locked his fingers together and then looked benignly down upon the shiny bald cranium of Judge Cantelope White, "does riches make happiness or does she not? At de fust go-off it would 'pear dat she did. When we see a rich man arim' by in his keerridge, his arms folded, his head up high an' his black hosses prancin' along as proud as peacocks, we am apt to envy him an' to wish we was in his place. We see only outside appearances. If we could folle' dat pusson to his home of luxury we should take a different view of de case. De minit he gits into de house his wife wants fo' ten thousand dollars for new dresses; de chill'en cry for him to buy 'em an elephant; de cook has broke twelve plates while washin' de dishes, an' de gas bill is over seven dollars mo' dan it was fur de month bef. De proud smile on dat rich man's face flees away, an' he goes out behind de ba'n an' kicks hisself an' wishes he had nebbin' bin bo'n. (Cheers, shouts and wild applause.)

"Yo' go into a rich man's house," continued the orator, "an' yo' see lace curtains, livered cha's fine carpets an' heaps of brick-bats. Some of 'em hev got as many as five beds up-sta's, an' if yo' go down cellar yo'll find hull bar'l of pork and sixteen bushels of 'taters. Nuffin' seems wantin' to complete dat man's happiness, but dat's all on de outside. He may be sittin' around on dem fine carpets or lookin' at hisself in one of dem lookin'-glasses which nebbin' cost less dan nine dollars, when he gits a telegraph. He opens it to find dat somebody has robbed de grave of his gran'fader out in Chicago, and demands one million dollars to restore de body. (Applause so vigorous that two legs fell out of de stove and a serious calamity was narrowly averted.)

"I was in de private office of a millyonaire de odder day. He

was cuttin' de coupons off his bloated bonds. Dar' war' seven-teen bags of gold on his right hand and sixteen bars of silver on his left. (Suppressed excitement.) Dar' war' fo' bushels of diamonds piled up behind de stove, an' about two bars of pearls an opals ober hy de wash-stand. (Whispers of "Yum!" "Yum!") Dat pusson owned de awtulsst, biggest planta-shun in de hull Souf. He had six millyon horses an' cattid. He owned fo' banks an' five railroads. He owned all de judges an' juries an' lawyers in de State. If yo' froved a tatter at his dawg he could hev yo' sent to State prison fur life. (Sighs and groans.) An' yit, wid all dis power an' riches, was dat man happy? No! He had a sore heel; his stomach was outer order; he was gittin' bald on top o'de head; he woke up in de night an' saw spooks wavin' deir arms ober him, an' he said he would gib all he had on airth to be like me. (Applause which put out three lamps and upset the wa-ter-pail.)

"No, my frens," calmly continued the orator, after sipping a little more nutmeg, "riches don't make happiness. Dey is jest handy when you feel you'd like to git measured fur fo' new shirts, or you want fried chicken fur dinner. All de rest is vanity an' am stuhl to bring yo' trouble. Take de case of Shindig Watkins, of dis club, at whose cabin I am temporarily stoppin' free of charge. He's got a rag carpet an' three cane-seat cha's in his parlor. He's got three dawgs an' an ice chest an' a chroomee of "Napoleon crosin' de Alps. He's got a cuckoo-clock dat cost him 'leben dollars, an' he bought an ole lounge for \$2 an kivered it ober wid new stuff an' made it other \$10. His wife kin airn a dollar a day while he sits on de front steps, an' his chill'n save deir pennies to buy him tacker an' beer. From Sunday mawnin' to Saturday night Brudder Watkins is perfectly happy an' content, an' he will lib thirty y'r's longer dan any rich man. (Vociferous applause from all except Brother Watkins, whose modesty is well known.)

"An' now why does sweet milk sour doo-ri'n' a thunder-storm?" asked the orator after getting his breath. "Yo' may think dis has nuffin' to do wid de case, but it has. It has a heap to do wid it. De rich man has to use sweet milk, same as de pore. A painful of it is sittin' down cellar on de shelf, an' we is gwine to hev puddin' an' milk fur supper. Long comes a thunder-shower, and de ole woman goes down to find de milk all sour. Why? Fur what reason? Yo' do not stop inquir', but yo' jump up an' down and lick de chill'en. If yo' would only sot down in de rockin'-cheer and philo-sophise a leetle yo' would dis-kiv-er why it was thus. De electrified condishun of de atmosphere has simply absorbed de energetic radi-ometer of de liquid, an' de result is a peridgerous situation of de mag-netic illiberality. My frens, de hour is late, an' I will not occupy any mo' of yo' valuable time."

When the speaker retired he was followed by round after round of applause, and he must have been highly pleased with his successful hit. When silence was restored Brother Gardner said: "Gen'l'en, I hev no doubt dat we hev all bin made de better men fur listenin' to dat address, an' dat it will be wise fur us to treasure up in our memories de varus facts brung out by de orator, but at de same time I want to caushun yo' dat great men am only mortal ar'er all. Shoudl de Hon. Recol-lection Johnson want to borrow any monév of yo' it will be eminently safe to reply dat you has just taken all yo' r'change to de bank, and dat yo' don't 'spect to hev any mo' bef'oh next week. We will now go home."—New York World.

The poet sing, in dainty rhymes, of summer days and sunny climes, of luscious nectars, sipping fair, with winking eyes and waving hair, 'Till near the end yo' re apt to see— "Tis but an 'act' for P. P. P.," that is, Pierce's Favorite Prescrip-tion, the infallible and guaranteed remedy for all kinds of female weakness, which cures the ailments of feeble, "run-down" and debilitated women, and restores them to youthfulness and beauty once more. The price of this royal remedy, Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescrip-tion, is but \$1.00 a bottle, and money refunded in every case if it doesn't give satisfaction. See bot-tle-wrapper.

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