

### By Special Dispensation.

"Is your mother still improving, Berinthia?"

"Yas'm Mis' Jos'feem' mommer's jes' doing fine doing fine now, and we alls is sho' feelin' good ovah hit too. We couldn't nevah spaih mommer, nohow."

"No indeed; but it seems to me I heard someone whispering about a black cat, Berry. Hasn't our pastor lost his?"

"Mis' Jos'feem, honey, I lak' to tell yo' 'bout dat 'ar funny nominal, ef it doan' never git to de preachah's yeahs; but de fac' is, he dat set 'gainst ev'rything but jes' pra'h an' de ministrashmenas ob de Gospel, an' doctah's messes for trouble an' sickness, dat—w'y I done heahd him tell Ole Mis' dat my rabbit foot was ign'ance an' sup'stition! I was jes' showing hit to Ole Miss' an' tellin' how how hit wasn't no no boughten trash, but a sho-nuff lef' hin' foot ob a grabeyahd rabbit ketchid in de dahk ob de moon at midnight ob a Friday w'at was de thuhteenth ob de month, by a cross-eyed niggah wif a hunch back; an' he 'jes shake he haid lak' dah wasn't no hope lef', an say, 'Ign'ance an' sup'stition go han' in han', he say; an' I didn't say nuffin, 'euz I had my eye on dat cat den."

"We-all hunted all over foh a black cat, one wifouten ary w'ite hair, but none ob de cullud had any or dey'd be glad foh to funnish hit. We-alls hate lak sin to tek' a w'ite folk's cat, hones' now Mis' Jos'feem, but mommer's pleur'sy kep' a-gittin' wuss—yo' knows how hit is, yo' get sickah an' sickah as de pleur'sy spread ovah yo' lungs, de mo' hit spread de wuss yo' git, twell hit meet erround yo' hea't, an den yo' ups an' ddies! Yas'm! An' de onlies' plum black cat in de neighborhood was de preachah's, an I jes' coax dat cat off wif a chichen gizzarddat berry night aftah dahk, cuz hit was de right time ob de moon foh de op'ation, an' hits wuss dan any cunjuh, lessen hit done jes right. But fin'ly dat cat suttiniy was skun."

"Well we sho'ly did hab de mos' strenyersomest time a-gittin' dat black catskin plaster 'plied whils' hit would do de good! Ole Mammy Wash'n'on was de onlies' lef'-handed widder we know, 'an de poultice hatter be laid on by a lef'-han' w'at's done buried th'ee husban's; and Mammy Wash'n'ton only buried two, eus de las' one done 'lope wif Bruddah Jones, s secon' wife. Mis' Adams, she sejested dat mebbe he was daid an' buried, too now, an' mommer say foh Mammy Wash'n'ton, to gwan 'ply de hide an' we-all trus' to Providence dat Bruddah Wash'n'ton am am at de long home."

"Hit was tekkin' a terrible risk, now I done tole you fo' suah, Mis' Jos'feem, cuz eben if de patient doan' die in a fit, dat 'ar black pelt gwine tek root an' grow fas' to de pusson ef it put on by by de wrong han's or at de wrong time. But Bruddah Wash'n'ton suttiniy is laid to res', Mis' Jos'feem, cuz mommer kermence pick up right away, an' dat cat fur come off ez slick ez grease de nex day. We-alls hate to disappearify de preachah's cat, but we boun' to save mommer ef hit tek ev'y black cat in de Presbyte'y!"

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### Street Improvement.

An effort is being made to have Ravine Avenue improved from St. Johns Avenue to Forest Avenue. The particular improvement called for is not only opposed by most of the property owners on that street, but very many citizens of Highland Park insist that the improvement should extend to the lake. We understand that was the original plan of the founders of our city, and there are many reasons why it would be desirable, but there are also some objections to it.

The request is being made to have it not only go to the lake, but along the riparian lands to the foot of Beech Street and continue up that street to Railroad Avenue. This would certainly make a very beautiful drive, but we are informed that the land set aside by the original land company for the street along the shore of the lake is now under water. We do not understand that the property owners between St. Johns Avenue and Forest Avenue are opposed to an improvement.

The News-Letter is always interested in anything that goes for the improvement of Highland Park, and will be glad to hear from the citizens on this subject.

### Notice of Dissolution

Notice is hereby given that the firm of Schmidley & McNanly heretofore engaged in the Plumbing and Heating business at 118 Central Avenue, Highland Park, Ill., is hereby dissolved by mutual consent.

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WM. J. MCNANLY.

Highland Park, Ill., April 1, 1907

### Town Meeting

The annual township meeting of Deerfield Township convened in the Fire Department Building April 2.

Minutes of annual meeting of April 3, 1906, were read and approved.

Annual report of Township Treasurer George Hesler read and accepted and placed on file.

Motion carried to make a levy of \$ 600 for use of township for year 1907.

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