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Some furthest star, remembering what man Forgets, had warmed her little head with gold. Above her, hollow eyed, long blind to tears,

Oh, castle shadow of a thousand years! Where you have fallen, is this the thing that grows?

-Sarah M. B. Platt.

A two room log house, with a low, dilapidated "worm" fence around it, ragged honeysuckle vine at one side of the door, which is never closed, winter or summer, a few stunted rose bushes bordering the path of white sand that glistened blandingly in the sun of a midsummer day, from the broken gate to the rickety doorstep.

A traveler drew his horse up at the gate, and, after the fashion of the country, shouted, "Hel-lo!" He heard a sonorous growl from within the house, as if an immense, ill natured African lion had been disturbed from an afternoon siesta; then a shrill, shattered voice commanded, "You, Watch, git right back thar," and the great dog immediately retired to his favorite couch beneath the high, uncur-

A few moments later there protruded from the open door an enormous corn cob pipe, from which the smoke was curling in a lazy blue column. As the pipe with, it seemed, several sections of stem, gradually made itself visible, it became evident that the other end disappeared in an old woman's mouth—a dry. expressionless mouth, surrounded with ever widening circles of wrinkles, as is the center of a tree, which circles took in a long, sharp nose, a booked chin, two bright, inquisitive eyes, and finally disappeared under the folds of a cotton handkerchief bound over snowy hair.

Then the handle of the pipe was with an effort extracted from its accustomed place between the old cracker mother's lips as she called, "Ole man, ole man, here's sum 'un as wanster see you."

The pipe is replaced and the thin column of blue smoke curls lazily up as the stranger sits in silence under close scrutiny from the eyes above the primitive pipe as well as from a pair of bright, starry orbs, dimly visible through a crack between 'wo logs of the cabin.

Presently a thick stream of dark yellow fluid is projected from around a corner of the building with the force and volume of a lawn sprinkler, a heavy quid of tobacco is flung out among the stunted rose bushes, and an old man-dwarfed in appearance, with a lean and slender frame, yellow skin, thick gray hair locks, from which projects an aquiline nose and peer two ferret like and furtive eyes-comes slowly slouching into view He wears patched and darned brown jeans clothes, and, as it is summer, he does not wear any shoes at all. He speaks first, saying in a breath:

"Good even'-tollable-light, mister." The stranger "lights" and enters the house, which, after the glaring semi-path outside, looks as cool and gloomy as a grotto There he came face to face with the girl of the starry eyes, who indeed appears, perhaps from the contrast with her homely surroundings, a rare vision of girlish loveliness.

As the stranger bowed she smiled bashfully and said "Good mawnin'," though it is late in the afternoon, but no one "makes him acquainted."

The young lady whom the mother calls "Soonie" brings him directly a drink of cool spring water in a small long handled gourd, which is white and as light as cork, and which seems to impart an agreeable flavor and sweetness to the water; but as the weary traveler meets Soonie's hand in taking the gourd and her eyes while drinking, it may be that the virtue did not all lie in the gourd.

The mother sits beside the doorway, knitting, smoking and gazing down the lonely sandy road as she has done every day these last fifty years. Along that road, she tells the stranger, her old man brought her to this home the day they were married-only he wasn't an old man then, but one of the finest boys in the country, along that road her only son Benny marched away to "jine Guv'nor Brown," but he never came back; along that road later on came one division of Sherman's conquering hosts as they swept over the already desolated country on to the sea, and along that road some day in the near future she will be carried in a rough pine box, on a jolting ox cart, up to the burying ground at New Prospect church and laid to rest. Old man Stubbs, with similar thoughts, perhaps, sits near her industriously chewing a new tobacco cud and spitting with deadly precision at the lazy flies basking in the sun on the doorstep and asking at intervals, like minute guns

"And what did you say your name mout be, mister?" though the guest had not as yet mentioned it.

"And you are from-where, mister?" failing to use the name after obtaining it. "And what mout be your business, mister?" clinging still to his favorite title. "And be you a Yankee, mister?"

While gratifying his host's curiosity the visitor glances curiously about the room on his own account. About the open fireplace, at which the family cook ing is done, are ranged the only cooking vessels known in crackerdom-an oven to bake bread, a frying pan in which they spoil about all meats, a deep pot to boil "greens" and a coffee pot in which they compound a black decoction, strong and bitter, and which they drink enormously. unassisted with either sugar or milk; strings of red pepper hang in long festoons from the rafters overhead, along with home raised hams, ears of popcorn and bags of unknown contents, on pegs about the walls hang the entire wardrobes of all the family. Two tall beds fill the rear of the cabin, and under one of these Watch is growling at the stranger's

voice and sleepily scratching fleas. Soonie is preparing supper, frequently casting expectant glances up the sandy

it is Saturday afternoon, and her sweetheart will soon come whistling merrily from among the pines, arrayed in a suit of new clothes, with white shirt and red

necktie, and his pockets filled with pea-

She is radiant in a new speckled calico dress, with flowers in her hair, and a knot CUNARD LINE of red ribbon at her throat that beauti fully matches her cheeks The old road brings no sad memories to her, but calls

crisp fried meat, hard biscuits and bitter black coffee. Even these were palatable, however, after a long day's ride through those desolate pine wilds, and Mr. Stubbs' invitation to "set up and eat hearty" was cheerfully accepted by the traveler

Soonie's beau came in during supper, a of the stranger and could only giggle and Oldest line in existence. look more foolish than ever

dently a very precious piece of humanity, though she cast many pleasant looks to-

As soon as the supper things were cleared away Mrs Stubbs "fixed the beds," and instructing the traveler to lie "along with the old man," she and Soonie left the room.

"You kin sleep in here with me," said floor and tumbling into bed with only so much preparation as a bog might take, and was soon snoring frightfully; this effectually banished sleep so far as our The state of the s

and Mrs. Stubbs turned in.

Soome and John Henry were now left alone before the great fireplace, she standing on one side of the hearth nervously toying with a china cup and saucer of gaudy pattern, her only treasure except a flaring chromo of "Joseph and His Brethren" which hung on the wall, while he chewed vigorously and expectorated freely to the imminent risk of injuring her Sunday dress. How silly and frightened he looked as Soonie, seating herself, began idly picking at her frock, blushing vividly, and left the opening of the evening's exercises entirely with him.

The sce was broken, and when the traveler again looked toward them their chairs were hopelessly jammed, and all outlines were confused.

It may have been that the presence of the handsome and well dressed stranger prompted John Henry to unusual boldness to-night; at any rate he was soon telling his love in true backwoods heroics. If he was bashful and awkward, she was coy and shy Perhaps she, too, was thinking of the traveler and comparing his easy. unstudied grace with John Henry's heavy, lumbering manner. She held back and hesitated long before putting her promise into words

"Oh, Soonie," he finally blurted out, "if you likes me, and don't likes to say so, just squoze my hand."

for the next moment there was quite a reciprocity in the hugging line between them—quite unanimous, in fact. Her heavy masses of anburn hair hung over his shoulders, and her bangs were all mussed up with his carroty forelocks, while the red ribbon at her throat and his flaming necktie were indistinguishably mingled.

The fire burned slowly out and was not replenished, but Henry staid until the traveler, with many sad memories tugging at his own heart, drew the cover over his head and slept, despite the snor

entire family had been long up The old man was out feeding the stock; Mrs. Stubbs sat in the doorway smoking and looking down the lonely road, thinking, perhaps, of that fair, brave hearted boy who so long ago went out that way to "jine Guv'ner Brown," as the smoke curled blue and lazily from her pipe; Soonie was making bread at a table a few feet from the bedside

"Good mawnin." she said, with a smile on her ripe red lips, which looked sweet Henry's tobacco stained mouth and shud

"You'd better be gittin' up," she said,

Get up! It certainly was time to get up, but how was that to be done with a blooming and bright eyed young lady looking calmly on at a distance of six feet.

How he suffered as the time flew onward and she loitered about the table, and would not go away nor turn her back upon him. The biscuits were all made and she began to set the table, calling him a "lazy boy," and again telling him it was time "to git up an' wash."

A year later the traveler returned that

Half a mile up the road he stopped at a new one roomed cabin, and in the doorway sat Soonie with a cob pipe in her mouth, and she was alternately knitting and rock ing a white haired baby in the piny woods all the children have white hair. A dog inside the house growled heavily, but was quickly silenced. Soonie recognized the traveler and called her husband.

John Henry came slowly into view from behind the house, ejected a shower of tobacco juice upon a flower bed, threw a well worn "chaw" among the straggling rose bushes and said, all in one breath "Goodeven'-tollable-light, mister."-

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In Soonie's eyes, however, he was evi-

ward the guest.

the old man, rubbing his bare feet on the ments the ladies came back into the room

"Saw a mighty big chicken fight up ter the store this even'n', huh, huh," said he. "Did you, he-he; which whupped?" said

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