The Farmer Got Even.

With Carpet Bag of Hornets He Was Equal to the Bunco Men.

There are four men in Chicago who will never forget Silas Tatman's visit to the city. It will be many days before those same men will be able to show up at the depots again to prey on the confidence of rural strangers.

When Silas came to town Saturday he came with the avowed intention of revenging himself on a smooth-spoken young man who had met himself on a former visit and had relieved him of a carpet sack containing the visitor's money and return ticket. He did not expect to encounter the fellow, but made up his mind to adminster to the first man who claimed to know him the warmest reception the scoundrel had ever met with.

Tatman came in from Bunkum. Bunkum is not on the map, and one could go to the place with a repeating rifle and shoot all the inhabitants without reloading. But, small as it is, it can boast of a citizen who out witted four of the cleverest "con" men in Chicago.

Bunkum is also renowned for its large hornets' nests and the warlike and "grouchy" dispositions of their occupauts. In Tatman's hog lot hung one of these nests from the limb of a locust tree. It was a gigantic specimen and the terror of the neighborhood.

The morning Silas left for Chicago he went out in the hog lot very early, before the hornets were astir. He took with him an old green carpet bag, and this he opened and slipped carefully around the oblong nest, closing the clasp quickly without losing a hornet. When he took the train later in the day he smiled with delight as he thought of the harrowing scene that would take place when the carpet bag was opened.

When Silas arrived at the depot, instead of going to the hotel, he sat down in the smoking room and waited. His mission was similar to that of the confidence man. He was in quest of a stranger who would cultivate his acquaintance only to rob him of his bundles and to regret it to his dying day. Occasionally Farmer Tatman would look down at his carpet bag. As he did so he shook with glee.

The Bunknm farmer had not been seated five minutes when he was approached by a fellow with a sharp, inquisitive noise and a checked suit. "Ah, ho!" thought Tatman, as the stranger extended his hand, "I've got you."

"I believe I know you," said the sharp-nosed individual. "Let me see, you are from—"

"Bunkum," replied Tatman.

"To be sure; Bunkum. And your name is—"

"Tatman."

"Why of course. How are you, Mr. Tatman?"

"Tolerable," and Tatman looked down at his hornets and chuckled.

"My name's Cunningham," went on the stranger, grasping one of Silas's hands in both his own. "You remember I was visiting in Bunkum a few years ago with Banker—a—Oh, never can never remember names. You know who I mean, though. He's the principal banker in your town."

There never was a banker within twenty miles of Bunkum, but Farmer Tatman was playing a hand, so he said. "Know 'im? Woll, I should say I do. You mean old Squire Jones."

"Jones, of course. Ha, ha, ha! Strange I couldn't remember the name."

"Ha, ha, ha! 'Twas kinder funny," and Silas fairly danced with joy. "I reckon thar hain't a nice quiet little place somewhere where a fellow can ta'k with a friend what he ain't seen for nigh on to two year." This was just what Cunningham wanted.

"Oh, yes," said he in his softest tone. "I know just the place. It's not over a block from here."

"Then I reckon we might as well go if you're sure it's safe wakling through the streets with as much money as I've got in this satchel."

At the word money Silas detected an expression of eagernes and pleasure on the scoundrel's face, and the fellow's fingers seemed to itch as the two walked along.

"Ain't you afraid," said he, "of being robbed?"

"Woll, you just bet your sweet life the follow who opens old Silas Tatman's valise will be sorry," and the Bunkum farmer smiled inwardly.

Here Cunningham turned on a little side street, leading his friend by the arm. About half way down the block they turned into a dark and digny-looking saloon. Cunningham spoke familiary to the barkeeper, who directed them to a wine room in the back of the place. The two sat down at the table and were joined presently by three other men. One of them was a fat man, who tried to get Tatman to play cards "just for fun."

Another one of the men wore a white vest and a polka dot necktie. He did all the talking, and after Cunningham had whispered a few words in the fellow's ear he could hardly keep his eyes off the carpet bag. He was introduced to Tatman as Thomas W. Bloomfield, the Board of Trade man.

"It seems, Mr. Tatman," said Bloomfeld, that you are very careless with your money. Mr. Cunningham tells me that you carry it in your satchel."

"You bet I have got a lot of money in that 'ere old carpetbag. I was kinder thinkin' of speculatin' with it.

"Perhaps you would like to have me invest it in wheat. I think you could make a big stake.

"I'm kinder 'fraid of losin' it."

"Oh, not at all; not if it's well invested. People only lose through carelessness. But of course some one has to lose money to keep the stuff properly in circulation."

"Well, I hain't got much money to lose, and I'm feared if I was to open that 'ere bag that mine would get to circulatin', and you bet it would circulate mighty dern fast."

"Well, if you did lose it it would stick to some one's fingers."

"You bet your blame life she would, and she'd stick purty gold darned fast,"

"So you don't want me to invest it for you?"

"I'm a little bit scary 'bout putin' it in wheat."

"No risk whatever," said Bloomfield.

"Why, I tell you, Mr. Tatman, a good speculator can pick money off the trees here in Chicago."

Bloomfield's expression tickled Tatman. He laughed uproariously and then said:

"You can pick it off the trees in Bunkum, too, but you can't keep it long, 'cause it circulates too dern fast."

By this time the men were growing impatient, and Tatman noticed that they looked more frequently and longer at the carpet bag. He thought it about time to take his revenge, so he said:

"Well, gentlemen, I reckon I'd better be a-goin', and I'd like to leave that 'ere money with you, so as it'll be safe while I hunt up a stoppin' place."

The men were perfectly willing to accommodate Farmer Tatman. They assured him that the carpet bag and its contents would be perfectly safe, and that they would be willing to wait until he came back.

"Much obliged, gentlemen," and Tatman arose. "Tisn't very often that a fellow meets such kind friends as you are in a strange city, and it's kinder soothin' to know that a fellow's leavin' his money with honest people. I reckon I'll be back in about an hour." And Tatman once more thanked his friends as he passed out of the room, closing the door behind him.

Tatman did not leave the saloon, as the men expected. By a clever dodge he managed to slip the key of the door in his pocket before he left the room. He remained on the outside long enough to silently turn the bolt in the lock, after which he slipped into the adjoining room. He did not wait long before he heard one of the men say:

"Well, that was the easiest snap I ever saw." Silas recognised the voice as that of Cunningham. Then Bloomfield answered:

"Easy! Why, you could rob that fool before his eyes and he wouldn't know it. Hand up the granger's gripsack."

Tatman heard the sound of the gripsack striking the top of the table. Then he heard them prying the lock. Presently he heard the clasp give, and in another instant a piercing yelp rent the air. Whack! Crash! Bang! The chairs were upturned and the table was tumbled over in the mad scramble for the door.

Then he heard some one say: "Great heavens! They're hornets and the door isl ocked!"

The howls and yelps which followed brought the bartender and the proprietor to the scene. The Bunkum farmer seized the opportunity to slip out of the saloon, and as he was passing into the street he heard the door crash in as one of the men on the inside dealt it a blow with a chair. Over his shoulder he saw a stream of hornets sail after the bartender.

Twenty minutes later, from his retreat in the alley across the street, Tatman saw his five friends limping out of the saloon to the ambulance, which had been called and which had backed up to the curbstone.

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By order of the Board,
WM. H. LAMBERT, Jr., Clerk.
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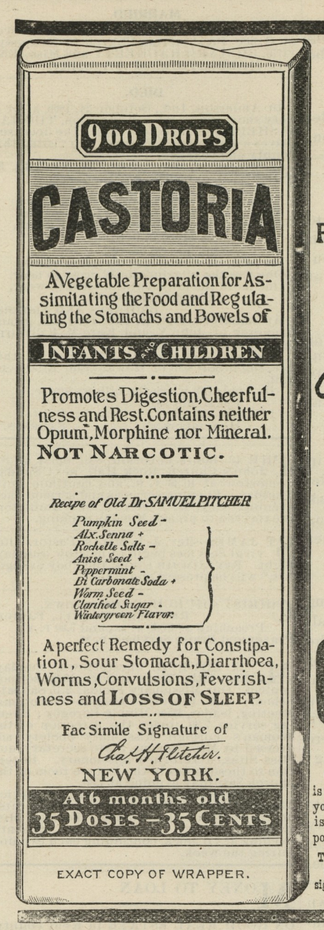

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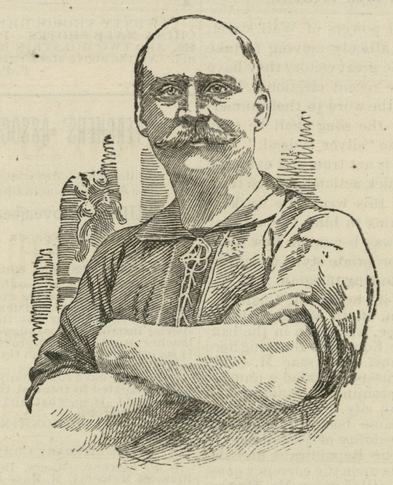

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No. 1221 Chancery.

Order Nisi.

Sarah E. Hurlock,
versus
Samuel Lively.

In the Circuit Court for Kent Co., in Equity.

ORDERED, this 6th day of November, 1896, that the sale of the Real Estate of Samuel Lively, made and reported by SARAH E, HURLOCK, mortgagee, under power contained in a mortgage from Samuel Lively and wife to the said Sarah E. Hurlock, dated Nov. 12th, 1883, and recorded in the Land Records of Kent county, be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the 7th day of January next:—Provided a copy of this order be inserted in some newspaper printed and published in Kent County, once in each of three successive weeks before the 7th day of December next.

The report states the amount of sales to be $75.00.

SAMUEL G. FISHER, Clerk.
True copy—Test:
SAMUEL G. FISHER, Clerk.
Nov. 7, 1896—3t.

Number 1224 Chancery.

Order Nisi.

The Chester Loan Association of Kent Co.,
versus
William S. Maslin and wife.

In the Circuit Court for Kent County, in Equity.

ORDERED, this 6th day of November, 1896, that the sale of the Real Estate of William S. Maslin and wife, made and reported by MARION DEK. SMITH, attorney under the power in the mortgage from the said William S. Maslin and wife to the said The Chester Loan Association of Kent County, a body corporate, dated the 10th day of November, 1893, and recorded among the Land Records of Kent county, in Liber S. G., No. 2, folio 101, &c., be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the 9th day of January next;—Provided, a copy of this order be inserted in some newspaper printed and published in Kent county, once in each of three successive weeks before the 9th day of December next.

The report states the amount of sales to be $630.00.

SAMUEL G. FISHER, Clerk.
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Nov. 7, 1896—4t.

Order Nisi.

Carolene L. Hynson and Richard D. Hynson, Executors of Richard Hynson, dec'd.
versus
J. Horton Kelley, and Eliza D. Kelley, his wife

In the Circuit Court for Kent County, in Equity.

ORDERED, this 30th day of October, 1896, that the sale of the Real Estate made and reported by RICHARD D. HYNSON, Attorney named in mortgage from J. Horton Kelley and Eliza D. Kelley, his wife, to Richard Hynson, deceased, be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the 30th day of December next;—Provided a copy of this order be inserted in some newspaper printed and published in Kent County, once in each of three successive weeks before the 30th day of November next.

The report states the amount of sales to be $8,840.00.

SAMUEL G. FISHER, Clerk.
True copy, Test:
SAMUEL G. FISHER, Clerk.
Oct. 31, 1896—4t.

No 1,146, Chancery.

Order Nisi.

Marion deK. Smith, Trustee.
versus
Lewis C. Justis, Jr.

In the Circuit Court for Kent County, in Equity.

ORDERED, this 14th day of October, 1896, by the Circuit Court for Kent County, that the sale of the property metioned in these proceedings, made and reported by Marion deK. Smith, trustee, under a daed of trust from Lewis C. Justis, Jr., to him dated May 20, 1895, be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the 17th day of November next;—Provided, a copy of this order be inserted in some newspaper printed and published in Kent county, Maryland once in each of two successive weeks before the 29th day of October, next.

The report states the amount of sales to be $9,534.43.

SAMUEL G. FISHER, Clerk.
True copy, Test:
SAMUEL G. FISHER, Clerk.
Oct. 17 1896—4t.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the subscriber has obtained from the Orphans' Court of Kent county letters testamentery on the personal estate in Kent county, Maryland, of

BENJAMIN F. BECK, Sr.,

late of Kent county, Maryland, deceased.

All persons having claims against said deceased are hereby warned to exhibit the same, with the proper vouchers thereof, to the undersigned on or before the 27th day of April, 1897, otherwise they may be excluded by law from all benefits of said estate. All indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment to the subscriber.

Given under my hand this 20th day of October, 1896.

BENJAMIN F. BECK, Jr.,
October 24, 1896—4t. Executor.

Town Ordinances.

RELATING TO HOG PENS, &c.

ORDINANCE 62.

There shall be constructed under every privy, hog pen, manure pile and slaughter house in Chestertown, which may be designated by the commissioners as requisite, a cemented or water-tight receptacle which will prevent the percolation into the soil of any deleterious liquid or matter which may contaminate or pollute the water supply of the town.

For a violation of this ordinance, after notice from the Commissioners there shall be a fine of Five dollars imposed.

COMMR'S OF CHESTERTOWN.
M. W. Thomas, Sec. o17.

RELATING TO BICYCLES.

ORDINANCE 63.

ORDERED by the Commissioners of Chestertown, that the riding of Bicycles through the streets of Chestertown after dark and before daylight, without a lighted lamp or lantern attached, is prohibited.

That riding on the pavements, or racing on Bicycles through the streets of Chestertown, is prohibited.

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