A Farmer = = Got Even!

There are four Chicago men who will never forget Silas Tatman's visit to that city. It will be many drys before these 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, he came with the avowed intention of revenging himself on a smooth spoken young man who had met him on a former visit and who had relieved him of a carpetbag containing the visitor's money and return ticket. He did not expect to encounter the same fellow, but made up his mind to administer to the first who claimed to know him the warmest reception the scoundrel had ever met with.

Ta man 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" disposition of the occupants. In Tatman's hog lot hung one of these nests from a 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 scence that would take place when the carpetbag 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 hornets and 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 Bunkum farmer had not been seated five minutes when he was approached by a fellow with a sharp, inquisitive nose and a checkered suit. "Ah, ha!" thought Tatman, as the fellow 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 Mr. Tatman looked down at his hornets and chuckled.

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

There never was a banker within 20 miles of Bunkum, but Farmer Tatman was playing a hand, so he said: "Know 'm? Wall, 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 ain't a nice quiet little place somewhere where a feller can talk with a friend what he ain't seen 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 walking through the streets with as much money as I've got in this here satchel."

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

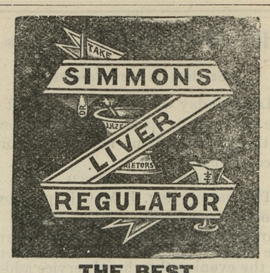
"Ain't you afraid," said he, "of being robbed?"

"Waal, you just bet your sweet life the fellow who ovens old Silas Tatman's valise will be sorry." And the Bunkum farmer smiled inwardly.

Here Cunningham turned on a little side side street, leading his friend by the arm. About half way down the block they turned into a dark and dingy looking saloon. Cunningham spoke familiarly to the barkeeper, who directed them to a wineroom 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 Bloomfield, "that you are very careless with your money. Mr. Cunningham tells me that you carry it in your satchel."



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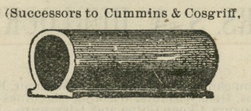

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All persons having claims against said deceased are hereby warned to exhibit the same, with the proper vouchers thereof, to the undersigned, on or before the 15th day of June, 1897, otherwise they may be excluded by law from all benefits of said estate. All indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment to the subscribers.

Given under my hand this 8th day of December, 1896.

LAURA E. BIRCH,
December 12, 1896—4t. Administratrix.

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JOHN C. DAVIS,
December 12, 1896—4t. Administrator.

Order Nisi.

Franklin H. Harper,
versus
John Hurlock,

In the Circuit Court for Kent County, in Equity.

ORDERED, this 8th day of December, 1896, that the sale of the property mentioned in these proceedings, made and reported by FRANKLIN H. HARPER, Vendee, in a bill of sale from John Hurlock, dated the 11th day of January, 1892, be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the 28th 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 15th day of January next.

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No 1,134, Chancery.

Order Nisi.

The Chester Loan Association of Kent Co.,
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Joseph W. Thompson and Susan V. Thompson, his wife.

In the Circuit Court for Kent County, in Equity.

ORDERED, this 10th day of December, 1896, that the sale of the Real Estate of Joseph W. Thompson and Susan V. Thompson, his wife, made and reported by MARION DEK. SMITH, attorney, under the power in a mortgage from the said Joseph W. Thompson and Susan V. Thompson to the Chester Loan Association of Kent County, dated the 2d day of January, 1892, and recorded among the Land Records of Kent County, in Liber S. B., No. 15, Folio 229, &c., be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the 15th day of February next;—Provided, a copy of this order be inserted in some newspaper printed and published in Kent county, Maryland, once in each of three successive weeks before the 15th day of January, next.

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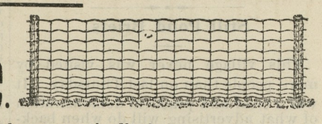

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