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SHIRTS AND THE LITTLE HEATHEN.

BY JOHN QUILL.

"But they must have clothes, Mr. Wilkins."

"No they mustn't. It's ridiculous nonsense for any collection of old women like your sewing society to start out a lot of duds to the heathen in Africa. It is confounded stupid, I say—What do you suppose a lot of old coffee-colored pagans, steeped in ignorance and vice, want with shirts? Hey? Why, they don't want 'em. They were born without 'em, weren't they? And if it was right for them to have clothes don't you suppose they would have had 'em? Don't you suppose beneficent nature knows better than you and all the other heifers down at the sewing bee? Why it's absolutely ridiculous."

"Wilkins, you shan't talk that way about—"

"It's perfectly ridiculous. But you go on; you go on and send them over there to Africa, and do you know what will happen? Do you know what will be the result of your tomfoolery? Why, the very first thing you know some benighted heathen or other will go and mount one of those shirts some night, and paddle around in the dark and scare the other heathen, and make them believe in ghosts, and set the whole continent of Africa to falling down and sacrificing themselves to a lot of old nine-headed idols, and jabbering away at their pagan prayers. You've got sin enough on your soul, old woman, without that, I want you distinctly to understand."

"Mr. Wilkins you are too contemptible to notice."

"Yes, and I'd like to know what an ignorant heathen knows about shirts, any how? Why, absolutely nothing; and very likely the first fellow that tries to get into one will get it upside down, and mix his legs all up in the sleeves, and get himself into a tangle and trip up, and fall over some precipice or other, and then there will be the responsibility for a mangled man added to your list of crimes. But I'd just like you to bear in mind that you don't send any of my wardrobe out there. I don't want a parcel of Ethiopians sporting around on Africa's sunny shores in my linen. Not exactly. I like to see men enjoy themselves, but not in that indecent style."

"But, Mr. Wilkins—"

"Pretty spectacle it will be now, won't it? Forty-six little Africans dressed in a simple but chaste garb of white shirts, sitting along a bench in Sunday-school wriggling their toes, or else enjoying themselves at recess singing 'ham fat' and doing the walk-around. That's a pretty way to civilize a heathen land, ain't it? For they won't wear any pants you observe. If you go to shipping a lot of pants over there the first thing you know they'll have them tacked on some idol or other, or rammed full of feathers, and be holding religious service before each pant; and as for socks, why every sock has been stuffed with sand, and used as a war club. That's so, and I've no doubt that very identical pair you're knitting on now will brain a stray pagan some day or other in some fuss."

"Mr. Wilkins, you know that's not so."

"If you want to do your colored friends a service, why don't you go to work and ship them a lot of the delicacies of the season? Why don't you send out a ship load of canned missionaries, or something else that will make their teeth water? Or you might collect an assortment of second hand jaw bones, and give them for necklaces, and send out your own false teeth, or—"

"Wilkins! I'll scratch—"

"Or go yourself, and see how it feels to be eaten. I won't stop you. You've got my permission, you understand. But I pity the miserable pagan that stuffs himself with you. You won't agree with him. You never did with me, my love—"

"Mr. Wilkins, you are a brute."

"But for my part I think you had better stay at home and attend to your children, instead of fooling down there at that society with a lot of tabbies, who slander their neighbors, and make more mischief than they do underclothes for the naked Hottentots."

"Mr. Wilkins, that's not so."

"You'd better stay at home and sew for your family, that's what you'd better do. There's William Henry been going round for six weeks or more with only one gaiter on his pants, and looking like he was a deformed cripple, with one shoulder a foot higher than the other, while his stockings have no feet, and the upper part of them keep working up his leg until the boy nearly goes mad."

"What an awful story, Wilkins."

"And Bucephalus Alexander's best Sunday jacket has burst out all over in spots, and Breckenridge Augustus, having run out of handkerchiefs, has lately been practising wiping his nose on his sleeve in church, until I was so mortified that I had to take him out last Sunday and have him stood in the coal hole and spanked like the nation by the sexton. Unaffected simplicity is all well enough in its way, but that's carrying it a little too far."

"Mr. Wilkins, you know that's not true."

"And, as for Mary Jane, she is just going straight to destruction. She's got to imitating your example, and now she thinks it ain't worth while to live if you can't do something for the heathen. So what does she do yesterday but go and give my best high hat to the boy who swept the chimney, and it came nearly down to his waist, and she asked him if he had ever read Dr. McPherson's treatise on 'The Whole Duty of Man,' and he observed that he 'didn't know nuffin about dat, he reckon' and while she went up stairs to get it for him he em-

bezzled two chunks of corned beef and a cold potato, and the first thing you know he will be in the penitentiary, and all along of your blame foolishness."

"I declare, Mr. Wilkins, you are a scandalous story-teller."

"And there