

"DAT TILDEH."

"Won't yuh light daahn, seh?" asked the old colored woman, who sat in front of the house before which I paused one pleasant evening in the course of my ride through the old Virginia neighborhood where my parents were born, and which I had not visited in more than twenty years.

"Who's Mis' Tildeh?" Yo' don' know who dat Tildeh ez? Sho, now? W'y, dat Tildeh, she's Mis' Williams dahleh; hes only chile.

"Like Mis' Williams? No, ended! Dat Tildeh ane much like her waw, sho'hly. Fo' de Lawd, Mis' Williams! We all done tink dat chile gwine to be def' ob us, sometimes.

"Mistah Beemah, w'en he done ax dat Tildeh 'bout de gwine mah' time, she stess get all wite an' trem'y ergin, an' she not mek any ansel.

"Well, but which one, mammy? dat's wot I wan' ter know," Tildeh sez. "Well, now, honey, chile, tell yuh," sez I.

"Den dat Tildeh, she come put her hade in meh lap, an' she sez, very solemn, sez she, 'Mammy, I shah'y gwine do one ob two things; one or de bote'."

"Now, dat Tildeh, she stess done took up wif dat Booyer, 'cuse she pitied him, I know. She 'uz thess that kyne-hearted, she kain' ba'h tuh see nathin' suflah; an' disshel fella, he done cry an' take up de jes sorry for him. She 'uz thess like er mummy tuh him.

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DEER AT SEA.

Triumph of Acclimatization in a South Pacific Colony. (From the Record-Union.) One of the greatest triumphs of acclimatization ever achieved, perhaps, is the establishment of the deer in the British Colonies of the South Pacific.

At length, however, a shipment of red deer, successfully bred at Nelson, a seaport at the head of Blind Bay, in the northern part of the Middle Island of New Zealand, and as the results of that operation, in which I had the privilege to be personally concerned, left absolutely nothing to be desired. I will do my best to describe it for the information or entertainment of readers of Forest and Stream.

Stalls almost exactly like ordinary horse-boxes had been fitted up for them on the main deck of the ship, and to these they were transferred, having been taken down to the dock in a van and slung on board, the day before their departure.

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