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The Tribulations of an Adop- ted Citizen.

I have found that no geographical boundary contains all that is great in intellect, pure in morals, faultless in taste, elevated in thought and noble in heart; and that people living in a circumscribed sphere who have seen little of the world beyond the confines of their neighborhood have, generally, contracted views, are apt to be puffed up with conceit—inclined to set a too high value upon their own importance; we find them stiff in their opinions, harsh in their criticisms, strong in their prejudices, resentful in their dislikes full of self-esteem and indiscriminate in their denunciations. This is conspicuously noticeable when such have been elevated to a responsible position. Thus spoke Mr. Easy to Mr. Query in comparing people of different localities and sections. What put that train of thought just passed in motion, inquired Mr. Query? Mr. Fairplay who is familiar with Mr. Easy's tribulations, in connection with his abode among us, replied, before Mr. Easy was ready with an answer, why don't you know that our friend, Easy is regarded by many as an interloper? Mr. Query not knowing exactly the meaning of that unfamiliar word, asked Mr. Fairplay what he meant by "interloper"? An "interloper" replied Mr. Fairplay is one who goes into business into which he has no right—that is interloper officiously with the business of other people. Mr. Query; what reason do these people give for holding such narrow and selfish views? Mr. Fairplay; did not Mr. Easy tell you a few moments ago that people living in a circumscribed sphere have contracted views?

They say that those who were born and reared here should monopolize the business—there is no room here for strangers, Mr. Query, who seemed unable to comprehend such reasoning and disposed to doubt the accuracy of Mr. Fairplay's statements continued his inquiries. Did Mr. Easy not marry here, and has he not children to clothe and feed. Mr. Fairplay responded affirmatively to both inquiries. Mr. Query; would they have the old man sit still and make no effort to support his family?

Mr. Fairplay; not that exactly, but that he should leave and seek new pastures upon which to graze. Mr. Query becoming still more amazed continued with his bombardment of questions. Mr. Query; pray tell me what sort of people you refer to, for I was not aware that we had such deformed characters among us; such feelings are as inhospitable and selfish as those of the uncivilized Indian.

Mr. Fairplay; they are found in the upper strata of society, but in the lower of honor, you would be surprised if I should give you the names of some; some would if thrown upon their own resources among strangers outside of Louisiana, go either to the poor house or penitentiary for they would have to beg or steal for a living. I am becoming more and more puzzled, Mr. Fairplay over your assertions, now tell me to whom would such people go in whom to instill their feelings of resentment and prejudice to strangers, inquired Mr. Query? Mr. Fairplay; why I am surprised that you should ask such a question, for we cannot walk the streets of St. Martinville, or traverse the highways without meeting the embodiment of ignorance. *Negroes*, Yes, I see; a lamentable state of things, truly. While you, Mr. Fairplay, have answered my inquiries satisfactorily, I must turn to Mr. Easy for additional information. Do you Mr. Easy, consider such treatment

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as Mr. Fairplay has outlined, which must be true as you have assented by your silence, as characteristic of our people? Mr. Easy; not at all; for that would be unfair and unwarrantable. I have been the recipient of kindness that was as noble as it was timely, I feel that I must mention one incident as an evidence that I have not forgotten it and to illustrate what diverse molds God uses in shaping mankind. Last winter during that severe cold spell, when the roads were impassable for loaded wagons, and when money could not procure fuel and while lying on a bed of sickness with only a few pieces of wood on hand and not knowing from where the next stick would come, Mr. Neighbor, sent me enough, without charge, to keep us warm until the weather moderated and enabled us to replenish the nearly exhausted supply. This act of kindness and thoughtfulness is a balm calculated to heal many wounds, but remember, Mr. Easy, it takes, but little stirring to make a pool murky—to put it more pointedly a little injustice far outweighs much kindness. There are certain acts that are irreparable—harm permeates where kindness cannot enter.

Is it true, Mr. Easy, as Mr. Fairplay tells me, that your house was advertised for sale for taxes? I was so informed, but did not see the advertisement, and would have known nothing about it but for the kindness of a neighbor, replied Mr. Easy. You must be an eyesore to some people here, added Mr. Query.

Mr. Fairplay whose ideas are in keeping with his name upon all questions relating to fairness did not hesitate to tell Mr. Easy that he was partially to blame, for he ought to never to have given Mr. Noe Goode the chance, to perpetrate upon him an outrage of that kind, knowing as he does the disposition of human nature to abuse power when invested with a "little brief authority". Didn't he tell us in his diagnosis of human nature that those who have seen "little beyond the confines of their neighborhood" are strong in their prejudices and resentful in their dislikes? and yet he places himself in a position to be dealt harshly with by one elevated to a responsible office—one which admits unlimited oppression. Mr. Easy listened to this castigation with equanimity and even admitted the justness of it. But he tells Mr. Fairplay, "while it may be sweet to have a giant's strength, it is most tyrannous to use it as a giant." That opportunities to do an unkind act is no justification for the perpetration of it. To do what the law allows would in some cases be cruel injustice. To regard mankind as your enemy ever ready to take advantage of your failings bespeaks a nature as gross and cruel as such an opinion would make your fellow man. While we know that there are liars, thieves and oppressors in the world we should not regard every man with whom we come in contact in business as either a liar, a thief or an oppressor. We ought sometimes "pity what we are forced to blame". To discard such a theory of duty, as well as the practice of it we would have no use, for the word magnanimity—had a as well discard it from the English language. Mr. Query, whom the reader has found unwilling to accept a superficial understanding of things, put Mr. Easy through a rigid series of questions indifferent to whether they gave offense or not.

Now Mr. Easy, I have listened to Mr. Fairplay's censure and your admission of its justness, followed by your moralizing in your defense, but you have not told us why you delayed paying your taxes, I want the truth, and "nothing but the truth", even though it hurts. Mr. Easy was in a position which did not admit prevarication, and, replied culpable negligence, due to ill-health which rendered me averse to both mental and physical exertion."

Mr. Query; when did that ill-health begin and how long did it last? Mr. Easy; it began in September and lasted until some time in April.

Mr. Query; what was the character of your ailment and what physician treated you? during all that time? Mr. Easy;

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Your questions are getting outside the case, but I will answer them nevertheless. My case was diagnosed as diabetes, but no physician prescribed for me. I treated myself from the beginning to the end, and am now relieved of what was supposed to be diabetes.

Mr. Query; Do you claim for yourself any special exemption from the advertising of your property by Mr. Noe Goode? Mr. Easy; None whatever, only what the most insignificant tax payer could in reason ask. It was an uncalled for act—unjustifiable; I do not believe Mr. Noe Goode would have treated one of his negro tenants that way without notifying him of his intention to do it. Had I been informed that he wanted to close his books the money would have been sent immediately. There was no necessity for it, no valid excuse can possibly be given for what was done.

Mr. Query still intent upon getting at the bottom of this disagreeable affair wanted to know what prompted this act of Mr. Noe Goode. Ah! responded Mr. Easy, you have taken me to the realms of conjecture where I am lost for an answer, I would not dare insinuate even, the cause. The recesses of the mind are too sacred a place for surmises to enter. It is only omniscience that has a right to enter there, I know that I helped to put Mr. Noe Goode in office his first term and took no part for or against him in his struggle for re-election. The advertisement of my property for taxes is the evidence of gratitude for my help and good will.

"How much sharper than a serpents tooth is ingratitude". Mr. Query? Did you think that you could escape the payment of your taxes by delay? He has come again with his impertinent inquisitiveness remarked Mr. Easy who replied to this last inquiry as follows, I do not feel in a jisting humor, moreover, your question betokens a very low estimate of my understanding. I know time is stamping me with badges of old age, for he is making furrows in my cheeks, and has put a new coat of whitening upon my head and face, but I did not know mental decay was depicted on my visage, I hope you will confine yourself, Mr. Query to rational questions.

Mr. Query! What kind of man is this Mr. Noe Goode who has put you in the unenviable position as not wanting to pay your taxes—not only that, but publishing you as a man who has to be forced to do what every one is supposed to do willingly—bear his share of the burden of taxation; more than that—this notoriety which he has given you does not extend alone to the boundaries of St. Martin parish, but goes abroad where it can do you immense harm. Is that a rational question and are those rational views to take of the matter? Mr. Easy! The question is partially rational, but the views are wholly so. We are told that actions speak louder than words, you ought therefore to be able to formulate an opinion of your own regarding Mr. Noe Goode. We sometimes err in our estimate of people, for there is no infallible test by which to gauge a man's merits and demerits.

Some good men are credited with virtues they do not possess and some bad ones are charged with faults and vices they do not have. We can all admit that General Washington was a great and good man, yet we can think he was overrated. Some think Napoleon was a demon, but Frenchmen regard him as a benefactor to France. Some one said of him. "Thine only gift hath been the grave to those who worshipped thee". We can all say of Mr. Noe Goode without slander that he is not a great man, but doubtless some think he is "good man". Whether he has a penny for those in need and a tear for those who weep I do not know, but, do know that he has a smile for those who *cote*. I hope that his "gift to those who followed him has been different from the one to me unkindness". Man has been described as—"Distinguished link in being's endless chain, midway from nothing to Deity", I think some never reach "midway from nothing," but remain pretty close to the starting point. Now Mr. Query I have answered you last inquiry the best I could without going into the field of guessing, and trust that none of my animadversions are tinged with animosity, greatly as I believe I have been wronged, I leave Mr. Noe Goode with you. You can place his character in whatever niche you please in the great Temple where every variety of character is recorded, and I will be satisfied.

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