UNCLE TOM BARKER.

How He Went to Meeting and Was Con- and humbled him to the ground and

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man. He had been wild and reckless, usual, and swore that anybody who and feared not God nor regard man, would come expecting to see "Old but one day at a camp-meeting, while Sledge" to-morrow was an infernal Bishop Gaston was shaking up the fool, for he wasn't coming. He laid sinners and scorehing them over the hare his strong arms and shook his infernal pit, Tom got alarmed, and be- long hair, and said he wished the fore the meeting was over he professed lying, deceiving hypocrite would religion and became a zealous, out- come, for it had been nigh on to fourspoken convert, and declared his in- teen years since he had made a preachtention of going forth into the world er dance. and preaching the gospel. He was terribly in earnest, for he said he had settlers began to gather. They came lost a power of time and must make it on foot and on horseback, and in carts up. Tom was a rough talker, but he |-men, women and children, and bewas a good one, and knew right smart fore 11 o'clock there were more people of "scripter," and a good many of the at the cross-roads than had ever been old fashioned hymns by heart. The there before. Bill Jones was mad at conference thought he was a pretty their credulity, but he had an eye to good fellow to send out into the bor- business, and kept behind his counter der country among the settlers; and so and sold more whiskey in an hour than hear preaching. In secret she had Tom straddled his old fles-bitten gray, he had sold in a month. As the appointed and lamented her husband's and in due time was circuit riding in pointed hour drew near the settlers hatred for religion and for preachers. north Mississippi. In course of time began to look down the long, straight After she flad washed the blood from Tom acquired actoriety, and from his road that "Old Sledge" would come, strong language and stronger gestures, if he came at all, and every man whose and his muscular eloquence, they head came in sight just over the rise go down and hear the preacher. For called him "Old Sledge Hammer," of the distant hill was closely scrutiand after while, "Old Sledge," for nized. More than one they said, short. Away down in one corner of "Yonder he comes-that's him shore." of his territory there was a blacksmith But no, it wasn't him. Some half a shop and a wagon shop and a whiskey dozen had old bull's eye silver watches, shop and a postoffice at Bill Jones' and they compared time, and just at cross-roads; and Bill kept all of them, 10:55 o'clock the old horse thief exand was known far and wide as "Devil claimed: "I see Tom Barker a risin" Bill Jones," so as to distinguish him of the hill. I hain't seed him for from Squire Bili, the magistrate, eleven years, but gintlemen; that ar' Devil Bill had swore that no preacher | him, or I'm a liar.' should ever toot a horn or sing a And it was him. As he got nearer hymn in the settlement, and if any of and nearer, a voice seemed to be comthe cussed hypocrites ever dared to ing with him, and some said, "He's stop at the crossroads, he'd make him talkin' to himself," another said, dance a hornpipe and sing a hymn, "He's a talkin' to God Almighty," and whip him besides. And Bill and another said, "I'll be durned if he Jones meant just what he said, for he ain't a praying," but very soon it was had a mortal hate for the men of God. decided that he was "singin" of a It was reasonably supposed that Bill hime." Bill Jones was soon advised could and would do what he said, for of all this, and, coming up to the sitting, and he heard it. His wife rehis trade at the anvil had made him front aid: "Darned if he ain't singstrong, and everybody kp v that he ing before I axed him, but I'll make had as much brute courage as was him sing another tune till he is tired. but said nothing. Bill bore it for necessary. And so Uncle Tom was I'll pay him for his onsulting message. advised to take roundance and never I'm not a gwine to kill him, boys. I'll tackle the cross roads. He accepted leave life in his rotten old carcass, this for a time, and left the people to but that's all. If any of you'n want the bad influence of Devil Bill; but it to hear "Old Sledge" preach you'll may be he did-I reckon you had betseemed to him he was not doing the have to go ten miles from the roads to ter look after his horse." And sure Lord's will and whenever he thought do it." of the women and children living in | darkness and growing up in infidelity, came. As he drew near he narrow-he wouls groan in spirit and exclaim, ed down his tune and looked kindly "What a pityl what a pityl" One upon the crowd. He was a massive night he prayed over it with great man in frame, and had a heavy suit of earnestness, and vowed to do the dark brown hair; but his face was Lord's will if the Lord would give him clean shaved, and showed a nase and light, and it seemed to him as he rose lips and chin of firmness and great seemed to be lifted a little higher as from his knees that there was no determination. "Look at him, boys, he sang: longer any doubt-he must go. Uncle and mind your eye," said the horse Tom never dallied about anything thief. when his mind was made up. He "Where will I find my friend, Bill

Unale Tom said:

neighbors whispered it eround that gave him another slap on his other 'Old Sledge' would come, for he was never known to make an appointment and break it, and there was an old horse thief who used to run with Murswiftly gave Devil Bill anopen hander ore that kills all catarrhal germs had seen him fight, and he was much a spissand tenor voice.

of a man. So is apread like wild are that "Old Sledge" was coming, and Melay was a lion more aroused to Devil Bill was gwien to whip him and francy than was Bill Jones. With make him dance and sing a hime and his powerful arm he made at "Old treat to a gallou of peach brandy be. Sledge," as if to annihilate him with sides. Devil Bill had his enemies, one blow, and many horrid oaths, but of source, for he was a hard man, and the parson fenden off the stroke as one way or another had goldlied up all easily as a practiced boxer, and with his left hand deals. Bill, a settler on had seen him fight and he was much a spleadld tenor voice: one way or another had gothled up all of the surplus of the neighborhood and bad given nothing to exchange out whiskey, and these enemis and one hoped flor seriebeds in name and

Uncle Tom Barker was much of a ed aud cussed more furiously than

Saturday morning by 9 o'clock the

Slowly and solemnly the preacher that night and held family prayer and

went right at it like killing snakes; Jones?" inquired "Old Sledge," All and so next morning as a neighbor round they pointed him to the man: church, and closed his grocery and passed on his way to Bill Jones's shop, Riding up close, he said: "My friend and brother, the good Lord has sent it was always said and believed that "My friend, will you please carry a me to you, and I ask your hospitality "Old Sledge" mauled the grace into message to Bill Jones for me? Do for myself and my beast," and he his unbelieving soul, and it never you tell him that if the Lord is willin', slowly dismounted and faced his for I will be at the crossroads to preach as though expecting a kind reply. The next Saturday at 11 o'clock, and I am orisis had come and Bill Jones met it. shore the Lord is willin.'. Tell him to "You infernal old hypocrite; you please norate it in the settlement oussed old shaved-faced scoundrel; about and about, and ax the women didn't you know that I had swored an Hyomei, the Guarranteed Catarrh and children to come. Tell Bill Jones outh that I would make you sing and I will stay at his house, God willin', dance, and whip you besides if you and I'm shore he's willin," and I'll ever dared to pizen these cross-roads presch Sunday, too, if things git along with your shoe tracks? . Now sing armonious."

d—n you, sing, and dance as you

When Bill Jones got the message sing," and he emphasized his comhe was amazed, astounded, and his in mand with a ringing slap with his dignation knew no bounds. He raved open hand upon the parson's face. and oursed at the "onsult," as he "Old Sledge" recycled with pain and called it—the "onsulting message of surprise. Recovering in a moment, "Old Sledge," and he swore that he he said: "Well, Brother Jones, I did would hunt him up, and whip him for not expect so warm a welcome, but if he knowed that he wouldn't dare to this be your cross roads manners I come to the crossroads. But the suppose I must sing," and as Devil Bill

rel's gaug, who said he used to know that nearly knocked him off his feet, there to Tom Barker when he was a singer and whilst the parson continued to sing in longs.

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the wall of his shop, and seized him by the throat, and mauled him as he "Fight on my soul, till death-"

Well, the long and the short of it was, that "Old Sledge" whipped him then lifted him up and helped to restore him, and begged a thousand pardons. When Devil Bill had retired to his house and was being cared for by his wife, "Old Sledge" mounted a box in front of the grocery and preached righteousness, and temperance and judgment to come, to the people.

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"Old Sledge" made an earnest, soulreaching prayer, and his pleading with the Lord for Bill Jones's salvation and that of his wife and offildren reached the window where Bill was turned in tears and took a seat beside him, and sobbed her heart's distress, awhile in thoughtful s.ience, and then putting his bruised and trembling hand in hers, said: "Sally, if the Lord sent "Old Sledge" here, and enough "Old Sledge" stayed there the next day he presched from the piazza to a great multitude, and sang his favorite hymn:

"Am I a soldier of the cross?" And when he got to the third verse an shaved, and showed a nose and his untutored, but musical voice

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