

## BHE MIGHT AS WELL

tend to join?" she sighed, her inshes fell eeks with crimoon blushes dyed, ed, "I might as well." —Boston Courier.

## AN OLD ACQUAINTANCE.

When old Colonel Morton saw his wife and daughter leave with a party of friends for a tour among the Northern summer resorts he had his misgivings, but he kept them to himself.

"I am 75 years old," said the colonel to his wife, "and my traveling days are over. You will have to take care of Julia. In these times a man can't leave a Missis-sippi plantation to run itself. My place is here where I can watch the niggers."

The colonel, despite his white hair and mustache, was as keen-eyed, erect and soldierly as when he rode with Forrest's flerce troopers in the scorching sixties. But the veteran felt that he was needed

at home, and Mrs. Morton and the fair Julia, a bright and winsome maiden of 19, had to take their pleasure trip without

It was not many weeks before his wife's letters gave Colonel Morton something to think over very seriously. A Captain Howard had met Miss Julia

A Captain Howard had met Miss Julia at one of the watering places and had joined the party. Mrs. Morton wrote freely to her hus-band about the captain. She said, very plainly, that she did not like him, and that she feared Julia liked him only too well. She described Howard as a strik-ingly handsome and fascinating man of 50-a speculator of great alleged wealth, and yet with nothing substantial in the shape of property, character or antece-dents.

shape of property, character or antece-dents. The Mississippian read his wife's letters closely from week to week, and was not long in making up his mind. He came to the conclusion that his daughter's north-ern lover belonged to a class of adven-turous business men very common in such financial centers as Wall street--men of fortune to-day and paupers to-morrow--respectable when successful, and thoroughly disreputable in the event of failure.

"I'd rather have Julia marry one of our "I'd rather have Julia marry one of our river gamblers," said the old man, bit-terly, "some of them are men of honor in their way, but this speculating money shark—the Lord knows what he is, or how he will turn out "

shark—the Lord knows what he is, or how he will turn out!" He wrote some earnest, fatherly letters to Julia, but the tone of the young lady's answers showed that she had a head of her own, and was not to be controlled. In the meantime Mrs. Morton's letters grew nervous, and finally despairing. At last she wrote that Julia had engaged herself to Howard, and would listen to no advice on the subject. The good woman held nothing back from her husband. She told him that her intuitions led her to dislike and suspect the glittering sp~cula-tor, but she was compelled to admit that he stood well in society, and she had heard nothing against him.

tor, but she was compelled to admit that he stood well in society, and she had heard nothing against him. "The old lady is right," said the colonel when he read the letter, "intuition is a great thing. I have felt for weeks that the devil was to pay in this affair, and I am going up there to see about it." The colonel role over the plantation, gave his overseer some particular instruc-tions, drew regretfully on his bank ac-count, and in less than a week surprised his family by making his appearance at Orchard Beach. No man could be a greater favorite in society anywhere than this old confederate colonel when he made himself pleasant, and on this visit was at his best. "I am in the enemy's country," he said to his wife, "and I must have all my weapons ready." So the white-haired soldier, with his steel blue eyes, speedily loomed up as an attractive figure on the promenade and in the ball-room, and younger men envied him his courtly grace and magnetic ways. "We'll talk about it after awhile, was all that he could be induced to say about his daughter's engagement, and with this answer Julia and Captain Howard had to be satisfied for the time. Just what was wrong the Mississippian

PASSING OF THE BUFFALO.

## Satisfied With His Investment.

On the grip of a summer car sat an old gentleman who looked the Denman Thompson in "Josh Whitcomb." The cable car ran through a squalid district where women and children sprawled over the blistering pavement, while puny babes wailed and helpless mothers tried in a listless, half-hopeless way to quiet their cries. The train ran by two squares of sweltering misery and then the old gentlenan showed signs of unmistakable excitement, pulled the wrong bell-cord and rung up a fare as a signal that he wanted to get off. After the usual exchange of compli-

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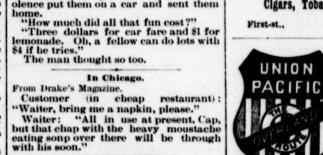
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Justice for the time. Just what was wrong the Mississippian ard, and looked him in the face, but he was ready to swear that all was not right. He did not object to the lover because he ing black in his record. "And yet," said Morton to his wife, "that man is a rascal. I see it in his face, and I have the vaguest sort of suspicion, that I have met him before under very inpleasant circumstances. Just wait a the new of the binner of suspicion, that I have the vaguest sort of suspicion, that I have the vaguest sort of susting for an uncertainty, but Julia's fa-ther new relaxed his vigilance. The evening he was out walking with the did him a ludierous anecdote. The effect was remarkable. Generally Howard merely smiled in a bored way at high spirits and he laughed until the woods rang, sending his outburst of mirth with a peculiar sound suggestive of chok-ing the suster of the said. I so the said bigh spirits and he laughed until the woods rang, sending his outburst of mirth with a peculiar sound suggestive of chok-ing and the other heard this hoarse croak height. "Mow I know you," he said, looking straight into the other's face, "we met many years ago." "Mow I know you," he said, looking the other heard the colonel. "There was young officer with Sherman on his reate to the beach," answered Howard. "Listen!" shouted the colonel. "There was young officer with Sherman on his reatin plantation near Meridian. Her-robbed the house and burned it, turning herabily out of doors. The owner of the plantation was a confederate colonel at home on a sick furiough. He was weak him strung up to a tree to force him the vietim was cut down more dead than interfore his money was was burden herafeless, but this young officer had him strung up to a tree to force him the family out of doors. The owner of the plantation was a confederate colonel at the and heas never forgotten it. I was the plantation was cut down more dead than intertup we the acid me bobery, you doord was kenden t



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