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AMERICAN PEOPLE,

DURING THE DISCUSSION OF THE

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THIS LILTLE PAMPHLET IS RESPECTFULLY DEDICATED BY

"A SELIGMAN JEW."

PREFACE.

The style of petty persecution, of which the following pages form the subject, is nothing new in the experience of the Jews of this country.

It has been merely reserved for a Hilton to openly proclaim it, and for a Seligman to manfully resent it.

That there are objectionable Jews, is as undisputed a fact as that there are objectionable Christians or Mohammedans, or Buddhists, but it will not be denied that the proscription of a whole class on that score—when it proves effective—deserves the condemnation of all right-minded people, and provokes their ridicule, when it is powerless to do harm.

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THE SIXTH BOOK OF MOSES.

CHAPTER I.

AND it came to pass after the dispersion of the Jews that they were scattered all over the face of the earth, as it was prophesied.

2. And they came to a country which was called America, the chief city of which was called Gotham—it was also called New York.

3. And they became fruitful and multiplied, as it is written in the covenant.

4. And they and their children spread all over the land, and they prospered and grew exceeding rich.

5. But their riches were as nothing compared with the wealth of other men in the land.

6. But they were satisfied therewith.

7. And it came to pass that the people of that country—which was also called United States—would not suffer a king, nor a queen, nor any ruler whatsoever, but they were all rulers therein.

8. And Mammon was ruler over all, and he was called Almighty Dollar in that country.

9. And there was an exceeding rich man called Corneilvanderbilt, who went down into the sea in ships, and who built railroads for a living; and a man named Williamastorus, and he built houses, aye, a great many houses did he build; and a man whose name was Alexandrustuart, who was a great merchant, and who sold raiment for the naked;

10. To the Gentiles and to the Jews did they sell what they had to sell, and thereby found their profit.

11. And they were the richest men in the land. And one by one their time came, and they died.

CHAPTER II.

AND it came to pass that he who sold the raiment left a great store of merchandise, and many houses and much gold, but more greenbacks,* some of which he gave to his wife and some to his servants, but most of all he gave to one servant who found favor in his eyes, and he was much elated thereat.

2. And his name was Henriholdon, who was also called Judge; but he was not a good judge—in fact he was told he was no judge.

3. Now this man Henriholdon got holdon Alexandrustuart's merchandise, and his greenbacks, and his houses, and his hostelries; even unto his horses and his chariots did he manage to holdon.

4. And he waxed exceeding rich in almighty dollars, so that he became much inflated thereat.

CHAPTER III.

AND in the interior of that country there was a place called Sarrastogas, which was a fine place.

2. And it was noted for the healthfulness of its waters, and the people of the land came there to drink of the water of the springs.

* NOTE: Greenbacks was the name of the money of that country.

3. For they saw that it was good. And the Jews also came.

4. Each year did they come; and they came in great numbers.

5. And they brought much greenbacks—for they needed them there.

6. Now there came the people that were called the Landmanns and the Goldmans and the Seligmans and the Colemans, from the North; and the Hellmans and the Eckmans and the Lipmans from the South, and the people that were called the Kohnites and the Levites from the West; even from the Far West, from the land of Ophir came some Askenites and some Polakites, which were the descendants of the Amalekites of old.

7. But from the East they came not; for there dwelt only Yankites.

CHAPTER IV.

NOW there were great houses built in that place for the entertainment of the multitudes that came there.

2. Both for the Gentiles that came there, and for the Jews that came there did they build them.

3. And it so happened that one of these houses—even the greatest one, that had an inner court, like unto the Temple of Solomon, and was, therefore, much preferred by the Jews that came there—belonged to Alexandrustuart—him, that sold the raiments to both Jew and Gentile.

4. And he made Henriholdon, him that was called Judge, but who was no judge, the host thereof.

5. And the Jews, or the Hebrews, loved to congregate in that

house, for it was a grand house, and it resembled the Temple of Solomon in the inner court thereof.

6. And they were pleased with the sight thereof; but Henriholdon, the Judge, and the host thereof, liked not the sight of the Jews, even the sight of the trade Jews liked he not,* and he knew not what to do with them.

7. And his chief stewards, who were called Clairandwilkins, said unto him, What shall be done with these people when they come again? 'Tis true, they bring much greenbacks, but we know, O Judge, thou lovest them not; what then shall we do with them?

8. And behold! these words found favor with the judge, and he hearkened unto them, and he mused awhile, and he cried:

Oh, hang the Jews!

9. Then Clairandwilkins became sore afraid—afraid to hang the Jews, and more afraid to displease the Judge, from whom they drew their sustenance, even their bread and butter did they draw from him.

10. And they spake unto him thus, saying: O mighty Judge, we know thou art wise and that thy word is law, but we pray thee, hearken unto us, and command us not to hang the Jews, for thine own sake, and for our sake; for was not Haman hung himself upon the very gallows he prepared for them, and we fear lest a like fate will befall both thee and us.

11. And he was sorely troubled at these words, and he mused again, and became morose and—the Jews were saved.

12. For he knew not what to do, but he hung them not.

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*NOTE: Which was a great mistake for Henriholdon.

CHAPTER V.

AND again they asked, saying, Tell us, O Judge, what shall we do with them, when they do come to us for food and shelter?

Drown them! every mother's son of them, and see that they escape not.

2. And they were much perplexed, and spake unto him, saying again, O mighty Judge! give ear unto our words, and cause us not to do this iniquity, for well thou must remember how Pharaoh, the Egyptian king, commanded all their male offspring to be thus taken off and himself raised up their own deliverer, Moses.

3. We beseech thee, in thy wisdom find another way for us to do thy bidding.

4. And he spake unto them, saying, Well, so be it then; let them go their ways; but none shall enter the portals of my house, nor shall you entertain them from without, on pain of my displeasure;

5. For they are an abomination in my sight.

6. And Israel was saved again—for he drowned them not.

CHAPTER VI.

AND it came to pass that after these events h d taken place, about the days of the Canines—which are also called the Dog days—when the sun became very warm, that the people girded up their loins—which means they packed their trunks—as is the custom in that country.

2. And they came to Sarrastogas to rest them in the cool breezes thereof, and to drink the waters of the springs thereof.

3. And there came a host of people, the same that were used to come for years.

4. And there came also the Shoddites and the Flykites, which were a new kind of people—and they were both of the Gentiles and of the Jews.

5. Now the Shoddites were a people who had much greenbacks, but who made yet more noise.

6. And the Flykites were a people who made exceeding much noise, but who had a dearth of greenbacks.

7. And all of these people came together in that place, each according unto his way, to drink the waters thereof, and to rest them in the cool breezes thereof.

8. Now it so happened that Henriholdon—he who was called the judge, but who was no judge, was much confused at the sight of so many people, and he could not tell the difference thereof, for he was no judge thereof.

CHAPTER VII.

AND it came to pass, that one of the people that was of the Hellmans, that was of the Jews, came to that place, as was his custom, aye, even as the others came, did he come also.

2. And he came to Clairandwilkins, and he spake unto them saying: I have come to Sarrastogas to drink the waters thereof, and to rest me in the cool shades thereof; give me food and shelter for me and mine that we may be comforted the while.

3. And Clairandwilkins, when they heard this speech, were much

perplexed thereat, for they remembered the mandates of the judge, and they dared not entertain him.

4. And they spake unto him, saying, Gracious Lord, we know that thou hast come from afar to rest thy weary limbs, but we have not wherewith to comfort thee.

5. Our house is but small, and ill disposed to shelter thee, for we have no room except beneath the roof thereof; there is another house near by, we pray thee go thou there, and be comforted.

6. And it came to pass that Hellman—him they called Theodorus —was much astonished at their speech, and could scarce understand it.

7. And he spake unto them, saying: Your house is pleasant in my sight, and does seem large enough to entertain me and my family. Besides, I love to see the inner court thereof, and the great pillars thereof, and to walk in the marble halls thereof, for they remind me of the Temple, King Solomon, my ancestor built, so I will come.

8. And when they heard this speech they knew not what to say, for they were loth to entertain him. And they said unto him, We know that thou hast brought a great store of greenbacks, and would much love to take thee in.

9. But our master does not love thy kinsmen, and says, No Jew shall enter here, and this is why we have no room for thee."

10. And now he understood their words, and the full meaning thereof; and he marveled much.

11. And he spake unto them, saying, Why is this thus?—for he could say no more from sheer astonishment.

12. And he straight went out unto his father-in-law, who was hard by, and he told what had befallen him.

CHAPTER VIII.

NOW the father-in-law of Hellman—him they called Theodorus—was of the Seligmans, who was called Josephus, and he was also of the Jews; and he was a great man among the Hebrews, and much esteemed by the Gentiles withal.

2. And when he was told what had befallen him, he would not believe his ears. And they both went back to the house of Clairandwilkins, even to the house of Henriholdon did they go.

3. And thus spake Josephus unto them: I have come to Sarrastogas to drink the waters of the springs thereof, and to rest in the cool shades of the trees thereof; give me food and shelter for me and mine that we may be comforted the while.

4. And they spake unto him, saying:—for now they were no more afraid to speak their mind—Our master does not love thee, nor any of thy kinsmen, and forbids us to offer entertainment to the Jews, even to the Seligman Jews; but if thou canst bring us Hebrew Jews, like unto the Nathanites who are also of thy kindred, he will entertain them, provided they be clean and have much greenbacks wherewith to pay.

5. And when he heard these words he was much grieved, even for his people was he grieved, and straightway understood them and believed them, and he waxed exceeding wroth.

6. And he got him together with his scribes, and his men of the law, and he wrote an epistle to Henriholdon which was a stinger,* and there was much noise and gnashing of teeth in the land, yes, even all over the face of the land.

7. And Henriholdon, when he got this message, gathered together *his* scribes, a great number of scribes did he gather, and he sent messages back unto Josephus, even to all the Jews in the land did he send them, verifying all he had written to Josephus—him that was of the Seligmans—and that he was willing to give shelter in his house to the Hebrew Jews, but never to the Seligman Jews; but raiment he would sell to both.

* NOTE: Stinger is a word much used by the Yankites, who dwell in the East, and signifieth sharp.

8. And the people were much incensed thereat, and the Tribunes spake of it, and the Heralds proclaimed it, and the Times grew hot under the rays of the Sun all over the World.

CHAPTER IX.

AND it came to pass that Henriholdon continued to trade in raiment for the naked just as did Alexandrustuart the merchant in his days, and to build great houses, and large factories, for he had much greenbacks wherewith to do these things, and all things looked the same.

2. But they were not all the same; for the master's eye was no more there, and the sceptre had departed from Shiloh.

3. And it came to pass that after many days the descendants of Corneilvanderbilt were still in the land to build railroads for a living, even his children and his children's children.

4. And the descendants of Williamastorus were also there building houses, aye, a great many houses did they build, for they sat not themselves up against the people who were their neighbors, and went the even tenor of their way.

5. But the servants of him who sold the raiments both to the Gentile and to the Jew could find neither Jew nor Gentile to barter with, and their store of greenbacks waxed exceeding small.

6. And they were swept from off the face of the country because of their transgressions, and because they knew not how to deal with their fellow-men, and they were heard of in that country no more. And this is

THE END OF THE SIXTH BOOK OF MOSES.

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