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BEAUTY CONTEST.

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The little Mississippi town was all worked up for the coming Beauty Contest engineered by two of its leading citizens. Many a bashful swain mixed with the seal browns and light blacks hastened to cast their votes at a nickel a vote, for the ledge of his heart and choice. When Beauty enters she can't close the door too quickly for jealously is right at her heels. And, thus it was on the day when the close of the Contest drew near; the scheming tricks of the Contest Managers were vigorously brought into play. Every one thought they had the winn er, until the ballot boxes were open -- then came the surprise and drawing of razors. For a dark horse, extremely dark, -- came from the rear with great speed and won the crown and ermine that befitted queens of old. Is it necessary forsay that for once, honesty triumphed and the trickery of knaves put to route.

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