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the gave of infinger to a recent of know nothing of my father or her save as has been told me. From it they told me I believe my mother from Virginia She was a negress a slave. My father was a full-bield Indian and you see I look veryth more like his race than I do like mother's. Just before I was born a ro trader, named Caleb Hughes, ght my mother and started South hier. While going through Southolina he stopped awhile in Lawrence that, and there I was born and have siever since. I was sold at once to a named Stoddard and lived with him anty, and there I was born and have of ever since. I was sold at once to a named Stoddard and lived with him il I was freed. Hughes took my ther on and I have never seen or heard her since. I have never known if I any brothers or sisters.

11 can remember clearly one small inent of the Revolutionary War. It is

cut of the Revolutionary War. It is

A man by the name of Archibald sings, who had been engaged in war all was on the colonial side, came home a furlough, as he had a terrible cough, rec English soldiers, while passing bouse, saw him and tried to capture in. They chased him down a creek d would have caught him but for a ort curve which hid Owings from their plat a minute. He hid under a big k which jutted out over the creek is soldiers were amazed at his disaparance, and being hot and tired with nning, sat down on that same rock to it and talk about him. Owings didn't ugh a single time while he was under e rock, and so was undiscovered and the his escape."

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I have been a farmer all my life, but no feeble to work at all now. I no feeble to work at all now. I we been married twice, and my wife kes care of and supports me. I am six et tail and weigh about 125 pounds. It hair is eight inches long, and is as hite as cotton. I can't see, nor hear, or talk to much account."

With this he closed his lips firmly and retended to har no other question that has asked him. He refused positively blave his photograph taken, and would edeeply angered did he know that a ketch had been made of him. It had to be made surreptitiously and hurriedly, at no black and white sketch could cheef perfectly the picturesque appearance. it no black and white seven con-plet perfectly the picturesque appear-te of this venerable old Afro-Indian he sat in his big armchair just within scabin door, the warm sunshine pour-gine on him and making a halo around

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His wife is a negress of some fifty cars of age. She supports her husband by taking in washing, and with her own ands cultivates a small garden and a mail patch of tobacco. The tobacco is or her own and her husband's use, and he cures it herself the rafters of their which baries by webs of the drying plant. he cures it herself the interest of the drying plant asin, having bunches of the drying plant condant from them. Through the retraining influence of her husband, of whom she is palpably very proud, but grards with a sort of superstitious awe, he is almost as reticent as Joe is him-

Their cabin is neat and comfortable, Incir cabin is near and comfortance, and Joe has many comforts supplied him by the white families in the neighborhood, among whom are many descendints of Mr. Archibald Owings, the hero of Joe's Revolutionary War reminiscence.—[New York Advertiser.

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