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Robert, determined not to be outdone and realizing that he had no ten dollars <sup>on hand</sup> to pay with, said: "Well, Massa, I'll tell you what I'll do; if you'll keep the calf in there two months longer I'll give him to you ! The Congressman said smilingly to Robert "All right We will do that." So the calf passed over to Massa G.

Later on the Honorable Mr. G. used this instance to illustrate the way people lose their houses by the non-payment of interest on their mortgages; and the moral is; " Do not keep an animal long enough to eat off his own head; nor a mortgaged house long enough to leave you penniless.



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