

Revenge.

How many there are who are always seeking revenge upon somebody whom they say has wronged them. What deadly revenge have our soldiers upon their enemies; it is revenge for their beloved flag, and this once glorious Union under which they have been ^{nurtured} fostered and brought up. Revenge is often the cause of great trouble and in many cases is the cause of death. A man gets irritated with another and wants to have a duel, or something else his companion sees he is in a passion and leaves him. The other man says, while his companion is still in sight, "I will have revenge upon that man if it costs me my life." He waits until some favorable time when no one is near; he sees his antagonist coming; he secretes himself in some ^{obscure} unobserved place, and when his enemy passes by pounces out upon him like a lion, and in his haste draws a pistol, and shoots him; he sees him fall; he looks to see if anybody is near; he stoops over the man that he has unconsciously murdered; he sees life is extinct; he flees; is pursued; caught; tried; convicted of ^{murder} man-slaughter, and sentenced to be hung. There are several different ways of taking revenge upon a person, namely: by cheating him, treating him coolly, and serving mean tricks upon him. Dumb animals also take revenge upon human beings who treat them cruelly. A dog, for instance, if you hit him with a stick and bother him, will attack you sometime when you are not armed and

be very likely to bite you. It is not very proper to
bother a buck goat for he will be very apt to
attack you with his horns at some moment
when you are not watching him. Would it
~~would~~ not be much better ~~to~~ if a person wrong-
ed you to reason with ^{him} rather than to take
his life, and if you are not caught, be subject
to troubles all your life. You cannot murder a
man even in self-defence without seeing him
in ^{your} dreams, and at last ^{it} will be ^{the} cause of your
death. So, reason with a man rather than
take revenge upon him.

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