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In the early Kansas days of 1857 and when Missouri was a slave state, two Yankees, just from the east, were riding leisurely along in Platte county, when they met a Missourian on horseback, who enquired it they had seen anything of a black "filley" in their travels. Neither one had ever heard the term "filley" and one of them said, "Really, I don't know what a 'filley' is." His companion, who was from Connecticut would not, acknowledge that a Missourian could know more than a Yankee, turned impatiently to his companion, saying: 'You darned fool! Don't you know what a 'filley' is? Why, it is a nigger wench!"

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