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A WILD AMISHMAN.

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This story was told me by an old man, since dead, but it must have happened about 1900. This young Amishman was high spirited, who had a team of horses that he raced past the meeting house and through the country side scandalizing the people. Several times he was reprimanded and forgiven, but he would not obey rules and finally was "set outside the church". They included him no more as an associate in their affairs.

But when harvest time came, and they were badly in need of help; he went home to work in the fields. When dinner time came they all rushed off to eat dinner: he was the last one in; all the other ones were seated. They said " You are not one of us, you must sit at the Jim Crow table, you can't sit down with us" That was their religion.

Next time he made a point to get to the table first, he sat down; and when the others came along to eat, he said " You can't eat here with me, you, now eat at the Jim Crow table!"