

# I Remember Old Tuscaloosa

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Do you know what a "belly-band" is and its importance?

I came along just after this accident happened. It seems that this woman was sitting in a chair in the back of a one-horse wagon at the top of River Hill. One horse became frightened and ran away full speed down River Hill. The woman jumped out and landed in a ditch which served as "curb and gutter" along the side of the road. She was unconscious for a short while and the spectators were afraid that her neck was broken.

Her pastor, who had come to town with her in the wagon, was kneeling beside the injured woman trying to make her lie quietly for a while. He said, "Sister Sarah you made a mistake in jumping out of the wagon. See there is the horse and wagon at the foot of the hill undamaged and in good shape. You should have trusted in the Lord and stayed in the wagon."

"Well, parson," replied the woman, "I trusted in the Lord until the belly-band broke and then I jumped."