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## THE ROSTRUM IS AN ENEMY OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION.

### WE MUST DIE!

BE RE-ENSLAVED OR EXPORTED FROM THIS COUNTRY

BECAUSE WE ARE INCAPABLE OF CIVILIZATION

SAYS EDITOR WILLIAM H. THORNE

The Despicable Stand Taken Against us  
By a Northern Magazine Writer.

William H. Thorne, editor of the Globe Quarterly Review, published in New York City, and presumably in a Chinese opium joint, amid the stifling fumes of smoldering "hop" and roasting rats, discussing Negro outrage in the South, delivers himself of the following bilious sentiments, against the Negro, under the heading, "Must the Negro go," in the December number of his magazine.

He sums up his changed sympathies in three of the bitterest paragraphs, ever a Northern man penned against our race. We have divided them, commenting on each, leaving it to the reader to decide which is the just side. He says:

"I ring the spring of 1866 and after more than 30 years of sincere and old-fashioned abolition sympathy with the Negro race, I made two visits to several of our Southern states, with results as follows:

"First—All my old abolition sympathies, which had been weakening for over ten years, in view of the insufferable self-assertion of our Negroes since the day of their emancipation, vanished like so many scattered sophistries, for which I had no further use."

"Second—On returning to New York I published in the next issue of the Globe Review my conviction that, in spite of emancipation and our so-called education of the Negro and perhaps aided by these absurdities, the Negroes of this country were more than ever a shiftless, unteachable, immoral race, incapable of any true civilization in our land, and unworthy of American citizenship."

"Third—That, without mincing matters, or any longer writing or thinking on the basis of sympathy with the Negro, I was convinced that inside the next thirty years, the South would be obliged to re-enslave, kill or export the bulk of the Negro population"

The trouble with our friend Thorne, we fear, is that he writes his articles a little too soon after a fairyland excursion via the opium dream route, in consequence, thereof, he imagines things are, when they are not, and vice versa. He fancied he was a friend of the Negro, but he wasn't, or two visits into the South would not have sufficed to destroy the sympathy of thirty years standing. An honest, sincere friend, even though closely related to a jackass, would not have sullied the bonds of such long lived friendship, on the superficial ground put forth by this inane scribbler. He doesn't like us any more because of our "insufferable self-assertion." That must mean we demand too much; that we are to regard the citizenship he himself favored giving us, in a different light from any one else. In short, we are to understand that we are to be opposed the very moment we contend for the rights of citizenship promised by the constitution, and which many people succeed in de-

nying us. If we are "self assertive" at all, it is in asking for the justice promised us and so stingily given. Henceforth, pursuing the dictum of Editor Thorne, any manly stand for privileges withheld, or, for those "inalienable rights"—life, liberty and the unhindered pursuit of happiness, is to hold us charged as being insufferably self assertive. Oh, how sad!

He was convinced on his return that emancipation must have been wrong, and that attempting to educate the Negro was as "casting pearls before the swine." Happily, Mr. Thorne's convictions are purely personal and do not seem to have extended to others, who during the dark days, also professed having "old fashioned abolition sympathy", nor to those friends of Negro education, who are yearly contributing much of their worldly goods to that end. Neither of these appear to have laxed any of their friendly feeling for us, not since we became an object of their solicitude and interest, Mr. Thorne's jaundiced opinions of the possibilities within us, notwithstanding. Some influence must keep the hearts of these people warmed for us. Results of their good offices toward us must be palpable and visible; either that, or they are all idiots, hopelessly snared in the network of sophistries so wisely discarded by Mr. Thorne.

He avers us shiftless, but does not explain the cause. He does not reason that perhaps slavery had something to do with this intolerable vice. The master of two centuries and a half was not there to command, was it to be expected that the Negro would seek that which he had learned to abhor. Employment meant some one to oversee, which to him was equivalent to a return to that life from which he had but lately cut loose. He, therefore, disdained the place of a hireling and in consequence drifted into shiftlessness, and easily into other deterrent vices. Densely ignorant of the economic laws of living; realizing freedom only as a captive bird released upon a strange world; without the compass of cultured reason to guide him, what was it that was expected of him? Surely not that he would immediately understand the ethical principles of free citizenship, and instantly becoming as the people whose bondmen he had formerly been. No sane mind could have anticipated such a miracle of racial transformation.

His friends perceived that his vices must be eliminated by the same natural processes as fitted the white man to value and esteem liberty. That is the way the friends of the race saw the matter and they committed themselves to the "absurdities" of Negro education, honestly and with a clear perception of the immense obligation which they had volunteered to shoulder. That they feel satisfied with the progress of their ward may be attested in the redoubled efforts they are putting forth today to make him worthy the highest esteem of mankind. This, they are doing, despite the foulest oppositions from a thousand sources.

That the Negro was granted the right of franchise before he became aware of its proper uses, and in ignorance abused it, was not his fault. Moreover, if he does misuse it, he is not doing it in greater numbers than a million or more of our foreign born population are doing at every election. The greatest blame to be attached to any one for the ignorant Negro in politics, is the Southern element

both North and in the "land of cotton." That class has always bitterly opposed mentally cultivating the Negro, particularly the Southern black man, who, in this instance, seems to be the principle bone of the writer's contention. When states like Mississippi, where the population is equally divided as to the races, appropriates to the Negro, so claimed the most ignorant of the two peoples, for educational purposes not one-fifth of the sum given the whites, should it excite surprise that a race so handicapped is unable to appreciate the advantages of the ballot and its potential powers as an agent of protection and defense. All over the South curtailment of educational appropriations for the use of the Negro is the rule, and is usually urged as an economical expedient. But the downright truth of the matter is that, any wholesale education of this people will undoubtedly bring about a condition the Southern white man has every reason to fear—Negro domination.

Mr. Thorne's scree runs wild with malice and exhibits a lamentable tendency to found conviction on falsehood. As an instance: he makes the untaught Negro unteachable and obscures lack of opportunity behind the indictment of incapability. He arraigns the Negro for immorality, with but thirty years in which to learn a moral code differing from the immoral one his master taught him was right for 250 years. The indiscriminate slavery imposed by the slave owner to increase his stock of slaves. The concubinage system fostered by the slaveholder, to save the virtue of his women and to destroy that of ours, and which, was regarded by the slave, through years of ignorant tolerance, as law and gospel, were high moral attributes to instill into a race and expect three decades of indifferent teaching to eradicate them. White men with 19 centuries of the severest discipline in the school of civilization dare not point with pride to the excellence of the moral lesson learned there. No race can justly condemn another of immorality when it recognizes prostitution as a needed institution, and locates the harlot as it does other places of trade, to suit the convenience of the patron. The French ball annually held in New York City, the home of Mr. Thorne, is painted by the public press as being a highly delectable affair, but is it moral? Not much! It is where the dances are so risqué, that a squad of police have to be kept constantly on hand to prevent many of the female roysterers from appearing on the floor dishabille. Here's where supple limbed women toss their slippered toes above their heads, utterly regardless of the ordinary laws of decency, while the male scions of a cultured race look on and enthusiastically applaud. This is the race by whose morality ours has been measured. Does ours suffer by comparison is the question?

The South may, as he says, have to re-enslave, kill or export us, but the indications are that it will have to be for other than the causes named.

Former Cincinnati Killed.

Loveland, O., Feb.—Babe Tivis of this place, was instantly killed this morning by the accidental discharge of his gun, while out coon hunting.

Tivis formerly resided on West Sixth street, Cincinnati and has several relatives living in that city.

### AN IDEAL WOMEN'S CLUB.

Cincinnati Needs One Just Like This Female Organization.

A women's club in this city, molded after the one mentioned in this clipping, is the kind needed here. Something that can put Charity to work in a practical way. Dawdling about parlor functions and insipid tea socials may be the proper thing some time, and, so to speak, may be about all a great many of these female organizations are fitted for. But woman, with all her manifold qualifications for infusing sunshine into the lives of others, belongs in another than a world of selfish frivolity. Hers is a realm of helpfulness and mercy. There are some women who do not think this. But it will usually be found that where personal pleasure blinds the path to duty regret is the penalty which awaits at the other end. It is best then to shirk the strains of the dance-hall lute for the wails of the hungry and homeless and to make some one else happy besides self.

The Phillis Wheatly Woman's club of Detroit, Mich., is, perhaps accomplishing more real good than any other colored woman's club in the Union, with the exception of the Woman's Loyal Legion of New York City. The club is only a little over a year old, and for several months has maintained a home for old women, in which were three beneficiaries. The president of the club is Miss Fannie Richards, who has been one of the public school teachers of Detroit for thirty years; the members of the club are women from all circles of society. They believe in hard work, but they have a little recreation in the chorus, which is under the direction of Mrs. Guy Pelham. Detroit is a conservative town, and its colored people have absorbed its notions. The women are not given to eloquent speech making, the reading of learned papers and discussion of parliamentary laws, but they evidently believe in the eloquence of deeds, for they have shouldered a responsibility with a readiness which seems to say, "The way to do, is to do." The "Phillis Wheatley" will have the aid of the "King's Daughters" and other women's organizations in its efforts to raise funds—Exchange.

### IN THE OUTSKIRTS.

Lockland-Wyoming.

Misses Bertie Helvey, Clara Earhart, Lou Raimy, Amanda Hawkins, Ida Day, Julia Rodgers, of Glendale, spent Sunday evening in Lockland.—Chas. Derrickson is all smiles, it's a girl.—John Sanders spent Sunday in Glendale, the guest of Miss Bessie Tivis.—Miss Nettie Whitehead was remembered by her friends on her 17th birthday. About 20 boys and girls assembled in the handsome parlors of her home and spent the evening pleasantly.—Mrs. Lewis Batis was called to New Richmond, O., last week to attend the funeral of her brother.—Clenard Lunford is the proud father of a bouncing girl.—Rev. S. J. W. Spurgeon of Lexington, Ky., is holding revival services at Maple street Christian church.—Hose company No. 2, the crack fire company of Lockland, was called to a fire in the East end, Wednesday evening, but, fortunately their services were not needed.—Mrs. Harriet Payne departed this life on Wednesday, February 9th, at 1 p. m.—Remember your Business Men.

### RIFTS IN THE CLOUDS.

Evidences of a Silver Lining Beyond the Gloom of Caste.

Three represents the sum total of Negro telegraph operators in this country. Seventeen out of a total of Eighteen letter carriers at Mobile, Ala., are colored men.

The first Negro postmaster ever appointed in Pennsylvania, is Nathan Vellar, of Brenton, that state.

Joseph Worth, a white citizen of West Chester, Md., died recently and left his colored house keeper the bulk of a ten thousand dollar estate.

John Deveaux, colored, is to be Collector of Port at Savannah, Ga., if Washington dispatches are to be credited.

T. Thomas Fortune, colored author and newspaper man, says an exchange, has been engaged as an instructor at Booker T. Washington's school, Tuskege, Ala.

The Richmond Beneficial and Insurance Company, carries more than 20,000 policy holders, and gives employment to 125 persons. It is conducted entirely by colored men.

At Concord, N. C. the cornerstone of the only cotton mill in the world, owned by colored men, was laid last Tuesday. When the mill is completed, it will give employment to nearly 500 men here of the race.

The entire brickmaking business Farnville, Va., is owned by an ex-slave who purchased his own and his family's freedom, then his master's estate, and finally became the employer of his former master. Avowedly, the whirligig of time worketh wonders.

Thomas Bomar, colored, of Spartanburg, S. C., says the Denver Statesman, is one of the biggest contractors in the South. A building that costs no more than one or two thousand dollars, he will rarely accept, because he cannot put his hands to work on an edifice so small. It is said that Mr. Bomar has built more cotton mills than any one contractor in the South.

The total public school enrollment of Columbia, S. C., for the past year was 2,307; daily average attendance 800 whites and 875 colored. The white pupils are taught by 21 teachers and the colored by 14, yet some narrow minded Northern pencil pusher will sneer these days drop down there an hour or two, then hasten home and indite columns of blather about the educational degeneracy of the Southern Negro.

Colored newspapers, as a rule, are not profitable because so much of the money received is given to the white men who print the papers. Few colored papers own their own presses and of course are obliged to pay whatever is charged for the printing. Instead of such a large sheet and so much choice plate matter concerning the Caucasian, for which a Union and white workmen are paid, and consequently so much postage, for which Uncle Sam collects in advance, it seems as if a sheet containing only Negro news would be sufficient as it is Negro news we want. There seems to be false sentiment in spreading and mixing this news all over a big sheet for appearance sake and paying for it, when half the subscribers do not pay for it.—Statesman.

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- Saturday, February 12, 1898. -

Aspire high and live up to your motto.

Do something to make men regret you when you have left this world.

How many colored men are represented on the various committees having the G. A. B. Encampment in charge, can anyone tell us?

When the rostrum was first ushered before the public, there had been no preconceived idea on the part of its sponsor that it was going to reform the world. We simply came, in our modest way, to do all the good we could, just as long as we could. Our mission was self evident. Here were 30,000 people without an organ of defense. Whenever a wrong was inflicted upon them by the other race, they had to grin and bear it; for the white press would not fight it and recourse to the mighty debating society resolution was as non-effective for its abatement as trying to knock down the Custom House with missiles blown from a putty tube. We philanthropically jumped into the breach, with the weapon you lacked and nursed the fond delusion that we would be welcomed with open arms, and you would feed us such an abundance of the milk of human kindness, that we would thrive faster than a prize baby fed on a diet of condensed infant food. But, alack, we woted not of your sickness, hence our plaint. We thought you wanted something soft and every week we are being rebuked by the bulk of our subscribers to give them more society news. Have we accomplished our first mission—that of righting wrongs, and now you feel that we ought devote our time to chronicling the enjoyments you are experiencing in the "promise land?" Well we don't think so, and if you will rub the cobwebs off your common sense, you may see a chance to agree with us and support our stand as being laudable. If you do, you will never again complain because we don't glut the paper with records of your society doings. Have you a fondness for seeing your name in print, subscribe for the city directory, which makes a specialty of printing names as we have neither the time nor inclination to fool with such stuff.

We will mention whatever you do that is creditable, from a standpoint of art, science, letters or industry, because such

mention will elevate all whom it reaches. The social colored man is not the kind the race wants just now. It is the one whose brain produces that which will flaunt the lie in the teeth of our traducers, as they arise to say that we are an incapable race. We will publish such matter with pleasure, but will say right here, that our foot emphatically goes down on filling up this paper with social news. If you don't support the paper because it refuses to print this class of rot, it will not be a hard matter for us to shut up shop. You will find in the end that you have thrown a wagon load of boomerangs, and when you feel the effects of our failure, they will make you more than imagine that the entire wagon load landed on your necks in one fell swoop.

## OTHELL'S SQUIBS.

Topics of the Times Graphically Told

-Hon. Wm. Parham's Candidacy.

-Dr. Williams Resigns - Other Matters of Absorbing Interest

Hon. Wm. H. Parham is a candidate for the position of Appraiser at this port. The position is a federal appointment and it is quite likely that the recommendation of Senator Foraker is all that is necessary to secure the appointment from President McKinley.

No Afro-American in Southern Ohio is more popular than Mr. Parham and none more deserving. Northern Ohio has received two appointments at the hands of the President and upon the recommendation of Senator Hanna, and it is time something was being done for the Afro-Americans in this neck 'o the woods. Mr. Parham is a learned scholar, dignified attorney and was a member of the 72nd General Assembly which elected the Senior Senator. He is eminently qualified for the position and 7,000 voters ask for his appointment.

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Dr. D. H. Williams has resigned as Surgeon-in-Chief of the Freedman's Hospital, Washington, D. C. There is quite a number of applicants for the vacancy, among whom may be mentioned, our own Dr. Johnson. The position is under civil service and it is expected that an examination will take place in the next few weeks. Dr. Purvis, of Washington, D. C., who was at the head of the institution for 20 years, is also an applicant and being an old soldier, can be reinstated under the rules of civil service.

The President would be congratulated, however, if he should choose outside of Washington to fill this important \$3,000 place. We suggest Southern Ohio.

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The efforts of editor Harry Smith to displace Chas. A. Cottrell, after he had been selected by the committee as a speaker at the Lincoln banquet, are not altogether to be commended. The young Afro-Americans in the state, who aspire to leadership, would accomplish more for themselves and the race if their efforts would be directed against the common enemy. The mantle of leadership in Ohio, will not fall upon any person actively engaged in this fight for supremacy.

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The annual election of officers of the Ruffin Club will be held February 22nd, from 4 to 9 p. m. This is the oldest colored political organization in the county and there is a spirited contest for the presidency of the club. Among the contestants who are aspiring, are Hon. Geo. H. Jackson, who will be supported by the Regulars, and Harry G. Ward, the candidate of the Independents and young blood. Quite a number of applications for membership are being handed in for the consideration of the Board of Directors which meets next week.

Othello.

## ARE YOU TO LIVE IN ALASKA?

Some Requirements That Will Be Found Indispensable.

The universal article of diet in that country, depended upon and indispensable, is bread or biscuit. And to make the bread and biscuit, either in the camp or upon the trail, yeast cannot be used—it must be baking powder; and the powder manufactured by the processes of the Royal Baking Powder Company, miners and prospectors have learned, is the only one which will stand in that peculiar climate of cold and dampness and raise the bread and biscuit satisfactorily.

These facts are very important for every one proposing to go to Alaska and the Yukon country to know, for should he be persuaded by some outfitter to take one of the cheap brands of baking powder, it will cost just as much to transport it, and then when it opens it for use, after all his labor in packing it over the long and difficult route, he will find a solid caked mass or a lot of spoiled powder, with no strength and useless. Such a mistake might lead to the most serious results. Alaska is no place in which to experiment in food, or try to economize with your stomach. For use in such a climate, and under the trying and fatiguing conditions of life and labor in that country, everything must be the best and most useful, and above all it is imperative that all food supplies shall have perfect keeping qualities. It is absurd to convey over such difficult and expensive routes an article that will deteriorate in transit, or that will be found when required for use to have lost a great part of its value.

There is no better guide to follow in these matters than the advice of those who have gone through similar experience. Mr. McQuesten, who is called "the father of Alaska," after an experience of years upon the trail, in the camp, and in the use of every kind of supply, says: "We find in Alaska that the importance of a proper kind of baking powder cannot be overestimated. A miner with a can of bad baking powder is almost helpless in Alaska. We have tried all sorts, and have been obliged to settle down to use nothing but Royal. It is stronger, and carries further, but, above all things, it is the only powder that will endure the severe climatic changes of the Arctic region."

It is for the same reasons that the U. S. Government in its relief expeditions, and Peary, the famous Arctic traveler, have carried the Royal Baking Powder exclusively.

The Royal Baking Powder will not cuke nor lose its strength either on board ship or in damp climates, and is the most highly concentrated and efficient of leavening agents. Hence it is indispensable to every Alaskan outfit. It can be had of any of the trading companies in Alaska, but should the miner procure his supplies before leaving, he should resist every attempt of the outfitter to palm off upon him any of the other brands of baking powder, for they will spoil and prove the cause of great disappointment and trouble.

## PERSONAL MENTION.

Dr. Morris Weiner, the oldest practicing physician of Baltimore, has just celebrated his eighty-eighth birthday.

The archbishop of Algiers, Mgr. Dusserre, who has just died, entered the Roman Catholic church from the army, where he was a private in the zouaves. Before that he was a factory boy.

Mrs. Susan E. Wattles, the Kansas pioneer who died the other day, was the widow of the famous Augustus Wattles, the close friend and coworker with John Brown in the "underground railway."

Prof. Koch has been invited by the Italian government to return to India to study the plague, but has declined for the present, as his presence in German East Africa is necessary for some time to come.

Although greatly improved in health, Cardinal Vaughn, Roman Catholic archbishop of Westminster, acting upon the advice of his medical attendants, will not undertake the discharge of episcopal duties until February.

## A PERFECT HOME SECURED AT LITTLE COST.



Joan and Theodore Strivski, formerly residents of Michigan, but now living in Alameda, Western Canada,

before taking up their home there visited the country as delegates. They reported to the Government of the Dominion of Canada the result of their observations, and from this report extracts have been taken, which are published below:

"We have visited a number of most desirable locations, and are highly pleased with the country as a whole, it being beyond our highest expectations. We find here a prosperous and well-contented lot of people. They have comfortable homes, and their vast fields of wheat and other crops in addition to their herds of choice cattle, indicate prosperity in the full sense of the word. In conversation with the farmers throughout our trip we learned that the majority of them came here with very limited means, and some with no more than enough to bring them here, and they are now well-to-do. They all claim that this is the only country for a poor man, or one with little means, to get a start and make a home for himself and family. As you are aware, we were a little shaky and undecided before leaving Detroit, but have determined since that we, with our friends, will make this country our future home. It is far from being the wilderness we had pictured it to be; it is, instead, a land having all the facilities required by modern civilization, such as railroads, markets, stores, churches, schools, etc., in fact, an ideal home for those having the future welfare of themselves and families at heart."

The Messrs. Strivski selected the Alameda district, but what they say of it appeals in a general way to most other districts in that vast country. They speak of the fuel, which is to be had in great quantities, of the water that can be had by digging from 10 to 20 feet, and of the good grazing land to be had almost everywhere. There is plenty of wood for building timber and for fuel, while coal is convenient, and sells at low prices at the mines. In driving through the country they passed many fine patches of wild raspberries, and say they can speak highly of their flavor, as they could not resist the temptation to stop and eat.

Having already transgressed on your valuable space, I shall defer further reference to Western Canada for another issue. An illustrated pamphlet recently issued by the Department of the Interior, Ottawa, Canada, giving a complete description of the country, will be forwarded free to all who write for it.

WESTERN CANADA

## SHE TOOK THE HINT.

And Then Proceeded to Display Her Immense Ingenuity.

At home stations the private soldiers' washing is usually done by the married soldiers' wives, who are expected to sew on missing buttons and do repairs, for which a small sum is deducted from the private's pay.

Pat McGinnis had a good deal of trouble with his laundress; Sunday after Sunday had his shirt come back with the neck button off, or else hanging by a thread. He had spoken to her on the subject and she had promised to see to it, but still the button was not on properly.

He got out of patience one Sunday when the missing button had made him late for parade, and exclaimed:

"Bother the woman! I'll see if I can't give her a hint this time, anyhow."

He then took the lid of a tin blacking box, about three inches in diameter, drilled two holes in it with a fork and sewed it on to the neck of the shirt that was next to be washed. When his washing came back he found that she had taken the hint; she had made a button hole to fit it.—Detroit Free Press.

## Mutual.

Bank Clerk (scrutinizing check)—Madam, we can't pay this unless you bring some one to identify you.

Old Lady (tartly)—I should like to know why?

"Because we don't know you."  
"Now, don't be silly! I don't know you, either."—Truth.

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## A TOOTH-BRUSH TALE.

An Old Story and One That Is Brand New.

Three society girls sat in the newly decorated boudoir of the blue-eyed girl. The brown-eyed girl remarked that she wished some one would remind her to buy a toothbrush the next time she went downtown. Then she laughingly asked:

"Girls, what would you call a toothbrush—one of the amenities of civilization?"

"I would call it a necessity," exclaimed the blue-eyed girl. "That reminds me, girls," she continued, "of a story my Uncle James used to tell. I always had my doubts about this story of Uncle James', but I will tell you what he said.

"He was going from Boston to New York one time on one of the new South steamers, and he shared his stateroom with a strange man. When morning came, Uncle James got up first, dressed, and went on deck. Presently he came back to pack his traveling bag. He remembered that he had left his toothbrush on the rack. On looking for it, he discovered his roommate using it vigorously. Supposing that a mistake had been made, he said:

"I beg your pardon, sir, but that is my toothbrush."

"Indeed," said the man, "you must excuse me; I thought it belonged to the boat."

"Oh! oh! oh!" exclaimed the gray-eyed girl, waving her hands frantically, "that is the same story my Uncle Robert always told. It didn't happen to either one of them, of course."

"Of course not," assented the blue-eyed girl, laughing. "We have caught both our uncles in fibs now, haven't we?" The brown-eyed girl looked at her friends in disgust.—St. Louis Republic.

## The Alternative.

The police justice had formerly been a bar-tender. He had gone into politics and had been elected by a big majority. This was his first case. Mary McMannis was up before him for drunkenness. The justice looked at her a minute and then said sternly:

"Well, what are you here for?"

"If yer please, yer honor," said Mary, "the copper beyant pulled me in, sayin' I was drunk. An' I don't drink, yer honor; I don't drink."

"All right," said the justice, his former bartender habit getting the best of him; "all right; have a cigar."—Detroit Free Press.

## Likely.

Dr. Smiley—Ah, professor, is your little one a boy or a girl?

Prof. Dremey—Why—er—yes. We call it John. It must be a boy, I think.—Judge.

The pair of scintilla is cruel. The new St. Jacobs Oil is sure. It penetrates.

The young onion is a very seductive vegetable, but it invariably gives a man away.—Chicago Daily News.

## Eruptions On the Face

"I was troubled with eruptions on my face. I thought I would give Hood's Sarsaparilla a trial, and after taking a few bottles I was cured. I am now also free from rheumatism to which I have been subject for some time." C. E. BARRY, 736 Milwaukee Street, Milwaukee, Wis.

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Hood's Pills cure all liver ills. 25 cents.



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For 10c. we will mail a packet of this Strawberry seed, and one great Catalogue of New Seeds, Bulbs, Plants and Fruits, 160 pages, 12 large Colored Plates. Or for only 25c. we will mail a Catalogue, Strawberry Seed, Chinese Lantern Plant, Shoo-fly Plant, Jubilee Phlox, Prize Verbena and THE MAY FLOWER Monthly Magazine for a year; illustrated—colored plate each month—devoted to Flowers and Gardening. Order now; this offer may not appear again.

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## Chronic Rheumatism.

From the Industrial News, Jackson, Mich.  
The subject of this sketch is fifty-six years of age, and actively engaged in farming. When seventeen years old he hurt his shoulder and a few years after commenced to have rheumatic pains in it. On taking a slight cold or the least strain, sometimes without any apparent cause whatever, the trouble would start and he would suffer the most excruciating pains.  
He suffered for over thirty years, and the last decade has suffered so much that he was unable to do any work. To this the frequent occurrences of dizzy spells were added, making him almost a helpless invalid.



### IN ALL SORTS OF WEATHER.

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Miss Leona Travis, of this city, who went South several months ago in search of health, is reported on the way to recovery.

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Miss Gertrude Turner, located at 801 Wehrman avenue, Avondale, kindly advises the public that she is handling some choice books, suitable to all sorts of tastes and at reasonable prices.

Mrs. Louisa King of Cummins ville is in a critical condition of health.

Clifford Jackson, the only son of Prof. Harry Jackson the well known musical director, and Alice Clark the youngest daughter of S. W. Clark, of the U. S. Revenue service, were united in marriage Monday.

Tisdale asks your patronage.

Rev. M. C. B. Mason, traveling secretary of the Methodist educational society was severely injured in a rail road wreck which occurred West of St. Louis, Mo., Saturday last. He sustained several painful contusions on the head, a badly lacerated hand and a wrenched back. He is considerably improved up to going to press, and will no doubt be able to resume his duties at the desk in a few days.

The 53rd anniversary of the founding of the Colored Orphan Asylum was appropriately observed Sunday. The exercises were participated in by the children, Rev. George A. Thayer and W. L. Anderson, the two latter delivering addresses.

The Crystal Laundry wants your trade. The New York Daily World devoted a whole page, Sunday, January 30th, to the life of Rev. Peter Fossett and the picture he delivered before the 9th street Baptist church some weeks ago.

Mr. Lee Wilson, prominent in lodge circles in this city and known particularly for his work in Pythianism, has added a cigar emporium to the small list of business houses owned by the race in Cincinnati. It is located at 410 West Sixth street and is a gem in arrangement. The stock of smokers articles he has on hand is well selected and inviting enough to ensure satisfaction to the most exacting patron.

The funeral of Mrs. Elizabeth Simonson was in charge of P. O. Stark.

Ernest Jenkins of Avondale, who for a season, has been employed in New York City, suffered a stroke of paralysis at that place recently. His wife is at his side and will return home with her afflicted husband, as soon as he is recovered sufficiently to stand the discomforts of travel.

Mrs. Ellen Russell of Durr street, Cummins ville lying very at her home.

The benefit to be tendered Edward Haynes at Mound street church on the 19th inst., ought not that worthy young man a considerable sum. His case is one which should arouse pity in the stoutest heart. Confined to his home with an illness which threatens his life and having lost his baby from an accident a few days ago, certainly makes him deserving of the sympathy of everyone.

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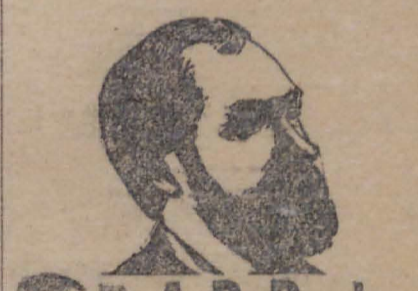
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Unity is the lever of power.

Some one has thrown a stick into the Elks' hornet's nest and stirred up an amusing sensation. A little fuss, in our opinion, that will do as much good for all parties concerned, as trying to beat out an elephant's brains with a feather pillow. In the first place, of what value is the property under discussion anyway? It teaches a lie, and is a misnomer with as many inconsistencies as the antlers of the Elks' emblem has twists. It is a propellant of the theory that any kind of a white man, be he a gambler or what not, is a cherubim in comparison with the best of the colored man that ever lived.

In the next place, the evidence of its power to uplift those beneath its influence is seen in the acts of those Elks who made it possible for colored men to come in possession of the secrets of their order. If such associations only tend to the manufacturing of charlatans and moral traitors out of its members, as is apparent by the allegations appearing in an evening paper Wednesday, then we can not see what the colored man may benefit by such a connection. Further than that it would be of immeasurable advantage to the race, if they must have secret orders, to let those created by the whites alone. Is there not brains enough among us to design an order based on original lines and as good to all intents, as those gotten up by the whites? It is true that it is the general custom of the Caucasian to pirate every good thing from whom every he can and subject it to his own comfort and convenience, but it is a principle of error that will one day be its own executioner, and for that reason we ought not adopt it. We don't have to live by these organizations. The dependency of our racial elevation is not here and if it is, then, more is the pity that we must rely on pilfering to be lifted. We are certain that we can name a hundred men here in the city, who, with one month's time can put together an order as well adapted to their needs as those that have been bartered and sold to them by not over-scrupulous white lodge men. Let them keep theirs, and proceed along the line that "necessity is the mother of invention" and finding that we need these societies, go down in the fertile pockets of our brains and pull them out. Let us learn to make something the white man may desire to copy and put a quietus on the charge of parasitism and mimicry that attaches to those who find it necessary to depend on other sources for the advancement which their own sluggishness of mind prevents them from reaching by self-effort.

"Teddy" Roosevelt has much more of the politician in his composition than most people gave him credit for. This is noticeable by his manner of suppressing those magazine articles of his till after his gubernatorial canvass. While that extremely exciting event was on, "Teddy" played on the susceptibilities of the colored vote of New York, with stories of the bravery of the colored troops who fought side by side with the Rough Riders at the battle of Santiago. There was never such brilliant exploits performed on the battle field, said "Teddy" then. Now he twangs his lyre to a more captivating strain and, Oh! it is so different from the first. Writing in Scribner's Magazine of April, "Teddy" says the Negro soldier was only brave in spots, and goes on to tell a long bow tale of how he had to force some colored soldiers to the front at the muzzle of a gun. That occurrence happened a year ago and but comes to light this April. Roosevelt knew the fact he so tardily relates while he was a candidate for Governor of New York, if he knew it at all; yet chose to tell on the stump what in his heart he knew to be a lie. We believe Roosevelt to be mistaken just to this extent: finding that much of the theatrical glory of the Rough Riders was being shifted into the back-ground by the historically recorded bravery of the colored troops, he now takes this step to recover the ground. Thereby playing the opera in a little case.

He titled "I am Jealous." Had "Teddy" the manliness and honesty imputed to him by his admirers, he would have brought out this little side-show before last November. Had he done so we think the colored citizens of New York would have helped him to admire the capital at Albany from an unofficial standpoint.

"As you sow, that shall you reap," is the philosophy of life. That some certain result must follow some certain action defies refutation. The apple is the inevitable sequence of its own planted seed. All things having a like beginning and being alike in specie, alike developed, will tend to common effects. It is ordained by Nature that a definite cause shall under her keeping pursue to a definite end. She has made this fact an irrevocable truism of her existence—absolute, eternal. So out of the storm of outrage which swept the South last week, after a sober reflection, one can point readily to the place of responsibility, and fix the blame of that monstrous lapse of barbarism at the door of its beginners.

It not meet that you should reap as you have sown? Fiends you sought, and the end certainly has given the proper results. But shall you torture and murder these because you do not want them to now be as you created them, and in so doing transgress your own laws, the laws of your country and your God—the sacred covenants of social safety which your disregard shall one day construe in to anarchy? This undoubtedly is not the treatment the ill needs. It must be cured as it was contracted, by reducing the animal and developing the man; the opposite procedure you pursued during the days of slavery. Then the next step to be adopted, inasmuch as you have set out to champion feminine virtue so ardently, give Negro men the right to visit summary punishment on every lascivious white libertine who may design to pollute the purity of our women. Make laws which will penalize these encroachments, so strict in fact, that this particular form of vice shall be prosecuted out of popularity. Inculcate virtue as a necessity for all, and stop the practice of preying on colored women so that your women may publish to the world their immaculacy and the fine chivalry of their male kin. Is there any hindrance to their being as pure as a fresh blown lily, when Southern men come to pay them addresses, of a fresh from an illicit man-our with a poor colored man's eye brows engaged with their...

kept in a vesal state. These were different story to tell were the woman of color taken from the South. Our ground of argument is unassailable, for is it not a fact that not one Southern state will allow a legal union of the races? Then how is it that our race, so far as concerns its African blood, is almost extinct in America and that the country is peopled with a race distinct from that of every other on the globe? Why it is because the sons born of chaste Southern women have been taught a one-sided idea of virtue by their mothers, and given inspiring examples of it by profligate sires. Hundreds of instances we have noted where Southern men have ruined the daughter of the black mother at whose breast their fragile lives were first nurtured. That virtue is a truth that cannot be governed by condition or color, was not suited to their understanding. That the purity of all women is the essential essence of that truth they willingly refused to learn. To-day the lesson of their blindness is being forced upon them with cruel emphasis. No one can debase another without debasing himself. And while the Southern white man is trying to justify the murders of black men on the score of protecting virtue, he should recollect that a clean skirt makes the strongest appeal. And so it may be said with splendid appropriateness that the white men of the South, if these stories of Negro debauchery are true, are reaping the vicious fruits of seeds planted by their fathers. It will be the same in the future, if virtue is not to be considered of one value under all circumstances and at all times.

The Hon. C. H. J. Taylor appeared before the Legislature of North Carolina, recently, and made strenuous efforts to defeat several measures inimical to the interests of the colored people of that state. His labor was without reward.

Washington, D. C., is to have a well equipped manual training school for colored pupils. The site is still a matter of question. Twenty-one proposals are now under consideration by the District Commissioners. Congress has appropriated \$50,000 for the necessary ground and \$100,000 more is available for the building and equipment.—Brotherhood.

The colored people, of Newport News, Va., are unquestionably a thrifty set. An opera house, perfect in every detail, was recently dedicated by them. It is known as the Columbian. It is claimed to be the most handsome theatre in that city. Besides, it is further said that the finest place of worship in Newport News is owned by the colored people.

Two hundred colored men earn their daily provender playing the piano in the city of New York and on Coney Island.

Twenty Baptist churches are supported by the city Baltimore, Md. These are attended by 8,000 members.

The Baptist Tabernacle, of Atlanta, Ga., the largest church of that denomination in the South, and but recently constructed, was entered on the night of April 30, by unknown persons and considerably damaged. The doors were broken down, the new carpets torn up, paint smeared over the walls and seats and much other damage done. Portions of the beautiful stained glass windows were fixed to...

"Run him out of town, and let others devote to defaming."

Dr. Broughton, the reverend gentleman has been an ardent enemy of lynch law and made an extra strong denunciation of the burning of Sam. Hose at Newnan. Prior to the desecration of his church by the vandals, Dr. Broughton received several pieces of Hose's flesh through the mails. The Doctor does not hesitate to speak in terms most plain and bitter in regard to the outrage.

The Elevator, of San Francisco, Cal., has elevated into the great beyond. Its editor, J. B. Wilson, says that elevating the race is a poor business when elevating dollars from the pockets of its members is such a hard job, hence he quit.

Rev. Geo. C. Rowe, editor of the Charleston Enquirer, has been appointed a local consul at Charlestown, S. C., to represent the Republic of Liberia.

A Song and a Sigh.  
My heart is attune with song to-day,  
For Love is the minstrel there:  
And the world to me is a blissful play,  
With never a sign of care.

My heart is dumb with a sad dismay,  
For Jealousy dwells now there:  
And this cruel wretch drove Love away,  
To harbor the thief—despair.  
W. L. Anderson.

### Additional City Briefs.

Mr. Jesse Woodson was unanimously elected delegate to the K. of P. Grand Lodge, which convenes at Portsmouth, by Garnet Lodge Tuesday.

William Gee, late Quartermaster Sergeant of the 8th Immunes, was in the city this week the guest of the Editor.

It reported that Mr. Eluster Cox will lead a beautiful and talented school teacher to the altar in July.

### ENGLISH.

The non-script tongue known as "pidgin-English" is almost the only medium of communication between foreigners and the Chinese, and nine-tenths of the enormous business done in China between the English, Germans and Americans and the Chinese is done through this grotesque gibberish. Mr. Chester Holcombe, in his "Real Chinaman," gives two amusing anecdotes to show how absurd it is.

A young foreigner who called upon two young ladies, also foreigners, was informed by their Chinese servant: "That two piecey girls no can see. Number one piecey top side makee washee, washee. Number two piecey go outside, makee walkee, walkee." He meant to say that the elder of the two was taking a bath upstairs, and the younger had gone out.

When King Kalakaua, of the Hawaiian Islands, visited Shanghai, he occupied a suite of rooms up one flight of stairs at the Astor house. Two American gentlemen called to pay their respects one morning, and meeting the proprietor, inquired if the king was in. "I v see," replied the landlord, and sent a Chinese servant at the top of the stairs, asked: "Boy! That top side got?" "Hab he servar s in. P

### Both Tubs Are Unkno Stabled in the House of Some Cubans.

Dr. John Morgan Williams, of Louisville, Ky., a member of the hospital staff of the Third Kentucky, recently established three hospitals at Matanzas, and was one of a board of physicians to look after the sanitary matters of that city.

"Everywhere among the natives," said Dr. Williams, "I encountered the greatest obstinacy and objection to the advanced methods of the American, from the penniless peasant to the wealthy nobleman. They regard scientific plumbing as a foolish fad of the Americans. They seem positively wedded to filth. I'm afraid that it will take a long time to get them to take the precautionary measures to prevent contagious diseases."

"The richer families of Matanzas, which is a town of 80,000 inhabitants, keep their horses and carriages under the same roof in the houses in which they sleep. In many cases the horse is stabled in the front room and can be plainly seen from the street. A modern bath tub is something not to be found in the city."

Diagnose by Description.  
Medical practitioners in China probably do not hanker after royal patients. A Chinese physician who was recently called to prescribe for the emperor was not permitted to look at his august patient, much less to ask him questions. The dowager empress told him how the emperor felt, as accurately as she could describe his condition, and the physician had to base his diagnosis on her guess.

Mourning for a Dead Dog.  
A London lady, who mourns the loss of a pet poodle, has deemed it necessary to have special "In Memoriam" cards printed in memory of the dog's virtues.

## COMPLEXION.

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ing people with "kidney troubles" are, so is their suffer from indigestion, biliousness, uric acid, gravel, rheumatism, catarrh of the bladder, irregular heart. You may depend on it, the cause is weak, unhealthy kidneys.

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## HIPPOTAMUS HUNTERS.

How the Natives of the River Nile Pursue the Dangerous Game.

The natives along the River Nile are not yet weaned from their primitive method of killing the most dangerous animal hunted by man. Rifles cannot pierce the thick hide of the hippopotamus, but the natives have devised a weapon which proves most effective in their hands, though a European would hardly dare attempt the use of it. A huge beam of wood, weighing at least 30 pounds, is selected, and a sharp, barbed harpoon head made of iron is tied to the beam with sinews or twisted bits of hide.

The man selected to hurl this weapon is generally an old hand at the business. He knows the hippopotamus as he knows his children. He is well informed because of a series of rough adventures of all that is likely to befall him in the dangerous undertaking. The natives who accompany him are just as much his lackeys as it is possible for them to be. They are schooled to answer his every signal, to follow his advice implicitly, to pull forward or back water on the instant; to die with him if necessary. The canoe is crude indeed, but it is strong and fitted to the work.

The assault is generally made in the late afternoon, when the huge, lumbering brutes are sleepy and loggy as a result of having been subjected to the tropical heat of the African sun. The hunters proceed along the marshy banks of the stream, slipping into the tributaries whenever it looks as though there might be good grazing ground for the game they are in search of.

When the lookout sights a feeding or a sleepy hippopotamus he signifies the fact by a low guttural note not unlike that made by a goose. Those at the paddle slow down and the spear-men size up the situation, with the lining from which point the attack. A shout is given and the canoe is pushed forward.

Steadily, quietly the canoe is pushed to the feeding hippopotamus. His head is turned from it, and with unerring aim the harpoon, with its heavy iron barb, sinks through the thick hide up to the haft in the hugh carcass. With a rush he swims away as the harpoon goes home, and two sturdy natives tug with all their strength at the leather thong that holds the harpoon to the canoe. He roars and puffs, spouting the water from his nostrils as it is dyed with his life blood. For miles he swims straight away, racing for life from the terrible pain, in frantic attempts to shake off his burden. He cannot escape from his foes—he turns to crush them, but they are on the alert, and the weakened, awkward beast is unable to reach the canoe that he could shatter at a single blow. He grows weaker; he swims more and more slowly; for a moment he sinks below the surface, and then the hunters of the Nile know that they may dare go near and finish him with their spears. Only experts dare take part in this savage struggle for the mastery. Even these do not always escape unhurt, for in a flash the dying monster may close with canoe and occupants, and they are fortunate indeed if they escape and do not bear the marks of his terrible tusks as a lifelong reminder of the contest.—N. Y. Journal.

### How Room Was Made.

A little black-eyed and nimble-tongued Irish street car conductor in Dublin came into the car and called out, in his peculiarly penetrating voice: "Wan seat on the right! Sit closer on the right, ladies an' gentlemen, an' mek room for a leddy phwat's standin'."

A big, surly-looking man who was occupying space enough for two said, smilingly:

"We can't sit any closer."

"Can't yez?" retorted the little conductor. "Begorra, you niver wint cort'n', thin."

It is needless to add that room was made "on the right" for the lady.—London Spare Moments.

## STRAW TENANTS.

A Device of City Landlords for Getting Their Apartments Rented.

The "straw tenant," like the other straw men, is a conspirator who is the chief aid to the owners of apartment-houses which are for sale and who wish to make a good showing for their house and demonstrate to the possible purchaser the desirability of the property.

"The man who invests in a mercantile commodity usually does so with a view to what he will receive in return," said a real estate man, "and if that is the case with stocks and bonds, dry goods or 'industrials,' why should it not be so with real estate? A house which has its quota of tenants is easier to dispose of than one which may be equally well built and equally well located, but only partially occupied, and the cunning real estate man who recognizes this fact fills up the vacant spaces with straw tenants. If the investor makes searching inquiries and finds that a number of tenants have been favored with several months' rent free he is likely to become suspicious and break off negotiations, but there are many purchasers who take matters as they find them, and when they have acquired the property they awaken to the fact that they have a number of apartments to let.

"The straw tenant is useful to the owner in other instances also, and people who are willing to lend themselves for the purpose and to pay moving expenses frequently worry along through long periods without paying rent. Houses or apartments in which tragedies have taken place are often difficult to rent until the 'cuss' has been taken off by new tenants, and rather than allow such places to remain empty and the prejudice against them to grow landlords fill them full of 'straw.'"

There are times when the landlord is forced in putting his people into

the apartment house to take the place of that kind was spoken of by the real estate man, who said:

"There is an apartment in a large, well-built modern house uptown where two children died of diphtheria within a week. The place was fumigated by the employes of the health department, the plumbing and drainage were examined and found to be in perfect condition, but the family moved away. As soon as the apartment became vacant the owner had it thoroughly overhauled. Every wall was scraped, and before it was redecorated the place was fumigated again under the direction of the health authorities. Several months later the apartment was billed 'to let,' and although many people looked at it and some of them went so far as to take refusals, it remained empty. The landlord heard that some one invariably sent word to the people who wanted to take the place that there was diphtheria in the apartment. He could not deny the story, although he knew that all danger from that source had been destroyed, and he put an end to the matter by taking in a straw tenant who knew all the facts in the case. When the time agreed upon was over the man became a paying tenant, and has had only good luck in the place, which would probably have remained vacant if the straw system had not been resorted to."—N. Y. Tribune.

### Proof Against Wasp-Stings.

Mr. Murray, a Scottish naturalist, in a recent paper on the habits of wasps, tells how a blackbird will stand at the side of a hanging wasp's nest and deliberately tear it in pieces, in order to get at the larvae, apparently undisturbed by the swarm of angry insects, whose vicious stings instantly put to flight the human curiosity-seeker who ventures near to watch the demolition.—Youth's Companion.

### Revenge.

Sagebrush Sam—What did the widder say when you told her we'd lynched her ol' man?

Cactus Charlie—She said she's git even if she had to marry the hull gang.—Judge.

## Abolish the Death Penalty.

At Albany the law-makers are wrangling over the abolition of the death penalty. The man who succeeds in passing such a bill will prove as great a benefactor to the breaker of man's laws as Hostetter's Stomach Bitters has to the breaker of nature's laws. If you've neglected your stomach until indigestion, constipation, biliousness, liver and kidney troubles are upon you there's but one cure—Hostetter's Stomach Bitters. Don't fail to try it. All druggists sell it.

### The English of It.

"You Americans call things by such queer names," said the Englishman.

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"Well, what do you call them in your country?"

"We call them lifts."

"Well, I can't see that the word lift expresses their use any better than elevator."

"Oh, yes, it does. Don't you know you can lift persons down as well as lift them up?"—Yonkers Statesman.

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### No Serious Damage Done.

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Polite Gentleman—Don't mention it. I have another eye left.—Stray Stories.

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Lovers may not wish to snub the gas, but they do "turn it down" pretty often.—L. A. W. Bulletin.

Piso's Cure for Consumption has no equal as a Cough medicine.—F. M. Abbott, 333 Seneca St., Buffalo, N. Y., May 9, 1904.

Lots of fathers give their daughters away and have a son-in-law on their hands.—Washington (Ia.) Democrat.

How My Throat Hurts!—Why don't you use Honey of Horehound and Tar? It cures Croup, Whooping Cough, Sore Throat, Hoarse Drops Cure in one minute.

A de meat served a la carte, with horse-radish and a pony of wine is a stable article in Paris.—L. A. W. Bulletin.

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Annual Meeting General Assembly Presbyterian Church at Minneapolis, Minn., May 18 to June 1.

National Baptist Anniversaries at San Francisco, Cal., May 26 to 30.

National Educational Association at Los Angeles, Cal., July 11 to 14.

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### Simple Addition.

A teacher at Garden City said to her primary class the other day: "If your father gave your mother seven dollars to-day and eight dollars to-morrow, how much she have?" And the small boy over in the corner replied: "She would have a fit."—Kansas City Journal.

## A CHARMING grandmother!

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### FRANK JAMES' CLOSE CALL.

The Timely Arrival of a Negro Prevented His Capture in Kansas City.

Frank James, the former outlaw, told when he was in the city recently the following story of how narrowly he escaped capture once when there was a price of \$50,000 on his head and officers of the law were hunting everywhere for him:

"It was about two years, I reckon, before I surrendered to the governor," he said. "At any rate, it was before my brother Jesse was killed. My wife and I were visiting relatives in Kansas City. We intended to go to St. Louis, and we bade our relatives good-by and started to walk to the Missouri Pacific depot at the foot of Grand avenue, I was carrying a small handbag. No one paid any attention to us till we got to where Fourth street crosses Grand avenue. At that point there was a policeman wrestling with a drunken man, trying to arrest him and get him to the police station. In those days there were no hoodlum wagons, and when a policeman had more than he could handle he used to call on passers-by to help him, and the law made it a misdemeanor for anyone to refuse to assist a policeman when called on to do so. I knew this, of course, and so when the policeman called to me as I and my wife were passing and ordered me to assist him in taking the drunken man to the station I halted.

"At that time there was a big reward up for my capture. Of course, the policeman did not know me, but Tom Speers, the chief of police, did know me very well. I knew that if I went into the station that Speers would see me and hold me. I made up my mind right there and then that I would not go to the station. I told the policeman:

"My friend, I am in a hurry to catch a train; if I stop to help you I'll miss it."

"The policeman was a big fellow, and so was the drunken man, and the drunken man was going the better way. The policeman, on or before, at the most exhausted, answered me:

"Train or no train, my friend, you'll come here and help me with this fellow."

"I began to argue the question, and the policeman began to get fighting mad. I started to move on and the policeman, who had the drunken man down on his face in the street and had his knees planted on his back, reached back and pulled his gun out of his hip pocket and said:

"Come here and get hold of this buck or I'll let him go and run you in."

"By that time a crowd of women and children began to gather, but strangely enough there was not another man in sight anywhere. I was in a tight fix. If I went to the station I was a goner, if I moved on the policeman would nab me, and if I stayed and argued the question much longer the crowd would get bigger and some one might recognize me. For once in my life I was up a tree. Just at that moment a big buck negro came up and I said to him:

"See here, my friend, I'm in a hurry to get a train; here's a dollar for you; help the officer get this man over to the station."

"The negro thanked me; the officer grumbled and growled as I helped him and the negro got the prisoner on his feet and started them on their way. Then I joined my wife, who was standing pressing her handkerchief nervously to her mouth, and we hurried down and caught our train at the little by-station of the Missouri Pacific at the foot of Grand avenue."—Kansas City Star.

### She Married the Hat.

A European government servant was recently married to a native woman in Samarang by the Mohammedan ceremony. It took place in the mesjid, and it was conducted by the penghulu, but the bridegroom was not present. He had given written notice that he would not put in an appearance, but he sent his hat, and that was, according to native custom, quite sufficient. She married the hat.—Singapore Free Press.

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A recent advertisement in an Irish paper announced that Mr. So-and-so extracted teeth with great pains.

### Signs of Spring.

Atchool! The popularity of the shady side of the street. The flowers that bloom in buttonholes. Absence of furry garments. Open spring coats. The advent of the shirt-waist girl. The posy hat.—Philadelphia Press.

### Who's to Blame.

When a girl graduates she has an ambition to show the world what a noble woman, with a high purpose in life, can do; but she meets a man and marries him, and soon begins to get that funny look in her eyes.—Acheson Globe.

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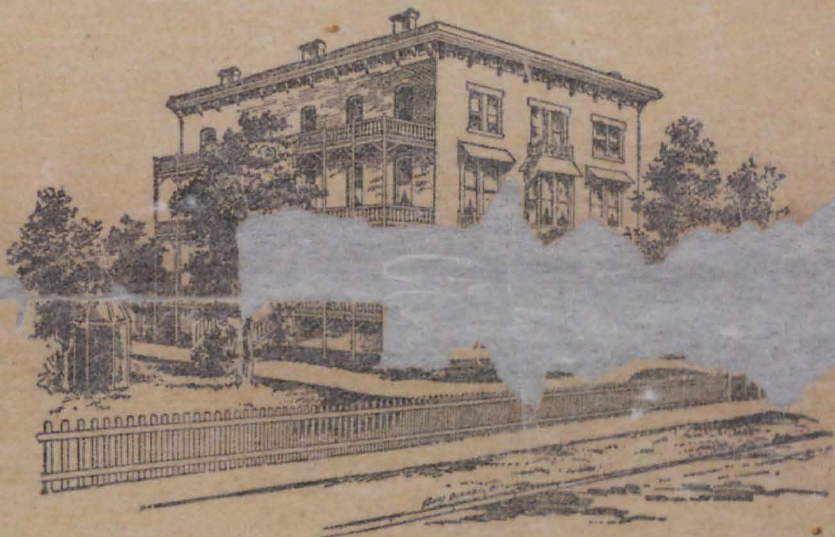
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The Oriental Dancing club concludes a most successful season with a fancy ball, on Thursday evening, May 11, at Genesee Hall.

A delightful card party was given in honor of Miss Eva Miller, of Chattanooga Tenn., by Miss Ida Symmes, at her home 514 Hopkins street, Thursday evening.

The election of trustees of the Colored Orphan Asylum took place Monday evening. The election was one of the quietest in a number of years. The Bazar seemed to have robbed it of its old time excitement. However, the contest was not without its surprises. The main one being the defeat of trustee Woodson by practically a new piece of timber, Mr. R. Frazier, a candidate put up by the congregation of Allen Temple. It is rumored that Mr. Frazier's election means a reorganization of the board.

The bonds were turned over to the police to await a claimant. They had been where found nearly ten years and are worth considerably more than their face value. So far the finder has the best claim on the property he turned up.

The graduating exercises of Class '99 of Lane Theological Seminary exhibited a notable deviation from the custom of former years, and a departure which shows that Cincinnati's educational institutions have caught something of the spirit of liberality which higher culture should always reflect. Mr. Russel Taylor, a young alumnus of Bellevue college in Nebraska, was the representative of his class at the closing of its school life, with the address, "Law or Lawlessness, Which?" His thesis was a fine effort and prayed for the deliverance of his race from mob violence and the cruel restrictions of American civilization. The commencement took place Thursday morning at 10 o'clock, at the Walnut Hills Presbyterian church, before an audience composed of the wealth and brains of the city. Mr. Taylor is the first colored person graduating from one of our schools to receive such a distinction.

The Semi-Centennial celebration of the introduction of Masonry into the State of Ohio, was observed Wednesday in every town of consequence throughout the whole Jurisdiction. In this particular event Cincinnati played an especially prominent part. At high noon Wednesday the local commanderies marched to Allen Temple church, where they listened to the excellently delivered addresses of Messrs. Bell, Clark and Parham. In these speeches the history of the order was extensively reviewed and it is a matter of favorable comment that the record of Masonry among the colored people in this country, has been one of unsmirched honor.

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