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In every community the price of real estate other things being equal, is in inverse ratio to the comparative number of negroes. He cannot be kept civilized except when sandwiched with another race. Being weak intellectually and morally, when living among other people on terms of political equality, the scale of civilization is proportionately lowered. The importance of these facts, in their bearing on the situation in South Carolina as we know and feel it, cannot be over estimated and every intelligent lover of the State should reflect upon the possible effects of a continuance of the present situation, upon the best means of establishing a large majority of white in every country in the State. In the presence of a question of such magnitude it is extremely selfish and unpatriotic, as well as absurd, for any one to say, "Oh, I want a nigger to wait on me while I live," or fear I'll not get enough laborers for my farm or for my phosphate diggings; when the truth is that unless a miracle be invoked to remove the negroes there will be multitudes of them in South Carolina for fifty years to come.

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A Hidden Hand.

—There is some mute, inglorious wire-puller in the State. He is only known by his works. The postoffice appointments at Prosperity and at Clinton are evidently the work of the same unknown schemer. A man from Peak moves to Prosperity and starts a little store, and in three weeks he receives the appointment of postmaster. A man from Paolet moves to Clinton and starts a little store, and in three weeks he is appointed postmaster. It is all done so quietly that nobody suspects the newcomer, in either case, of even being an applicant.

Of course the moving and the little store were all part of the arrangement, so as to secure a claim to residence; for the rules of the postoffice department forbid the appointment of non-resident as postmaster.

What understanding or bargain exists between the new appointees and the powers that be can only be inferred. But there is very little doubt in the public mind on the subject.

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