

### NEGRO MUSIC AT VICTORY FAIR.

The American Syncopated Orchestra Most Unique Musical Organization Extant Appears Each Afternoon and Evening in Coliseum.

Dallas, Texas, Oct. 9.—Negroes will be pleased to note that the most famous Negro musical organization in America, since James Europe's band ceased as such, to make syncopated melody for the masses, is appearing at the State Fair grounds in this city each day.

The American Syncopated Orchestra of New York City, for quaintness and uniqueness, stands without a peer in the opinion of music critics in both New York City and Chicago. W. H. Stratton, Secretary of State Fair of Texas, announced that it was his original intention to book this organization for several special concerts in the Coliseum for the Victory Fair in Dallas, Oct. 5-19. However, they are making such an instantaneous hit in Europe, as well as in America, that it has been decided to place the orchestra on the regular Coliseum program twice daily, for the entire fourteen days fine of the Victory Fair.

In speaking of his action in this connection, Secretary Stratton said: "Two races have contributed to the lore of American music—the aboriginal Indian and the transplanted African, or Southern Negro. Only since the war has the marked effect which the traditions of the Colored race have imparted to western music at large. This has been due largely been fully appreciated by the world to the wide acclaim with which the melodies and dark harmonies of our Colored troops overseas have been received."

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"Cook will himself conduct during the appearance of the American Syncopated Orchestra and singers at the Victory Fair, October 6th to 19th. More than thirty skilled musicians, trained vocalists, as well as experts upon their chosen instruments, comprise this organization which differs from any other of similar, or dissimilar, nature in variety of offering and technique in interpretation." "There is nothing one-sided in any of the programs they present. A wide range of selections, from those rendered by the most noted symphony players to the plantation melodies

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