

The Intermarrying of Races

By BRUCE GRIT.

An old colored man at Washington, N. J., an ex-Union soldier and seventy years of age—according to the press dispatches—recently received arrears amounting to more than \$500. He is said to be a widower and the father of eighteen children. But he had a hanker at his age, think of it, for Rope Mead and employed as his housekeeper a young white girl, aged twenty, whose hand he subsequently sought in marriage, but the Justice of the Peace Lindbury to whom the pair applied for permission to marry refused to unite the aged ebony Lohairo and his juvenile Deedemonda, and so the old gentleman and Miss Hannah Losaw, for that is the girl's name, "returned back home."

The white people of the town all of whom doubtless believe that this is a free country and that every man has a right to do as he pleases so long as he remains within the law in the doing of it—took matters in their own hands, mobbed the old black man, pulled his house down, knocked the old man's eye out, fractured his skull with a spade, and drove the girl and her mother, who was also an occupant of her prospective son-in-law's house out of town. These are the main facts as reported by a representative of the Associated Press who nowhere alleges that this man and the woman of his choice were not self-respecting people. He does not even state that the old man was a crap shooter or a dissolute character or a state charge. He shows that he was able to take care of a wife in that he is a pensioner and had only recently received a large sum of money which two thrifty and frugal persons would be likely to use properly and economically. But the supersensitive white people of that particular New Jersey village saw one thing the correspondent did not see. This old "nigger" had done something that few old white men ever do who have a predilection for colored girls and women; he wanted to marry this twenty year old white girl. The affair in no way concerned these white people both the parties to it were of age, both of them were citizens of the United States and unmarried.

General C. M. Clay of Kentucky married a girl—a mere child—a few years ago and he is an octogenarian, both are white, and nobody nabbed him or tried to, or burned down his house or destroyed his property wantonly as did this mob of civilized white citizens of the Jersey village. The late C. D. Warner, the eminent literateur of Connecticut, died in the home of a black woman in Hartford who was his friend; she may have been his washerwoman or seamstress or an old family servant on pension. Mr. Warner was proud of her society and during his life she took no thought of the morrow. Mr. Warner was a great literary genius; a maker of books and editor of a daily paper. When in Hartford a few years ago, a friend pointed out to me this woman and I violate no secret when I say that she is decidedly colored and would not take a prize at a beauty show. But Mr. Warner liked her and his friends did not mob him nor ostracise him for going to her house and spending two or three days at a time. Kind o' queer isn't it.

But this old Negro who is just as human as Cassius M. Clay or C. D.

Warner and the myriads of white men scattered all over the country whom nobody will accuse of being saints—subjected to the worst imaginable indignities at the hand of white men presumably civilized for no other crime than that he wished to marry a white girl of twenty. It was his own choice and he certainly had found favor in the eyes of this girl otherwise she would not have consented to marry him. The mob said no in spite of the fact that it was none of its business and it said no in the most forcible and brutal manner.

This is only another sample of the article labelled American civilization. If the statements published are true the circumstance reveals very accurately the kind of American civilization that flourishes in Washington County N. J. I am neither for nor against amalgamation, neither are white men. This is a question which legislation however drastic, nor public sentiment however vigorous can control more can not even prevent white men from consorting clandestinely with black women in the South nor Negro men from marrying or cohabiting with white women, like the babbling brook it will go on forever and a day.

The law of natural selection knows no color, no race. White men marry Indian women, Chinese women, Filipino women, any kind of women they fancy and who will agree to have them. The black of the American white man isn't as pure as he thinks it is. A good deal of it at the South is largely mixed with that of alien races and not a little of it in the North is in the same condition. The mob that assaulted this old Negro man in Jersey for wanting to marry a white girl was very likely composed of a lot of coarse fibered, coarse grained whites who are probably the descendants of some of the criminals who were transported from the old country for sheep stealing. This class of the "superior race" is generally more sensitive and pre-judiced to color than those who can trace their ancestry in an unbroken line for centuries.

I am in favor of a man or woman marrying whom they please. If it pleases a white woman to wed a black man that is their business, their right. If he can support support his wife or if he cannot, that also is their business. This being a free country a man may go bare foot in winter if he elect to do so and if personal freedom and civic freedom mean anything he may also marry whom he wants to marry if the other party to the contract is willing. The Jersey mob is a pack of intelligent fools and they have trodden on dangerous ground. If there is any virtue in the law, this old black man should see to it that the town or village of Washington and its best citizens pay heavy damages or their fun.

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