

Negro Societies.

Charleston News of New York Tribune. The southern negro's love of pomp and circumstance is nowhere exemplified more forcibly than in the manner in which he multiplies his charitable organizations.

There, seven and nine appear to have been the favorite numbers all the world over. The ancients had three fates, three furies and three graces; Neptune's trident had three prongs, Jupiter's thunderbolt three forks and Cerberus had three heads.

Of a more mystical character than three is the figure seven, or, at any rate, it has a larger number of religious applications. The Seven Golden Candlesticks in Charity or in the Sons and Daughters of I Will Arise?

The sons and daughters idea is worked to the limit of endurance. There is scarcely a well known name in Biblical history that is not tacked on to it. There are in Charleston alone no less than the seventy-five of these societies with charters from the State of South Carolina, and how many there are that have no legal status no man may say with confidence.

Meetings are held monthly in private residences, in public halls, or, more frequently still, in churches. These gatherings begin at the fashionable hour of 10 p. m. and continue not infrequently throughout the night. Refreshments are to be had for a small consideration, and as these are for the most part of a liquid nature the sons and daughters are prone to be conspicuous by their absence from their several places of employment next morning.

Among the societies in Charleston are the Sons and Daughters of the Pilgrims, the Sons and Daughters of the Twelve Disciples, the Sons and Daughters of the Bear of the Cross, the Sons and Daughters of the Everlasting Star, the Sons and Daughters of the Seventh Star, the Sons and Daughters of the Celestial Traveler, the Sons and Daughters of the Good Samaritan, the Sons and Daughters of the East, the Sons and Daughters of Lazarus, the Sons and Daughters of Christian Love, and there might be added to these fully two scores of others. The devotion of the negroes to these organizations and their loyalty to their fellow members are absolute.

The funeral of a colored man or woman who holds membership in a half dozen of these orders is a spectacle worth witnessing. Occasionally the funds arise between rival societies for the possession of a corpse, for the negro's love of a funeral is not second even to his love of melons. The ceremonies usually begin the night before the actual interment is to take place. There are sermons, prayers and personal experience interspersed with the more incoherent melody which arouses religious fervor to fever heat.

The ceremonies culminate in a formal procession. It is forming for an hour before the residence of the late lamented son or daughter. Negroes from the uttermost parts of the city gather in the streets. The occasion is a festive one. They run and shout and caper. The members of the organizations to which the dead person belonged stand in solemn order, clad in elaborate uniforms and bearing the banners and other insignia of their respective orders, and when the cortege finally moves, wending its way at times through miles of the city's streets, it is followed by a mad rush of men, women and children, who block the thoroughfares, and traffic for the time being has to be suspended.

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The hope of such a funeral is the inspiration of a negro's whole life. He slaves and deprives himself of actual necessities for years to meet the demands of the collectors of the societies in order that he may go to his last resting place in the midst of such strangely weird pageantry.

Making Hens Lay in Winter.

J. Q. McEn, sends the following to the Laurel (Md.) Democrat: "Two years ago in a lecture before the chemistry class at the Medical University, where I was a student, the professor, while analyzing eggs, stated that fresh eggs did not lay in winter eggs in summer."

The professor in winter they could have as many eggs as in summer, and he increased in the subject, as father and brother are farmers, so after the lecture was over I asked the professor in what quantities and how the albumen should feed. He said to take a pound of powdered red albumen and mix it with one pound of black or red pepper, ground fine, then every morning mix some ground feed half wheat bran and half corn meal, and to each quart of this mixed feed add two teaspoons of the red pepper and albumen, then add enough of hot water to dampen the feed, not to make it sticky.

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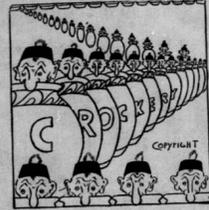
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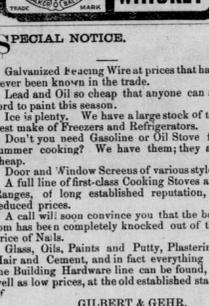
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