

# AFRO-AMERICAN CULLINGS

Nearly everybody has heard of Mound Bayou, Miss., the only exclusive "Negro city" in the United States. It has attracted public attention to an extent only second to Tuskegee as an effort to help lead the Negro to the solution of the problem of the industrial life. All the town officials, the postmaster, railroad agent, and everybody else is a Negro. And all the property is owned by Negroes.

Now comes word that this community is threatened with grave embarrassment due to financial difficulties.

Well-known men, North and South, are named as patrons of a plan to aid the founder of the city, whose services to both the black and white race are freely admitted by the leading newspapers of that section. Among the patrons of the plan, which is, briefly, a bond issue on the founder's entire holdings, are Stuyvesant Fish, ex-senator Leroy Percy, Bishop Theodore Bratton of the Episcopal church, Charles Scott, formerly president of the Mississippi River Levee association; C. P. J. Mooney, editor of the Commercial Appeal, Memphis; J. A. Hayes of Colorado, son-in-law of Jefferson Davis, and others almost as well known.

Isiah T. Montgomery's remarkable character and services are at the back of these spontaneous tributes to the leading spirit of the Mound Bayou community. He was a slave of the Davis family and was the lifelong friend of Jefferson Davis, president of the confederacy. Immediately after the war he came to be the master of the estate on which he was once a slave, but only for a brief period, for the property was soon restored to the Davis family.

Not as a slave, but as leader of his race he gained his recognition. He has stood during his entire life for the principle of good relations between the white and black races. He has constantly urged his people to be honest, thrifty, and, above all, law-abiding. He has especially emphasized the great advance which the race could achieve through earnest industry and economy.

He has the distinction of having been the only Negro member of the Mississippi constitutional convention of 1890—the body which adopted the literacy test for voting. He was a member of the committee on the franchise. And when the plan had been adopted he accepted it as not taking away the franchise from his race but putting that great birthright of American citizens on the highest plane. His speech in the convention showed him to be an orator of no mean rank and attracted national attention.

The present financial difficulties are due in the main to the stress of last year, with its short crop in his section, and extremely low prices for products.—Exchange.

The memory of Booker T. Washington, educator, will be perpetuated in Chicago by a practical memorial building to be named in his honor March 1, when the building of the Kehillah Anshe Mayriv Reformed Jewish congregation, East Thirty-third street and Indiana avenue, is purchased at a cost of \$85,000. The building will be named the Booker T. Washington memorial and when refitted will be used as a social center and industrial training school for Negro children of Chicago. It will care for 1,000 to 1,500 children and will solve for hundreds of parents the problem of how to keep

That the Negro race in America will serve the United States faithfully and patriotically, was asserted by Prof. Kelly Miller of Howard university, in an address at a meeting of the Bethel Literary and Historical association at Metropolitan A. M. E. church, Washington. Having for his subject "Howard University: Facing the Future," Professor Miller said, in part: "The Afro-American is sometimes used as a hyphenated designation of the Negro race. But there is no hyphen that separates his patriotism from that of the American people. He is as good a citizen as the American people will allow him to be. Howard University absolutely repudiates the hyphen, and, with Mr. Roosevelt, would release it to the region where it belongs. In the midst of feverish haste for national preparedness, no one is wise enough to predict what patriotic demand may be made upon this nation in the near, or even in the immediate, future. But when that day comes, if come it must, the Negro will, for the time, swallow his just grievances, and respond to his country's call as enthusiastically as he did when the nation's life was imperiled a generation ago. Howard university, as the national university of this race, is proud to contribute its share in inspiring and perpetuating this patriotic spirit in the American youth committed to its care. Howard university faces the future with assurance that it can rely upon the philanthropy and patriotism of the American people, to whom it contributes more than it derives." Earlier in his talk he referred to the objects of the institution, saying: "The chief aim of Howard university is to produce an educated and efficient leadership. The function of the Negro college is to prepare choice youth of this race to stand in the high places of intellectual, moral and spiritual authority among their less fortunate fellows. The blind cannot lead the blind, lest they both fall in the ditch. For want of vision the people perish, as well as for want of provision."

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A popular subscription to raise the sum necessary to purchase the building and grounds has been started by colored and white friends of the late Doctor Washington and a committee of directors of the subscription fund has been appointed. The Chicago Title and Trust company has been named as treasurer and depository for all subscription funds for the memorial. The movement was started by the officers of the Lincoln-Lee institute of North Chicago, which will have charge of the memorial after it is purchased and turned into a social center and school.

"The white and colored friends of Dr. Washington wished to perpetuate his memory in Chicago and decided upon the purchase of a suitable building for training the mind of the young colored man," said Dr. William A. Venable, colored, principal of the Lincoln-Lee institute. "The members of the Jewish congregation interested in this movement offered the ground and building, which cost \$136,000, for \$85,000. We hope to raise the money by March 1."

The directors of the subscription fund are:

- John D. Shoop, superintendent of schools.
- John J. Arnold, vice-president of the First National bank.
- Jesse Bings, banker.
- Edward O. Brown.
- Henry Stuckart, county treasurer.
- David C. Dunbar.
- Edward P. Smith.
- Dr. Misa Herschelder, president of the board of trustees of the Lincoln-Lee institute.

Graduates of the colored high schools of Washington received their diplomas at the joint commencement exercises of the five leading colored high schools of the district on Convention hall, reports the Washington Star. There were addresses by E. L. Thurston, superintendent of schools; Charles F. Nesbit, commissioner of insurance, besides several leaders of the colored race in Washington, including Archibald H. Grimke, formerly the United States representative at Santo Domingo. There were 219 graduates altogether. The Cardozo Vocational School graduated 22, while 30 came from the O Street Vocational School. There were 54 graduates of the Armstrong Manual Training school and 100 from the M Street High school. In the department of business practice of the M Street High school there were thirteen graduates. Ernest L. Thurston, superintendent of education, awarded the scholarships and prizes. The award of diplomas was made by Dr. Charles H. Marshall for the M Street High school; Armstrong school, by Dr. Creed W. Childs, and for the Cardozo and O Street Vocational schools, Mrs. Coralie F. Cook. Archibald H. Grimke, president of the Washington Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of the Colored People, delivered the address to the graduates. Commissioner Nesbit, in awarding the prizes for the essays on fire protection, gave some interesting figures on the damage done through ignorance of the proper precautions against fire. Superintendent Thurston, speaking to the graduates to whom he was about to award the scholarships and prizes, declared that they were the coming men of their race.

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## AMERICAN STEEL FOR THE ALLIES



Two hundred thousand tons of steel billets and bloom steel being unloaded from 4,000 freight cars in South Brooklyn, whence it was to be shipped to France to be made into war munitions.

### FOES START SCHOOL

#### German Soldiers Teach Children in Poland.

#### Lieutenant Hellwig Writes of Interesting Experience—Remarkable Progress Made by Pupils After Discipline is Established.

Berlin.—Lieutenant Hellwig, who was a schoolteacher in Nassau before the war broke out, writes to the Allgemeine Schullist, an educational monthly published at Wiesbaden:

"We are stationed in a small town east of Warsaw and have very little to do, as we are far behind our front. Recently I received orders to organize a school for the children of the town. After several conferences with the local authorities I started my work, using the vacant residence of a wealthy lumber dealer who had fled to the interior of Russia for a schoolhouse. In a storage house I found a number of benches, which formerly had done duty in a Jewish private school, and I also procured a blackboard and a few other necessary things. "The children of the town, most of whom never had been inside of a schoolhouse were notified by the police that they would have to present themselves for instruction. About two hundred boys and girls between the ages of six and fourteen years appeared and they were a sorry looking lot.

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### DOG SAVES WOUNDED HUNTER

#### Brings Aid to Master Who Almost Bleeds to Death in the Woods.

Alton, Ill.—Edmund Weis, eighteen, son of a wealthy farmer living near Freeburg, Ill., owes his life to his hunting dog, which saved him from bleeding to death, after he had been shot by another hunter.

Weis was in some timber near his home, and as he came into a small clearing, another hunter whom Weis saw, but did not recognize, fired. The charge struck Weis in the legs and rendered him helpless. When the other man saw the effect of his wild shot, he ran. Weis fainted from loss of blood. A passing farmer heard the howling and barking of a dog and traced it. He found the dog near his unconscious master. Weis was taken to St. Elizabeth's hospital in Belleville, where it is stated that his condition is critical. He lost a large amount of blood and would have bled to death but for the aid summoned by the dog, according to hospital physicians.

### PREACHER WINS IN COTTON

#### Cleans Up \$30,000 Which He Will Put Into Trade School for Poor Children.

Atlanta.—As a result of investment of \$100 in cotton when the staple was down to seven cents the Rev. Stephen D. Creeman, pastor of Mount Vernon Southern Methodist church in Atlanta has \$30,000.

When the bottom fell out Mr. Creeman put his \$100 in cotton, borrowed all he could on the staple and bought more. When the cotton began climbing the pastor kept on "pyramiding" as heavily as he could until he held \$30,000 worth of the staple. The minister now is disposing of his holdings and proposes to put the money in a trade school for poor children. "I have always wanted to give poor children a chance by teaching them a trade," he says, "and now I am able to do it."

Paid \$2,000 in Bounties. Salem, Ore.—For 20,000 gopher and mole scalps, which were brought into the office of County Clerk Gehlhar, residents of Marion county received \$2,000.

Colt With Five Legs. Paducah, Ky.—A colt with five legs, absolutely normal in other respects, eight months old and sound as a dollar, is in the possession of Joseph Woody, 502 Boyd street. Mr. Woody has nursed his unusual pet from the infant stage, and says it is as good a colt as ever was born. He is contemplating the sale of the animal as soon as he receives a good offer.

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## GET DEFENSE DATA

### Experts Will Comb Country for Information.

#### Plan Perfected to Enroll and Classify All the Industries in the United States—Approved by the President.

New York.—The naval consulting board has perfected a plan for the enrollment and classification of all industries in the United States. In this way the government will come into possession of accurate information respecting every description of industrial need at a time of emergency and will be able at the shortest possible notice to turn this country into a comprehensive war machine.

Announcement of the plan was made by W. L. Saunders, president of the American Institute of Mining Engineers and vice chairman of the naval consulting board.

It is proposed to use the members of the five great industrial societies of the country, all of them experts in their departments, to gather and classify the required information. These societies are the American Institute of Mining Engineers, the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, the American Society of Civil Engineers, the American Institute of Electrical Engineers and the American Chemical Society.

The four societies together have a membership of some 35,000 men. They have branches and numerous representatives in every state of the Union. In gathering the material the work will be allotted by states, the factories and industrial capabilities of each state being enumerated by its respective branch of the national organization.

In this way it is proposed to do cover all of the plants capable of manufacturing munitions, automobiles and everything, in short, which the government in time of war would need. It is expected that with the 35,000 experts available for gathering the information the work can be done in a comparatively short time.

Mr. Saunders produced a letter from President Wilson in which he formally instructed Mr. Saunders to proceed with the organization necessary. The letter was as follows:

"The work which the American Institute of Mining Engineers has done through its members on the naval consulting board is a patriotic service which is deeply appreciated. It has been so valuable that I am tempted to ask that you request the institute to enlarge its usefulness to the government still further by nominating for the approval of the secretary of the navy a representative from its membership for each state in the Union to act in conjunction with representatives from the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, the American Society of Civil Engineers, the American Institute of Electrical Engineers and the American Chemical society, for the purpose of assisting the naval consulting board in the work of collecting data for use in organizing the manufacturing resources of the country for the public service in case of emergency. I am sure that I may count upon your cordial co-operation. Cordially yours, "WOODROW WILSON."

### GUARDIAN OF THE DUGOUT



### CATCHES RAT BIG AS CAT

#### Kentucky Man Thinks a Large Rodent Devoured Two Smaller Ones in Trap.

Hazard, Ky.—John Sexton tells a rat story. He says he baited his rat trap one night and the next morning he found that two of the rodents had become ensnared, so he thought he would just let them remain in the trap over the next night. On the second morning John again inspected his trap and found—only one rat, but he, as John described him, was as large as a tom cat! The two caught on the previous night were of ordinary size—"full grown," John said. There was a mystery. "What became of the first two rats you caught?" was asked, and John solemnly declared that "the big rat had eaten up the other two, cleaning 'em up as slick as a button—no leaving hide nor hair."

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# The KITCHEN CABINET

Any man may be in good spirits and good temper when he is well dressed. If I was very ragged and very jolly then, I should begin to feel I had gained a point.—Dickens.

### HELPFUL HINTS.

If the range is too low raise it on a zinc-covered platform. A low stove is a back-breaking addition to an already burdened one.

A rubber mat placed before the sink is a great help to tired feet, as it lessens fatigue.

When standing on concrete floors have, if a rubber mat is not to be procured, a small rack of strips of board on which to stand. There is sufficient spring in the device to ease the feet.

Doors and window casings, moldings and baseboards should be smoothed so as not to afford a place for dust in cracks and ledges.

Whenever possible the wood or coal should be filled from the outside into a box near the stove with a cover to keep out the dust.

Dustless mop cloths, and dusters are easily prepared at home. Old woolen or flannel underwear for mops and cheesecloth dusters are prepared as follows: Put a quarter of a cupful of kerosene into a cleaning pail, add two quarts of quite warm water, put in the cloths and make sure that they are well saturated. Wring out, dry and the cloths are ready for use. Keep in metal receptacles or in an airy place as they are inflammable.

The best sanitary covering for the floor is linoleum. Varnished once or twice a year, it lasts for years. It should be well fitted with watertight joints. The method used by some is to lay the cloth and use it until it is well flattened and stretched before tacking securely.

A painted floor if kept well painted, may be easily cleaned. Use the same color of paint from year to year, then the worn spots may be recoated without being too noticeable.

A zinc-covered table of the right height for the person to use is an indispensable kitchen adjunct. A hinged shelf placed conveniently is another help in serving and dishwashing.

A wire tray to fit into a deep pan may be used for the drained dishes. Scald with very hot water and let dry, saving the process of wiping.

### TASTY CHEAP MEATS.

Those who would serve meats that take long, slow cooking must plan their meals some time beforehand.

All meats should be immediately removed from their paper wrappings, as much of the juice soaks into the paper. The paper itself often imparts an unpleasant flavor to meat. Keep meat near ice or in a cold place and wipe it with a damp cloth before putting it on to cook.

Red meats are easier of digestion, if properly cooked, than the white meat of pork and veal.

Far more meats are spoiled by too intense heat than by too little.

The liquor in which fresh meat has been boiled makes good foundation for soups and broths.

Salt meats should be put into cold water to cook, changing the water if the meat is very salt. This liquor is good to make bean or pea soup. Never throw away a bit of meat liquor, for there is any number of ways of using it in gravies, sauces and for flavor in vegetable dishes.

Twenty minutes to the pound is considered good time to cook meat well done, usually not counting the time until after the first twenty minutes, as it takes that time for meat to become heated.

In cooking meats one of two things must be decided by the housekeeper, time or money, which to you is the most valuable. Chops and steaks are quickly prepared, but are expensive. We must remember that the most costly meat is not the most nourishing, as much of the best flavor and nutriment is found in the cuts taken from the part of the animal where the muscles are most active. This meat is the lowest in price.

In steaming meat there is less loss; in stewing it, about a fourth of its weight is lost in cooking. When steaming 30 minutes to the pound should be allowed in the cooking.

A small amount of meat will flavor a dish of vegetables, cooking together in the oven.

### BITS OF INFORMATION

Cape Cod was once an island. An Austrian countess has contributed 5,000 cork logs to wounded soldiers. Jean de Reszke, the famous tenor, has given 50,000 cigarettes to the wounded allies.

Wine tasters, employed in their professional duties, never swallow the wine they taste. They merely hold a sip of the beverage in the mouth for a few moments and breathe through the nostrils.

Only 64,977 karats of diamonds were exported from British South Africa during the first four months of 1915, whereas, in January-April, 1914, there were 1,524,649 karats exported, and 1,802,126 karats in the like period of 1913.

One of the most recent examples of German thrift is the use of sunflower oil as a substitute for the olive extract, many people devoting large tracts of land to the Kansas emblem for the sake of its food content in the liquid form.

Electric drills have been invented for operations on the skull.

### EGGLESS DISHES.

With eggs soaring higher and higher these days we must of necessity curtail their use, and yet the family must have the sweet things and be supplied with a variety.

A most delicious pudding, which needs long, slow baking, is this:

Rice Pudding.—Take a fourth of a cupful of rice, a half cupful of sugar and two quarts of rich milk with a half cupful of raisins or a few sliced sweet apples, put into a baking dish and set into the oven. Stir often for the first hour or two, then let it brown. Bake for three hours. This is delicious without sauce, but a hard sauce flavored with nutmeg makes it a dessert liked especially by the children and is a most wholesome one for them.

Molasses Cookies.—Take a cupful of shortening, a cupful of molasses and a cupful of brown sugar. Heat in a saucepan until well mixed, then add ginger or other spices to taste, a half teaspoonful of soda, dissolved in a little hot water and flour enough to roll out. If the mixture is cooled well before rolling it will handle better.

Apple Sauce Cake.—Take a cupful of brown sugar, a half cupful of shortening, a cupful of unswweetened apple sauce, made from cooking apples, a cupful of raisins, chopped, two teaspoonfuls of cocoa, a teaspoonful of cinnamon, a half teaspoonful each of cloves and nutmeg, two cupfuls of flour, sifted with a half teaspoonful of soda, and one teaspoonful of baking powder. Bake forty minutes in a shallow pan. This makes a good dessert served with a lemon sauce or any desired flavor.

Winter Shortcake.—Prepare a rich baking-powder biscuit dough; make two cakes, rolling thin, spread one with butter and place the other on top, then when baked they are easily split without making them heavy. Use canned peaches, sliced oranges, or bananas or any fruit desired. Serve with cream and sugar.

This same biscuit dough rolled thin, sprinkled with brown sugar and nuts, rolled, then cut like cinnamon rolls and baked are delicious little cakes for tea.

The simple French dressing made with three tablespoonfuls of oil to one of sharp vinegar, a dash of cayenne and powdered sugar and a teaspoonful of salt may be added to as to flavor by a few finely chopped stuffed olives.

For cucumber salad a hard cooked egg, minced fine, added to the French salad dressing is especially good. Chopped chives and dressing served on cottage cheese is another good combination.

Chili sauce, tabasco, Worcestershire, catchup of various kinds are all good in French dressing.

Pineapple Dressing.—Mix all of the following ingredients in a double boiler and cook until thick: two egg yolks, two tablespoonfuls of sugar, one-half of flour, and one-half cupful of pineapple juice. When serving with a fruit salad thin with cream or condensed milk.

Boiled salad dressing is very good on cottage cheese.

Chili Dressing.—Make an ordinary French dressing as above, add a few drops of onion juice, get this by scraping with a spoon the cut side of an onion. When ready to serve, add finely chopped green peppers and enough chili sauce to color the dressing a rich red. Shred cabbage very fine and mix with the dressing.

Thousand Isle Dressing.—There seems to be as many varieties of this dressing as there are islands. To a mayonnaise dressing add whipped cream, chopped parsley, stuffed olives, hard cooked eggs and chives. Pour over head lettuce.

Some mashed Roquefort cheese with seasonings added to French dressing on head lettuce.

For mayonnaise the chief success in its making is that dishes and ingredients are well chilled with ice, otherwise the dressing separates.

Mustard is liked with meats and vegetables, but is not used in fruit salad dressings. Many other combinations will occur to the cook who is thinking about attractive dishes.

There has been organized in Yucatan an association of sisal hemp producers along the lines of the California Fruit Growers' association. Its purpose being to enable each hemp producer to obtain a fair price for his product at all times, regardless of speculation.

Tyler Parker, aged seventy-seven, who laid down his type stick at Montgomery, Mo., recently, after serving 62 years in the "case," is supposed to hold the American record for length of service in typographical pursuits.

The Ningpo end of the Chinese railway is to connect that port with Hangchow and Shanghai was formally opened at the end of 1914. The lines have only been laid as yet, however, to a distance of 30 or 30 1/2 (about 10 or 15 miles).

Dr. L. L. Zamenhof, the author of Esperanto, and his wife, who has been missing for several months, are reported safe and well in Warsaw.

Through the Harvard students' employment bureau 569 undergraduates added \$90,000 to their incomes last year in vacations which did not interfere with their studies.

Nellie Maxwell