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MY LOVE. Thou art more fairer than a rose, Perpetually blending its delicate hues. Thou remindest me in thy sweet repose Of dulcet music of an enchanting muse. The time when sweet solitude abides, When undisturbed by discordant sound; When peace steals o'er and softly glides Its sweet influence encircling 'round. Then, I love to dream of you, Dream of that love which engulfs my soul; Blesses like the plant is blessed with dew, Or the lonely heart by a sweet carol. Do I contemplate a dark thought It is no sooner born Than thy angelic face proves a soothing draught, Diapers all, wishing in the morn. —Chas. A. Starks.

The Federated Colored Charities, whose mass meeting is announced elsewhere in this issue, is appealing to the public in the interest of our charitable institutions. So impressed have our white friends become over the showing made by the Negroes in this community in raising funds for the support of the Y. M. C. A. and other institutions, that they are ready and willing to keep on carrying the burden which the dependent and neglected place upon us. They have been liberal enough to promise the Negroes \$5,000 annually to the support of their charity work, if we ourselves will raise \$2,500 among our own people. To take advantage of this generous offer, the Sun urges every Negro who can to attend Sunday's meeting at Allen Chapel and help in raising this money. The Negroes owe it to themselves as well as to the community to make this occasion a grand success.

MASONIC. We would like to see some of the Kansas City lodges try the Wilkerson Lodge plan of collecting dues by placing the Secretary in the ante-room and collecting from the brethren as they enter for work. An assistant could take the proceedings of the lodge transactions in the meantime and much in the way of lectures and other esoteric practice could be gone through as well. After all the members have entered the room the Secretary comes in and reads his report of dues received, turning the money over to the Treasurer. This plan is so sensible that it seems a shortcoming to overlook its advantages. More members would attend the meetings and the sessions being short and interesting, everybody would go away "satisfied." HERRIFORD.

TWO FACTS.

(By W. E. Griffin.) To the Negro who has lived in Kansas City for a period of twenty or more years, two facts stand out with conspicuous prominence. The first fact: During the past twenty-five years the material and educational progress of the Negroes of Kansas City has been wonderful. The second fact: During the same period race prejudice towards Negroes has increased in this city probably two or three hundred per cent. Is this a mere coincidence, or is there a vital and workable connection between the two facts? May we deduce a law and say that race prejudice towards Negroes varies directly with the Negro's material and intellectual advancement? It would seem so. Dr. Grimke has already pointed out that the friction between the two races is as much the result of an upward pressure on the part of the Negro as downward pressure by the whites. The Negro resists, he struggles constantly towards higher levels and that occasions increased friction. There can be no doubting that the educated and progressive Negro is the Negro toward whom the shafts of racial hatred are most certainly and persistently leveled. The Negro has been assigned a position at the very bottom of the social and economic life, and if he were contented to remain there he would not be subjected to the abuse he receives at the hands of the professional race-haters. When a Negro makes an effort to climb in any degree from the bottom of the economic scale it is said that he is trying "to get away from his race"—which means only that he is trying to better his economic and social condition. Race prejudice in the United States is almost wholly an economic question. The white people themselves have been unable to bring this fact to clear consciousness. When they denounce "social equality" they unwittingly mean economic equality. No white man ever knows what he means by "social equality"—in fact the expression does not mean anything. It serves its purpose, however, in engendering class hatred and bitterness, and senses vividly that terrifying fear which white men feel when they see Negroes improving their economic status. The great middle class of white people are by no means convinced of the Negro's inferiority. In fact they are keenly alive to the fact that Negroes cannot be held down and in that they sense grave danger to themselves. If the Negroes were really an inferior people there would be no need of Tillmans and Vardamans and if white men hopelessly outclassed Negroes in mentality and aggressiveness there would be no need of constant watchfulness, agitation and legislation to keep the Negro at the bottom of the economic scale.

Artists' Copyright.

A legal measure, which will be of extraordinary importance to artists and which as law exists in no country, is now before the French parliament, and has been reported favorably upon by the fine arts committee of the chamber. This measure institutes a copyright for artists, painters, draftsmen, sculptors or engravers, such as is enjoyed by writers and musicians. The bill levies a royalty on all public sales of works of art held during the lifetime of the artist, for his benefit, or for 50 years after his death, for the benefit of his heirs.

Birds That Shine in the Dark.

That certain birds of prey are sometimes luminous at night is a fact well known to observant naturalists. It is explained by the presence on their feathers of the phosphorescent spores of certain fungi that grow upon the trees in which they roost. But the bulletin of the National Acclimatization society of France records the observation of a white swan that was luminous all night from July to October of last year, while none of the other birds that inhabited the same lake could be seen after dark.

Honorable Scars.

A late justice of the supreme court was with great difficulty persuaded by his family to sit for his photograph. When the proofs were submitted the photographer's assistant said: "You see, Mr. Justice, we remove all these lines about the face." "Remove all those lines," stormed the late old gentleman. "Remove all my wrinkles? Young man, it has taken me more than seventy years to acquire those lines. If you remove one, you may keep every picture."

Nobel Prizes.

The "Nobel Prizes" were founded in 1895 by Alfred B. Nobel, the inventor of dynamite. He gave his estate of \$9,000,000 to the creation of a fund, the interest of which should yearly be distributed to the "good of humanity." The interest is divided into five equal parts and given to the five persons who have during the year done most for the betterment of human conditions.

For Pure Bread.

The Civic club of Philadelphia has started a campaign to have the bread wrapped, as it is maintained that bread is often left very carelessly by the distributors in the mornings and is handled by very dirty persons. They wish the bread delivered in the sealed sanitary packages.

Facts in the Case.

Miss Laura Drake Gill, president of the College for Women at Swaneau, Tenn., says that while statistics show that college women marry a little late in life, they finally marry in the same proportion as their female blood relations who are not college bred.

of Negro inferiority is freely preached it is not really believed and the increasing prejudice towards Negroes has back of it economic self-preservation—it senses the white man's fear of the competition of the black man's brain and brawn. Thus is explained the intimate connection of the two facts mentioned at the beginning of this article.

Flaw in the Defense.

A religious worker was visiting a southern penitentiary, when one prisoner in some way took his fancy. This prisoner was a negro who evinced a religious fervor as deep as it was gratifying to the caller. "Of what were you accused?" the prisoner was asked. "They says I took a watch," answered the negro. "I made a good fight. I had a dandy lawyer, and he done prove an alibi wif ten witnesses. Den my lawyer be shore made a strong speech to de jury. But it wasn't no use, sub; I gets ten years." "I don't see why you were not acquitted," said the religious worker. "Well, sub," explained the prisoner, "dere was shore one weak spot, bout my defense—dey found de watch in my pocket."

Glad-Eye Men.

Forty Chicago septuagenarians have formed themselves into a "Club of Borrowed Time." With the object of outwitting Father Time, the following rules were drafted for the guidance of members by their president, A. T. Hemingway, himself a man of seventy-five: "Remain a boy till the end of time. Be married. Be moderate and temperate in all things. Read your Bible. Smile when you retire, smile when you awake, smile when things go wrong, and keep on smiling." No person under seventy is eligible for membership, and every new member must pledge himself "to keep young and to cultivate the glad eye" for the rest of the time that he remains on earth.

Poet a Dog Lover.

Gabrielle d'Annunzio, the Italian poet and playwright, says: "The book I am writing now to be published in November is about greyhounds, the dogs I love so well. I am calling it 'Lives of Famous Dogs.' All my life has been intertwined with the life of my greyhounds. The imagination looks on dogs as benevolent geni. I have detected their strange supernatural vision in their unexplained restlessness and agitation at certain times of the day and in certain places. I have lived with them so much that I feel as if I understood their conversation among themselves and their little ruses."

Witte on War.

Count Witte, the famous Russian statesman, estimates that 40 per cent of the total income of the great powers is absorbed by their armies and navies. Of the consequences he writes: "When and how will it all end? Unless the great states which have set this hideous example agree to call a halt, so to say, and knit their subjects into a pacific, united Europe, war is the only issue I can perceive. And when I say war, I mean a conflict which will surpass in horror the most brutal armed conflicts known to human history and entail distress more widespread and more terrible than living men can realize."

Young, but Discreet.

A certain man who lives in a suburban town in North Jersey is no beauty. He is not only long and angular, but has a face and a complexion that are neither pale blue, sky yellow nor any other color that dress effect will attribute to, says the Indianapolis News.

Indiscriminate Phrase.

"What's this!" exclaimed the sensational editor. "Story about a woman who put a few people to considerable trouble," said the reporter.

World's Seven Bibles.

The Seven Bibles of the World are the Koran of the Mohammedans, the Eddas of the Scandinavians, the Try Pitikes of the Buddhists, the Five Kings of the Chinese, the Three Vedas of the Hindoos, the Zendavasta, and the Scriptures of the Christians. The Koran is the most recent of these seven Bibles, and not older than the seventh century of our era. It is a compound of quotations from the Old and New Testaments, the Talmud and the Gospel of St. Barnabas. The Eddas of the Scandinavians were first published in the fourteenth century. The Pitikes of the Buddhists contain sublime morals and pure aspirations, and their author lived and died in the sixth century before Christ. There is nothing of excellence in these sacred books not found in our Bible.

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—That the race for Queen between Ebenezer and Allen in this year's Carnival is going to be a hummer.

—That people who keep their doors and windows closed these warm days usually tell the world they have an unkept house.

—That preacher who was arrested last week with TWO sisters all in September moon costumes was sure violating union rules.

—That Dr. J. H. Williams shall win that automobile if Kansas City has to buy 200,000 more votes and The Sun will take 10,000 of those.

—That the man who says he loves God whom he has not seen and hates his brother whom he has seen, is a liar and the truth is in him.

—That already two June brides have gone back home and one has applied for divorce. Oh you June brides!

—That if all the women who are supporting lazy, trifling husbands were to turn them over to the police the work-house would be full in a week.

—That there are some Negro women who carry an odor on street cars and in public places that ought to get them six months in jail, especially when there are free public baths and water everywhere.



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Italian State Telephones.

Under an act of the Italian parliament of July 15, 1907, the telephone service in the larger cities of the kingdom was taken over by the government through the purchase of the plants of the largest two operating companies. Several smaller companies were allowed to continue operations for ten years before being taken over. The government operates the principal long distance lines and has exchanges in 63 cities. On June 20, 1913, the number of government subscribers was 51,828 and of subscribers to private lines 24,233.

Peace Proposal.

Sir Edward Grey announces that the government hopes to reintroduce the naval prize bill this session of parliament. Great Britain still clings to the position stated in the report of The Hague conference of 1907—that the government is prepared to examine the question of the conclusion of an agreement to abolish the right to capture of merchant ships at sea if such an agreement would promote a reduction of armaments.

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WOMAN SOLVES PUZZLE THAT HAD CAUSED ARGUMENT.

Final Conclusion Was That Men Did Not Need to Attend Women's Meetings, Since Wives Would Tell Them All About It.

It was 11:45 p. m. The man and his wife had just come home. They did not come home together. They had not been to the same place. She had been to a meeting for women only, he to one for men.

Said the woman: "There was a man at our meeting tonight."

Said the man: "There were about a hundred women tried to push their way into ours."

"That one man," said she, "looked awfully scared."

"Those hundred women," said he, "didn't look a bit scared."

"I think," said she, "the man got into our hall by mistake. Anyhow, he got away as soon as he could."

"There was no mistake about those women being there," said the man, "and they didn't leave until they were shouted away."

There was a short silence. Said the man presently:

"It is this difference in the attitude of the sexes toward the meetings for women only and for men only that makes me feel morally superior. It makes me proud of my sex. I haven't the slightest desire—no man has the slightest desire—to butt into a feminine confab, but the woman never breathed who wasn't on edge with curiosity in regard to what takes place when a bunch of men hold a secret conference. I have known women who admitted that they would willingly sacrifice a year's normal pleasures for the privilege of being smuggled into a Masonic initiation or some other masculine rite. Contrast that prying spirit with the modesty of men. On your own showing, when a man is accidentally trapped in a hall where a venturi is in progress, he is no miser able that the fly in the spider's web had a picnic compared with his martyrdom. That, to my mind, is a pungent commentary on the disposition of man and woman. Can you explain it?"

The woman admitted that she could not explain it—furthermore that she did not intend to try.

There was another silence. Said the woman after a little: "What happened at your meeting tonight?"

"Oh, nothing much," said the man. "What happened at yours?"

"Everything," said the woman. Then she proceeded to tell him what "everything" comprised. It took more than half an hour to tell it. Every now and then the man, for consistency's sake, tried to look bored, but the air of indifference was ill assumed. The narrative really interested him, and he was sorry when it was finished. The story being ended, there was another silence. Suddenly the woman said:

"I can answer your question now."

"What question?"

"Why women are crazy to go to men's meetings, while men wouldn't give a fig to go to women's meetings. It is because the women come home and tell the men everything that happened, so they don't need to go, whereas the men never tell the women anything."

"By George," said the man, "I don't know but you are right!"

Reasons for Poor Work.

Mrs. Christine Frederick, in the American Review, tells why 80 per cent of modern housework is inefficient. The worker does not have the proper tools, she says, at hand when she begins to work; she wastes time and effort walking about fetching tools, ingredients that have been at hand when she began work; she stops in the middle of a task to do something; she lowers the efficiency of good work by losing time putting tools or work away due to poor arrangement of kitchen, pantry or closets; she loses time by not keeping sufficient supplies in hand and tools in proper condition.

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