

AFRO-AMERICAN CULLINGS

In a bulletin prepared by the bureau of the census, which shows the standing of the Negro race in this country at the time of the last census, five facts stand out to the credit of Negroes, and to the country at large. The report shows an increasing tendency among Negroes toward home ownership, a marked increase in the percentage of schools, a decided decrease in the percentage of illiteracy, a decrease in the mortality rate, and an increase in the proportion of church membership. Another feature of special notice is that all the work on it, including the preparation of the statistical tables, as well as the clerical work, was done by Negro employees of the department.

In 1790 the Negro population of the United States was 757,208, which at that time was 13.3 per cent of the total population of the country. In 1910 the Negro population was 9,827,763, or 10.7 per cent of the total population. It should be remembered in this connection, however, that since 1810 there has been practically no Negro immigration into this country, while the white population has been constantly augmented by the inflow of immigrants from Europe. The report shows that 99.2 per cent of all Negroes in the United States in 1910 were natives of native parentage, while the remainder were of foreign or mixed foreign and native parentage. Thus it would appear that the race is in no danger from dying by the slow process of race suicide.

For several years associations interested in the advancement of the Negro race have urged on southern Negroes the advantage of owning their homes. The Negro is naturally home-loving. He is not by nature inclined to rove from the place where he has attained maturity, yet it was found that the number of Negroes who owned their homes was small. This movement seems to have met with the approval of the Negroes, especially in the southern states. In 1910 there were in these states 1,917,391 Negro homes, of which 430,449, or 22.4 per cent, were owned by Negroes. In Virginia the percentage rises to 41.3, but the Negroes farther south appear to be slower to adopt the home-owning plan, for in Georgia the percentage drops to 14.7. The total increase, however, is substantial, and this is a hopeful sign which should give encouragement to all interested in the progress of the race.

The world is accustomed to marvel at the progress made by the Japanese and by the Germans during the last half century, and rightly. But here in the United States a race has moved forward no less triumphantly. The drama of the American Negro's advancement, it is true, has not been accompanied by a military glamour with its martial music, nor has it had the literary stimulus of a great racial consciousness.

But for all the quietness and unobtrusiveness of this upward movement, the victories of the Negro have an immense meaning for the welfare of the world. The Negroes have succeeded in the arts of peace. Individually, generation by generation, they have become more fit for the great struggle of contemporary life. They have accomplished the miracle of lifting a people en masse.

For twenty years Hampton institute has been sending out into the South a band of well-trained tailors—men who have not only been able to make good clothes, but also have been able to help their communities in church and Sunday school work, the management of boys' clubs and the improvement of civic conditions. Today one finds in positions of responsibility and trust Hampton trained tailors who, on account of their rigorous years of apprenticeship, have learned how to use their native powers.

"Whether as journeymen or as proprietors, the tailors who have gone out from the school have done, on the whole, uncommonly well," says the Southern Workman. "That the South offers young Negroes an opportunity to succeed in the tailoring business is clear from the fact that many of the Hampton tradesmen have received, without difficulty and without prejudice, the patronage of some of the very best southern white people. Hampton has succeeded in the tailoring department in training men who cannot only make their fellows outwardly more attractive, but also better in character."

Robinson Crusoe's immortal island, Juan Fernandez, now has communication with the mainland by wireless.

Gray horses are the longest lived and cream colored ones the most affected by temperature changes.

Contempt may also be defined as a merchant's attitude toward a package that wasn't tied up in his store.

If there were anything in having a national reputation Harry Thaw would be one of our greatest men.

Sim Heckle has been married three times. But Sim claims he never proposed to a woman in his life.

Those who wish to establish the truth will find it necessary to lie a good deal in doing so.

If you have good taste you were born with it. Good taste is a gift, not an acquisition.

What by the way, has become of the Civil War veterans who voted as a block.

While Washington stood at the head of the list with the highest Negro population of any city of the country in 1910, according to a bulletin made public by the census bureau, the percentage of increase in this population between 1900 and 1910 was much lower than that for any other city. New York, New Orleans, Baltimore and Philadelphia came next in the order in which they are named.

The gain in the Negro population of Washington between 1900 and 1910 was 8.9 per cent. The greatest gain, both numerically and proportionally, was shown by Birmingham, Ala., the Negro population of which increased by 35,730, or 215.6 per cent. New York and Philadelphia showed the next largest numerical gains, 31,043 and 21,486, respectively, the rates of increase for these cities being 51.2 per cent and 34.9 per cent, respectively.

The census bureau report, which was prepared by Negro employees of the bureau, points out that there is a tendency on the part of the Negroes to marry at earlier ages than the whites.

The percentage of illiteracy among the Negro population ten years of age and over was 30.4 for the United States as a whole, as compared with 3.7 per cent for the native whites of native parentage. The continual improvement in educational opportunities offered to the Negro race, according to the bulletin, is shown by the fact that in almost every state and city the percentage of illiteracy among Negroes is consistently lower in the younger generations than in the older.

Increases in the ownership of homes by the Negroes and decrease in the mortality is also noted by the bulletin. The colored race has no better friend than Mr. Julius Rosenwald of Chicago. It remained for this Jewish gentleman to see that Negroes were in need of Y. M. C. A. homes and to offer a liberal contribution for such buildings in every case where the organization raised a given amount by its own efforts. In Indianapolis, the Star of that city recalls, his gift was \$25,000. He has made contributions for this purpose in a number of cities and is very well known for his benefactions in this line.

Not so many know, however, of his gifts, or offered gifts, in another direction. Within the past year he volunteered to duplicate, up to \$600, the money raised in any rural district in the South for Negro school buildings. It is too soon to know what response this offer will have, as systematic effort will be required by educational organizations and individual workers to circulate the news of this opportunity in the quarters where such help is most needed and it will take time and struggle to raise \$600 in the rural neighborhoods of the South; yet the offer is not only help in the right place, but the stipulations will stimulate effort and interest of the right kind.

Public schools in the South, even for white children, are far from what they should be, while Negroes are placed at a great disadvantage in most states of the region by an inequitable division of the school funds. If their children are educated at all in many districts it must be through private enterprise. If they are once provided with suitable school buildings, however, further steps in the undertaking will be easier. Mr. Rosenwald is serving the colored folk wisely and well.

In the decade from 1900 to 1910 the number of homes owned by Negroes in the southern states increased by 102,912, or 31.4 per cent. In 1910 in Alabama 17,227 farm homes and 16,714 other homes—chiefly in urban communities—were owned by Negroes. In a Tuskegee pamphlet it is stated that 450,000 Negroes in the South are seriously ill all the time; that the annual cost of sickness of these 450,000 Negroes is \$75,000,000; that one-half of this sickness is preventable; that the annual economic loss to the South from sickness and death among the Negroes is \$300,000,000.

This whole question is of great economic importance and the white people of the South should stand ready to assist the Negroes in this "better health movement."

Friendship is essential to happiness. Even the man who is his own best friend can't get along very well without a few others.

When a woman has no diamonds there is nothing she deprecates so much as the vulgarity of people who wear diamonds.

An election is also to be deplored for the reason that it gives every lazy man, an excuse for quitting work.

There are 217,586,892 Hindus, 66,647,289 Moslems, 10,721,453 Buddhists and 3,875,203 Christians in India.

Boys and girls in Vienna under the age of fourteen have been ordered to serve as hospital orderlies.

The rule is that, if a woman sees much of her husband she must do it before she marries him.

As a rule we don't care to have people tell us their troubles, unless we happen to be lawyers.

The judges of the contest have decided that the verbatim report is the most tiresome thing.

The number of women who have died of broken hearts has been greatly overestimated.

The reason a long-lost friend looks you up is that he wants you to endorse a check.

PADEREWSKIS WORKING FOR POLAND



Ignace Paderewski, the famous pianist, and his wife photographed on their arrival in this country, where they are carrying on a campaign for the raising of funds to relieve the distressed people of Poland.

CAPTAIN'S MAIN DUTY NOT TO LEAD CHARGE

Keeping Men Cheered Up Is the Vital Point, as French Officer Tells It.

SOME "SOCIAL EVENINGS"

Artillery Lieutenant Ventures to Say the Famous "75" is "of Little Use"—Fire is Too Direct—Surprise Ahead for the Germans.

By GABRIEL DELAGARDE. (Correspondent Chicago Daily News.) Amiens, France.—He is a captain who comes to Amiens from time to time for a few days of rest. Here he has comfortable quarters, where his wife impatiently awaits him; in the small village near Albert all he has to go to is a subterranean cabin, the ceiling of which is of earth.

This, his permanent residence, is on a crest 500 yards from the enemy. The narrow space, with its wall of clay, measures perhaps four yards in length by one in width. Entering and seeing the owner of the place, his back to the wall, a shapeless bundle of animals' skins, one might imagine, were it not for a telephone in the corner, that one had been carried back to prehistoric times.

Sleeps, Eats, Works in Cave. It is here the captain sleeps, eats, writes and gives and receives his orders. It is here that, through the embrasure which overlooks the plain, he constantly surveys the little wood to the left, and, in the distance, those narrow lines of yellow earth, the enemy's trenches. It is from this cave that he regulates the firing of the French batteries so that their shells will hit the real trenches filled with men, not the counterfeit ones which are masses of earth.

A narrow, zigzag passage connects the small hut with the first-line trenches. Three or four times a day the captain splashes through it. In spite of the trunks of trees, with which the bottom is covered, the wet clay is slippery. "This is why my coat is so threadbare," he says. "Constant brushing of the mud wears away the cloth. And what is more annoying even than falling fat in the clay is being splashed on the head by wet earth hurled by a shell."

Thus slowly and cautiously one arrives at the advanced trenches.

Real Duty of a Leader. "Do you know the most difficult part of a chief's duty?" the captain asked me. "It is not so much directing a combat. At times attacks are rare; we have not had a single one for two months. The real duty of the chief is to sustain the morale of his men; watch over them; talk to them familiarly of their families, their affairs, as it is that which interests them most. It is to improve the quality of their food, prepare what I hardly dare call a cup of tea and eat a few cakes ordered from Amiens. In short, one must be constantly watching them, talking to them, encouraging them."

"For instance, recently, one of our sentinels at the entrance to a small wood was killed one night. Our patrol found him at the foot of a tree with his throat cut. A second sentinel met the same fate. A third likewise."

Captain Called to Calm Men. "At once my men became uneasy. What was to be done? No one had heard anything. Sentinels are stationed there at night only, to prevent a surprise in the trenches. They are stationed near an isolated oak, whence they survey the path which is the only outlet practicable through the

growth of shrubs in which the shells have followed out unapproachable quagmires and so entangled the branches that even in a high wind it would be impossible to pass through without making a noise loud enough to attract attention.

"I was sent for. To place several sentinels there would be all right but, on the other hand, for these three deaths were determined to exact payment from the slayer, who probably would not dare attack two or three men at a time.

Refuse to Let Captain Go. "I listened, then said I would go as sentinel. Not one of the men volunteered. They looked at one another searchingly. It was evident they did not wish me to risk my life. Finally they must have cast lots.

"Chance selected a sergeant. He departed at night. I had a searchlight set up, ready to operate, so that he should have light and assistance at the slightest attack. He surrounded himself with a wire netting, mounted on small stakes to which bells were attached. Our lines were a little way back of it. This was how he discovered the 'boches,' who had probably arrived by a fox track, preparing his way during the day, and, when all was ready, cutting the throats of our sentinels.

"Next day his cap was ruffed off, which is never permissible, but there are times when a rule may be infringed. I had the sergeant proposed for the rank of adjutant."

The captain was thus conversing with me in a safe when his orderly entered and asked to speak to him. "Excuse me," the captain said, after getting the message, "I have to go."

As he departed, his subordinate, a robust, blue-eyed Breton, whose childish figure contrasted with his strong, almost fierce appearance, exclaimed: "For him we would willingly die. Ah, monsieur, the 'boches' may do their best; they have no chiefs like ours."

As a matter of fact, I think one could not have gained a better idea of the best type of French officers than from this captain, so full of energy and courage, intolerant of any serious breach of discipline; unflinching toward comrades certainly, but at the same time thoroughly understanding and ready to excuse certain weaknesses, and constantly endeavoring to lessen them by being the friend of his men as well as their leader. And is it not a slight but sure proof of his influence that he is dressed as they are, neglecting the prestige of his uniform, just as he eats, sleeps and dirties himself as they do?

202 Days Without Undressing. An artillery lieutenant, with whom I talked, mingled most interesting speculative reflections with amusing recollections of his life at the front. After having explained to me the difference between percussion shells, which explode on striking an obstacle, and fuse shells, which burst in the air at regulated distances, he confessed to me while consulting a small calendar that he was much pleased when shower baths were finally installed near his trench. They were wonderful subterranean establishments, he said.

"And I assure you," he added, "they seemed very comfortable, as I had been exactly '202' guys without undressing once; sleeping always in the same barn, in my same hole in the hay."

Dares to Criticize the Famous 75. Suddenly he changed the subject. And as a variation from the usual French attitude, he actually criticized the famous 75-millimeter guns.

"Much trouble has been taken for nothing," he said. "The 75 is a good cannon, but it was created too exclusively for direct firing. In fact, in this war, where one has to hit men hidden behind obstacles, it is of little use. What is needed is a means of throwing projectiles which, after describing a widely curved trajectory, will fall on the heads of the occupants of the trenches, without first striking the trench walls.

"That is why we have bomb slingers, which do not carry farther than 200 or 300 yards at most, and the howitzers and mortar pieces, which must not be confused with the cannon. The

be seen hurrying from all directions to take cover from what they thought was a bomb. That it bounded to an enormous height from the ground without exploding probably was taken to be due to a 'delay action' fuse, for it was not until the ball finally came to rest that they emerged from their shelters to examine it. On it was written: 'April fool—Gott strafe England.'"

London Copies Paris. London.—London is becoming so Parisian in its mode of life it is to

cannon are long and narrow and almost horizontal when firing. The howitzers, which fire at angles of more than 30 degrees, and the mortar pieces, which at even greater angles fire heavy projectiles intended to crush such things as cupolas of forts, are short and massive and stand almost vertically.

Why Some Guns Are Short. "By the way, do you know the reason for the difference in the lengths of artillery pieces? For instance, the 305-millimeter Austrian howitzer, a very short gun, fires a greater charge of powder than the French marine gun of equal caliber, which is 12 yards long?"

I had never tried to find the reason of this difference. "And yet it is very simple," the lieutenant said. "The marine gun is designed to fire the shell at its maximum speed, so the combustion of the powder must be complete before the projectile leaves the barrel. This requires a fraction of a second, during which the shell covers exactly 12 yards—the length of the piece. 'This will give you an idea of how difficult it is to make the exact calculations necessary in the operating of these destructive machines. Thus, when the combustion is complete, the pressure developed by the gases is also maximum. As a long trajectory is not required of the howitzer and mortar piece, it is not necessary to have a barrel of this length, which is inconvenient."

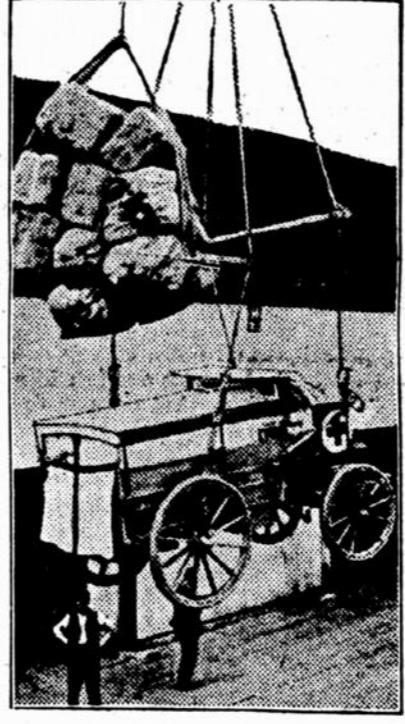
Surprise Ahead for Germans. "The largest mortar, as you know, is the famous 42-centimeter. The huge guns of this caliber have all the same drawback; they are difficult to handle. It is almost useless to think of transporting them by anything but rail.

"And I may tell you, we have no longer any reason to envy the Germans. Right now, in France, we have achieved the construction of mortar pieces still more powerful, which, for our adversaries, will be a cruel revelation the day they are brought out ready to fire."

As the officer did not wish to tell me more on this subject, I spoke to him again of his life in the trenches, and he humorously related how, on the parapet facing the enemy, his soldiers had planted radishes, which grew very well.

"Come and pay us a visit," he said, "and you can gather them under the noses of the 'boches.' And you will see that the presence of the Germans gives them a very special flavor."

SUPPLIES FOR BRITISH ARMY



Scene at Southampton, Eng., where supplies are being rushed to Kitchener's army in France. The picture shows the hoisting of an ambulance and fodder aboard a steamer.

RED GUM FOR GUN STOCKS

British Agents Seek Estimate of Available Supply in the South.

Memphis, Tenn.—Owing to the scarcity of Circassian walnut from Russia since the outbreak of the European war, the British government is making tests of quarter-sawed red gum for gun stocks.

The gum lumber manufacturers' association of Memphis has been asked by English agents to estimate the total available supply of dry two inch, two and a quarter inch and two and a half inch first and second quarter-sawed red gum in the southern field.

In the event the test proves satisfactory the greater part of the available supply will be bought outright by the British government. Memphis manufacturers of red gum lumber are preparing to give the prospective order immediate attention.

WOMEN AS CAR CONDUCTORS

Glasgow Tries an Experiment to Release Men—Will Get Same Pay as Men.

Glasgow.—Woman street-car conductors are being used in Glasgow. The uniform includes a neat blue skirt and coat, edged with gold braid. If the trial squad of woman conductors proves efficient, a considerable number will be employed at once. For the present the woman fare-collectors work only four hours a day, running between University and Dumbreck. They will be paid the same wages as men—\$8.25 to \$9 a week.

have its first absolutely French restaurant—with an American bar.

Novel Signal.

New York.—A new signal on the Long Island railroad tracks reads: "Don't judge Baldwin (L. L.) by its railroad station—it is a Good Town."

Name Too Explosive. Linden, N. J.—Declaring his name is too explosive, Louisvic Macoszen sky has petitioned to have it changed to Smith.

DANUBE IN HISTORY LEARNED FROM EGG

River Has Always Been Great Highway of Commerce.

How Scientists Got Notion of Gyroscopic.

Dardanelles Has Ever Been Looked Upon as the Real Mouth of the Great Waterway of Eastern Europe, With Reason.

Lord Kelvin Frequently Used It in Lectures to His Classes, and Professor Grey Has Added Interesting Comment.

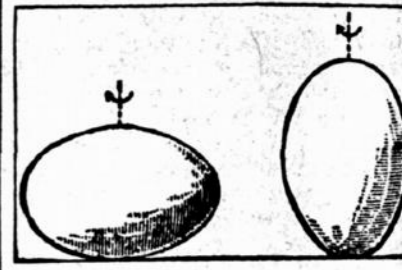
Probably most Americans know more about the Danube as the subject of a popular waltz than as a historic highway of commerce and a strategic frontier. Perhaps some of our readers were astonished to learn that the allied fleets are "opening the mouth of the Danube" by forcing the Dardanelles. They know that the Danube empties into the Black sea and cannot understand the statement. Technically, they are correct, but the Philadelphia Inquirer says, from time immemorial the Dardanelles has been looked upon as the real mouth of the great river of eastern Europe, and for the best of reasons.

In his will Caesar Augustus expressed a wish that Roman conquests should never proceed north of the Danube. He had succeeded in making that river a strategic frontier by adding a chain of forts which extended to the Swiss Alps. Behind this barrier were unknown hordes of savages and barbarians who were certain at some time by economic pressure or by a restless spirit to assault the integrity of the empire, and Augustus foresaw that any extension beyond this frontier would be dangerous. Unhappily, his advice was not accepted, although the reasons for a forward movement seemed excellent at the time. The imperial legions crossed the Danube, and the name Rumania remains as a relic of their forward movement. It proved a fatal mistake, for pretty soon the Danube became the danger spot of the empire and the seat of the government was transferred to Byzantium, the modern Constantinople. Gradually the Roman empire divided and fell under the oncoming rush of Goths, but the struggle along the Danube has continued to this day. Hun and Turk entered Europe along this great highway and with difficulty turned back at Vienna. Since that time the Balkan question, with its control of the great river, has been dominant in European politics, and never was more important than today.

If you place a hard-boiled egg on its side on a smooth table and give it a spin it rises on one end and rotates on its tip. A raw or soft-boiled egg will not do this.

This habit of hard-boiled eggs was a favorite illustration used by Lord Kelvin in demonstrating gyrostatic motion before his classes at Glasgow university. In a recent lecture before the Institution of Electrical Engineers Prof. A. Gray repeated the experiment with the following comment:

"The first experiment made was always that of the equilibrium of this nearly egg-shaped piece of wood, which, scientifically described, is a homogeneous prolate ellipsoid of revolution. Its surface may be imagined to be generated by the revolution of an ellipse about its longer axis. I lay it on its side and we see that in that position it is stable for fore and aft inclinations, 'pitching.' I may call the



The Spinning Egg That Illustrates Gyrostatic Action.

motion, and in indifferent equilibrium for port or starboard displacement, or rolling. This is, of course, all without spin.

"If, however, I apply to the solid, as it lies on the tray before me, an impulsive twist with my fingers, so as to make it rotate about one of the minimum diameters (that is, of course, a diameter about which the moment of inertia is a maximum), the solid shows that when spin is applied the equilibrium is unstable. The ellipsoid at once sets itself on one end, and then rotates in stable equilibrium with the long axis nearly vertical. This is a remarkable result. The center of gravity has been raised, and the equilibrium is now stable. The spin has altered the conditions of equilibrium completely.

"Of course, it was pointed out to us that all these phenomena are well shown by the ordinary spinning-top, spun by the unwinding from it of a string when the top has been skillfully thrown from the hand. The swaying round of the axis of a top when rising just after spin to the 'sleeping' position, and the similar conical motion of the axis when the top is about to fall, give examples of precessional motion of, in fact, the astronomical phenomena called procession of the equinoxes.

A raw egg will not rise to spin on end because of the unstable condition of its contents. These, being liquid, are agitated by the spinning motion and a series of whirlpool-like motions is set up in them; these produce such a confusion of forces that any slight gyrostatic effect is stopped.

India's Rice Crop.

The rice crop of India for the current season, according to the second general memorandum shows a total area of 75,000,000 acres under the crop, being only a hundred thousand acres short of last year. Weather conditions in Bengal, Behar and Orissa, Assam and United Provinces have not been favorable since September, however, and the outturn of winter rice, in consequence, is somewhat shorter than these figures indicate, especially in Behar and Orissa, where it is estimated at only 75 per cent of normal. As regards extra-Indian areas the information is, that in Egypt conditions are favorable, in Japan the crop is 12 per cent above normal, while in Korea, Italy and the United States but slight variations, compared with last year, are expected.

Japanese Potato King.

Reading a story of the visit of George Shima, the potato king of Lodi, Cal., to Los Angeles, in a paper of that city, merchants of Lodi recall that not many years ago the Japanese capitalist could not obtain credit in the stores of this city, not because he was not honest, but as a newcomer he had not established credit.

Those business men who refused to trust did not anticipate that in a few years Shima would control 37,000 acres in California and have 6,000 acres in his own holdings, and have established a large credit in California banks.

Last July Shima owned about a quarter of the 4,000,000 sacks of potatoes in California, and today he owns half of the 600,000 sacks under the state.

As to Jarley.

"That man Jarley is without any exception the most inaccurate man I ever knew," said Dobson. "Tell me, Jones, does he ever get anything right?"

"Oh, yes," replied Jones. "Anything that is left Jarley will always get right."—Judge.

Looking Ahead.

"If you had a magic lamp and you could get anything you wanted by merely rubbing it, what is the first thing you would wish for?"

"Another magic lamp to use in case I dropped the first one and broke it."

His One Regard.

Swiggs—I wish I was about three feet taller than I am.

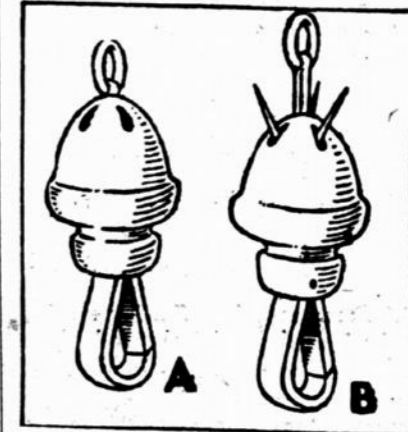
Briggs—What's the answer?

Wiggs—The doctor says whisky is killing me by inches.

TO FOIL THE PICKPOCKET

Barbed Guard is an Old Device, but it is Guaranteed to Hold the Watch Secure.

Though patented so long ago that the patent has run out, the device for holding a watch secure from pickpockets, which is illustrated herewith, is so ingenious and so little known that it deserves to have attention called to it. It consists of a little acorn-shaped bulb between the hasp and the ring to which the chain is attached, and in this bulb three slender, sharp spikes that protrude the instant the chain is pulled. The spikes stick into the lining of the pocket, from which the watch cannot possibly be pulled. As soon as the pull is released the



A, the Watch as it Rests in the Pocket. B, the Same When the Chain is Pulled.

spikes drop back into tiny holes. The owner of the watch has to take hold of its ring and not of its chain when he wants to take it out.

Would Leave Bullet in Body.

"The mere presence of a bullet inside the body will of itself do no harm at all. The old idea that it will cause infection died long ago. . . . We now know that, provided they are clean, we can introduce steel plates, silver wires, silver nets, into the body without causing any trouble at all, and a bullet is no worse than any of these. It is a matter in which the public are very largely to blame, for they consider that unless the bullet has been removed the surgeon has not done his job. Unless he has some specific reason for it, I know that the surgeon who removes a bullet does not know his work.

"It may be the mark of a Scottish ancestry, but if ever I get a bullet in my own anatomy, I shall keep it."—A Surgeon in Belgium, by H. S. Souttar, F. R. C. S.

E Pluribus Unum.

Dribble—Hello, old boy! What are you doing now?

Scribble—Writing for the magazine.

Dribble—Don't you find it rather thankless sort of work?

Scribble—On the contrary, nearly everything I write is returned with thanks.

Smartness.

"What makes you think that sensational orator is such a smart man?"

"The fact," replied Mr. Cumrox, "that he won't undertake to reform our city unless he gets paid in advance."

An Easy One for Paw.

Little Lemuel—Say, paw, what is meant by a "breathing spell?"

Paw—That's what I had, son, when I went to the station the other day to meet your mother's mother, and the train was half an hour late.

MARRYING ROYALTY

So Carl Said When He Wedded the Queen of Cooks.

Mrs. Bliss came into the day nursery, her large rosy face glowing a deeper pink with the exertion of climbing the stairs to the third floor. "Good morning, Miss Newton," she smiled at the little nursery governess who was sitting with Bobby in the window seat. "I wonder if you and Bobby wouldn't like to play today? We are going to picnic at the pine grove and—"

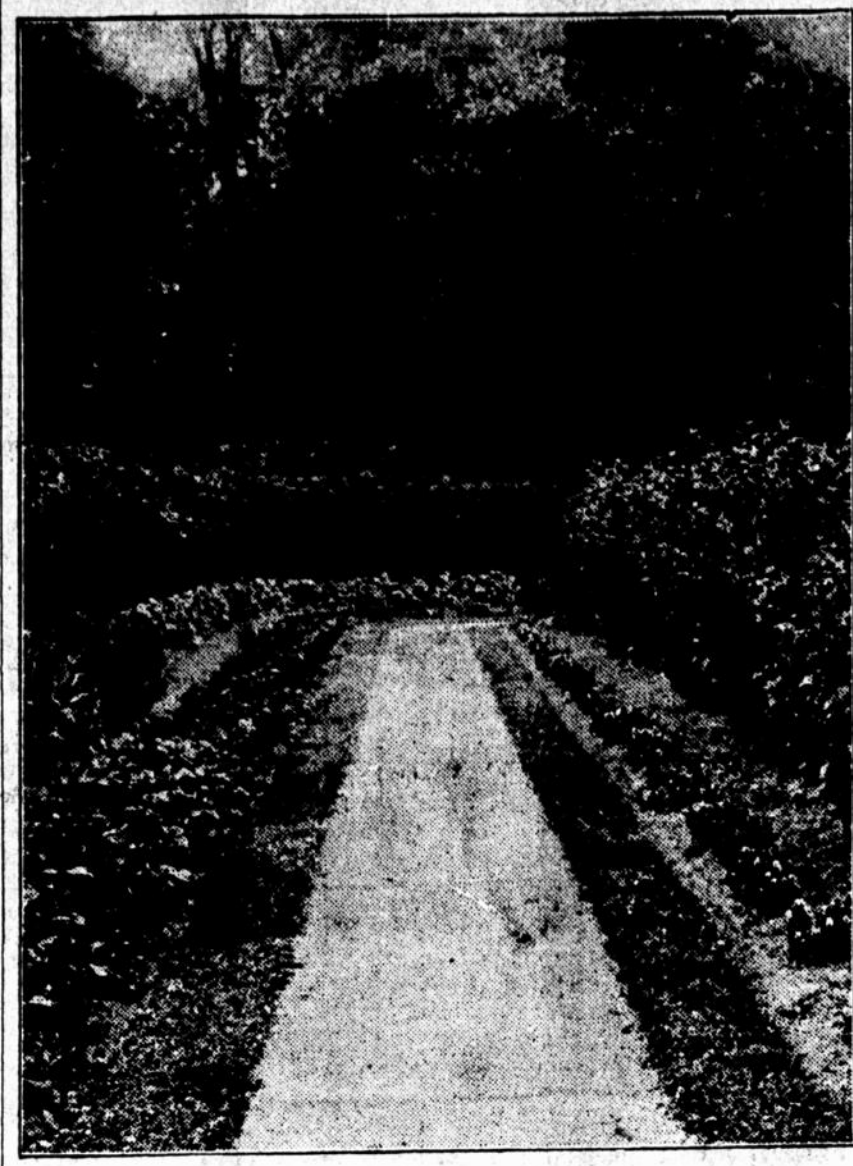
looked distractingly pretty at that moment. "If you don't mind waiting a half hour I believe I could prepare something fit to eat," she announced timidly. They applauded her enthusiastically and offered to help. She accepted Miss Taylor for an assistant in the kitchen, and Lillian Nugent opened the tiny cupboard and prepared to set the table for a dozen people from the hermit's scanty store of crockery. Beth lighted a fire in the cracked old cookstove, Carl Bellew and Andy Smith carried firewood, and opened the cans of vegetables.

RECIPES OF THE WEST

DISHES THAT SHOULD BE BETTER KNOWN.

Chicken Portola a La Coppa Calls for a Variety of Ingredients, and Seems Promising—Fritto Misto—Chicken Pie. Chicken Portola a La Coppa.—Take a fresh cocoon and cut off the top, removing nearly all the meat. Put together three tablespoonfuls of chopped cocoon meat and two ears of fresh green corn, cut from the cob. Slice two onions into four tablespoonfuls of olive oil, together with a tablespoonful of dried bacon fried in olive oil, add one chopped green pepper, half a dozen tomatoes stewed with salt and pepper, one clove of garlic and cook all together until it thickens. Strain this into the corn and cocoon and add one spring chicken cut in four pieces. Put the mixture into the shell of the cocoon, using the cut off top as a cover, and close tightly with a covering of paste to keep in the flavors. Put the cocoon in a pan with water in it and set in an oven well heated for one hour, basting frequently to keep the cocoon from burning.

The HOME BEAUTIFUL



Keeping the Surroundings Beautiful.

WORD ABOUT ANNUALS

If you want plenty of late blooms from your annuals, cut off all the seed pods and fading blossoms, loosen the soil and with commercial fertilizer doctor them. If the weather be dry, water well. Prepare some sort of protection for chrysanthemums, and other late blooming flowers, so that when the first frost appears, you may save the flowers. Often we have a few cold nights about the middle of this month, and warm weather until October. Don't forget to order a supply of crocus bulbs for lawn planting. That is, tuck a few dozen of them in the lawn, and you and your family will enjoy early blooms in unexpected places.

Our Finest Fall Flower—The Chrysanthemum.

LATE FLOWERING PLANTS

By Mrs. JOHN FIELD. Such late flowering plants as the hollyhock and the perennial phlox need a good deal of attention to keep them looking well. On the former the flowers wither, but they cling persistently to the stalk unless forcibly removed, and give it a very untidy appearance. By removing them we enable the plant to look its best, and the few flowers of the last autumn days show to the best possible advantage.

The KITCHEN CABINET

It is when our budding hopes are nipped beyond recovery that we are the most disposed to picture what flowers they might have borne if they had flourished. It is a melancholy truth that even great men have their poor relations. HOT BISCUITS. Those who are able to make good baking powder biscuits have any number of kinds of hot cakes to offer with little extra work. A most delicious pudding of fresh or canned fruit may be made by covering the fruit with a thin crust of baking powder biscuit. Then when served turn upside down, season with nutmeg, add bits of butter and sugar, if needed, and a bird's-nest pudding is ready.

SPRING DISHES.

As the first spring greens appear, they should be served daily in some form. The first tender shoots of dandelion make a most appetizing salad. Wash and pick them over carefully and cut fine. As many of the little white buds as you can find, should be added. Mince a small green onion and serve all well mixed with a good French dressing. Chives, chervil, borage, sorrel, cress, pepper grass and mustard are all such good salad greens and may be used in combination with lettuce as salads.

MEATLESS DISHES.

Vegetarian dishes, if the combinations are nutritious, are desirable not only as meatless dishes but add variety to the menu. Macaroni and Peanut Butter.—Cook macaroni in boiling salted water, drain and pour over a quart of cold water which keeps the macaroni from sticking together, put into a buttered baking dish and cover with a white sauce made of three and a half tablespoonfuls of peanut butter, two of flour, blended together, and two cupfuls of milk, season with salt and pepper and pour over the macaroni. Cover and bake half an hour, then cover with buttered crumbs and brown. A little grated cheese may be added just before the coating of crumbs is added if so desired.

Beets With Spinach.—Pick over and wash half a peck of spinach. Cook uncovered with boiling salted water in which a third of a teaspoonful of soda and a teaspoonful of sugar has been added. When tender drain and chop, and add three tablespoonfuls of butter, one tablespoonful of flour and one-half cupful of cream. Reheat and pack into a border mold and let stand in a pan of hot water to keep warm. Serve with well-buttered beets in the center; garnish the platter with hard cooked eggs, cut in eighths lengthwise. The color is especially pleasing and the combination is also good.

Rice Croquettes.—Pick over a half cupful of rice, cover with cold water and stand over night. Drain, pour over a half cupful of boiling water and cook in a double boiler until the rice has absorbed all the water; then add one and a quarter cupfuls of milk, three tablespoonfuls of cream, two tablespoonfuls of canned red peppers, salt and pepper to taste. Turn on a shallow plate to cool. Shape, dip in egg crumbs and fry in deep fat. Serve with cheese sauce.

Cheese Sauce.—Melt three tablespoonfuls of butter, add four of flour, and one and a half cupfuls of milk, cook until smooth, season with salt and cayenne and add half a cupful of soft cheese cut in small pieces. Stir until the cheese melts.

Unlucky Number. Wife (angrily)—I'm sorry I ever met you. Husband (calmly)—The sorrow is mutual, my dear. But what could one expect under the circumstances? Wife—What circumstances? Husband—Why, the circumstances of our meeting. Don't you remember them? Wife—No, I don't. Husband—Well, I do. It was at a dinner party—and there were thirteen at the table.

Bacteria Carried by Wind. Tests by Irish scientists have shown that the wind will carry disease bacteria 200 feet and as high as sixty feet into the air. Few Women Die Suddenly. It is said that only one woman is liable to sudden death to every eight men. Nature Generous to Swallow. The swallow has a larger mouth in proportion to its size than any other bird.

Unconquerable. The habit of never being whipped, of always keeping up the fight—that is the quality of the great leader. The man who never admits defeat is the man the world has to take into account. Time and again the foe he is fighting may think they have him down. But before they know it he is on his feet sounding the advance. Such a man molds events. He helps create the new heavens and the new earth of the prophet's vision. A mighty force of the universe is the unconquerable soul.

Pepper Relish.—Wash and remove the seeds from six red and six green peppers. Add six onions and put all through a meat chopper. Put into a saucepan and cover with boiling water, let stand five minutes; drain and add one cupful of sugar, two tablespoonfuls of salt, and one and a half cupfuls of vinegar. Put over the heat and boil twenty minutes. This will which they are growing without breaking it apart.

Good to Know. Few housewives seem to know that old-fashioned soda is the cheapest washing powder, water softener, etc., on the market. Put a pound or so in a fruit jar and fill with water, adding more water as solution is used, until all is dissolved. A tablespoonful in dish water will make soap lather freely and be unnecessary. Two spoonfuls to a pall of water for washing, will save soap, strength, time and fabric.

Nut Bread. Mix dry four cupfuls of white flour, one-half cupful of sugar, one cupful of walnut meats, chopped; one teaspoonful of salt and four teaspoonfuls of baking powder, sifted with the flour. Then add two cupfuls of sweet milk, two eggs. Stir well, pour into a baking dish, let stand twenty minutes, then bake from three-quarters of an hour to one hour.

Chopped Meat-Cake. Try this for your lunch boxes: Two pounds of beef, cut fine or put through grinder; five crackers, also ground; one egg, butter slice of egg, if there is no fat in the meat; one cupful of milk, pepper and salt and a small onion ground, if you like this flavor. Bake in a bread tin slowly about two hours.

Cocoonut Macaroons. Beat the whites of four eggs stiff and then add a cupful of powdered sugar and a cupful and a half of grated cocoonut or desiccated cocoonut. Drop on oiled paper from a tablespoon and bake in a moderate oven for about fifteen minutes.

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Rare Washington Portrait. A rare and curious mezzotint portrait of George Washington in the library of the late Lafayette S. Richards of Lowell, Mass., was auctioned off last year in Boston. It is entitled "George Washington, late president of the United States of America, etc." and was published March 14, 1801, by J. Hinton London. It is a small folio and is colored by hand. It looks as much like George III. as it does the Father of His Country. Baker, who wrote the "Engraved Portraits of Washington," said that only one impression of this mezzotint has come under the notice of the writer. It was a neither the Clarkson nor the Carson sale of Washington portraits.

Inglot on Yellow Flour. Charles Christadoro, an expert on flour and grains, sounds the keynote of the new situation brought about by the bleached flour decision when he says in a communication to the editor commenting on the bleached flour decision: "The housewife will now insist on yellow tinted or creamy flour, and will learn to realize that a natural flour very white can in no manner compare with the creamy or yellow flour in so far as gluten and muscle building values are concerned."

More Earthquakes in France. Toulon.—Slight seismic shocks occurred again Monday in Draguignan, Cannes and Puget-Rapende. No damage is reported, but the residents were pan-stricken.

He has achieved success—who has lived long, laughed often, and loved much; who has gained the trust of pure women, the respect of intelligent men, and the love of little children; who has filled his niche and accomplished his task; who has left the world better than he found it, whether by an improved poppy, a perfect poem, or a reformed soul; who has never lacked appreciation of earth's beauty; who has learned to express it; who has always found the best in others; who has always found the best in himself; who has always found the best in his own life; who has always found the best in his own memory.

EARLY STRUGGLES OF J. S. WILLIAMS

Up From Barber Shop Porter to Wealth and Influence.

PAID FOR OWN EDUCATION.

Thrifty Shreveport Man Who Was Thrown Upon His Own Responsibility When a Mere Boy Worked Diligently In Many Fields, Set Standard High and Won Success.

Shreveport, La.—That merit, backed up by industry, honesty and thrift, will win a place for any American citizen is proved in the successful business career of James S. Williams of this city, who has worked from the lowest to the highest standing among the business men in this section.

Mr. Williams was born in Franklin, La., shortly after the emancipation of the slaves. While he was not born a slave, yet he was twelve years old before he knew that he was free. Just how he learned this is unknown, yet

when he learned that he was free he had in his little heart a desire to know something, and he had decided in his own mind that he was going to learn if he had to spend all of his life working for the opportunity. His first step was not in a schoolroom, but in a workshop.

He went to New Orleans when a mere boy and secured a job in a barber shop as porter, determined to learn the barber trade so as to earn more money. He made up his mind to use this money in getting an education. It did not take him long to graduate as a full fledged barber, and when he had sufficient capital he invested it in brains in the New Orleans university. He was an apt student and learned rapidly, his main studies being business and bookkeeping. He looked on the practical side of each study.

He did not graduate from any department of the university, but what he learned he learned it so well that he was prepared to apply it to his own advancement. He did not fail to take advantage of every opportunity. Each year he made progress. As a boot-black he took the first place, and the same was true when he was a barber, and when a student he was always at the head of his class. He made up his mind to take first place in everything.

Leaving New Orleans, he went to Rayville, La., and became head porter in a hotel. The hotel was destroyed by fire, and then he went into the barber business. He operated a shop and later bought a few horses, went into the livery business and also opened a store. Now he had a combination of livery and merchandising. This started him on his way to the success and prosperous business he now owns. He made some cash money in Rayville at his combination business and after five years of strict attention to his work closed up this business and came to this city about sixteen years ago and went into the undertaking business.

Step by step he has gone forward until today he is one of the leading men in his line in America. He has fifteen head of horses, carriages, buggies and automobiles. Everything that goes to make up a first class establishment he has on his premises.

Mr. Williams is the highest taxpayer of his race in this section of the country. He has won all of this through hard work, through push and pluck.

He is one of the leading spirits in the Negro Business league, being president of the State Business league and a life member of the National Negro Business league. What Mr. Williams has done others can do, but they must have what he worked with in the start and what he is still using—industry, honesty and thrift.

African Chief Aids British Soldiers. Mme. Humo Nyaha, the paramount chief of the Kennema, who is a member of the Nongowa tribe, whose headquarters are at Kennema, in West Africa, has, with her subchiefs, presented the English government, for the use of the soldiers now fighting against Germany, 100 bushels of clean rice and fourteen bullocks.

Would Seem so Crawford—Do the rich know as the other half live? Crabshaw—After taking their money from them they must be able to get some idea of how they are supposed to live.—Puck

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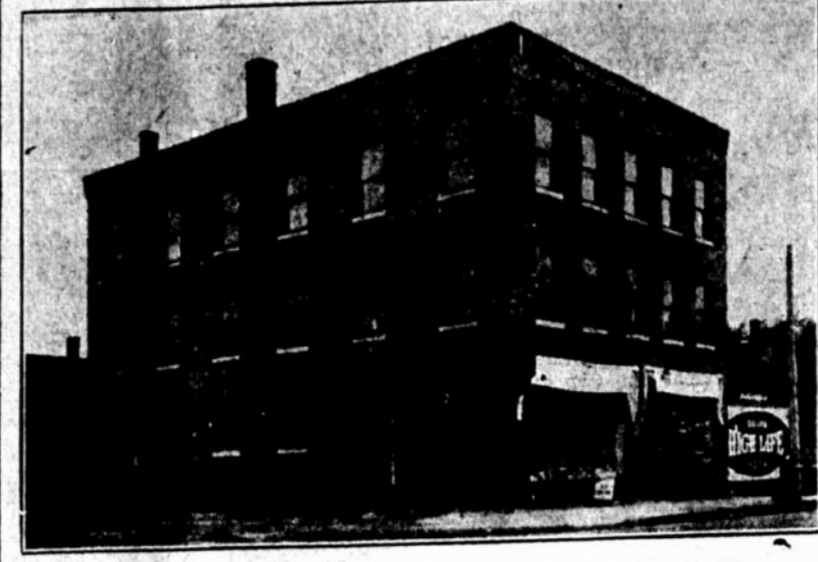
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You are hereby notified that you have failed to perform the contract and the agreements on your part contained in the contract entered into by you with C. R. Nuetzel of date 8th day of October, A. D. 1913, for the purchase from C. R. Nuetzel of the following described real estate situated in Polk county, Iowa, to wit: South half (s 1-2) of lot two (2) of the official plat of w 1-4 of the southwest quarter (nw 1-4) of the southeast quarter (se 1-4) of section fifteen (15), in township seventy-eight (78), north, of range twenty-four (24), now included in and forming a part of the city of Des Moines, Iowa, and because of your failure to perform the agreements and stipulations therein contained on your part, the Sacramento Suburban Fruit Lands Company, assignee of said contract, do now in accordance with the provisions of section 4299, title 21, chapter 8 of the code of 1897, cause the service upon you of this notice of their intention to cancel the said contract thirty (30) days after the completed service of this notice; unless within the said thirty days you perform all the obligations on your part now delinquent under said contract and make all payments of principal and interest and keep all the agreements now due and to become due within the said thirty days. Unless you perform all the obligations as above, your rights under the said contract and interest in and to the real estate therein described will be declared null and your rights shall cease and determine.

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, the 6th day of April, 1915.

Sacramento Suburban Fruit Lands Company.

By F. A. Bean, President.

By Elnor Hoidale, Secretary.

Best Thing for a Bilious Attack. "On account of my confinement in the printing office I have for years been a chronic sufferer from indigestion and liver trouble. A few weeks ago I had an attack that was so severe that I was not able to go to the case for two days. Failing to get any relief from any other treatment, I took three of Chamberlain's Tablets and the next day I felt like a new man," writes H. C. Bailey, Editor Carolina News, Chapin, S. C. Obtainable everywhere.

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SIoux CITY, IOWA. Rev. J. D. Herben left Monday for Omaha, where he will conduct a series of revival meetings.

Mrs. Jessie Roberts of Birmingham is in the city visiting with her mother, Mrs. T. H. Sturges.

Luphelia Hogg spent Sunday in Omaha.

The A. I. P. club will hold their board and child's welfare meeting at the A. M. E. church Friday evening.

The public is cordially invited to attend.

The W. C. T. U. will meet at the Mt. Zion Baptist church Wednesday evening, May 12, at 8 o'clock. All friends and members are cordially invited. A temperance sermon will be preached by Rev. J. D. Herben next Sunday evening.

The annual sermon of the G. U. O. of O. F. and Household of Ruth was preached last Sunday evening at the A. M. E. church by Rev. J. H. Garrison.

The entertainment given last Friday evening by the finance committee at the A. M. E. church was a great success. A splendid program was rendered and about \$50 realized.

A reception was given Friday evening at the Mt. Zion Baptist church in honor of Rev. and Mrs. J. D. Herben. The church was attractively decorated for the occasion. A special program was rendered, after which the hours were spent informally and concluded by the serving of a delightful luncheon.

The musical comedy presented by Messrs. Coleman and H. Grant is said to have scored heavily and to have made a big hit with their audience.

There will be given a "National masquerade social" Tuesday evening, May 18, at the A. M. E. church, under the auspices of the Sunday school. Prizes will be awarded to the two best character portrayals. Admission, 10 cents. Refreshments will be served.

Those on the sick list are Mrs. Ella Wilkinson and Mrs. Gilbert Carr.

Mrs. A. M. Askew has been elected delegate of Naomi chapter, No. 7, to attend the grand chapter, which convenes at Minneapolis in May.

Mrs. A. Lee and Mrs. Priscilla Mack were called to Yankton, S. D., by the death of their niece and cousin.

Those receiving first and second prizes in the penny rally were Dora Thompson and Mrs. J. W. Hudson, the former raising \$30.00 and the latter \$44.20. The first prize was \$10 and the second \$5.

Dr. J. W. Norris favored the Sioux City branch of the N. A. A. C. P. with a splendid paper on Booker T. Washington and Du Bois and their work last Sunday afternoon.

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PLEA FOR SELF-RELIANCE. Charles G. Dewey's Good Advice to Young Men in Business.

This is a hard world in business. It always has been and always will be. There are many good and generous men in it. There are many who will lend a helping hand to you in your adversity, but in the time of need you will not find them among the men who tried to get you to embark in speculation with your little surplus, and to sell you something which would help you to "easy money." Be self-reliant. Make your own investment into investments. When you cannot put your money in a good savings bank. Distrust the financial demagogue as you distrust the political demagogue. Keep your hand on your pocketbook as you travel life—don't give always in proportion as your means to those who are poorer; second, to hold from those who would take through force or fraud what you need for yourself and yours. You will then, writes Mr. Dewey in the Saturday Evening Post, have your hand where most of the other fellows have only their eyes. In this alone you have the advantage of them.

"When you feel any temptation coming along," said the friend and adviser, "you must say: 'Get thee behind me, Satan.'"

"De's what I done said," answered Mr. Erastus Pinkley, "an' de's I imagine I hynds Satan answer me back: 'De's all right. We's both gwine de same way, now, an' it don't make no difference to me which leads de unhappiness.'"

Protective Devices. When a telephone line is electrically charged the telephone acts as a condenser. The winding serves as one plate of the condenser, the frame of the receiver as the dielectric and the person who is holding the receiver to his ear as the other plate of the condenser. In order to prevent this condenser from discharging through the person, a German inventor provided a ground and anti-lic condenser.

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PROGRAM.

Fourteenth annual session of the Iowa State Federation of Colored Women's Clubs, to be held at Bethel A. M. E. church, Cedar Rapids, May 24, 25 and 26.

Board meeting, Monday, 3 p. m. Monday Evening, May 24—Citizens' Night.

Song, Anthem by Bethel A. M. E. choir.

Invocation, Rev. Cato.

Instrumental, Mrs. Adelaide Flowers and Mrs. Mabel Horne.

Welcome address on behalf of city, Mayor Roth.

Vocal, Mr. Fred H. Gresham.

Welcome address on behalf of the churches, Rev. R. H. Cato and Rev. J. Northcross.