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The Negro and His Vote

The Negroes aim should be to be a part

of everything that tends to the elevation
and progress of this nation. His thoughts
and action must accord with and be found insuch channels. There is no denying the
fact, that the race is making rapid progress
in all lines, save one that concerns his en-richment. With 85 per cent of the
race living in the South and denied their
right of suffrage it is evident that somethingis wrong somewhere. The constitution of
the United States says that the Negro shall
vote, but the south sees to it that he don'tvote, and there's the rub! The South is
stronger than the Nation on Negro suffrage,
so after all the question resolves itself into
one of policy rather than law. And the
Negro must give serious thought to the
question, if he would improve present ten-dencies and conditions. The Negro must
vote as any other intelligent citizens would

and does exercise his franchise.

The white republican will not vote for a
"yellow dog" on the republican ticket, but
the Negro will; and there is where he errs.The white republican will not vote for an
unfit republican candidate, but the Negro
will and is accordingly censured by all good
citizens. The ballot is the strongest assetin the hands of any American citizen, and
when that is destroyed that is little wonderthat every other right and privilege is so
ruthlessly attacked. The Negro must so
ingratiate himself into every fibre of Ameri-can progress that no enemy can strike him
without jarring the best influences of that
community, and then he will have solved
the Race problem.

Politically, the Negro must change fronts.

He could well afford to be a part of all par-

ties, for why should not his beliefs and ideals
run from Republicanism to Socialism the
same as other citizens. But the one thing
essential is that the Negro give due con-

sideration to the issues and not vote blindly

President-elect Taft in his opening speech

of the recent campaign made at Lexington

Ky., discussed the Negroes franchise.

After mentioning the various means of
disfranchising votes, decaring that such
laws were proper if applied with equal fair-ness to both white and black he expressed
the hope that as the colored citizens under
the leadership of such men as Booker T.

Washington, would become respected busi-

ness members of the communities in which

they live, and when they exercise indepen-

dence of judgment in respect to political is-

sues, we may be sure that gradually the
right to vote will be accorded them and
they will exercise a far more useful influenceas intelligent and solid members of the
community for the benefit of their racethan the ignorant members of their race
would have exercised had they been allow-ed to vote. In this way, through devious
ways which can not be justified or approvedwe may still reach a result that will square
with the requirements of the Federal con-stitution and will give to the Negro every
political and economic right and will con-

fer great benefit upon the colored race."

Another new enterprise has been launch-

ed by Negroes in the business of manufac-

turing Negro dolls, that is not only unique

in the business sagacity shown but com-

mendable from the view point of instilling

racial pride in the present and future genera-

tions. It is no wonder that the colored

people think the white man face the zenith

of human possibilities, for the first thing to

be thrust into the little hands of the Negro

is the white doll baby, and the image

is thereby indelibly stamped for life. God

never designed that the white race should be

the exemplar of beauty, and man can make

no more prettier dolls, we are sure. Aside

from the commercial value of the project,

the chance to develop race pride - something

that we are woefully lacking in - is

worthy the venture. The Recorder will

shortly have on exhibition a display of these

Negro dolls.

Booker Washington's New Book

Booker T. Washington's "Up From
Slavery," which is the story of his life
has been translated into Malaya, Zulu
Indian, Arabic, Chinese and Japanese
to say nothing of European languages
such as German, Norwegian, Danish,
Spanish French and Finnish. Furthermore, it has been printed in raised
characters for the blind. Mr. Washington
is now writing "The Story of the Negro," which Doubleday, Page & Company
will publish some time this fall. This is to be a simple, direct
narrative of a people's progress.

MOUND BUILDERS FANS.

Chicago Professor Says Their In-

closures Were Baseball Fields.

"Baseball is not a modern game, and
all credit for the invention of it should
go to the mound builders," said Professor
Frederick Starr of the University of
Chicago in a recent lecture on prehistoric
archaeology. Professor Starr declares that through the southern
part of Ohio and Indiana he has
found geometrically perfect mounds or
inclosures closely resembling the
modern baseball diamond. These are
generally believed to have been built
for purposes of protection. Professor
Starr, however, says:"They are nothing more or less than
old baseball fields of the mound builders.
The game as played by these old
people resembled our modern game
closely. The most essential difference
is that our game calls for only nine
players, while in prehistoric times as
many as a hundred men were needed."

Cure For Lovesickness.

In a lecture before the Chicago Col-
lege of Medicine Dr. A. R. Hagle ex-
plained a cure for lovesickness. He said:"A doctor can prepare himself to
treat lovesickness through mental in-
fluence just as more serious ills are
treated by it. One suggestion is to find
a new love. This occasionally cures an
old love complaint."He commanded the theory of Bishop
Fallows of mind and medicine working
in harmony.

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son, Treasurer, Major Garden Sergt

at arms. The club meets every Tuesday

evening at their club rooms 724 Had-

ley, street.

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Humor and Philosophy

By DUNCAN M. SMITH

FIRST TRY-OUT.

Pathetic
On its face
As the case
Of the little girl
Whose big brother
Has just discovered
That she has an apple
Yes, all of that
With a smile
And prominent citizen
Arises to make
His first speech in public
Behold
On his brow the cold
Sweat,The muscles of his neck set,
Ready for a fight.
While in his heart
He meditates flight.
First on one foot he stands.
His chest expands.

His legs are short

And quick, and there is a sort
Of feeling that the world
Is slipping away.

He starts to say

The words he had learned

With toll and pain,
But he has taken the train
For now.

Vanished in the air

And left, alone.

A message saying
They would never be back.
You've been there?

Not, not,

Well, that's one part of the show

You missed.

It looks easy

As tumbling in the hay.

But, say,

It isn't any such thing.

Not Interested.



Going to the football game?

Not me.

Don't you understand the plays?

No; I am sorry to say my early education in pugilism was sadly neglected.

Johnny Knew.

"Papa, what is a cross examination?" asked Mary.

"I know, I know!" piped up Johnny.

"Aw, you don't either!"

"Do too!"

"Well, what does it mean?"

"The cross talk mama gives you when she's trying to find out if you have been in swimming."

Of the Standard Variety.

"Can you think of anything more ex-

citing than love letters?"

"You bet."

"Well, what?"

"Off letters."

Has Beens.

How fickle fashion changes!

In toys and other wares!

In many an attic now is stored

A flock of Teddy bears.

All Off.

He is in love with himself."

"Then he could not like me?"

"Why?"

"Because he has such queer taste."

DO YOU KNOW-

That it takes only one to make a
quarrel when that one is what is
known as a third person?That success is sweet, but sometimes the
sweetening quality is about the
consistency and flavor of black strap?That persistence is a horrid quality
when it is found in a person you don't
like bent on interfering with your af-

fairs?