



Detective Sergeant P. H. Jenkins

"... I am heartily in accord with this recommendation and believe that Officer Jenkins's work in the Detective Department warrants his confirmation as a detective sergeant.

"Thanking you for your favorable consideration of this request, I am,

"Your truly,
(Signed) J. J. PSZANOWSKY,
Chief of Police."

So read an extract from a letter, had to do with the matter of confirming an alert and efficient Negro patrolman, P. H. Jenkins, as a detective. The promotion came as a Christmas present from the department, not simply as a gift to help bulge his Christmas stocking, but because the work of Sergeant Jenkins during his ten years on the force merited such a promotion. His career that led up to his work with the police department in Omaha is as interesting as some of the cases and experiences he related dealing with law violators. He has been a farmer, saw-mill hand, barber, and is at present a detective. Born on a farm in Louisiana, he worked with the soil until early manhood, when he left the job of cutting corn for one of cutting logs at a saw-mill. It was at the saw-mill that he learned how to barber. "On Saturday afternoons," Jenkins related, "I would cut the men's hair while they sat on an oak stump behind one of the sheds. That was my open air barber shop, and before long I was doing a pretty good job of it, too. My fame as a barber spread to Jeanerette, La., and I gave up the work at the saw-mill and got work in a regular shop in this small town. "After a few years I moved to Lake Charles and opened a shop of my own. I was also in the saloon business for a while—until the city line moved across the street, where my saloon was located, which meant my taxes would be higher. On one side of the street was the city limits, and on my side was the county, so when the city limits absorbed my side of the street, taxes jumped from \$200 a year to \$1,000. I went out of business altogether. "Then I came to Omaha. I opened

The Only Negro Detective Sergeant in Nebraska

An Unusual Little Story of Success

a barber shop and did well until the war. I finally gave up barbering entirely, and signed up as a patrolman ten years ago. I love the work, and have always tried to handle offenders with a firm kindness. It always pays." Sergeant Jenkins was severely modest when telling of his achievements in running down criminals, but did say that he felt proud of the fact that he caught, last spring, the man who was responsible for a number of dangerous holdups throughout the city. He is active in church and fraternal work, and gives much of his time to these activities despite the demands of his time on the force. Deacon and trustee of Zion Baptist Church, Pastmaster of A.P. & A.M., Omaha Lodge, Shriner of Zaha Temple No. 52, Past Patron and organizer of Omaha Chapter of Eastern Star, are some of the outside activities of this busy detective. Sergeant Jenkins has lived in Omaha for the past 22 years, and is proud to be a member of a police department that boasts ten Negro policemen, one a lieutenant and one a sergeant.

He: "I love you!"
She: "But I have not a farthing in the world."
He: "Ah, but you would not let me finish. I was going to say, I love you—not."
She: "Indeed, I only meant to put you to the test. The fact is I have a fortune of fifteen thousand pounds."
He: "Yes. But you interrupted me again just now. What I meant was I love you not—for the sake of your money!"
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Dr. Bunker's Handwriting Analysis

By DR. M. N. BUNKER

The specimen of handwriting chosen for this week shows a nature that is remarkably decisive. When Mr. Shepard believes a thing he believes it all the way through. When he does a thing he does it emphatically, certainly, with no intention of being wishy-washy.

This sample of my handwriting is very interesting to analysis of the fact. Missing you chosen field of

There is one thing that is very interesting. If things go wrong — if there are difficulties that Mr. Shepard finds hard to overcome, he simply grits his teeth, and goes ahead. There is a tremendous strength of will here. It is something that knows no defeat.

He builds many air castles, which with some people would mean a worthless nature. But Mr. Shepard knows what he wants. He does not weakly dream about what he would like to do; he knows, and then goes about the doing with a vast amount of will power, enthusiasm and purpose.

The writing in this little slip shows a spirit that is aggressive — that

strikes out and does things. Mentally Mr. Shepard is unusually keen. He thinks like lightning; he sizes up people immediately. He understands things. He is capable of being very thrifty, and very careful about everything that he does.

With all of these qualities he does not get the "big head." He does not over-estimate his own importance, but goes ahead, and does things.

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However, there is another strong quality sign here. It is a vast understanding of the spirit of music. This is as strong as the administrative qualities already mentioned.

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The way you make an "a" or an "o," a "g" or a "y" can tell things about you. The way you cross your t's may give secrets about your very soul. This is true. This is true because no two people write alike. Your school-mates, trained by the same teacher write differently from you. There are tiny curls and twists in your letters that no other person puts in in exactly the same way. It is as though Mother Nature had been given a great laboratory where human natures were mixed and moulded. She puts in one trait in one person, and another trait in another, but when the finished person stands before us, that person is different from all others because the character traits are just a little different from those in any other single nature.

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