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Dramatization Of Negro Great Need

By CARTER G. WOODSON

A highly educated woman of much African blood said in my presence the other day, "It is shameful that I, a woman of culture, must stay here in Washington and suffer for recreation and intellectual stimulus because the theatres in the capital of the nation are closed to colored people."

"Right you are!" another in the conversation said with much feeling which I did not share because I had another thought which has long followed me.

Called upon to explain my apparent indifference, I tried to explain that although I fight segregation, I suffer less from this particular form of discrimination than they do, because I am a Negro whereas they are segregated white persons with an infusion of African blood. There are such few worthwhile plays on the stage that I do not miss very much in being denied this opportunity. The stage in America, moreover, is an agency for racial propaganda which I am not anxious to promote. The stage has reached a point of stagnation, and unless it gets a new stimulus from the proper source, it is going to develop into the worst sort of evil.

This peculiar situation offers the Negro a wonderful opportunity. Will he see it? His life is the real drama in America. He has passed through an ordeal which has enriched his experience with an unusual dramatic possibility. Why does not the Negro dramatize his own life and bring the world into his? Paul Green, Eugene O'Neill and Marc Connelly cannot do it. They see that the thing is possible, and they are trying to do it; but at best they misunderstand the Negro because they cannot think black.

During the celebration of Negro History Week, I saw the right beginning in the rare opportunity which I had in seeing presented by children of the fifth grade a play called, "The Two Races." It was based upon the struggle of the Negro for opportunity to elevate himself and serve his country. A colored boy playing marbles with a white boy on the way from school had his attention attracted to a book which the white boy accidently brought to school and bring the world into him? Paul Green, Eugene O'Neill and Marc Connelly cannot do it. They see that the thing is possible, and they are trying to do it; but at best they misunderstand the Negro because they cannot think black.

At that moment, however, the muse of history appears upon the scene and discloses the real truth, which showed an array of great men of African blood who did much for the benefit of mankind. The colored boy thus enlightened, becomes inspired to do something great; and the white boy, now rid of his prejudice, believes that the colored boy can do it and joins hands with him to help him do his part. Thus we see dramatized a new America.

The play was the crude product of a District of Columbia teacher who has a program of realistic education. She has the right idea, although she lacked the dramatic ability to give it the finishing touch of an artist. We have here in Washington, however, several teachers who are well trained in "dramatics," but they would miss the point of such a play as this. They belong to the "miseducated highly educated class" of Negroes who have been thoroughly trained to despise their

Helpful hints

By NANCY LEE

Some one who signs herself, "M," writes that her husband is so domineering, faultfinding, and quarrelsome she hates to see him come in the house. What shall she do, "leave him or put him out?"

I advise her to do neither. It takes two to make a quarrel, so do not answer back. He can't quarrel with himself and when he finds you don't pay any attention to his faultfinding and domineering ways, he will stop being unmanly and control himself.

Try to please him as much as possible, by cooking the things he likes, going out with him or staying at home as he wishes, and anything else that will insure harmony in the home. But when he is gone for the day or evening relax by taking a nap, visiting friends, or going to a movie. He, no doubt, is suffering as much as she and is just as unhappy, either sick or with something on his mind that makes him miserable, and he takes it out on the one he loves best, as strangers won't make allowances for his bad temper and lack of control.

I hope she won't be downhearted, but keep up her spirit, and she will be happy no matter what he does or says.

NANCY LEE

KEEPING -FIT-

A Health Column

By DeNerval UnBank, M. D.

CONGENITAL SYPHILIS

In the strictly scientific sense of the word, syphilis is not an inherited disease. That is it is not inherited in the sense that family traits are or the color of the eyes and the like. It is not carried to the offspring by an actual change in the male or female sex cells. The infection is more insidious. It is carried into the uterus of the mother by her own blood stream, affecting at the time of conception the placenta or afterbirth.

Since the afterbirth is the source of nourishment for the forming child, marked development changes may take place during this time. The older the infection, the less outward signs of infection show in the newborn child. The child may appear normal; the break in his health coming in later life. Infections that are not so old may have many different manifestations. The newborn child may be poorly formed. The skin of the newborn may show blebs or be macerated. The bony structures may be deformed. On the other hand, the mother may have repeated miscarriages or abortions at any stage of the conception period.

If the syphilitic infection is a fairly recent thing the birth may be stillbirth (child born dead). However such mothers may have a stillbirth (sometimes more than one), then one or two miscarriages or abortions and then give birth to an apparently normal child.

It is pretty definitely proven today that syphilitic infection is carried to the child by the infection of the afterbirth. The only exceptions to this is in cases where actual lesions are present in the mother.

Physicians once thought that treatment of the mother for syphilis during pregnancy was detrimental. We know today that this is the only sane way to combat congenital syphilis. Clinical data proves that cases so treated seem to have the condition well arrested.

THE -DENTIST-

By Roy C. Proctor, D. D. S.

ARE YOU DENTAL MINDED?

There are people among this very complex civilization of ours who feel that their teeth need periodic attention, regardless of whether or not there is any physical discomfort. And they feel it to the extent of having a check-up on their dental health at least twice a year. As a result, these people have little or no trouble with their teeth. Many do not know what a toothache is.

To them their dental bill only amounts to about ten or twelve dollars a year and to many, even less than this amount. From an economic standpoint they know that they cannot afford to fall to make these periodic visits, especially if they are in poor financial circumstances. Purely from a health standpoint, they realize that neglect will cause irreparable injury.

There are other people who, for various reasons,—good, bad and indifferent,—have neglected their teeth to such an extent that they are even ashamed to have the dentist look into their mouths. Others realize that there is so much work to be done, the fee for which they cannot afford, that, as a result, the condition of the mouth goes from bad to worse.

By making small weekly or monthly payments to your dentist, he will be glad to start putting your teeth in good repair. In addition to enjoying the comforts of thorough mastication, your subsequent yearly dental bills will be negligible. What a break! Especially in these days of depression or "days of lack of confidence," as some would prefer to have me put it.

"AS NOTED"

by Ralph C. Clyde
City Commissioner

LEGISLATING HONESTY

Rabbi Berkowitz, in discussing the milk situation before the City Council recently, made the following significant remarks, "You cannot pass legislation to make people honest."

While he was addressing the mayor and Commissioners on this subject, my memory went back to the time when the late Senator George W. Joseph came back from Alaska, after the Klondike rush, and told me practically the same thing.

Mr. Joseph related how in the Klondike, when a prospector helped himself to flour or other food products, on some lonely outpost, the prospector left a note of the fact. Not one cent was ever even lost through dishonesty. When the country was turned over to the Canadians, all spirit and regulations were immediately put into effect to legislate honesty. Rabbi Berkowitz practically echoed what Senator Joseph called to my mind, many years ago, from his personal observations.

I believe we have too many national laws, and too many city laws. Let us discard all except the good ones. Then let us enforce these. President Jefferson said: "The best governed people, are the least governed people."

'Wrong Horse Harry'

(BY WILLIAM PICKENS)

Harry L. Stimson grabbed the tariff end of the stick in that Manchurian mess again,—I mean from the standpoint of successful statesmanship, not



WILLIAM PICKENS

should have waited until we found out what England and France were inclined to do in the same case. We need not follow their example, but if we knew what they would do, we could have taken our own position more diplomatically and in more diplomatic language, and perhaps to better effect, even if we were opposed to the view of the other great signatories to the Kellogg Pact. If we were going to disagree with the other, there would have been some advantage in disagreeing with them after they had spoken or made their attitudes known, for then we would have appeared brave and strong and daring, at least. As it is now, it will appear to Japanese, Chinese, and even to many of our own people and to the rest of the world, that the English have given us the air, instead of our giving it to them. It will be believed that we were counting on British support on "Anglo-Saxon solidarity," and that we have been disappointed and let down. The effect will be against us, and will lessen the influence of our pronouncement.

The newspaper correspondent who wrote the instructive and amusing book called "Washington Merry-go Round," have named Stimson "Wrong Horse Harry," because so often and so fatally picks the "loser" in international diplomacy; in several recent revolutions in South Africa, he backed the loser,—taking a position against the "rebels," declaring embargo on sales of arms to them,—and those "rebels" turned out to be backed by the greater part of their own people, threw out the "governments" which we had supported and left us "obey the law," while committing violence into power against our opposition, are not likely to maintain the "open door" for us in South America in position to shut doors in our face, in every "legal" way, and just as individuals can technically "obey the law," while committing violence nearly every crime in the list, so can marine bayonets they elected a man the Japanese shut Americans out of their own country.

"Wrong-Horse Harry" is a good fellow, a man of brains and courage, but a darned poor diplomatist, when he runs up against a shrewd mixture of English and Japanese. The very fact that we are a dominant power what we will get out of them.—The British are a shrewd lot; they waited until we gave voice to our in-born us. But if it comes down to the anti-Japanese sentiment and bias, and they immediately posed and showed that we can get together over here a "noble" front for the Japanese. We

REVEALS FACTS ON BAD FIX OF SOT'H NEGRO

NEW YORK, Feb 12—Jim Crowism, especially in education labor unions, as well as the lynching and its gausse are studied in the Labor Fact Book, issued by the Labor Research Association, well-known economic investigation bureau, which has endorsed the I. L. D. defense of the Scottsboro case.

The book tells how in the South Carolina, for example, expenditure for schools is \$60.25 per pupil in white schools, and only \$7.65 per pupil in Negro schools. School property is valued at \$134 per pupil for whites and only \$17 per pupil in Negro schools.

After describing rural and industrial conditions of Negroes, the book points out that conservative labor unions aid upper class whites to exploit Negro labor. Eleven international unions affiliated with the American Federation of Labor and thirteen other conservative unions bar Negro workers. Even Jim-Crow local unions permitted to form alliances with the A. F. of L. have been so discouraged that only 21 remained in 1929 of the 169 existing in 1919.

The book, which also deals with "the economic crisis, imperialism, distribution of national wealth and income, unions, state police, farm mortgages, and war danger," is published by the International Publishers, New York City, and sells for \$2 cloth-bound or 85 cents paper-bound.

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BOOK REVIEW
"THE CHINABERRY TREE"
By Jessie Faucet
(Frederick A. Stokes Co., New York)

Reviewed for THE ADVOCATE BY CLIFFORD C. MITCHELL

The scene of action of this 341 page novel, for the most part, is in New Jersey, with several references and allusions to other parts of the country in Philadelphia and New York, although the events could have happened, and are happening, in real life, in almost any community that is inhabited by struggling colored men and women.

The two girls, cousins, Laurentine and Melissa, beautiful, desirable and ambitious, grow up in a small community where perpetual gossip seems to be the chief pastime of the older residents. Laurentine, who is the illegitimate child of a rich white man and a beautiful colored maid, found it very difficult to make any social progress among the professional and well-to-do colored element until she met Dr. Denleigh, Melissa, who boasts about her legitimacy, being much younger and more vivacious, is much sought after and fought over by some and considerably ostracized and pitied by others.

In depicting the love affairs of the two girls the author has brought out, very clearly, a certain snobbishness and asserted superiority that is to be found in the lives of moderately well-to-do colored people but in spite of this, each girl wins the love of a man who is big enough to desire that the girl's perfection extend only to herself and not necessarily to include her ancestors.

Before the girls are happily mated, however, we are given an insight into the family lives of the average well-to-do colored person.

DR. E. FRANKLIN FRAZIER
STUDIES THE NEGRO FAMILY
NASHVILLE, Tenn., Feb. 12—When Dr. E. Franklin Frazier, Professor of Sociology at Fisk University, whose book has just been published by the University of Chicago Press set out to study "The Negro Family," he could not want for statements to refute, generalizations to ridicule, prejudices to regret or ignore. His first chapter quotes "authorities" of all kinds who from slavery to the present time lumped all Negroes together in the hopelessness of their family life and sex standards. Faced with these solemn pronouncements Dr. Frazier could not help uttering Job's complaint, "O, that mine adversary had written a book there is no end."

But this book is different. It answers false generalizations about Negro family life, not with argument, but with a scientific, scholarly statement of fact. It is much more than a study of "The Negro Family in Chicago." It goes far toward answering what the editor calls the basic problem of the family everywhere: "How far are its organizations and life determined by impulses of human nature or by the conditions of the economic and social environment?" It just happens that the Negro family affords the best possible opportunity for interesting scientific study, whirlwind as it has been through slavery to freedom, from southern plantation to northern metropolis.

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