

but couldn't. The words that he attempted to utter choked him.

"Get out, you lying dirty rat, before I throw you out!" cried Herrman angrily.

With hope sinking rapidly into his shoes; with despair, hunger, and disappointment reigning supreme young Watters stumbled out of the office. The last spark of hope had been shattered into the dust of gloom and dismay.

The youth was followed from the office by Robert Hammond. The bank president was in an ugly mood. Young Watters was certain that he would be arrested when he reached the street. He would have run, had he been able.

"Young man," demanded President Hammond, "where did you get my name? Don't you know that I can have you imprisoned for that?"

"Sir," answered the hungry youth meekly, "I saw your name when I entered the post office this morning. I needed a job. I haven't eaten anything for three days."

"Well, son," mused the bank executive in a fatherly tone, "if you are clever enough to frame a scheme like that, you are clever and smart enough to work in my bank. Come on, I'll take a chance on your honesty."

END.

A Harlem Rent Party



One of the several drawings by Covarrubias, Mexi can artist, illustrating Taylor Gordon's autobiography "Born to Be."

"Play the music we dance 'our black bottom to." The lad struck up that syncopated melody of ta-tata-tata, and Lady Oxford turned toward me with her eyes staring toward my feet, which remained motionless. When I didn't start to dance, she looked at me with great disappointment. "Oh, aren't you going to teach me your step?" she asked.

I was all balled up. I did want to show her my black bottom then, but you know I had gone to this party with singing on my mind, and to do the best I knew how. I said, "I am very sorry to disappoint you at the present time. I have been congratulated for having a good black bottom, but critics say singing spirituals is my specialty—although if you care to wait until later on, I will gladly display it."

She accepted the agreement and continued to talk. Her next question was, where did I come from. When I had given her that information she asked me what my first position in life was.

I got hot under the collar and kinda stuttered out, "I'd like to tell you, but I don't think a lady would be interested in it."

That seemed to fire her inquisitiveness. "Why a lady wants to know everything under the sun! Out with it," she said.

I swallowed laboriously and told her my first job was page in a sporting house. "How thrilling! Phenomenal! What a leap from a brothel to singing spirituals for Royalty. How did you bridge the gap?" she asked. This question made me nervous, because I didn't know. The things I had read in the book of etiquette seemed to be guiding me wrong. The book said, never to stop talking abruptly to one person to talk to another, unless you beg to be excused. I stopped talking to Lady Oxford because I couldn't answer her. The next thing I knew I was

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