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George Reeder Alex Rogers
Henry Stampfield Walter Richardson
Me Sing Geo. Catlin
Hustling Charley J. A. Shipp
Leather Richard Connors
Officer Still John Hill
Messenger Rush Theodore Pankey
Pansy Abbie Mitchell
Cecelia Lightfoot Mrs. Hattie McIntosh
Mrs. Stringer Mrs. Lottie Williams
Rosetta Lightfoot Aida Overton Walker

ACT I—Scene 1: Public Square, Boston.
ACT II—Scene 1: Exterior of Lightfoot's Home, Gatorville, Florida. Scene 2: Road, one-and-a-half miles from Gatorville. Scene 3: Interior of the Lightfoot home.
ACT III—Scene 1: Swamp in Dahomey. Scene 2: Garden of the Caboccer (Governor of a Province). Execution Tower in the Distance.

TO OUR READERS.

Beginning November 1st, the several collectors for The Son will make their rounds. We respectfully request all our readers whose subscriptions are due, to be prepared to meet our collector in a way that will bring a smile on his face. Please do not treat this notice with unconcern, because we must meet our obligations and in order to do so must urge our readers to be prompt in paying our collectors.

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LEXINGTON NEWS.

Mr. William Lewis of Kansas City was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hayden. They returned home Monday morning.

Mr. A. B. Johnson and Mr. A. W. Walker were in Higginsville Sunday on business.

A mass meeting of the colored Republicans was held at St. John's church Monday night, November 7. It was called to order by K. Young. He stated that A. W. Walker was the chairman and would state the object of the meeting. He introduced Mr. U. G. Phetzing and he explained the constitutional amendments, after which Hon. G. M. Kimbren of Richmond was introduced and the result was that Lexington township went nearly 300 Republican.

Mr. John Boyd and Miss Hattie Bell were united in matrimony October 11. We wish them a long and happy life.

Mr. Samuel Graham and Miss Estella Parker were married at the A. M. E. church Thursday night, October 20, at 8 o'clock. They were both reared in this community. Mr. Graham got the cage before he got the bird, and when he got the bird he had a nice cage in Estill Height. We wish them a happy, long and prosperous life.

Mr. William Brown and wife of Illinois are here visiting his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Brown. Mr. Henry Harbough is quite ill with pneumonia.

William Hayden is very ill. I extend my heartfelt thanks to all

who aided me during my wife's last illness, both white and black. Trusting in the Lord that I may return the same to them some day, yours truly—A. W. Walker.

Miss Blanche Bolton of Kansas City is here visiting her sister, Mrs. Jacobs, and other friends.

Miss Lottie Hawkins is on the sick list.

FARMERS' CONVENTION.

Interesting Meeting Held at Lincoln Institute, Friday, November 4—Resolutions Adopted.

The third annual farmers' convention, held at Lincoln Institute on Friday, November 4, was an occasion of much interest and it is hoped that the practical results will be numerous and varied.

In his annual address before this convention, Dr. B. F. Allen, president, called attention to the importance of agriculture, the dignity of labor, and the necessity for intelligent Negro farmers.

He deplored the fact that reference is ever made to the farmer as "hayseed," called attention to the fact that modern implements have taken the drudgery out of the farm life, and that success now depends on honest, intelligent work. He also expressed the hope that an appropriation for the farmers' convention would be made by the legislature, in order that it might be possible to increase the extent and usefulness of a movement that would eventually prove a great

blessing to the Negro population of Missouri.

"Farms and Farming" was the subject of a highly instructive and practical paper by Mrs. B. Brown of Kansas City, the distinguished guest of the institution and a woman who personally represents what thrift and economy will do for the Negro. The paper was full of food for reflection. Interesting remarks were made by Prof. Garnett, Prof. Moten, Prof. Darnel and Prof. Murray, and each called attention to some interesting phase of agriculture.

The program was interspersed with excellent music.

Kiss Once a Religious Observance.

The kiss has been common among English-speaking people for uncounted centuries. It was known even to the Druids, who appear to have made it in some way a very important part of their religious observances. The Christian kiss under the mistletoe comes down from them, and is thought to have had in years long past a sacred significance.

The Devil Grows Clumsy.

A Malden woman whose sprained knee was made well by faith alone, two days after she fell from her bicycle, explains the accident: "Satan had a special spite against my bicycle, because it was dedicated to God before I ever mounted it." Yet the bicycle did not suffer. The devil is growing clumsy.—Boston Advertiser.

Sage Fixes Wedding Date.

No Korean couple would think of marrying without consulting the sage, who fixes the happy day for them. This he does simply by adding the bride's age to the bridegroom's and after determining which star rules the destiny of their united ages, he declares that the wedding shall take place upon the day sacred to that star.

Origin of Phrases.

The London Daily News has discovered what a good many Americans may have forgotten—that the popular phrase "the man in the street" comes from Emerson. It occurs in "The Conduct of Life," in the section on "Wealth." Speaking of the movement to repeal the corn laws in England, Emerson goes on: "Well," says the man in the street, "Cobden got a stipend out of it."

Savages First to Use Mortar.

Mortar was made by the people of Tahiti when our ancestors were shivering in holes in the rocks. They dived into the sea, brought up great lumps of coral, burned them in pits, using wood as fuel, and mixed the lime they got in this fashion with sharp sand and water. With this mixture the ingenious savage plastered the walls and floor of his house, and a better mortar could not be obtained.

Discomfited Lawyer.

During the last session of the Circuit court in a small town in southern Wisconsin a well-known Badger lawyer came to grief by being just a little too sharp. According to his habit, he was browbeating one of the witnesses, "Now, Mr. Jones," said he, "you can answer that question a little more clearly. You are not as green as you look." "Yes," drawled the witness, in reply, "I am a butcher by profession and not a lawyer."

Invention of Panama Indians.

We should never have had the Panama hat but for the quick-fingered Indians of the Isthmus of Panama. Even to-day their secret process for seasoning the grass blades used in weaving these hats remains unrivaled. Basketmakers of the same region make baskets which will hold water without leaking—another invention which is quite beyond us.

Lapland's Chief Crime.

In Lapland, the crime which is punished most severely, next to murder, is the marrying of a girl against the express wish of her parents.

The annual meeting of the patrons of Douglas school, corner of Twenty-seventh and West Prospect streets, was held at the school building Friday, October 4. The meeting was large and enthusiastic. Prof. R. W. Foster, the principal, presided and in a few well chosen words stated the object of the meeting was to secure the cooperation of home in the development of the child along the lines that will enable him to successfully meet the demands of his environment. Rev. Scott of the Christian church delivered an address emphasizing the vital principles of education on broad and liberal lines. Short talks by parents attested the sincerity of their interest, after which refreshments were served by the teachers.

A Contented Husband.

No, my wife's not educated, and when she tries to talk upon the topics of the day, you're apt to get a shock. She isn't up in music, and she never went to dances, yet when old enough to marry, she had a dozen chances. No, she isn't very handsome, but then she takes the cake when it comes to making biscuit like mother used to make.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

Product of the American Cow.

The American cow is an institution of huge dimensions. She produces annually \$500,000,000 gallons of milk, 1,500,000,000 pounds of butter, and 200,000,000 pounds of cheese; not to mention hides, leather, glue, hair, horns, and other by-products. Her total dairy crop is worth over \$500,000,000 a year.

Turkeys Destroy Caterpillars.

Dr. G. W. Field, of the biological farm in Sharon, Mass., instructs his young turkeys to find and eat caterpillars and in this way gets rid of the pests. He takes a turkey chick under his arm and, passing along the young cabbage plants, shows the caterpillar to the bird, and the former sees his finish. The young chicks are apt pupils and soon can go it alone.

"Linen" Garden Party.

A "linen" garden party was recently given by the lord mayor of Belfast. The most attractive costumes worn by the ladies were entirely of linen, and the men wore linen waistcoats. The idea originated in the very successful "all linen" ball at Belfast last year, which was given to aid the staple industry of Ulster.

Disinfect Railway Carriages.

On the Bavarian state railways the passenger carriages are regularly disinfected with formaldehyde. The method adopted is to close the windows and doors tightly, and on the floor of the car is placed a pan which contains metal weights heated to a dull red color. A 20 per cent solution of formaldehyde is then poured into the pan. After having been left for about seven hours the carriage is then thoroughly ventilated.



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—May God Save and Protect Him is Our Constant Prayer.

AT THE GRAND NEXT WEEK.



A feature among matters theatrical next week will be the engagement of the Royal comedians, "Williams and Walker," and their company of colored players, in the new "In Dahomey." This is a new musical comedy, written and performed by colored people only. Much has been said and written under the name of comedy and humor. Conservatories and colleges have been established to develop an American school of music, but nothing has been evolved from these efforts in the way of music that has given so much solid enjoyment, as the melodious melodies brought to us from the South, by the colored man. Nor has there been any humor or comedy found in this world that will compare with the quaint comedy, and cause so much amusement, or make you laugh so heartily and effectively as the eccentric drollery of the genuine dusky son of the South, and everybody knows it is as natural for them to sing, to dance and laugh as it is for the sun to shine.

Williams and Walker and their company have just returned from a successful season in London and a tour of the English provinces. They entertained the King and a party of royal guests at Buckingham Palace. The King and Queen expressed themselves as delighted with the entertainment. This endorsement, together with a run of on hundred nights at the N. Y. Theatre should give them a standing and a prestige above every other company of performers on the road this season, or playing before the American public. The production of the new "In Dahomey" is harmonious and appropriate in every detail.

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SHAFTESBURY THEATRE.

"In Dahomey."

A Musical Comedy in Three Acts, Written and Staged by Jesse A. Shipp.
Lyrics by Paul Lawrence Dunbar,
Composed by Will Marion Cook.

Shylock Homestead Bert A. Williams
Rareback Pinkerton George W. Walker
Hamilton Lightfoot Pete Hampton