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ARTICLE XIV. CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES.

Citizenship Rights Not to Be Abridged.

1. All persons born or naturalized in the United States, and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens of the United States and of the State wherein they reside. No state shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States; nor shall any state deprive any person of life, liberty, or property without due process of law, nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws.



STREET CAR MANNERS

MANNERS make the man, the want of it the fellow," was a maxim we were taught at a mother's knee, who many years ago, this very month, was called to a well-earned rest. Her teaching abides with us. Much of it is considered old-fashioned now. But would to God there were more of the old-fashioned customs in manners and morals in vogue today. How much better off we all would be.

The polite "Yes, sir" and "No, sir" in response to questions from older folk, has yielded place to the curt "Yes" and "No," the former being considered a mark of subservience and servility. With this has gone that mark of gentle breeding which brot a man to his feet when a woman or aged person entered the room. Such customs and conventionalities are considered obsolete today in American society. Those who have the temerity to tenaciously cling to them are considered peculiar. Our free and easy way has largely dulled the conventional acts of politeness which are marks not only of refinement but also of that kindness and consideration which indicate nobility of character. Bad manners are the index of selfishness and thoughtlessness. Perhaps there is no place where this selfishness and thoughtlessness is more in evidence than on our street cars. Several glaring examples of this have come under our personal observation within the last few days. We shall cite but two:

A white-haired woman, tottering from very age boarded a Dodge street car. The car was well-filled, many persons standing. On the longitudinal seats on either side at the entry, four persons were seated. On one side were two colored men and two colored women, one colored man having politely surrendered his seat to a colored woman before the aged white woman had entered the car. She was standing. On the other seat there were three white men, young fellows, and one white woman. Be it said to the shame of those five men, that not one proffered his seat to that aged woman. The younger woman who sat beside the three men gave up her seat and gently helped the old lady into it. We hoped then that one of our men would give up his seat to the woman

who had given hers to the aged woman. But they let her stand. We considered the conduct of all those men as an indication of bad manners, certainly of selfishness and inconsiderateness. We regretted keenly to see this indication of bad manners upon the part of men of our race. The other fellows didn't do it. True, but their bad manners did not justify our being ill-mannered. Let us show ourselves ladies and gentlemen, no matter whether the other fellow does or not. Remember, "manners make the man, the want of it the fellow."

The other case was that of a cripple. We know the man well. He is splendid gentleman. He generally boards his car every evening, at Fifteenth and Harney streets. Some men of our race happened to be passengers on this car and were seated near the door when our crippled friend got on. There were some white men seated there too. Did anyone offer this cripple a seat? No, indeed they did not. A woman offered him her seat. What a fine thing it would have been, if one of our men had shown his gentility of character and consideration by tendering his seat to this cripple. It was the thing that should have been done. "The white men didn't do it." No, but what difference does that make? Two wrongs don't make a right. A white skin doesn't indicate good breeding. Show yourself to be a MAN by your GOOD MANNERS.

Good manners on the street cars will do a vast deal to mould a better public sentiment towards our people. A little thoughtfulness and politeness, or good old-fashioned manners will go a long way towards helping out matters. The vast majority of our people have good manners and conduct themselves properly, but we all suffer from the bad manners of the few.

THE HERRIN MASSACRE

HAD there not been so much almost unbelievable brutality vented upon colored Americans by white mobs, one would be disinclined to credit the reports of hellish fendishness which comes from Herrin, Illinois, where a mob massacred in cold blood nearly a two score non-union miners who were guilty of the offense of earning their daily bread. It is true they took the

places of union miners, who exercised their right to refuse to work for a certain wage; but the murdered men were clearly acting within their rights, too, and there was not the slightest excuse for their murder. The men had surrendered in good faith and were entitled to protection. Instead of this they were shot down like dogs. In their dying agony they were denied water and taunted even by women with babes in their arms. And this was by people of the "superior race", whose supremacy must be maintained. How horrible it all is! Then, too, the conscience of the community seems dead. Herrin, if press reports are to be believed, glories in this crime. The fast growing belief in America that a mob is justified in taking the law in its own hands, when individuals incur disfavor, is fast ripening the seeds of national decay. Leniency with mobs which have murdered black victims with demoniacal fendishness, is directly responsible for massacres like that at Herrin where the victims were white. What a sad commentary upon civilization are outbreaks of this character!

REGISTER.

THE primaries are fast approaching, when the citizens are to nominate candidates for important offices. Every voter, male and female, who is not registered, should do so at once in order that he and she may vote at the primaries. See that you are registered and ask your neighbor if he is registered.

SPINGARN MEDALIST

The Monitor congratulates Mrs. Mary B. Talbert upon receiving the Spingarn medal. She is the first woman to receive this distinction. It is worthily bestowed. Our women everywhere have done and are doing worthy deeds which deserve some tangible recognition.

PAVING

We note with satisfaction that many districts in which are folk are residents, home-owners and tax-payers are being paved. These improvements have been long needed. Better street lighting of these districts and especially on North Twenty-fourth street are also needed. Keep up the good work.

THE VILLAGE LYNCH-SMITH

(With apologies to Longfellow)
 Andrea Razafkeriefo

Under a spreading chestnut tree
 A red-eyed cracker stands,
 (A champion of democracy)
 A rope is in his hands,
 And a veteran warrior is he
 Of Southern Ku Klux Klans.

His head is hammer-shaped and long
 and brainless as a pan,
 His brow is wet with moonshine sweat
 He loves to "rush the can";
 And boast that common decency
 "He owes no colored man."

Week in, week out, from morn till night
 You can hear him madly blow
 Against social equality;
 Yet he will slyly go
 And hound some helpless colored girl
 When the evening sun is low.

He goes on Sunday to the church
 And makes a lot of noise
 Proclaiming Christianity—
 Yea, you can hear his voice
 Singing in the village choir,
 And it makes his wife rejoice.

It sounds to her like her father's voice
 Coaxing a pair of dice;
 She needs must think of him once more
 How in the jail he lies,
 And with her powder puff she wipes
 The eyeballs from her eyes.

Raping, hanging and burning,
 Onward through life he goes,
 Each morning sees some crime begun
 Each evening sees its close;
 Hatred attempted, hatred done,
 Has earned a night's repose.

Thanks, thanks to thee, my cracker
 friend,
 For the lesson thou hast taught
 And it is this: your southern pride
 Means absolutely naught—
 Unless it means illiteracy
 And the evils you have wrought.

CONTEST CLOSES JULY 23, 1922
 The contest for the most popular young lady will close Monday, July 31. The young lady having the most votes on that date will receive a handsome manure set. Until that date a coupon accompanied by a paid subscription to The Monitor for six months at Fifty Cents will entitle the contestant to one (100) hundred votes. This will give every contestant an opportunity to make a high average.

THE POET'S INGLE NOOK

The Things That Count

Not what we have, but what we use;
 Not what we seem, but what we are;
 These are the things that mar or bless
 The sum of human happiness.

The things near by, not things afar;
 Not what we seem, but what we are;
 These are the things that make or break,
 That give the heart its joy or ache.

Not what seems fair, but what is true;
 Not what we dream, but good we do;
 These are the things that shine like gems,
 Like stars in Fortune's diadems.

Not as we take, but as we give;
 Not as we pray, but as we live;
 These are the things that make for peace,
 Both now and after Time shall cease.
 —Clarence Urmy.

AN ASPIRATION

To be ever conscious of my unity
 with God. To listen for His voice
 and hear no other call.

To separate all error from my
 thought of man. To see him only as
 my Father's image. To show him reverence
 and share with him my holiest treasure.

To keep my mental home a sacred
 place—golden with gratitude, redolent
 with Love, white with purity, cleansed
 of self-will.

To send no thought into the world
 that will not cheer and heal and bless.
 To have no other aim than to make
 earth a fairer, holier, happier place;
 and to rise each day into a higher
 sense of Life and Love.

ROCHESTER CITIZEN VISITS HIS SISTER

John G. Lee, a prominent Sunday School worker and superintendent of the A. M. E. Zion Sunday School of Rochester, N. Y., delegate to the Sixteenth International Sunday School Convention, which has just closed its session at Kansas City, Mo., arrived in the city Wednesday morning to visit his sister, Mrs. Robert T. Walker of 2421 Maple street. Mr. Lee is traveling with the Timothy Stand By Party of New York, headed by Dr. Joseph Clark, New York State Superintendent of Sunday Schools. This is Mr. Lee's first visit to the west and he is highly pleased with both Kansas City and Omaha. He leaves Friday afternoon for Rochester. His mother, Mrs. Lee, who has been the guest of her daughter for several months, and has made many warm friends during her stay here, returns home with him.

MISS LAWSON STILL LEADS IN POPULARITY CONTEST

Forty-two votes were sent in this week for Miss Lawson and 22 for Miss Williams. Other contestants are evidently keeping back their votes. Miss Lawson maintains her lead. Persons sending invites will please sign THEIR OWN NAMES, as well as inserting name of contestant. Watch the finish. A contestant sending in a SIX MONTHS' TRIAL SUBSCRIPTION FOR FIFTY CENTS CASH will be credited with 100 votes for each subscription sent in. Subscription blanks may be secured at The Monitor office, 414 South 13th street, or at 1119 North 21st street. Win a prize and earn a liberal commission for NEW SUBSCRIBERS.

Bertha Lawson, 2624 North Twenty-fifth street, 152 votes.

Dorothy Williams, 1119 No. 21st street, 119 votes.

Lovetta Busch, 5219 South 29th street, 70 votes.

Audrey Trueheart, 1443 So. 17th street, 23 votes.

Cerelda Tucker, 2508 M street, So. Side, 15 votes.

Ireta Walker, 1926 So. 14th street, 9 votes.

Otis Watson, 2925 Grant street, 9 votes.

VOTED RIGHT ON DYER BILL

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THERE'S A REASON.

Why does John Walsh, the lino-op, Who runs a machine at the W-B shop, Look so blithesome, merry and gay, And smile and laugh throu'out the day? Why's the printery bunch smoking cigars, While Johnny himself seems treading on stars? The answer's easy, John's got a pearl, She was born on Wednesday—a nine-pound girl! Congratulations, then, to husband and wife: And for the daughter a happy life. May Heaven's blessings ever abide Upon you, John, and the whole Walsh tribe.

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YONKERS HAS THE CUCKOO

Citizen Complains That the Birds Are Somewhat Too Attentive to Business.

A proud but truthful resident of Yonkers admitted that there were a lot of cuckoos there. He wasn't proud of the cuckoos, particularly. As far as cuckoos are concerned, his pride is strictly civic. If one must have cuckoos, he prefers the Swiss kind, which are vocal only when wound up and then only at intervals.

The Yonkers cuckoo doesn't have to be wound up. The imported eight-day cuckoo is a piker beside the Yonkers cuckoo. The Yonkers cuckoo stays awake half the night waiting for the dawn and each has the same pride in being the first to salute the earliest gleam of the sky that a farmer's wife has in getting her washing out before a neighbor's line is strung.

From the moment that the night becomes faintly luminous until about 9:35 a. m. the air is tremulous with cuckoos. From 9:35 to 10:05, the cuckoos knock off for lunch. Then they're at it again until dark. They yelp "cuck-oo" at every resident of Yonkers they see and even at strangers from Peekskill. When the street is utterly deserted they murmur "cuck-oo, cuck-oo" just for practice.

BIRD DOESN'T HAVE TO FLY

Washington Specimen Uses the Street Car as His Particular Means of Transportation.

Now that spring is here, it may interest bird lovers to know that at least one bird has solved the problem of transportation without the use of wings.

Birds are famous for their aspirations, but hitherto they always have used wing power. Now comes along one local bird who gets himself from place to place with scarcely the flap of a wing.

This bird came rolling down Pennsylvania avenue about eleven o'clock one morning last week. He was perched on the roof of a street car coming from Georgetown.

When the car stopped at Eleventh street the bird alighted, and walked gravely up and down the platform. He was a fine, big fellow, with a black body and a blue head, but did not look like a blackbird.

After surveying the post office department for a bit, the bird flew over to a car about to leave for Mount Vernon, and established himself on the roof.

When the car pulled out, the bird was with it—Washington Star.

The World's Greatest Dam.

Plans have been made to build a dam on the Colorado river which will hold back a volume of water equal to two years' flow of the entire 1,800 miles of rushing river. The dam is to be 700 feet high, approximately the height of the Woolworth building in New York city. The dam will form a reservoir with an area of 200 square miles and an average depth of 350 feet. This body of water will constitute the largest artificial lake in the world. One western railroad system is already planning to operate a fleet of steamers to carry tourists over this man-made lake to the Grand canyon, the wonder spot of America. The Panama canal is the only undertaking ever attempted in America which may be compared in magnitude or boldness of conception to this engineering project, which will transform an empire of waste into a region of productivity.—World's Work.

Robin Gets the Worm.

Robins are growing fat on worms in Lafayette square.

The grass there must be literally alive with worms, for no robin seems to have any difficulty whatever in picking up the best kind of living. You will see one of the birds hop along, then suddenly reach down. He begins to pull.

Up comes his head with a worm dangling to his beak, one end of the worm held tensely by the robin, the other clinging fast to mother earth.

Bracing himself the bird throws his entire weight in one final heave. He then consumes half the worm, and flies away with the remainder. The performance does not strike one as cruel, for both bird and worm are operating under the laws of nature.—Washington Star.

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