

The Negro and the Law

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"Divorced?"
 "No sub, nitch got no 'divorcement pa-pers."
 "You better look out; Lily might get mad and prosecute you!"
 Pomp laughed. "No sub, no sub; Lily won't make no rookus; she done run off to de levee camp wid dat feller Hike Smith, an' Hike he's a p'tickler friend o' mine."

Marriage regulations, like all other rules of the common law, grew out of long established customs that English people have observed from that time whereof the memory of man runneth to the contrary. The fixed custom of England was one husband, one wife, one family. The usage of centuries became the common law, and the common law became America's heritage. The African has no such heritage; theirs was marriage by capture or purchase, at the will of the man—customs that formed their laws becoming the very warp and woof of their blood. What is bred in the bone must endure for centuries in the flesh.

The principle is this: Law followed customs; it did not create customs. And the negro can not be forced to reverse this tradition by adopting an alien custom pursuant to the white man's law.

Divorces have become so numerous in the south that some states require the chancellors to keep records showing whether the parties are white or black. This is for the information of posterity, who might otherwise infer that their ancestors paid little heed to the marriage tie. As a matter of fact, divorces are uncommon among the white people of the south. The written law for white and black is literally the same; yet, there is an elasticity of enforcement, according to their variant mode of life.

If a prominent white man should leave wife and babies to shift for themselves and take up with an affinity around the corner, a white grand jury composed of his friends and neighbors would promptly indict him; a white petit jury would convict, and a white judge sentence him to the penitentiary. But the same grand jury would refuse to indict a negro bigamist, and the same jury would not find him guilty.

In those cases where negroes are indicted for bigamy it is generally because some other negro has "got a prejudice agin him"; and prosecutes for revenge. This develops upon the trial, and the jury promptly acquits. On the same state of facts, a white man would perhaps be convicted.

The southern judge with a sympathetic comprehension of his people, finds great difficulty in fixing the duration of a term in the penitentiary. He feels that the white man, being better informed than the negro, should be more severely dealt with. But, to the white man, a penitentiary sentence may in itself be a disgrace worse than death. The white convict wears forever the stripes of his degradation, and can rarely live in the community from which he was convicted. But the returning negro convict may receive an ovation and become a distinguished man. The blind goddess knows these things; she always peers through her bandage to see whether the culprit be white or black.

(A second article on the Negro and the Law in the South will appear in an early number.)

To remove the fat from hot soup, carefully lay a large piece of clean manila paper on the surface. It will absorb the fat and can be easily lifted out and thrown away, leaving the soup clear and hot.

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