

**VEY AND MANDINGO
TRIBES OF AFRICA**

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Wives By Purchase.

Being Mohammedans, of course they believe in having as many wives as they can afford. The men get their wives by purchase from the girl's parents and if she is not as represented the purchaser may return her and get his money back. All of the girls are sent into the country and trained for several months in the art of wifehood before they are put up for sale. That may be one reason why they don't need divorce courts. The men around Monrovia have from one to five wives. Further back in the country, where the chiefs have very large dominions, the chief, who is the big man of his tribe, has as many as twenty. The bigger the man the more wives he has, and the wealthier he is.

Good House Servants.

The Veys make very good house servants. This is about the only kind of work they will do. They feel too proud to touch a hoe or cut bush in the streets. They think this kind of work is only for slaves. They are preferred to the other tribes as house servants by the Europeans. Sometimes they are very unreliable especially if they want to go into the country to rest. They will go no matter what one says or offers to give them if they stay. The only thing to do is to get some one in their place for they will go away and leave their earnings uncollected if necessary.

The big men of the tribes of course don't work. They have several wives to wait upon them and slaves to work for them. They get these slaves from the other tribes. The Veys are never slaves. These people are not bad masters. Being lazy themselves, they are easy on the slaves. The slaves raise a little rice for their masters, carry wood and do little personal services. If an important man comes to Monrovia he brings his slave to carry anything he is likely to purchase and to paddle his canoe. Commercially the slaves are little good to these people, except when they need money they can sell or pawn them. This seems to be the custom of the country and the Liberian Government does not interfere with the native customs unless it is absolutely necessary.

**COLORED CANADIAN TAKES
OUT NATURALIZATION PAPERS**

George Albert Harris, a Colored Canadian, applied for naturalization papers in the district court Monday, renouncing his allegiance to King George V, ruler of Great Britain and Ireland and Emperor of India.

According to his affidavit, he was born at Harrow, Ontario, November 29, 1885, and came to the United States from Walkerville, Ontario. He is a professional waiter and resides at 2620 Grant street.

Some years ago George N. Johnson, another Colored Canadian, now a resident of Chicago, took out his naturalization papers. It is believed that these are the only two Colored men who have taken out naturalization papers in Douglas county, although there are several members of the race resident in Omaha who were born under the British flag.

Mrs. L. Hendricks Bradford, of 3211 Pinkney street, gave a surprise birthday party on her daughters, Mattie and Millie Hendricks, September 21st. Forty-six beautiful presents were received and Mr. Bradford surprised them with a beautiful piano. Music was furnished by Miss McKinney. Twenty-five guests were present and had a delightful time.

SOUTH SIDE.

Bethel Baptist Church will use their new pool for the first time Sunday, October 1st. The baptismal services will be held at 3 p. m.

On September 23d Mr. Wm. Mitchell, of 6617 South 27th street, sailed on the steamer Moliere for Argentine Republic, South America. We wish him a safe and beneficial trip.

The ladies of Allen Chapel A. M. E. Church, gave a reception for their pastor, Rev. J. H. Nichols, Monday evening prior to his leaving for conference. Quite a number were in attendance, among them Rev. T. A. Taggart, of Bethel Baptist Church. Among those who took part in the program was Mr. Augustus Stewart, of 1215 Missouri avenue, who gave an excellent address which was well received.

Mrs. Roxy Williams, of 5248 South 27th street, fell from the incline just west of the Q street viaduct Tuesday evening. She was on her way to see the production of Bert Williams on the north side. The incline at the point where she fell was about ten feet and it is remarkable that she was not seriously hurt, but fortunately for her she was only bruised about the arms and legs.

Little Ruth Adams, who has been quite sick with tonsillitis, is able to be out again.

Mrs. Marie Gray is convalescing slowly after undergoing an operation at South Omaha hospital.

Miss Luvetta Bush has been quite sick this week threatened with pneumonia.

The grand prize ball at the Alamo last Thursday, given by Mr. W. F. Davenport, brought a record breaking crowd. The prizes were as follows:

- 1st—\$6.00 Walkover Shoes, Miss Bessie Moore.
- 2nd—Silk pocketbook, Miss Clara Voss.
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- 4th—Teapot, Miss Taburn.
- 5th—Hand painted plate, Miss Ethel Terry.

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