

WE APPROVE:

Some one who has remembered the Dreyfus case and Zola's "J'accuse" philippic has organized a society of democrats under the name of Approving Americans. The slogan of the society is "We approve!" We suppose their list of approbations will include the following:

We approve the selection of William Jennings Bryan as secretary of state.

We approve his resignation.

We approve the stand of Mr. Wilson in opposition to a national defense program in 1914.

We approve his addresses in favor of a national defense program in 1916.

We approve his capture of Vera Cruz with the object of enforcing a salute to the American flag.

We approve his withdrawal of our forces from Vera Cruz with the American flag unsaluted.

We approve his insistence that Huerta must not be President of Mexico.

We approve his recent announcement that there must be no interference with Mexico.

We approve his support of Pancho Villa.

We approve his pursuit of Pancho Villa.

We approve his notification of Germany that submarine attacks on merchant ships must cease.

We approve his declaration during the submarine controversy that we are too proud to fight.

We approve his shaken fist.

We approve his admonitory finger.

We approve him when he advances and when he backs up, when he goes up and when he comes down, vertically and horizontally and diagonally, in straight lines and curved lines, in circles and spirals, elliptically and parabolically. Our approbation is flexible and adjustable, mobile and double-jointed.

"Them's our sentiments," said the backwoods statesman, "and if they don't suit they kin be altered."—Brooklyn Times.

COLORED FOLK IN CUBA

James Huneker, well known author and art critic, has written a very interesting article in the N. Y. Times, entitled: "A West Indian Paradise of Perpetual Jajamas." This excerpt will probably interest our readers:

"Politics is the ruling passion. Not cock-fighting, a pastime throughout the island, not sugar or tobacco is so often in the thoughts of the Cubans. I had the luck to attend a meeting of the Liberalists to honor Alfredo de Zayas, their Presidential candidate. It was held at the Miramar, where the banquet was given in a large patio. Ladies in evening dress sat in the balconies and listened to the grinding of male molars and to the noise of parched gullets overflowing with freshets of champagne. Such spellbinders! Such vociferous enthusiasm! Pierce little political fans, with portraits, were sold for pests. I fancied that I was in the old Ninth Ward till a man as black as the ace of spades spoke in glowing vocables. Then I knew I was in Cuba, the happy land of Colored folk. Here the Negro not only votes but holds office. Here the Colored women, most of them mulatto, walk the streets attired in variegated glory; that is, if they are not poor old washerwomen, in stockingless feet, smoking black cigars, and carrying a live chicken under their arms. The Colored women of the better class are often handsome, majestic persons, bronze of complexion, hair of a natural features and symmetrical figures. There is no Negro problem, there are no "niggers." The black

people are equals, and they are happy, and sometimes rich. Those who are not rich expect to be, for they one and all play the lottery."

ALEXANDER HAMILTON
COLORED

(Amsterdam News)

And now Alexander Hamilton, the best brains of the revolutionary period, is to be added to that long list of immortals differentiated from the rest of mankind as men of light complexion, in whose veins ran predominant the virile blood of Africa and headed by the two Alexander Dumases, father and son, and boasting Pushkin, the great Russian, and many another of earth's greatest men, some of them even unsuspected of Colored descent.

The tale is old, and many have been the efforts by the descendants of Alexander Hamilton to cover it up. But the truth will out. And the story is well told by our attractively made up and well edited contemporary, the Beth Tphillah Reminder, the organ of the Fourth Moravian church, of which the erudite Rev. Chas. Martin is pastor. The Reminder, in an article scintillating with literary brilliancy and an array of facts, sets before the world final and convincing proofs of Alexander Hamilton's descent from the despised and persecuted Colored race. What will white America think of its hero? We wonder can prejudice dim the fame of the mai, and will Caucasian cussedness in this case work out its usual theory, that the blood of ancient Egypt and Ethiopia can pollute in this age, when it uplifted and glorified in all other ages? Anyhow, the article on Alexander Hamilton in the August number of the Beth Tphillah Reminder is well worth reading.

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