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"WEB OF GOLD"

By IDA W. GOULD.

"Try this man on the 'phone, for his full name, will you?"
The young woman took the receiver and informed the man at the other end of the line that the business firm of S— & Co. requested his full name. She explained that the information was necessary, as the firm would soon publish a list of beneficiaries, etc.
"A— B— D—; get it?"
"Please spell the middle name."
"B—."
"Thanks; please give me the date of your birth."
A ghost of a satirical laugh emanated from the receiver.
"Why, I'll have to look it up, madam. It's on the spoon given by a fond aunt, and I've misplaced them both. Sorry. Goodby."
Rapidly turning the pages of "Who's Who in America," she found "D—, A— B—; b. M—; author of "The Web of Gold."

Annoyances encompassed D— that day. The office boy went to a game. His stenographer went home early, ill. The ice man forgot to fill the ice box. So the author of the best seller closed his office early and sought diversion at a cafe.

Some days later he decided to revisit M—. It was five years since his last visit to the rambling old house embowered in trees. It was under new management, and an impulse seized D— to assume the name of Adam B. L—. His name was quite fresh in the minds of novel readers, so, as he had gone there to recuperate, he felt quite justified in practicing the small deception. The village was so far inland that the chances of detection were slight.

He abandoned himself the next week to outdoor life, fishing, tramping through woods filled with pines where he laid himself on the fragrant earth and dreamed of plots and heroines for his next good seller.

At table he met an elderly lady, engaged to chaperon a group of young ladies. She had come in advance to arrange for their stay. On the day of their expected arrival Mr. A. B. L— purposely absented himself, tramping six miles to a nearby mountain, where, at the only house, he ate gladly the food offered him. Pushing on to the mountain's top, he found himself in the direct path of a terrible storm.

He resumed the descent, slipping and stumbling. By the time he had covered the six miles to the village he was aware that it was long past midday. L— saw to his dismay that a group of girls blocked his entrance at the front porch. Before he could decide whether to march boldly past them, a vibrant voice called: "Go round the back way, man; the landlord will give you something to eat." He knew he must look bedraggled, but he did not like to think he resembled the genus tramp. He heard their laughter as he hurried to the side door and escaped up the back stairs.

The elderly chaperon was on hand to introduce him. After several days' association the little party dropped easily into the habit of after-dinner discussions. One evening the talk was of books.

Miss B—, the same young lady who weeks before had interrogated D—, seemed to be the most active in discussing books.

In vain the author racked his memory for a suggestion as to why her voice reminded him of another voice.

"Mr. L—, tell us what you think of 'The Web of Gold.'"
"I have reason to think highly of the book, and I know it has proved a small gold mine to the writer."

"Really? Then you know him?" chorused the others.
"He is my best friend. I spend more time with him than with any other man."

"Has he red hair and does he wear red ties?"
"No; nor rings on his toes," said D— dryly. "Why?"

"Because I asked him (for the insurance people) to tell us when he was born. He evaded me with the silliest answer. 'I'm on a spoon,' said he, 'but I can't find it just now.'"

"I think he affects oddity," said the elderly lady. "Drop 'The Web of Gold' and come in for a game of bridge, everybody."

Our author returned from a tramp one afternoon and discovered Miss B— alone, reading "The Web of Gold."

"The same book, Miss B—? You must discover a fresh charm. May I ask what it is?"
"This is one. Shall I read it?"

"Please."
"A truly lovely sentiment," said the girl, coloring under the man's steady gaze. "But I'll wager the author never fell in love with a pink-and-white beauty."

"Contrariwise, he has," replied D—. "But he has never felt sure until now that he might tell her so."

"You mean—" stammered Miss B—, dropping the book and half rising.

"That you are the girl I love, and I am the man (without red hair) who wrote that book."

A little later, as they strolled in to join the others, D— said: "Letitia, I'm going to make a search for that spoon; and as for the book, it has brought me you, a treasure greater than the net profits of 'The Web of Gold.'"

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Hamitic League of the World

A New Race Effort With a New Thought and a New Purpose.

Without the accompaniment of sensational newspaper conventions and pretended national support, The Hamitic League of the World is now organizing into concrete effort its many branches throughout the world. It was organized two years ago, but was halted by the war. It is now active again and comes before the race as an organization with but one purpose, one thought and one hope, and these are expressed in the words: "To inspire the Negro with new hopes; to make him openly proud of his race and of its great contributions to the religious development and civilization of mankind, and to place in the hands of every race man and woman and child the facts which support the League's claim that the NEGRO RACE IS THE GREATEST RACE THE WORLD HAS EVER KNOWN."

The League is not a mutual admiration society; it has no place for constant agitation; it is not founded for any race except the Negro race and races akin to the Negro. Its avowed intention is the overthrow of alien teachings concerning the supposed inferiority of the darker races and the permanent establishment of the TRUTH.

The original founders of the League are: George Wells Parker, author of The Children of the Sun; Hon. John E. Bruce "Grit," famous Negro journalist, author of the Negro Soldier and president of the Negro Society for Historical Research; Lieutenant Will N. Johnson, lawyer and poet; Cyril V. Briggs, editor of The Crusader Magazine; Fred C. Williams, blind lecturer and traveler; and Anselmo R. Jackson, editor of Our Boys and Girls; but since the inception of the movement many of the foremost Negro scholars of America, Europe, Africa and the West Indies, have joined with the League to carry through its purpose.

The first official publication of the League is The Children of the Sun, which is conceded by scholars to be the greatest defense of the Negro ever written. It not only claims that every great nation from the beginning of time to the Twelfth century was more or less of Negro blood, but supports the contention with an array of facts that make it indisputable.

The League is now preparing for a great drive and it welcomes every race man, woman and child to join in the great crusade. No matter whether one is learned or unlearned, rich or poor, known or unknown, the League wants him or her as a member and his or her help to bring back to the race that pride which was once its glory and greatness. Love of race is the only qualification for membership.

The League is absolutely democratic and has no officers—only founders. The home office is 933 North 27th street, Omaha, Nebraska; eastern of-

ice, 2299 Seventh avenue, New York City. The League has also a London office and offices in West Africa, South Africa and the West Indies.

W. S. S. CAMPAIGN OPENS JANUARY 17—OPENING DAY FRANKLIN'S BIRTHDAY

Secretary Glass Says War Not Over Until All Obligations Met.

Word has been received by State Director Kountze that the 1919 War Savings Campaign will be opened actively by a nation-wide celebration on January 17, the anniversary of the birth of Benjamin Franklin, whose portrait appears on the new War Savings Stamps, series of 1919. Plans are now developed and being forwarded to all county chairmen and directors so that the campaign for the sale of war savings stamps will be started in Nebraska on this day.

The plan is to have each War-Saving Society in the state meet on January 17 and have every member sign a new membership application card on which will be stated the number of War Savings and Thrift Stamps which they feel they can purchase during 1919. The members will also receive full instructions for closing the 1918 business on old cards.

All members are earnestly requested to be present at this meeting of their society. Nebraska was the only state to go over the top, and to again secure this enviable position everyone must do his share as was done for the year 1918. If you cannot attend this meeting get in touch with your secretary and tell him how much you will subscribe for the coming year.

The government has announced that all individuals who are not now members of a War Savings Society will be expected to join a society on or before January 17.

Secretary Glass at a conference with business men, educators and publicists from the twelve federal reserve districts, who will have charge of the 1919 War Savings and Thrift campaign, stated the war will not be over until the United States has met all its obligations.

ALLEN A. M. E. CHURCH NOTES
Rev. J. A. Broadnax.

We are doing a great work now and anyone will realize it who sees our church.

O. W. Blue was baptized this week. The Sunday school is increasing rapidly.

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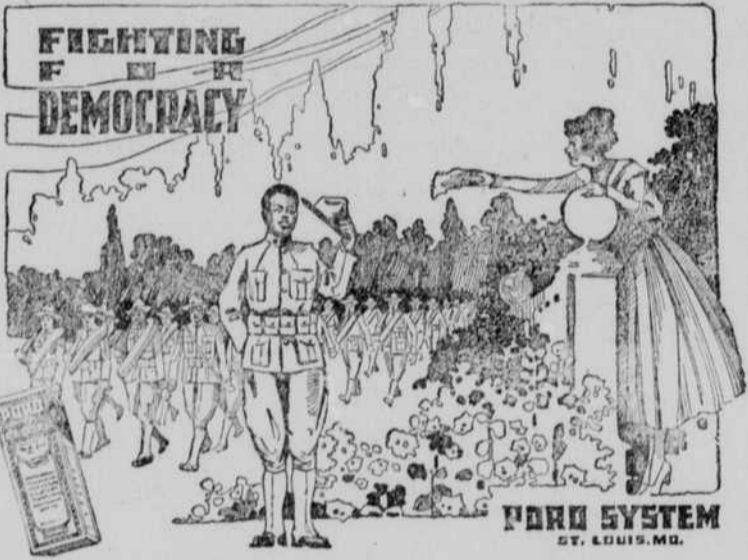
LETTERS FROM OUR READERS

Watonga, Okla., Jan. 9, 1919.
Editor of The Monitor,
Omaha, Neb.

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From the Fields of Alabama
A boy came fresh from the fields of Alabama to work his way through a session of the summer school at Harvard. A few roughly scrawled poems caught the eye of his professor. The result was a book of these verses. Today the author is in France, a corporal in a Machine Gun Company. Meanwhile the great literary newspapers of the east are saying that Waverly Turner Carmichael gives promise of rivaling Dunbar. What do you know of this soldier author or his book, "From the Heart of a Folk."

In Spite of Bitter Handicaps
In Louisville, Kentucky, a Colored man, an educator and a poet, rose to a position where the best men of the community were proud to call him their friend. Now his son, scarcely more than a boy, overcoming the bitter handicap of falling health, has published his first book, and again the critics on the great metropolitan newspapers have acclaimed Joseph S. Cotter's "The Band of Gideon," not only a book worthy of the best literary traditions of the day but also a

Further proof of the rapid literary progress of his race.
You Have Seen With Your Own Eyes
You have seen with your own eyes the struggle of the Negro for education. You know the vital human side. That is why you will appreciate and want to read "Twenty-Five Years in the Black Belt," by William J. Edwards, the able founder and present head of Snow Hill Normal and Industrial Institute. Professor Paul J. Hanus of Harvard University has written the introduction.

Tender Haunting Lyrics
Lend these some one you'd like to send a book provided you could find just the right book that would be a message as well as a book. Georgia Douglas Johnson has written just such a book of tender, haunting lyrics in "The Heart of a Woman." Why not make at least one girl happy by sending her a copy?

Do You Love Trees?
Do you love trees and the great out of doors? Maude Cuney Hare, daughter of the late Norris Wright Cuney, has collected the finest things written or said about trees in a beautiful gift book. William Stanley Braithwaite has written the introduction.

Another Race Bard
Many a scraps book contains treasured clippings of the poems of Charles Bertram Johnson as they occasionally appeared in the newspapers of the day. Now in "Songs of My People," a new book just from the press, the best of Mr. Johnson's poetry is brought together in permanent form and will give pleasure to the hundreds of admirers of his work.

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