



# The Balancer of The Universe

A Drama of the Race Conflict in Four Acts by B. Harrison Peyton

### CHARACTERS

Mauricio Crispin, a dancer from the Argentine, age 25 years.  
La Corusca, Senora Crispin, his Argentine mother, age 42.  
Agnes, their American guest and dancing pupil, age 22.  
Mrs. Vincent Widener, a woman journalist, age 35.  
Period: Present. Place: Providencia, a city on the Pacific coast.

(Continued from Last Week.)

### ACT IV.

#### SCENE V.

"Comes the Moment to Decide."

Corusca: Poor, wounded dove!  
Crispin: Agnes, I've read the letter; I know the full, appalling extent of your misfortune.

Corusca: Gentle Savior, help us!  
Agnes: Oh! indeed, Senor Crispin, his own—father—my father—killed him—my precious brother, oh! my adored little Godfrey!

Crispin: Dear Agnes, rather was it a form of monomania, primarily that disease called Negrophobia, which brought death to both your father and your youngling brother.

Agnes: Oh; you're so terribly, terribly right, senior! I never realized it until after the panic, but now I do, I do, I do, realize race prejudice and hatred are mania, a rabid disease that corrodes the mind, distorts the vision, destroys the reason! Oh! how like some conjured monster of the mind, or malign, insidious form of pestilence treading the silent path of phantoms, the madness stalks abroad over all our great country, from the center to the four boundaries, inoculating our entire social being with its virus, gaining human prey by the million!

Great God! the frenzy that foments anarchy in the heart, outrages love! what loathing for it has taught me! oh! senior, that hateful mania! oh! cursed pestilence!

Crispin: But some day, querida, as sure as it's written in the stars, we of the American Association for the Abolition of Race Oppression are going to completely crush out that pestilent insanity!

Agnes: Oh, senior, the contagion of it's everywhere about us! On my conscience, I couldn't escape it! Before the panic, I, too, had a touch of that madness!

Crispin: You, even you! Yet what's the difference now, my girl? Righteous God! if your father, like you, had only perceived the madness of it all before 'twas too late!

Agnes: You don't know, senior! My father's later action, senior, horrified me beyond expression; yet surely, you, senior, you'll always feel contempt for me; for that evening at the theater—being both somewhat deaf and purblind—my father was at first wholly unconscious of Anthony Bell, and 'twas I—I—who pointed your Colored friend out to him, and—objected to a Negro's public accommodation on terms of equality with myself!

Crispin: But, but, Agnes! Agnes: Senior, will you still maintain it makes no difference?  
Crispin: Agnes!  
Agnes: I and all the others who made complaint, senior, weren't we nearly as much responsible, morally, as was my father? Didn't we join forces with the insane hatred which caused the shooting of your friend and precipitated the panic? Always my heart tells me I helped father to—to kill my own poor brother! Oh! senior, and the furies—the furies with their scorpion whips—are lashing me unmercifully! Had I but my father's pistol, I, I, too, would "raze out the written troubles of the brain!"

Crispin: My precious, you wouldn't! I love you far too well to let you do that; because I love you, I offer you something immeasurably better than death:

Agnes: What could become me better than, senior; the oblivious grave—interment in forgetfulness?  
Crispin: Atonement, Agnes, lofty endeavor towards atonement.

Agnes: Atonement! Senior, expiation! Ah! death will be my expiation! Don't you understand, senior, understand? Don't you understand 'twas partly with the wild hope it might prove one pitiful, little step towards expiation that, with my father's consent, I yielded to Mrs. Widener's persuasions, and inflicted upon myself the torture of separation from Baby Sunbeam! for his sake, came here, heavens! to dance on the burning coals of penitence! But now that his soul has taken wing, senior, can you say there's still a way of atonement for me?

Crispin: Querida corazoncita, simply promise to follow me; I'll guide you to it.

Agnes: And you're very deeply in earnest, senior?  
Crispin: God be my witness, Agnes!  
Agnes: Show me the way, Ma-uricio.

Crispin: Agnes, at this day there is pressing upon America an inter-

racial crisis of staggering peril, a human question more fateful in its magnitude than was that ancient one of the Theban Sphinx. "God's balance, watched by angels, is hung across the skies." Everywhere the gathering "clouds flash a fire-sign of warning." America is being weighed and must not be found wanting. My Agnes! and hence in the American Association for the Abolition of Race Oppression may be found some of the most eminent personages of our country, ideally kindred spirits, exalted, but true citizens of the world; because the fundamental object of the Association is to outbalance evil and wrong, and turn "the poised and trembling scale" by weight of justice, truth and freedom! Do but as I have done, my beloved own—follow their noble example, join the Association and devote the remainder of your life to fighting that pestilent madness of prejudice and hatred to which you, your father and poor dear Godfrey have fallen victims!

Agnes: Ah me, Mauricio! at last I've come to understand the race problem is but a problem of the attitude of the white race, for the conscience of the white race to solve. Oh, we simply need to learn the gospel of humanity—learn to regard the Negro as a fellow-being inseparably united to us by the same human heart that beats in the bosom of us all. Yes, Mauricio, many a girl in my situation would seek by suicide relief in the waters of Lethe. But after all, I—Mauricio, so this little magazine's called The Advance?

Crispin: Yes, Agnes, and it's a vital organ of rapidly growing influence.

Agnes: Well, Mauricio, after all, I'll simply follow you, become a convert to the new abolitionism, one of the crusaders of the A. A. R. O. against racial injustice and wrong. You shall be my guiding spirit, dear Mauricio, my interdict captain. Ah, truly, for what was the design of Providencia in decreeing I should be thus overthrown, bereaved, hurt irremediably, like one beaten down into the very dust of the earth—what, Mauricio, if not that a blazing miracle should be wrought within my soul? Staunch-hearted leader, I say, I follow you!

Crispin: Corazoncita, and you'll never again refuse to go whichever way I lead?

Agnes: Mauricio, never again! This bracelet I wear ever shall be a token of my complete union with you in that fraternal service to humanity to which we hereafter together shall consecrate our lives. I give you ten thousand thanks for it, good Mauricio, and implore your forgiveness for every hard word I uttered tonight! But, oh, Baby Sunbeam! you don't know how grateful I am that at the hour of his passing he saw la Malaguena, you and me, brave Mauricio, dancing la Malaguena!

Crispin: 'Twill come out all right, madre.

Corusca: Ah, nina querida mia! some such meagre consolation at any rate always will be yours. In the future, whenever you dance la Malaguena, you'll feel little Godfrey's presence in the spirit—be conscious that, upon you, and you're pleasing him. And El Torero y la Malaguena ever will be to you sacred and devotional like the dances of the choir boys who perform, with the figures of the Madonna and the saints in light looking down on them, before the altar in the cathedral of Seville.

Crispin: Agnes, it shall be like that, just like that!

Agnes: You're so kind, senior. Haven't you yet learned who I am?  
Corusca: Si, querida mia; you're Mauricio's betrothed, and you both soon shall be my own—oh! my own happy children!

### FINAL CURTAIN.

### COURT UPHOLDS ACCUSED CLERGYMAN

Detroit, Mich., June 18.—For the attack on Rev. Robert W. Bagnall, pastor of St. Matthew's Episcopal church, Mrs. Lucille Binga and Cornelius White were fined \$25 and \$100, respectively. The case came to trial in the Recorder's Court before Judge Wilkins and several members of the church were present to hear both sides of the argument.

The attack upon Rev. Mr. Bagnall occurred Sunday, February 25 last when the minister, clad in his vestments and preceded by altar boys, entered the church aisle for the professional. Cornelius White, who was occupying a seat near the aisle, arose and smote the minister with a blackjack. Mrs. Binga joined in the attack by using a hatpin, it is claimed. White, it is said, had accused Rev. Bagnall of being too familiar with Mrs. White.

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### NEGRO IMPORTANT ECONOMIC FACTOR

Demand for Labor in All Sections of Country and Scarcity Caused by Return of Foreigners to Native Lands Disclosing Value of Colored American in Industrial Field.

(By Associated Negro Press.)

Chicago, June 18.—The Chicago Association of Commerce has stirred up a veritable "hornet's nest" in its gratuitous efforts to "furnish surplus Negro labor to Southern communities." It develops that there is a small conspiracy of plans, backed by Northern white men who have capital invested in the South, to get the black laborers South.

As a matter of cold fact, there is a great demand for laborers in the South and there is an increasing demand for laborers in the North, but the race men are exercising careful judgment in deciding where they go, and only a small percentage care in the least to return South. Many of them are going north and west, but few South.

In addition to this, as fast as they can get passports, thousands of foreigners are going back to their native lands abroad. So great has been the demand, for one reason and another, that congress has been besieged with requests to pass a law placing restrictions on emigration.

All of this makes the race man a most important factor in the economic situation. There is every reason to believe that, in the long run, he will fare far better because of the pressing demand for industrial workers in many fields.

The majority of the communities that received the famous telegram from the Chicago Association of Commerce have sent word back that they do not wish the "Southern Negroes with Northern ideas," and the few who have sent representatives up here to "look them over" have returned to their homes with the opinion that there has been a change in the manner of the people who once were kept from knowing that "a man's a man for a' that."

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### ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF THE COLUMBIA INVESTMENT CO.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned have associated themselves for the purpose of conducting business as a corporation under the laws of the State of Nebraska, and to that end have caused these articles of incorporation to be filed in the County of Douglas, State of Nebraska, and State of Nebraska. The name of the corporation shall be the Columbia Investment Company. The principal place of transacting business shall be in the City of Omaha, County of Douglas, and State of Nebraska. The general nature of this business shall be to acquire and maintain a hall or halls to be used for public meetings, dances, etc., to contract — and erect buildings and dwellings, and to lease or rent such buildings or dwellings, or part thereof, upon such terms as may be deemed proper by the officer or officers of the corporation entrusted with such affairs, and to purchase and hold in its corporate name, real estate and personal property, chattel and real mortgages, leases of real and personal property, and to mortgage, sell or exchange any and all property, both real and personal of which it may be possessed at any time, and to execute all necessary legal instruments required in the conduct of its business affairs; and to do every act necessary in the operation of such enterprise or enterprises and to look after the heating, lighting, janitor, and other services required in the buildings or dwellings owned or leased by this corporation, and to pay all wages or salaries for such services upon behalf of the company. The business of this company shall also be to deal generally in real estate and real estate securities and to borrow money, make and issue notes, trust deeds, mortgages, and other instruments, and to execute all evidences of indebtedness without security, or to secure same by mortgage, pledge, or otherwise, and generally to make and perform agreements and contracts of every kind and description.

The amount of capital stock of this corporation shall be Fifty Thousand Dollars divided into 5,000 shares of the par value of \$10.00 each, all of which shall be common stock and fully paid up when issued, and said stock may be paid for either in cash or in real estate or personal property or services, and any one stockholder may hold as many shares of stock as he or she shall deem proper. It is further provided that all questions coming before the stockholders for decision shall be decided by the majority of stock present and voting, either in person or by proxy.

The corporation shall be authorized to conduct business as soon as these articles shall have been filed with the County Clerk of Douglas County, Nebraska, and to continue for a period of fifty years thereafter. The highest amount of indebtedness which this corporation shall incur at any one time shall not exceed two-thirds of its capital stock. There shall be not less than two nor more than five directors, who shall be chosen by the stockholders voting according to their ownership of stock, the first set of directors to be elected at the first meeting of the incorporators to be held at an early date after the filing of these articles, and the annual meeting thereafter to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in January of each year. The board of directors shall have the power to adopt by-laws for the proper conduct of the business. The officers shall consist of a president, secretary, treasurer, and general manager, and it shall be proper for any one officer to hold two offices. The term of office and duties of the officers shall be prescribed in the by-laws of the corporation.

These articles or by-laws adopted may be amended at any annual stockholders meeting or any special meeting called for that purpose by the president and treasurer, and upon approval of the majority of stock held in the corporation and present and voting at the meeting either in person or by proxy.

Until the first meeting of the stockholders, the board of directors shall con-

sist of the incorporators, and officers of this corporation shall be as follows: President, secretary, treasurer, DORA HANDLER, BEN HANDLER.

State of Nebraska, )  
County of Douglas, ) ss.  
Be it remembered, That on the 9th day of June, 1919, before me a notary public within and for the said county and state, personally appeared Dora Handler and Ben Handler, to me known to be the persons named in and who executed the foregoing articles of incorporation and who acknowledged the execution thereof to be their free and voluntary act.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and official seal at the City of Omaha, County of Douglas, State of Nebraska, this 9th day of June, 1919.

JACOB J. FRIEDMAN,  
Notary Public.

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