

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

Early this spring a Negro, Joe Lockwood, charged with the usual crime, was lynched in Lexington, Ky. There is no doubt that he was mentally unsound and had been so for years. About the same time, four foreigners, Milano, Cassidy, McLaughlin and Usefow were apprehended in a northern state, tried for a heinous crime and condemned to death. On the very day they were to be executed, one of them, McLaughlin, was adjudged of unsound mind, and on that account the quartet was granted a reprieve.

Four men reprieved  
At minute hope is gone!  
Four men snatched from death's grim grasp

When all was ready for their demise!  
Hitherto all hope had fled.  
Counsel, friend and relative  
All in vain had plead.

Milano, Cassidy,  
McLaughlin, Usefow, all  
Await the dreary, dreadful call!  
But lo!  
Through the hall  
Footsteps fall.

A double tread is heard.  
He who bears the tray  
On which their last meal lay  
Scarcely to the door approaches  
Ere hard by stands  
The warden glad:  
A message in his hands,  
"Two weeks or more  
Your lease on life shall be,"  
Speaks he to these—the one and three.

But why this change?  
What unseen, unknown force  
At last prevails

O'er governor, court and all?  
"McLaughlin, imbecile of mind is he,  
Therefore, ye shall all reprieved be."  
List ye gods! Rouse ye shades!  
Shades of Dixie's mobic victims!  
Do I sleep or do I wake!  
Surely there is some mistake!  
Or perhaps the law distinctions make.

There was a man,  
Lockwood, his name,  
Who for an awful crime was blamed.  
His, a different race be sure,  
Yet unto him the laws assure  
All protection, simple, pure.  
His crime, if true, was great,  
Too heinous, too awful to relate,  
But his mind, oh can it be,  
Such fearful criminality,  
Is wrought in realms of sanity?  
Yet as we count this race's crimes  
In all the annals of the states,  
Nor mob, nor court, this  
E'er yet has-said:

"Because he's imbecile of mind,  
This Negro shall of guilt be free."  
Joe Lockwood, of Kentucky, he,  
Whose friends nor once, nor twice,  
but thrice

Before the courts of justice plead  
That because of mind unsound  
He for safety be confined,  
Yet to these pleas no heed was given,  
No law for Negro imbeciles  
To crime inclined,  
No schools nor sanitariums built  
To clear this race of inherent guilt,  
In all the realm of Dixie.  
Oh South, to Judgment come!  
Make clean the inner vessel!  
Cleanse the fountain's source!  
In vain with torch and noose you fight!  
The crimes you charge come not of light!  
They come of sinned, mental night.  
Ope the windows! Fling wide the doors—  
Give them light, oh, give them light!  
—Russel Taylor.

## COLORED COMMERCIAL CLUB BULLETIN

Rooms 2420 Lake St., Weh. 1882  
Not long ago questionnaires were sent by the Labor Bureau to all the manufacturers, wholesalers, stores, laundries, hotels and packing houses asking what positions were open to colored people. The response was exceedingly gratifying. We have heard of many new openings for our people in places where hitherto they have not been employed. If you wish to learn of these openings, come to the Bureau to register. You may be able to better condition by receiving more and shorter hours.  
Opportunity is knocking. Do not let it pass. Come to see the Commissioner who is always willing to help you.

## TEXAS MOB STAGES ANOTHER LYNCHING

Center, Texas, Sept. 2—Another lynching occurred in Texas late Monday, August 1, when a mob of more than 1,000 men stormed the county jail, wrecked the steel cell and took out Lige Daniels, charged with the murder of a white woman, and hanged him to a limb of an oak tree in the courthouse yard.

## Goodness.

The world is not suffering for new ideas so much as for the brave and faithful living of some very old ideas. Truth, justice, honor, and unselfishness are not new, but they are all too rare in our common daily intercourse. We can better do without genius than without goodness. The cultivated heart is better.

## INDIAN RUINS of OAXACA



Sculpture at Monte Alban, Oaxaca.

IN HUNDREDS of places throughout the state of Oaxaca, Mexico, are to be found what they call "Pueblos Viejos" (old villages), some close to the site of the new villages and others in the wild country, far away from all habitations. In these ruins traces can be seen of houses, temples, fortresses and tombs. In some places graves only are seen to mark the place of a former civilization, and these consist of mounds, some of which are built to a considerable height, writes a correspondent of the Christian Science Monitor.

Among the ruins well known on account of their state of preservation and importance can be mentioned the ruins of Mitla, those at Monte Alban, at Gulungula and at Achluta. The famous ruins of Mitla are the best preserved on account of the dry climate of the country in which they are situated. They are among the most elaborately ornamented ruins in Mexico, and on the walls are found about fifteen different designs made with mosaics known as grecques. The figures are all geometrical and are found mostly in panels on both inside and outside of the walls of the rooms.

**Features of Mitla Ruins.**  
The original name of these ruins was Lyoban, and they were later on called by the Mexicans "Mitlan" which means "the place of the dead." The place is now in the center of the Zapotec country, and the Zapotec language is spoken by the inhabitants of the village close to the ruins. One of the chambers contains six huge monoliths, each being about 12 feet high and 7 feet in circumference, which have no carvings. The most beautiful room is known as the Hall of Mosaics. Its four sides are covered with designs. Paintings were found on some of the walls, but these have mostly disappeared. Close to the ruins a pyramidal mound is to be seen and about two miles distant is a fort of great interest.

The grecques or arabesques found at Mitla give it a distinctive character, and in no other part of the republic are there any ruins like them. When the Spaniards conquered Mexico, Mitla was still an important place.

The ruins of Monte Alban are situated on the outskirts of the city of Oaxaca and seem to belong to a much older civilization than those of Mitla. In fact, Monte Alban was in ruins when Mitla was at its height of prosperity. The ruins cover an area of about two miles in length by a third of a mile in width. On every side are remains of temples, foundations, terraces, walls, and graves, but these places have not been explored and are covered with debris. Some fine stones with carvings are still standing and many have been removed to the National Museum of Mexico City. The sculptures indicate that the Maya civilization must have extended to this part of the country.

**Fort at Gulungula.**  
The ruins of Gulungula on the Isthmus of Tehuantepec show the existence of a big fort which was used in the battles between the Mexicans and the Zapotecs. This fort was built on the top of a mountain, and contains two pyramids of stones, having stairways leading up to the tops. Remains of temples, chambers, trenches, and terraces can also be distinguished.

The ruins at Achluta consist of courts, walls, mounds, and terraces. Achluta was the sacred city of the great Mixtec nation, their country being called Mixtecapam before the Spaniards arrived in Mexico. An extraordinary number of pieces of pottery is found everywhere in this village, which is still inhabited by the Mixtec Indians, or Mixtecos.

In the graves that have been opened in these different ruins have been found a great variety of stone and clay idols, ornaments made of gold, copper, jade, shell, obsidian, and stone. Beautiful specimens of painted pottery have also been found, and some of the finest samples of Mexican ceramic art come from the tombs of Oaxaca.

The Indian tribes inhabiting the state of Oaxaca are the Zapotecs, Mixtecs, Mijes, Cuicatecs, Mazatecs, Mixtecos, Amusgos, Triques, Chatinos, Chinantecs, Huaves, Zoques and Chontales. Of these the Zapotecs and Mixtecs were the most important and they resisted the Spaniards long after the rest of the country had been conquered. The Huaves, Amusgos and

Triques have nearly all disappeared. Each Tribe Has Its Dress.

The Indians still use, in their native villages, a peculiar dress in each tribe, the most picturesque being that worn by the Tehuantepec (Zapotec) women. The Mazatec and Chinantec dresses are made with elaborate designs in red. The Indians weave their own cloth and use vegetable dyes and cochineal for coloring. In the mountain villages they still observe many of their ancient customs and they are very superstitious. The Mije Indians belong to one of the wildest tribes found in Mexico and few people enter their rugged country.

When the Spaniards came to Mexico the Zapotecs had their own government; Zaachila was their capital and Cosiojea their king. They had been at war with the Mexicans for many years, and with the aid of the Mixtecs had been able to resist the invasion of the Mexicans.

The conquest of these tribes was mostly due to the influence of the Spanish monks, who went to the most remote parts of the country and lived with the Indians many years, learned their language and preached the Gospel to them.

On market days and feast days in the city of Oaxaca many types of Indians can still be seen, with their own peculiar dresses, and many of them speak nothing but the language of their own tribes. In few parts of the republic can so many different types be seen together.

## PETS THAT SAVED PROPERTY

Instances of Robbers Captured Through the Efforts of Small Dog, Monkey, and Parrot.

A Parisian was recently attacked in a lonely street by an apache who was armed with a revolver. The villain fired once and missed, but ere he could fire again the citizen's terrier had him by the ear. The apache, shrieking with pain, dropped the gun, and the Parisian managed to secure him, according to London Answers.

Recently, in the same city, a burglar entered the flat of a wealthy man, who had a pet monkey named Ernest. The burglar made up a valuable parcel while the monkey hid in a corner.

Suddenly the monkey began to pelt the burglar with cups, plates, saucers, ash-trays and inkstand, in fact, with everything portable in its reach. The man made a dash for the beast with a heavy cane, but the monkey was much too quick for him and mounted to a high shelf.

Climbing on a chair, the man was going to strike the monkey, when it flew at his face and man and monkey crashed to the floor. This roused the rest of the flat dwellers, who quickly secured the disturber of their peace, and now Ernest is the pet of the mansions.

Quite recently a mansion in Surrey was raided and the burglars were having quite a walk-over, as they thought. But presently the parrot woke up and began to make a few choice observations in such a loud and familiar tone that the robbers thought discretion the better part of valor and were decamping when caught.

## Wemyss of Wemyss Castle.

Wemyss castle, mentioned in a will case in the Scottish courts, included in its modern structure parts of a thirteenth century building. Near by it is the ruin of Macduff's castle, a fifteenth-century erection. In spite of tradition, the latter has nothing to do with the Macduff of Immortal memory, nor can the family of Wemyss claim kin with that great thane. But the family does trace back on the same spot through seven generations, a pedigree vouched for by Sir William Fraser as one of the longest and purest in Scotland. A Wemyss of Wemyss castle entertained Edward I before Robert the Bruce won his victories; another, later, Mary, Queen of Scots, who to her ruin met Darnley under his roof.

## Why, of Course.

Wife (sadly)—You don't love me any more.

Husband—Most certainly I do.

She—Then why do you rush off to the club?

He—My dear, absence makes the heart grow fonder, you know.

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## JUST AROUND THE CORNER

(Berton Braley in Leslie's Weekly.)

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You've plodded along poverty lane until you are weary and discouraged—yet if you push on a little further you'll find easy street is just around the corner. Opportunity lives in that block and her latchstring is always out, if you only have the energy to walk up her steps and find it. Three-quarters of our troubles are due to the fact that we go to the nearest place for whatever we want, instead of walking a few steps further and finding the shop just around the corner.

Would you escape from the humdrum and the dull, the everlasting routine and the grind—you needn't go round the world, take a few steps off your worn and beaten track, your limited habitual path, and you'll meet adventure just around the corner.

Just around the corner, if you have only the sense to venture so far, is the girl you've dreamed of and never met, the love that you think has passed you by—she is yours if you take her to the little church around the corner. And then, for the rest of your days, if you hope to hold to your happiness—seek always for what lies just around the corner—the kiss that is just around the corner from a quarrel, the understanding that is just around the corner from a misunderstanding; so shall you find life ever a joyous gamble and a fresh delight, and you shall go together down the long, long trail, until at last you turn fearlessly to meet the final adventure, which waits for all of us—just around the corner.

## SUCCESS

(Written for The Monitor by Willis Hudspeth.)

'Tis not in popularity;  
The judgment of the throng may be  
Entrenched in custom's fallacies,  
Or governed by its prejudice.

'Tis not in service fettered tight  
By pseudo-standards of the right.  
A man may work and miss the goal  
Of true achievement of the soul.

'Tis not in title, not in rank,  
Nor wealth as great as London bank;  
'Tis not in learning's arrogance,  
Nor yet in "blissful ignorance."

The one who always acts the man  
Impartially the best he can,  
Now matter how results are classed,  
May smile, triumphant, at the past.

## Would Please Him.

Lindsey had the little hen fast and was trying to bring her head close to the ground. "What might you be trying to do?" exclaimed her father coming upon the small girl in the yard. "I'm trying to make this hen say her prayers." "Well," said the parent sadly, "I hope she'll say: 'Now I lay me,'

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