



Literary Column

A PARODY OF LIFE

A little boy came to his teacher, one day and said,-
His nose all runny, his cheeks very red,
He held in his hand, a sheet of paper all marked and torn,
Where he had treated it badly, the edges were worn.
"Teacher," said he, "my paper is all dirty,
My ink turned over when I got in a hurry,
And now my paper is all blotted, no more space to write,
Please give me a clean sheet all new and white."
"Yes," said the teacher, "I'll give you a clean sheet
Where on you may write and keep it clean and neat."
The boy took the paper and went his way
His face bright and radiant. He was happy and gay.

The scene now opens on a stranger who came
To the Master one day and gave his name
As one who had fallen and lost his way,
As he journeyed thru life from day to day.
Thru weakness he had drifted, into depths of despair.
His countenance was dark, where once it had been fair.
He too wanted a clean sheet, all new and white,
So the New Year now entering, he could begin aright.
"Yes," said the Master, "you are welcome indeed,
Take as many clean sheets as you think you'll need.
Now go your own way and I implore you to do
Unto all whom you meet, as I've done unto you."

—Myrtle Ray Springs

Dark Merit



Slavery

by
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Favors

One is often amazed to find out that even during the darkest days of slavery, there were many slaves who had a vast degree of knowledge. Many slaves spoke Spanish, French and English—and exceedingly good English—William Moore had a slave who spoke Swedish and English. Philip French of Philadelphia and another who spoke Dutch and good English; and John Williams, of the same state, owned a Negro who spoke very good English and was very fluent in his talk." There were many languages besides these spoken fluent by the slaves. To some of us, these facts may not seem strange in the least. But when we consider the fact that the slaves spoke such a variety of languages and had a double job of understanding each other and the English spoken by their "masters," it is a great task to become outstanding in languages. In many advertisements concern-

ing runaway slaves, it was stated that the fugitives could read and write well.

There were also slaves who were quite well dressed. In Philadelphia in 1721, a master said that when his slave escaped, he was wearing, "a dark brown colored coat and jacket, a pair of white fustian breeches, a gray milled cap with a red border, a pair of new yarn stockings with a pair of brown worsted under them or in his pockets." A slave owner in Maryland spoke of another fugitive as having, "a black cloth coat, a high hat, white flannel waistcoat, a checked shirt, a pair of everlasting breeches, a pair of yarn stockings, a pair of old pumps, a worsted cap, an old castor hat, and sundry other clothes." A Boston master in 1761 lost a slave, who had, "when he went away, a beaver hat, a green worsted coat, a close-bodied coat with a green narrow frieze cape, a gray coat, a black and white homespun jacket, a flannel checked shirt, gray yarn stockings, a flannel shirt, a bundle of other clothes and a violin." "White persons at that time were generally not better clad."

Woodson, Carter G., *The Negro in Our History*. The Journal of Negro History, 1, 203

Six hundred apartment buildings in New York City are facing a strike which involves building superintendents. The state mediation board is trying valiantly to avert the strike.

Negro Builders and Heroes

by Benjamin Browley

Negro Builders and Heroes is a book recommended by Mrs. Alberta J. Cooke.

Honolulu Jettings

Many reports have come to me from the people who entertained their relatives and friends over the Christmas and New Year's Holidays. Among those, were Mr. and Mrs. Bacfield. They were hosts to Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Holladay of San Francisco, on Christmas eve. The Marion Willy's gave their annual Christmas party in their lovely home. Many friends were invited.

Mrs. Gertha Wheeler of San Francisco and Los Angeles gave a party for a few ladies and gentlemen of C. H. A. 3. It was a success. Mr and Mrs Robt. Sublett entertained five bachelors of B. Q. 43 and their friends. Among those attending were the newly wedded Mr. and Mrs. Bently. The "Ten Bachelors Club" is planning some interesting events for the near future, watch for articles in the coming new's. The bachelors enjoyed some very good movies in the B. Q. recently. Thanks to Mr. J. W. Howell, the B. Q. Councilman. Mr. John Miller, E. B. Baily and yours truly were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. Townsend for Christmas dinner, and what a dinner.

In the coming months we expect some of our very best talent in the musical world to visit the Islands. A warm Aloha awaits them.

R. Mallory

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