

## Reminiscences

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sibilitic of heroism in the race. "The highest is the measure of the man" was said by a white man and is accepted for white men. It should also be accepted for the Negro.

Ours was an abolition family. My grandmother on my mother's side came from Brooklyn, Connecticut, where, as a young girl, she was under the preaching of Samuel J. May. He helped her to the highest ideals. I was with her when she died and heard her in her last words repeat his benediction: "Help us to be more pure and holy, more devout and thankful, more heartily inclined to every good work." His good works included complete devotion to the anti-slavery cause. His disciple was not an aggressive woman, but she went to anti-slavery meetings and told me of the mobs she had encountered. I was a sympathetic listener.

My father left Plymouth Church because Beecher had dealings with the foreign missionary association that in turn had dealings with the slaveholder. That is as I remember it. He joined the Unitarian Church, in which my mother had been reared and sat under Samuel Longfellow, whose abolitionism was of the strictest brand. And the minister, John White Chadwick, who came to our little Unitarian Church shortly after I was born, was always a radical on the Negro question. He used to lecture on some of the great Americans and taught us to despise Daniel Webster for his Fourth of March speech and Henry Clay for his continual compromising. George Williams Curtis often lectured for us, and I can remember his description of how "Henry Clay, compromise incarnate, left the Senate when Charles Sumner, conscience incarnate, entered it." Garrison was a personal friend of my grand-

### "REMINISCENCES, OR GOING BACK 40 YEARS"

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One of the founders of the N.A.A.C.P., and for many years a director, treasurer, president and chairman of the board.

Back in 1899 she heard Frederick Douglass speak in Beecher's Meeting House in Brooklyn.

She was in the midst of the great Booker Washington-W. E. B. DuBois controversy that resulted in the Niagara Movement and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

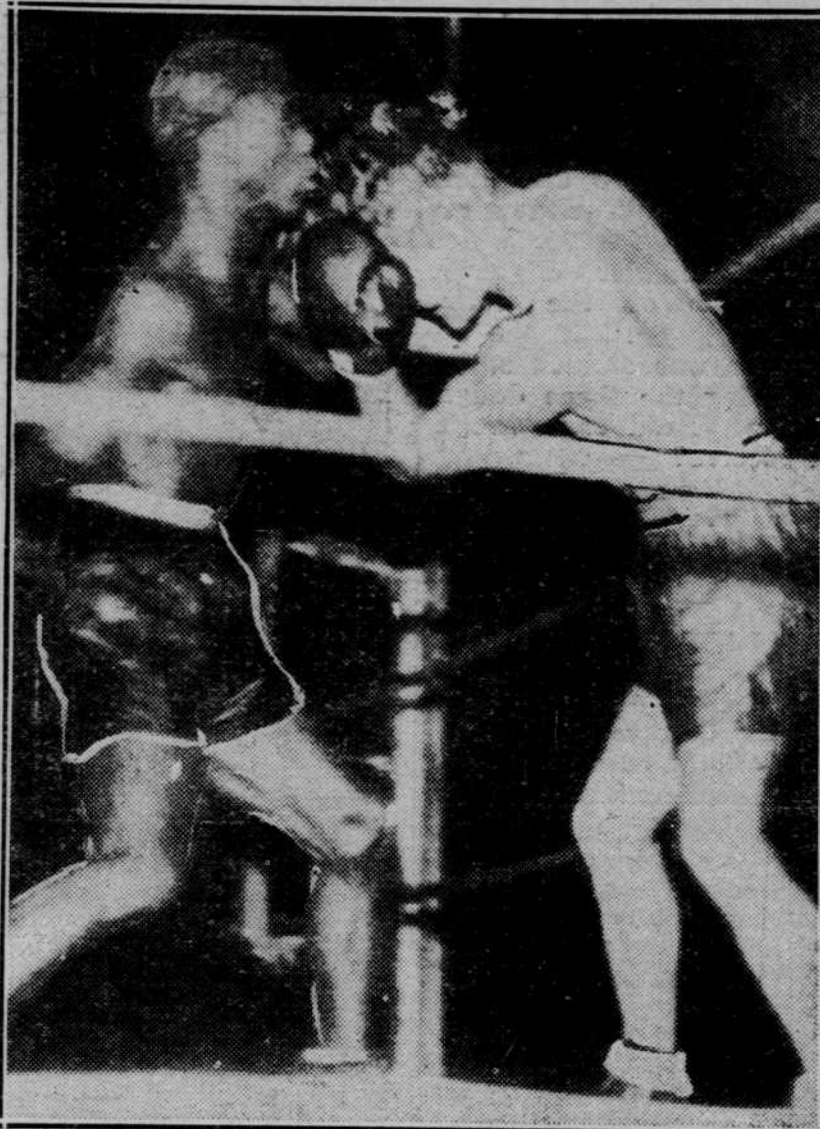
Then there was the Cosmopolitan Club dinner, New York's first interracial affair at Peck's Restaurant, which created as much furor in the Southern press as Booker Washington's dining at the White House.

"Reminiscences" answers the question, why does this white woman take up the Negro's cause?

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mother (his wife came from Brooklyn, Connecticut) and was my childhood's greatest hero, with Robert Bruce as a close second. I knew how he was dragged through the streets of Boston by the mob.

We spent our summers in the country, at quiet places, usually on a hilltop. I had a passion for the starlight. Evenings were never a problem, for if nothing was going on at the little boarding house, there was always the open road and the stars. The few horse-drawn vehicles that went by were negligible. So I could study the constellations undisturbed. Emerson said: "If the stars could appear one night in a thousand years how men would worship and adore and preserve for generations the memory of the City of God that had been shown." For three months this City of God was spread before me save for the night when it was



CAMERA CLICKS TOO SLOW FOR CHOCOLATE'S MIT—The Keed is shown giving Steve Smith (white) more than enough in a fight at Boston recently. Chocolate's right is moving so fast that the camera failed to record its position. Note Steve's distressed look.

blotted out by the rain.

The North star I cared for most. It embodied heroism. I saw the slave creep through the swamp, his clothes ragged, his feet bare. I saw him reach Canada. I always felt ashamed that complete safety only came outside the borders of the United States.

I was a happy, healthy child, playing hard and enjoying school to the utmost. I was taught by a family of great teachers. But being sensitive, this abolition teaching made a deep impression upon me. However, I never thought of going out into action. The economic depression of reconstruction, like the economic depression today, monopolized men's emotions. At home I never heard of any work for the emancipated slave. Even my minister took little interest in Negro education. Slavery was ended. That was the great point. The thirteenth, fourteenth and fifteenth amendments had been passed. The Negro was free and a citizen. These two facts cast everything else in the shade. So when, after a leisurely private school education, two years at Radcliffe College, and three years of what we called "going into society," I turned to earning my living, I never thought of the Negro. Instead, I went among white working-class people and started a settlement in my own city. But that's a story for another chapter.

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### Household Hints

Always put laces and other dainty pieces of laundry inside of a bag when laundering. These pieces are seldom very dirty and should not be rubbed hard. Putting them in the bag will help keep them.

There are certain meats that should be limited or avoided in the diet of the small child. These are: ham, bacon, pork, kidney, sausage, liver, or dried and salt meats.

Mustard can be removed from linen by boiling in water, in which washing soda, (a teaspoonful to one quart of water) has been dissolved. After boiling, rub until the stains disappear.

## Embarrassing Moments

Send your Embarrassing Moment to the Editor and it will be published.

### MISPLACED

I went to the grocer's, and, after making my purchases, started for the door, with my arms full of bundles. Then I missed my umbrella, and went back to the clerk to ask him if he had seen it. He laughed and said: "There it is—hanging on your arm!"

### IT CAME BACK

As I could not decide exactly what to give a friend of mine as a wedding gift, I sent her a check, with a note asking her to buy something. A few days later, she wrote to me, saying my check had been returned by the bank, as I had dated one month ahead!

## Bright Sayings of the Children

### What Do Yours Say?

Send them to us and they will be published.

Mae was crying. Her kitty had strayed away. Brother came up and put his arm around her. "Aw, your cat will come back. Don't you think it has enough sense to look at the house numbers?" R. E. K.

My little nephew, aged 4, climbed upon his uncle's lap all the while giving said uncle, who is slightly bald, the once over. When he was comfortably seated, he said, "Why have you got so much forehead?" M. M. M.

My little brother is spending the Summer at an ocean resort. I received a card from him, which read: "We are staying at a hotel which is right across from the ocean!"

I took my young son for a long walk. Suddenly, he observed that none of the buildings and houses looked familiar. Bewildered, he turned to me and said: "I don't see our house anywhere. It must be lost!" JOHNNIE

After having a birthday party for my 3-year-old nephew, I thought I'd take him for a walk before bed time.

We met a friend who said, "Happy birthday, Sonnie." Much surprised, he answered, "O, I had my birthday at home." J. G.

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IN BALTIMORE— Charles S. Morris, Bluefield, W. Va., professor

### Look and Learn

What is the most used letter in the English language?

ANSWER

The letter "e."

### How Can I?

How can I preserve a new clothesline?

ANSWER

A new clothesline should be boiled for about thirty minutes before using it. This prevents stretching. It will not tangle readily and will last much longer.

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