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There is a tragic tale of slavery days hidden away in one of the early volumes of the decisions of the Supreme Court of the United States.

It appears that Patrick McCutcheon of Tennessee died in 1810 leaving a will providing that upon the death of his wife the slaves owned by him and willed to her,

should go free, except that those who had not arrived at the age of 21 at the time of his wife's death, should be held by his brother-in-law, until they reached 21 years of age, and then should be freed.

After the death of McCutcheon, and before the death of his wife, two of the slaves, Eliza and Cynthia had children born to them, whose advent had not been provided for in the will.

After the death of Mrs. Cutcheon the heirs sought to defeat the intent of the will. They claimed that the laws of Tennessee did not permit freeing of slaves by will, and that the increase born after McCutcheon's death and before their mother was to go free were slaves,

and therefore liable to be distributed as inherited property.

The Supreme Court rejected the contention that slaves could not be freed by will, but regarding the children of Eliza and Cynthia it held that they were born in slavery, and not having been made free by provisions of the will, they remained slaves. Thus the parents became free but their children remained in bondage.

The American General Headquarters issued a circular (confidential) to the French officers, during the World's War that it was not good form to shake hands with a Negro; yet a Negro, Henry Johnson, of the 15th Regiment, New York National Guard, was the first soldier of the American Expeditionary Forces to receive the Croix de Guerre with star and palm.

By an act of the Confederate legislature (sanctioned by General Robert E. Lee.) March, 13, 1865, Negroes were called for military service in the Confederate Army.

About 1550 patents have been issued to Negroes by the United States Patent Office.

Massachusetts was the first state to elect Negroes to the state legislature, two were elected from Boston in 1866.

In 1862, Abraham Lincoln said regarding arming the Negroes to fight in the Union Army: "I am not sure we could do much with the Blacks. If we were to arm them, I fear that in a few weeks the arms would be in the hands of the rebels."

Again he said: "What I do about

slavery and the Colored race, I do because I believe it would help save the union."

John Rutledge, member of the Constitutional Convention was one of those responsible for the clause legalizing the slave trade until 1808 by which time the southern states estimated they would have a sufficient stock of slaves on hand to supply their future needs.

On Sept. 8, 1826, Joseph Wallingford owed his wife \$150 for alimony (separated because of ill treatment toward his wife) to satisfy this claim he gave his wife, Rachel Wallingford, a slave girl, twelve years of age named Sarah Ann. Hunt in the records of Washington, D. C. and find this story.

No particular kind of fish is mentioned in the Bible. It is remarkable that the apostles, severally of whom were professed fishermen, did not designate by name any kind of fish.

Jehoida "took a chest, and bored a hole in the lid of it, and set it beside the altar, on the right side, and the priests put therein all the money. First mention of a contribution box, places or envelopes, as we have today. (2 Kings 12:9).

The text of our Saviours' first sermon was "REPENT." Matthew 26:29.

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