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**Uplifting the Negro.**

The apostle of negro redemption, Mr. Booker T. Washington, spoke before the Canadian Club of Toronto last week, giving an address which was a revelation of marvellous work accomplished in uplifting the colored millions of the south. Mr. Washington, who has a world-wide reputation as head of the Tuskegee Institute at Tuskegee, Alabama, where 1,500 colored men and women are receiving instruction, is himself an example of what education has done for a gifted son of Africa. He was a slave, but he now displays the attributes of a highly cultured, masterful personality, gifted as an orator and possessing withal the unctuous humor native to his race. One of his opening stories, having reference to this being a return visit, was of a colored congregation in his neighborhood who had trouble with their pastor over money. He went out and addressed them, apparently convincing all but one man at the back of the hall. Mr. Washington finally addressed him personally, and the negro replied:

"We ain't gwine to pay him any more salary this year."

"Now, brother, I wish you would be perfectly frank, and tell me what the trouble is," said Mr. Washington.

"We have paid him for them same sermons last year," was the reply. Mr. Washington said he feared his audience would think the same of him.

Mr. Washington said the negro question was most perplexing. The proposed solution that they be banished to some island and isolated was entirely impracticable, for no wall would keep them from the whites and no four walls would keep the whites from them. The Tuskegee Institute, which was started in 1881, with thirty students in a little shanty, had now 1,500 students, with 86 buildings and 2,300 acres of land, with property and endowment valued at over \$2,000,000. It had been a difficult task to get the black race to understand the value of industrial education. They had been forced to work for 250 years, and now they wanted to take it easy.

"But I told them," said Mr. Washington, "that there is a vast difference between being worked and working. (Laughter.) I said to them that being worked meant degradation; that working meant civilization." (Applause.)

Among the results of the educational work, Mr. Washington cited the erection of their buildings by their students, the construction of civic improvements, the management of banks and the construction of a small railroad.

Account had been kept of the students' one vacation, and it was found they earned three times as much as the ordinary, unskilled, ignorant black. One of the most satisfactory features of the work at the southern institutions was the unselfish missionary spirit, which prompted the graduates to go out among the people and give their lives at small remuneration to the uplifting of the colored race. The effect was seen in the better crops, the large houses and the bank accounts and happier people. Statistics showed that 71 per cent of the white people in the United States owned their houses, while 18 per cent of the colored people owned theirs, which was not a bad showing for a race only 40 years out of slavery. A State Governor had said recently that they were degraded by education. If that were true the more they were educated the worse they would become and by logic every graduate of a college would be in the penitentiary. As a matter of fact not one graduate of the Tuskegee Institute was to be found in jail anywhere in the United States.

As to illiteracy the negroes compared favorably with many other races, for, after only 40 years of freedom, there were only 44 per cent illiterate, while in Italy there were 30 per cent, after centuries of freedom. In Spain the illiterate were 60 per cent.; in Russia, 72 per cent., and in some of the South African republics 30 per cent. Experience had shown that the negro can work, and the wants created by civilization make it necessary for him to work five or six days a week, while the millions in South African barbarism subsisted on one day's work a week and did not want to do more.

Mr. Washington took a hopeful view of the negroes' future, and concluded with a story of a wounded sergeant in the American war, who, on being told he was passing away, made the chaplain hunt a \$5 bill from a faded book in his pocket and then he bet he would get better.

"Judging by my experience and my work with my race on this continent, said Mr. Washington, "I will bet the people of the Dominion of Canada \$5 that the black race will get well. (Applause.) We are going to get well in body; we are going to get well in mind; we are going to get well in spirit, because out from Hampton and Tuskegee and scores of industrial centres we are sending the doctors who are going to make them strong, helpful and useful citizen." (Loud applause.)

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**Concerning Reward.**  
Many persons think they ought to be rewarded for simple honesty. The idea is not only wrong but silly, declares a writer in the Denver Post, and tells of an incident that roused his wrath:

A few days ago, while walking down an Omaha street, I saw a man ahead of me drop

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a pocketbook. A messenger boy picked it up. Just then man missed, and the boy returned it to him without looking inside. The man gave the boy a quarter. The boy accepted it, but was disgusted.

"Is dat all I get for being honest?" he asked.

"There is just three dollars in that pocket-book," said the man.

"Well, you ought to give me a dollar, anyway," the boy replied, sulkily.

Had I been the man I would have added a kick to the quarter; and there are lots of persons like that boy in this world.

**A King's Courting.**

King Alfonso—"At last we are alone. You don't notice anybody about, do you?" Princess Eua—"There seems to be somebody trying to look under the door."

Alfonso—"Don't mind him. He's near sighted and half deaf. That's my first lord of the royal kimons. What did you say?"

Eua—"I didn't say anything."

Alfonso—"It must have been that asthmatic old wheezer, the keeper of the royal jewel box. I told him to wait outside. And now, let me see—what was I going to say? Oh, yes. You read the papers, don't you?"

Eua—"Yes, we subscribe for three of them."

Alfonso—"Then, of course, you know that everything's been fixed up for us?"

Eua—"I believe so."

Alfonso—"Yes; all the old flubdubs have given their consent, and as I understand it, they expect us to ratify the arrangement. Are you prepared to ratify?"

Eua—"Ye-es, Phooey."

Alfonso—"Oh, joy, oh, rapture, we're engaged! Everyone can come in now. It's all right, boys, I've popped."

**Why No Apology Was Necessary.**

An amusing incident happened the other day at a club which had hospitably thrown open its doors to two other clubs. A certain well-known officer in the brigade of guards was guilty of the offence of smoking in the morning room.

As a matter of fact, he was under the impression that it was the smoking room. A brother officer told him of his mistake. He went up to the only occupant of the room—an old gentleman dozing in a corner—and apologized for having inadvertently broken one of the rules of the club.

The old gentleman replied, without haste, as follows: "My dear sir, pray do not apologize. In the first place, I am sure you would not have smoked had you known that it was prohibited; in the second, I should be the last person to blame you, if you had done so; in the third, I am not a member of the club, and in the fourth, I have just been smoking myself.—London Globe.

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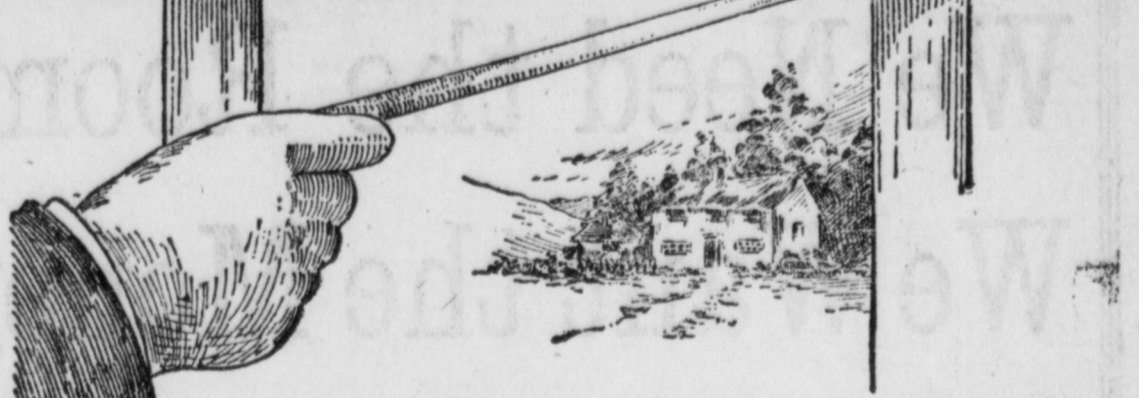
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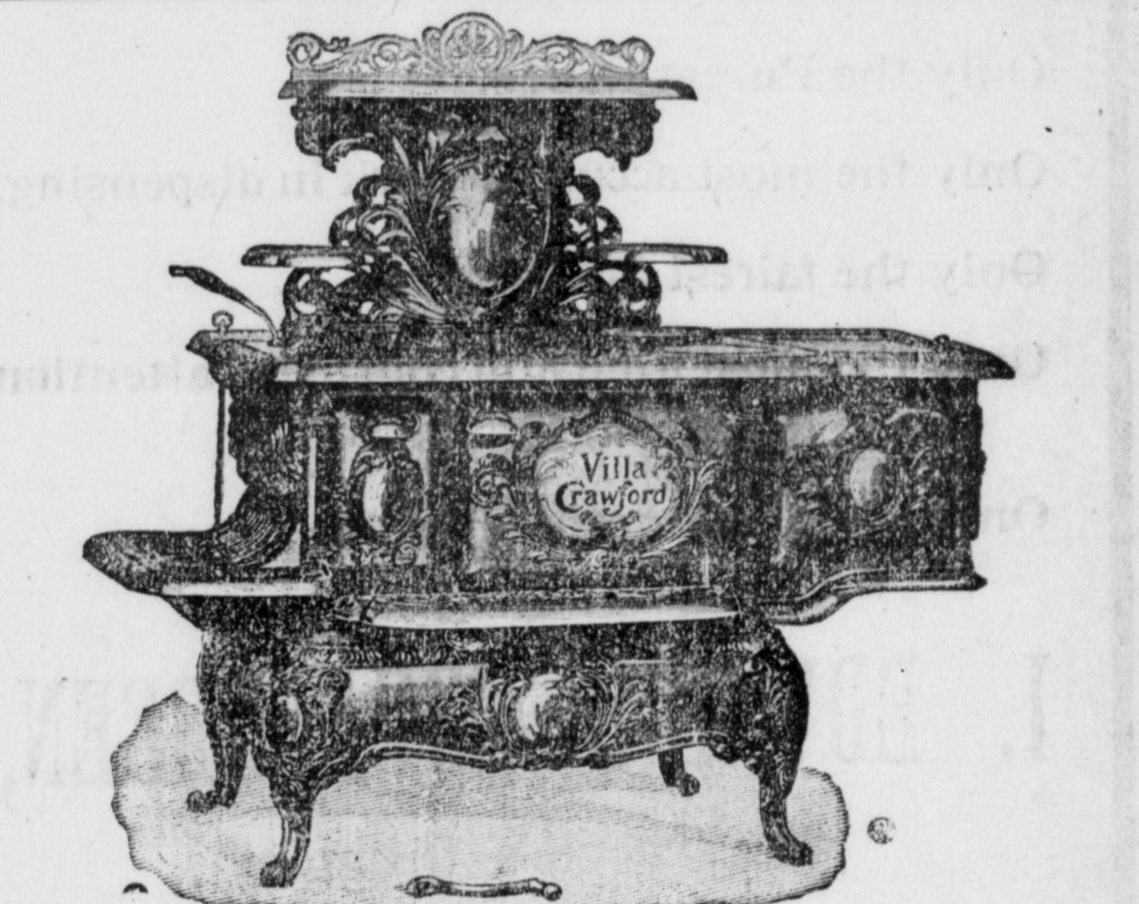
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