

WEST INDIAN SERVANTS.

A Colony of Ten Thousand of Them in New York.

Every steamship from the West Indies brings to New York a group of negroes who have left the islands to seek service here. The colony of West India negroes in this city now numbers not far from 10,000, and the extent of the emigration is beginning to be felt by the white residents of the West Indies, who fear that "help" will soon be getting scarce.

Household servants in the West Indies are individually cheap, but it takes a large staff of servants to keep up an establishment there. Wages are small, but the work apportioned among many is light. The tales of the great city, sent to the West India negroes by their friends in New York, are the talk of the house servants of every plantation, and unrest and the desire to share the good fortunes of their friends follow.

The West Indian emigrants find little difficulty in getting good places here. "Every West India negro, man or woman, can cook," any one who has lived in or visited the islands will declare, and, as a rule, they make more desirable servants than the average of colored household helpers. Those who are here are always ready to help a new arrival to a place, and their mistresses are usually able to boast to other women of their help. Household service on the islands, where the family gets a good deal more of waiting upon than in "the States," makes the West Indian who is engaged as waitress and "upstairs girl" a revelation to a New York family, and, as for the cooks, how they can cook! The cook's hand is likely to be "a little too heavy" with the pepper box, but the American palate soon takes kindly to the highly seasoned dishes that she sends to the table. Their soups and "made dishes" of meats and their ways of cooking rice and other vegetables are worthy of imitation. One of the soups, in which pigeon peas, a West Indian variety, are used, is black and unappetizing in appearance, but a trial of it explains why it holds a high place of honor on the islands. The West Indian cook is, moreover economical.

Taken as a class, the West Indian servants do not do as much work as Europeans are credited with, and the mistress needs to exercise tact in her relations with them, but, if not superabundantly energetic, they are devoted and faithful and less migratory than the general run of household help, white or black.—New York Mail and Express.

Shabby.

The Detroit Free Press is well employed in holding up to contempt the men who insist upon monopolizing the family purse. Here is its latest effort, at which the reader may laugh or cry, as the mood takes him.

The train was about ten miles west of Ypsilanti when a man came into one of the cars with a bill in his hand, and called out:—

"Can any one here change a ten-dollar bill for me?"

Several persons pulled out their pocketbooks, and one man said yes, he had two fives. But the stranger was still little better off till another passenger produced five ones.

"I'll take 'em," said the stranger, "but shall want somebody to break a dollar for me."

"Will two halves do?" asked a woman.

"They will have to I suppose if I can't get four quarters. I'm sorry to make all this trouble, but you see how it is. The old woman has sort of decided to stop off at Ypsilanti and visit her sister for three or four days, while I go to Detroit and back. Her sister may not be at home, and she'd feel a little queer without money. I thought I'd give her a quarter; but if I can't get it, why I shall have to let her have fifty cents, though I shall never see any of it back again."

"My wife is an awfully extravagant woman. She'll go down-town and run through a dollar in no time, and I have to keep a close rein on her."

It is too bad to say, but the man at last got a quarter, and the "old woman" had it tied up in a corner of her handkerchief as she got off at Ypsilanti.

Mice as Engineers.

Mice are good engineers. In digging holes for telegraph poles one of the workmen became greatly interested in watching the ingenuity and perseverance of a mouse which had fallen into one of the holes. It was 4 1/2 feet in depth and 20 inches in diameter. The first day the little prisoner spent in running round the bottom of the hole trying to find a means of escape. The second day he had got over his hysterics and settled down to steady business. He began systematically to dig a spiral groove round and round the inner surface of the hole with a uniform ascending grade. He worked night and day. As he got further from the bottom he dug little pockets where he could lie and rest. The interested witnesses kept it supplied with food. After a while the mouse struck a rock; he tried to get under, around and over the obstacle, but without success. He therefore reversed the spiral and finally reached the top.

Encouraging.

Her Father—Has my daughter ever offered you any encouragement?
Suitor—Oh, yes, sir! She said if I married her she'd work you for the rent.

A Distinction.

Irate Father—I don't want you to visit my house again, sir.
Young Man (affably)—It is not your house I visit, sir, but your daughter.

TAUGHT A DOG TO SING.

New York Central Engineer Claims He Accomplished the Feat.

John Porter, a New York Central engineer, has a dog that he is teaching to sing. Roger, the dog, has been trained to perform every time a member of the Porter family opens the piano. In showing off the other day he kept time to the accompaniment. His style of singing was by yelping in time to the notes played on the instrument. When it ran soft and low, his voice sank almost to a growl; when the notes rose in loud strains Roger pointed his nose to the ceiling and sang a wild, long wail of pathos in such treble as was never heard. When it was all over and the last note of the music had sounded, he wagged his tail and walked around to each one of the company for congratulations.

It was several months ago that the Porters first learned that they had sheltered this musical prodigy, and they and their neighbors have been having infinite amusement with him ever since. By dint of all the practice they have given him, Roger has improved vastly. He has learned songs and can distinguish from the first few notes of the accompaniment what selection is expected of him, and he sings them with all the feeling that a dog could have, and vastly more than some people seem capable of. There is only one thing that will stop him in the middle of a song, and that is to be laughed at. If he is laughed at he stops short, goes back under the piano and stares contemptuously at the ill-mannered people until they go away and leave him.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Clerks.

There are two kinds of clerks. One is in the business simply to get what little money he can. He takes no particular interest in it, never thinks of planning in his employer's interest, waits on customers when they come in, attends to his duties fairly well, but more like an automaton than a clerk presumably with ambition. Such a clerk will never be worth more than the minimum salary, because third-rate clerks, such as he is, are a drug on the market. The other species of clerk may be no more active in his attendance upon customers, but he lays plans to become more useful. If he sees where an improvement can be made he makes it. In all his dealings with customers, he endeavors to make a good impression upon them, so that they will prefer to be waited upon by him. He endeavors to give them just a little better service than the general run of clerks. This is the first step when customers walk by several other clerks and seek out one particular one, that one has started on the high road to success.—Grocery World.

The Electric Motor in the Dairy.

In dairy work, as in almost all other industries, the increasing economy in the cost of production so imperatively necessary, is being greatly promoted by the introduction of the electric motor. Devonshire cream is a toothsome dish, and its popularity never seems to wane. The Devonshire people for many generations have made it by simply heating the milk to make the cream rise. Now they are using centrifugal separators worked by electricity. In many dairies, what the French call a "delaiteuse," is also being worked by the electric motor. This is a machine for separating the buttermilk from the butter while the latter is still in the granular state. It is so far like the separator that it involves the centrifugal principle. The great difficulty in out-of-the-way places is, of course, the supply of electric current, but many dairymen have found that it pays them better to install their own little gas engine for actuating their electro-motors than to get up steam twice a day to do, perhaps, less than half an hour's work, or, which is even worse, to use horse gear. In districts where a charging station is not too far away, or where a trolley line can be made available for purposes of renewal, the storage battery is a convenient method of current supply. It is said that in many dairies where electric power has been introduced that the quality of the produce has shown remarkable improvement, owing mainly to the shorter time in which the various processes can be completed.

He Desired Moderation.

It is an unmistakable and unfortunate fact that too many reformations are as incomplete as in the following case, told by the Washington Star:—"Yessirree," said Farmer Cornstossel, as he tilted back in the rocking-chair and let the paper fold itself over his knee. "I'm a red-hot, out-and-out teetotal reformer every time."

"Well," replied Mrs. Cornstossel, "I'm right glad to hear you say so."

"What for?"
"Well, ef yer goin' in fur reform, I reckon mebbe ye'll be out o' bed 'fore six in the mornin' an' have stove wood handy fur the breakfas' fire, and do a leetle turn at the milkin' oncet in a while, an' git yer apples into town 'fore they're down to fifty cents a bar'l an'—"

"Hole on, Mandy," was the solemn interruption; "hole on! I said I was out fur reform an' I'll stan' by it. But I'm blamed ef I'm goin' in fur any revolution."

Two Sides.

Some one has come forward to prove that the bicycle is an aid to crime. It enables the criminal to escape with speed and leaves no track behind. This is one of the disadvantages of the progress of civilization. But for the knife we would have no cutting affrays, and but for the revolver we would have as many shootings. And as it takes a thief to catch a thief, so it takes an officer on a bicycle to catch the criminal wheelman.

S. S. Convention Work.

Dundas, St. Mary's and Scotch Settlement District Sunday School Convention held its quarterly meeting in the Union Church at Cocagne, Jan. 15 1897. Two sessions were held. The devotional exercises in the afternoon were led by Rev. E. Ramsay. He read the 103rd Psalm and prayers were offered by several of the brethren present and several hymns were sung. After singing the 114th G. H. the President gave an interesting and encouraging report of the Convention work in this Parish during the past year.

Minutes of the last Convention were then read and approved. Rev. E. Ramsay and Rev. A. Lucas were appointed on the question committee.

Reports of schools were then given by the different Superintendents present.

The Field Sec'y, Rev. A. Lucas then gave an instructive normal lesson on Parish Convention work.

The Session closed by singing G. H. 124 and Benediction by Rev. E. Ramsay.

Evening Session began at 7 p. m. A short service of song was first held. Then the Field Sec'y led the devotional exercises. He read a passage from the 1st Chap. of Acts, earnest prayers were then offered by several of the brethren. More singing followed, after which the President took the chair.

Minutes of afternoon session were read and vowed for.

A verse of a hymn was now sung. The Field Sec'y gave a Normal lesson on the Book of Acts, Part of G. H. 121 was sung and the President read an interesting article entitled "How shall parents help the teacher."

A very earnest address of advice and encouragement was given by Rev. E. Ramsay.

Question slips and offerings were then taken up and the meeting was opened for all. Many told of good received from S. Schools and S. S. Convention work. Among those taking part were Wm. M. Murray and Donald McKinnon Scotch Settlement. Mr. Jay of Boutouche and Mr. McLean of McLean Settlement. The President also spoke on the work.

Questions were now answered. It was decided to hold our next Convention in the hall at Scotch Settlement.

The Convention closed by singing G. H. 298 and Benediction by Rev. A. Lucas. While the Congregation was dismissing the choir sang "God be with you till we meet again." Special mention might be made of the music rendered by the choir in these meetings.

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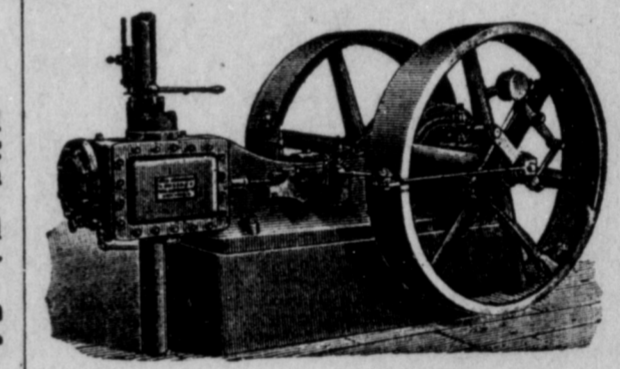
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