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the street just in time to notice the position of the house that the negro had entered.

Van Ost mounted the steps and rang the bell. Over the fanlight of the door he noticed a card indicating that apartments were to let.

The usual type of landlady opened ne door and gazed upon him with

the door and gazed upon him with suspicion. "Pardon, madame," began Van Ost, and then relapsed into English, which he only spoke with the greatest dif-ficulty. "I see—you have a colored gentleman in house," he said. I should like to see him." "Are you a friend of 'is?" asked the landlady, with a haughty stare; "'cos I can tell yer I don't generally take 'is sort. This is a 'ighly respectable 'ouse. Not but that he pays reg-lar and orders meals like a gentleman. An' he don't eat with 'is fingers, neither. Wot name shall I tell Mr. Lekwezzen?"



same." "I do not understand, m'sieu." "Well, you took to stealing—is that clear? Do I make myself plain? Bah, what a return for all madame's kind-ness! It would break her heart if she knew." The neare had auddach because The negro had suddenly become a 1917. "Madame does not know," he whim-pered. "I would not have her sad

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Lekwezzen?" From this extraordinary appellation Van Ost surmised, with really mar-vellous acumen, that the negro had adopted the surname of Lequesne. "My name is no good," said Van Ost politely. "Mr. Lequesne does know me not." "Bless me, you're not from the police," cried the landlady. "Oh, no, no, madame; calm your-self, I pray you. I am a friend of a good friend of monsieur's. That is all." COUNTY OF YORK.

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"Oh, I see. Well, you'd better come this way," said the landlady, still re-garding him with the utmost susgarding him with the utmost suspicton.
She led him upstairs and knocked at the door of the "first floor front."
It was a wretchedly furnished room.
On a broken-down couch sat the negro. He had taken off his coat, and was in the act of pulling off his glossy boots. He still wore his tophat, however, and made a curious and anusing p.cture.
He sprang to his feet when his visitor entered the room. Van Ost bowed politely to him, and, remembering that the countess had taught the negro French, addressed him in that hanguage.
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negro French, addressed him in that language. Soda responded immediately. He spoke quite fluently, though ungram-matically, and some of his words he seemed to have coined for himself. "I am pleased to see you, Mon-sieur Lequesne," said Van Ost, taking a seat on a rickety chair and lighting one of his long cigars. He did not offer the negro one. "I had the pleasure of seeing you before once or twice. You were then called Soda, and were in the service of Madame le Comtesse de Vicorsoprano." The negro made a curious sound

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NOTICE is hereby given, that application will be made to the Legisla-"It seems you ran away from her-escaped—hein, mon brave," said Van Ost. He spoke with a mixture of sternness and good nature. "The service was not what I want-ed," said the negro sullenly. "No so L understand You found "The service was not what a walk-ed," said the negro sullenly. "No, so I understand. You found something more to your liking, some-thing that paid you better—hein? But with power to acquire and develop a water power on the Saint John River at or near Pokiok, and to dam the said river and build other necessary works for the purpose of generating and transmitting power and extending the more dangerous calling, all the time for the commencement and com-pletion of said works and the making of necessary deposit with regard there-Dated this 5th day of March, A. D

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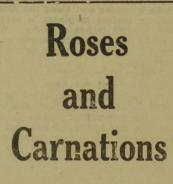


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The negro made a curious sound in his throat. Evidently discovery was not welcome to him. His eyes rolled fearfully. "What does m'sleur want with me?" he asked when he had recovered him-self. "I am no longer in the service of Madame la Comtesse."

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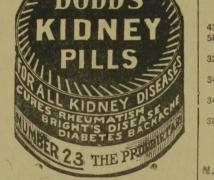
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