

A VOICE FROM AFRICA

"DRINK IS RUINING MY PEOPLE," DE CLARES PRINCE MASSAQUOI

Civilization Has Proved a Curse to His Dusky Subjects and He Wants Christians to Help Him in Keeping Liquor From Them.

Prince Momolu Massaquoi is an interesting African of royal descent, who, through an article in the Century, makes an appeal to Christendom for freedom to worship God "by sobriety, industry, good will and all the Christian graces."

Momolu Massaquoi is prince of the Vei, an exceptional African tribe, which has a written language comprising more than 100 characters. The prince, who was educated in the United States, represented Africa at the parliament of religions in 1893.

The daily thought of this unique young ruler is "How can my people be saved?" He is the founder of an industrial school that opened with the twentieth century at Ghendimah, the capital of Gallinas. The great foe to the advancement of his people he finds to be the liquor traffic.

"From actual calculation," he says, "I find that nearly one-half of the goods imported into my territory is in the form of liquor and that of the very worst and most injurious kind. The native has an idea that everything the white man uses and exports must necessarily be good and an essential element in civilization. It is therefore common to find a man who is poor and not able to get sufficient liquor on which to get drunk rubbing a drop on his head or on his mustache in order that people may smell it and call him civilized."

"The evil practice has really been introduced into everything. A feast is not now a feast unless every participant gets drunk with liquor. Mohammedans excepted, those of the natives who have the means to buy liquor are drunk nearly every day. Our chiefs themselves have already gone so far in this practice that the least disturbance always results in war, and I can prove from my own knowledge that all the wars that have been fought by my tribe since the advent of civilization have been brought on by rash action on the part of drinking men."

"Here is our beautiful country, teeming with every natural advantage, ripe for improvement and promising enormous returns commercially if properly handled. The people are strong, healthy, docile and willing to work for those having lawful authority over them. In many localities, my own among the number, their intelligence is above the average, certainly far above that of the God forsaken (if such a word be possible) populations of mining and manufacturing districts throughout Europe."

"We need but an honest helping hand to raise us to as high a state of culture as was possessed by most of the dark races at a time when the western continent was still in the gloom of barbarism. We are willing to be taught, we are willing to give a large share of the results to those who teach and employ us, but we are not willing to sell body and soul for the very doubtful advantages of civilization as it looks to us."

"If the present policy continues we cannot fight as men should against the wrong. The poison is fast doing its deadly work, and in a few years there will be none of us left to resist the oppressors. But our blood will be on their heads and will cry to heaven for vengeance."

"It is but very little that we ask—the right to work on our own soil, among our own people, ruled by our own rulers and to be permitted to eat and drink what we think good for us, instead of having deadly poison poured down our throats. Even if foreign powers should for a time be financial losers, they cannot eventually be anything but gainers—aided by a country almost unlimited in its capabilities and the willing, grateful service of 20,000,000 of people rescued from the moral as well as physical death now staring them in the face."

"We appeal, not to England, not to France, not to Germany, not to other empires and states, but to the consciences of the individual men forming such nations. We appeal not for a gift or favor, but for our right."

Temperance and Track Athletics.

There is a temperance lesson in the Marathon race of twenty-five miles, which is always a feature of Boston's celebration of Patriot's day. The doctors who examine the runners immediately before and after the races declare that those who are the most successful and suffer the least injury from the contest are the ones who have been given no alcoholic stimulants either before or during the long hard race. In several cases the runners who are given a drink of whisky or other stimulant during the race soon find themselves in distress and are obliged to quit running. The winners had only a bit of lemon juice or an occasional swallow of water.

Inroads of Alcohol in Germany.

Professor Stadelman, principal physician of the great hospital at Friedrichshain, a suburb of Berlin, in his latest report says that the inroads of alcohol among large sections of the working classes in Berlin are appalling. He reckons that 7 per cent of all the cases admitted to his hospital are cases of delirium tremens and that this in no way covers all the forms of disease brought on by intemperance. Roughly, he says, between one-quarter and one-third of the diseases afflicting men in the great districts in Berlin inhabited by workmen are caused by the use of alcohol.

The SPORTING WORLD

Young Golf Champion.

A. G. Barry, the amateur golf champion of Great Britain, is to visit America soon to try his skill against that of our leading cranks.

Barry made a great sensation when he won the title early in the summer at Prestwick, Scotland. He is but nineteen years old and a schoolboy, yet he defeated the experienced veterans with ease.



A. G. BARRY.

The American star, Walter J. Travis, it will be remembered, won the amateur championship of Great Britain last year.

Points For Wrestlers.

There are certain fundamental principles which all wrestlers should observe. The beginner should early learn to follow them, so as to form habits of correctness that he will not swerve from in an exciting moment when his mind is centered on what he considers more important details.

First, the mat performer should keep his hands clinched when on all fours. If he rests his hands flat on the carpet his opponent will be able to seize one or two fingers and by twisting them force his arm into a dangerous position, or he may dislocate one of the comparatively weak finger joints. So keep your hands clinched.

Again, be careful how an opponent grasps your wrist. He may secure a firm hold and twist your arm up over your back into a hammer lock, etc.

Do not take your eyes from an opponent for a single instant. If he catches you unawares, even for a second or two, your doom may be sealed.

Do not release a hold on a man when you think you have secured a fall. Wait until the referee notifies you.

Do not be overconfident. Do not be careless.

Do not "play horse" with a man you consider an inferior. He may surprise you any moment. Go in to win and win as speedily as possible.

If a man roughs or punishes you severely with malicious intent call the referee's attention to it.

Ball Writers May Lose Laurels.

Visitors to this country are frequently impressed by the nomenclature of our baseball scribes. They read of "bingles," "benders," "south paws," of "three sackers" and players "dying at first," and ask for explanations. The palm for versatility generally has been conceded to the men who write the sport of the diamond, but they must look to their laurels if the following extract from an English paper can be taken as the standard of "cricket as she is now wrote:"

Archie's initial manipulation was a "cow shot" off the left handed representative of the Tyke county, but he was defeated all ends up by a "snorter" which came up with a pronounced swish. Tydesley followed and ought to have been "pouched" after offering a "sitter" at right angles to his lordship. He "ballooned" Rhodes to the leg extremity, but in trying another "skyscraper" was "truncated" with a "fizzer" from the stalwart Haigh. The latter spheroid propelled upset Hallow's equilibrium and uprooted his timber yard with the subsequent globe, which was more of a "googly" than a "swimmer." The willow wielder was thus out for a "lunar body" or "moon," as last year's Cambridge universt captain so aptly put it—and forthwith the rabbit hutch opened.

Just what the "fizzer," the "googly" and the "swimmer" are like we cannot state, but they look good. Word painting of this description enlivens even a cricket match.

Laird's Long Drives.

Young Laird, the Canadian boy golfer, who is a student at Princeton, is one of the longest drivers in the amateur ranks. They have a hole at Princeton 270 yards long, with a bunker 240 yards from the tee, and Laird has a record of carrying this twice in succession.

The Machle-Niblick.

A good many amateur golfers are taking quite a fancy to the machle-niblick. As its name implies, the club is useful for approaching or getting out of long grass or bunkers.

Malachi Ought to Know.

Malachi Kittredge says that the Washington team plays better ball on the road than at home on account of the peculiar weather in the capital in the summer months.

Jimmy Sebring.

Jimmy Sebring once more threatens to jump Cincinnati for the independent Williamsport club and Garry Hermann threatens to enjoin him, a la LaJole, if he does.

Ed Hanlon, Scout.

Manager Hanlon of the Brooklyns is making a quiet trip around the east looking for promising talent.

An Animal Story For Little Folks

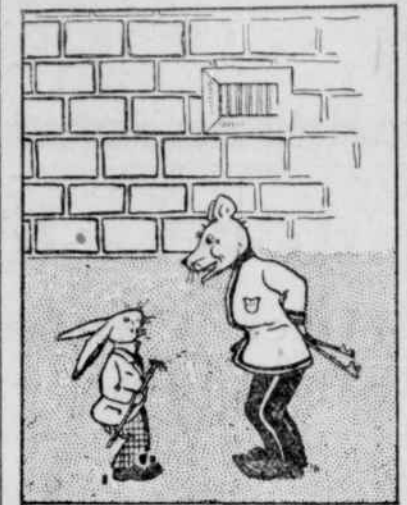
The Foolish Rabbit

There was a rabbit who was very much afraid that he would not enjoy all of the good things of life, and so he went about to find what he could do to have a better time than he would have if he only remained around the house with his little brothers and sisters.

As he was passing along the street he met the warden of the jail and told him that he was out for a good time.

"Can you make any suggestion to help me?" asked the rabbit.

The warden said that he could not think of anything at that moment, but



OFFERED TO PUT HIM IN JAIL.

offered to put him in jail for awhile, for he thought that he might enjoy himself there.

But that was not the kind of fun that Mr. Rabbit wanted, and he spurred the offer of the warden. Then he proceeded on his way, and he had not gone far when he heard the report of a gun.

"Here come the hunters!" he cried, and away he darted to escape the sorry fate that had befallen his cousin only a week before.

But the hunters were faster than Mr. Rabbit, and soon they were in sight, and a load of shot caught the poor bunny in the side. His last thoughts were of how much better off he would have been if he had not been so anxious to have a good time and had accepted the warden's offer to let him stay in the jail for awhile.—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

An Animal Story For Little Folks

HOW THE FROG WON THE RACE

Everybody knows what a fondness Mr. Frog has for engaging in contests of all kinds with his fellow creatures, so that when he one day met the crane that long legged bird was not surprised to receive a challenge.

"I can get across that pond before you," declared Mr. Frog.

"No you can't," replied Mr. Crane, with a laugh.

"Well, we'll have a race," declared Mr. Frog, "and the first to get on the



"I'LL WAIT FOR HIM."

other side of the pond shall marry the miller's daughter."

"I shall win without trouble," cried Mr. Crane, who was thinking how far he could stride with his long legs.

"We shall see," said Mr. Frog.

"Are you ready?" asked Mr. Crane.

"Yes," answered Mr. Frog.

"Go!" cried Mr. Crane, and away they both went into the water.

Mr. Crane strode boldly in and went through the water with long steps, rapidly leaving the shore behind.

Into the water also went Mr. Frog with a big splash.

When Mr. Crane had gone some distance he stopped and looked around to see where Mr. Frog was, but that warty creature was not in sight.

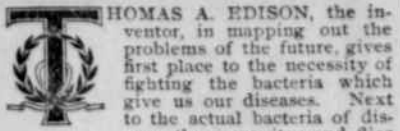
"Well, I guess I've left him far behind," said Mr. Crane, with a laugh. "I shall just wait here for him to catch up."

So he waited and waited, and no sign came of Mr. Frog.

But presently he heard a voice calling to him, and when he looked over at the other side of the pond who should Mr. Crane see but Mr. Frog.

Mr. Frog had swum all the way under the surface of the water!

"I told you I would get here first," laughed the frog.—Atlanta Constitution.



THOMAS A. EDISON, the inventor, in mapping out the problems of the future, gives first place to the necessity of fighting the bacteria which give us our diseases. Next to the actual bacteria of disease, the mosquitos and flies are the most dangerous enemies of man.

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