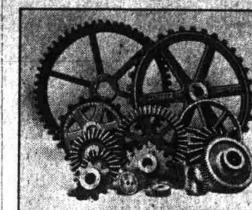
PASSING OF AUNT MILLS

STATE OF ACTION OF ACTI child in the town or surrounding country. She had never affiliated to any great extent with the colored people. For some reason they did not appear to like her. It was hinted that she berated them too severely for what she considered their short comings "ey say I's er white folks nigger," she would chuckle "nemer mine, dey don't bother me wid der sayin's en I don't bother dem. Effect me alone I let dem slone."

Sh lived all alone in her solltary cabin about half a mile from town, cultivated her little patches and did washing.

Year after year she dwelt here with never a cent of rent to pay, happler for the most part than any gueen I know of. She belonged to the brown type of negro, which, it is well-known, is the superior type. Large in body, low in stature, features somewhat uncertain and rather dough-like in contour, she could scarcely be called good looking; though you would hardly think her ngly if you knew her well. Har head was slways covered with the spotless white kerchiel of the old-time darkey, and her clothing always looked fresh from the tub. She was what is known as a "cornfield negro," having had no training as cook or housemaid, and in early life having known little of refining influsnces. Washing, ironing, sorubbing, cleaning, garden-work, her strong hands were at home in; and such rough work as this she did in our family for many years. A cruel physical disability had unfitted her for the finer tasks of the house servant, even could

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