

THE CRY OF THE SOUTH
IS IN THE BEAM IN OUR EYE?

Some of Our Many Alleged Afflictions
Pointedly Discussed—The Objection
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Are We More Narrow and Prejudiced
Than They?—Who is the Negro's Best
Friend?—The Movements for Our
Salvation Are Doing No Good and
a Good Deal of Harm in Fomenting
Agitation.

Written for the Observer.
There seems at the present time to be
a renewal of the perennial discussions of
the variegated afflictions of the people
of the Southern States of the American
Union. This agitation has been going
on for about three hundred years and
some people are actually beginning to
take it seriously and are sending all kinds
of missionaries from the other sections
to save us. There are in full operation
sundry organizations—industrial, political,
educational, social and miscellaneous—
designed for the one purpose of helping us
to get out of the slough of despond, while
we solemnly go our several ways without
being conscious that we need the uplift-
ing more than our brethren and some-
times resenting having the motion removed
from our eyes by those who (we think)
have beams in their eyes.

The Southern heart responds as readily
as any to the cry of a child, or of the
helpless, ignorant or oppressed, but as
of us object to the representation that
these things are only to be found among
us and that there are no tears anywhere
else on earth. As this appears to be the
dominant note of the cries of the South
now being presented to a long-suffering
public, it will perhaps not be amiss to
pause to consider a few of our most
prominently mentioned wrongs, and
incidentally the self-appointed doctors
who would cure us. No claim is made
that there is not some truth in the
allegations, for there is a little truth in
nearly everything, but attention is called
to the fact that some people speak the
truth with "the venom of a fiend" and
to that portion of the Scriptures that
teaches "By their fruits ye shall know
them."

COTTON MILL SLAVERY.
The Saturday Evening Post, leaving
graft to the other periodicals, has turned
its muck-rake toward the "Curry of the
Children" in the South. The writer is
supposed to be investigating the supposed
horror of child labor in American cotton
mills, but well the Southern people are
now inviting and so they get the lion's
share of attention, which is all of it. It
is made to appear that the mill owners
conspire to suppress knowledge of the
actual conditions, and from the misin-
formation in the hands of the mill agents
to be successful in the attempt. Among
other things, the writer has re-discovered
the thing no Southerner has ever yet been
able to find, "the Curry of the Children."
"You all" in speaking to sister or brother
or mother or the dog or cat or any other
one thing.

The startling conclusion came in a re-
cent article. The industrializing of a
town by a mill was described. The mill
pours in and business takes new
life because of the mill, the "very exist-
ence of which depends on the labor of
children from five years up to
twelve." Now what possible good can be
accomplished by such stuff as that? Of
course the mill is a good thing, but the
fact is that the mill agents are the
ones that are dilating on the evils. The
strange thing about the whole business
is that our people down here would not
particularly relish similar descriptions of
mill towns in the North and it is difficult
to conceive their reasons for raking to-
gether all these little items to be looked
at through a great microscope in order
to find a feeling which if in us would be
called prejudice. The cotton mill condi-
tions in the South are bad enough and
we know it, but we also know that the
Saturday Evening Post will not help
matters much.

PROVINCIALISM.
We are narrow and bitter in this cot-
ton country, and we need better men in
public life—so they say. Yet within the
last ten years, North Carolina has had
Governors and Senators representing all
degrees of ability and every shade of
political belief. The South Carolina has
had Democratic and Republican Gov-
ernors and Senators. And are they not all
that they are solely because they want it
that way?

These taunts about our provincialism
usually come from New York, whence
all these majestic statesmen who have
made the Empire State known through-
out the earth for purity in city govern-
ment, proudly of legislators, honor and
greatness of Senators and invulnerable
integrity of Governors. To compare with
these and the similar public servants of
the Keystone State, the South has no
thing to offer. Such names as Bailey, Bacon,
Clay, Aycock, Glenn, Simmons, Over-
man, Daniels and Montague are names
no place alongside these statesmen. And
it must be remembered also that the only
indicted congressman in the South and
innocent was a North Carolinian. Yes,
we are narrow and we have urgent needs,
and we are busily weaving an article or
essay in convincing other people that they
are in the same condition.

THE NEGROES.
In the highly esteemed Outlook of May
15 is a review of some Southern books
by Southerners, and the reviewer takes
occasion to lightly brush aside some ar-
guments to the effect that the Anglo-Sax-
on is naturally the African's superior.
This merely represents the animus of
those who take great delight in making
such thrusts at the known feelings in
the South. We hear much of the unjust
treatment of negroes down here, when,
in fact this is the only section of the
earth where they can live in freedom
working. We support their schools and
help them to go to work and make some-
thing of themselves while their real-
estate friends give them scraps and teach
them that they can get happiness and
prosperity by idleness. The only oppor-
tunity is wide open to colored people
and to all other people in the South
who are willing to work with their
works. We have done them innumerable
services in closing the door of
political hope to them, because now or
sometimes they will be able to do
the only other door open is the one that
leads to the fields that are demanding
laborers. In the latest issue of a group
magazine is a fine photograph of a group
of "molders of American Civilization,"
and it is my humble opinion that if
the group would be properly named, Andrew
Carnegie, R. C. Ogden and Bro. Abbott
are at once recognized in the group and
in the middle foreground is the "noblest
Roman of them all"—Booker T. Wash-
ington. The only thing about it which
exception is taken is the accompanying
statement that the picture shows the
stand of the Negro in the South with
regard to the various views of the social
discussion. The main trouble with the
whole business is that there is and
has been too much talk about it and
so it is time to let it rest. The salvation
of the negro race will come by "the
sway of the hand of the God of the
best friends, the Southern white people.
It will not come by agitation that inevit-
ably attracts the attention of those who
much of himself. He needs an inspiration
more than he needs inspiration.

IGNORANCE.
The most talked of agency for the
propagation of enlightenment in the
South "especially among the mountain
whites," is the Southern Educational
Conference. The "Ogden Move-
ment." My introduction to it was at its
permanent organization in Winston-
Salem in fall of 1902, and I remember
ever so vividly that one of the hapless
speeches was concluded with the master-
ful utterance that "the curas of the
South to-day is social dis-association."
Having read somewhere that a good tree
cannot bring forth evil fruit, and good
seed cannot bring forth evil seed, I
was not in a kindly but rather a gloomy
mood. I have watched it closely. It has scatter-
ed some seeds that made some of us
happy, but if it has contributed to any-
thing to the furtherance of our educa-
tion, it has not been made known up to
the time this is written. It is true that
they have given would not atone for the
fact that some men with Southern blood
in their veins are actually trying to
apply the statement quoted.

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London Sketch.
The origin of that Viennese bread
shaped like a crescent, which is found
in most places on the continent, dates
back to 1682. At that time the Aus-
trian capital was besieged by the
Turks under the terrible Grand Vizier
Kara Mustapha, and as they failed to
take the city by assault they decided to
dig a passage under the walls, and
so penetrate into the town.
In the daytime the noise of the
sledge made the sound of the tunnel-
ing inaudible, and at night the sol-
diers of the place were asleep, all
but the sentries and the bankers. It
was the bankers who, as they worked
the bread for the garrison, heard the
pickaxes of the miners coming nearer
and nearer and gave the alarm. In
the fighting the bankers' Association
took their share in the utmost
bravery, and as a reward for their
services the Emperor gave them per-
mission to make a special cake per-
mitted by the Turkish crescent.

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