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OTA, THAT AFRICAN PYGMY

SHEN BY A CHARLOTTE PERSON

Dr. Phillips Verner's Little Pet Bu to White Heat—The Sama-Stories Were Without Real dation—Some Interesting Ob-hons—Ots Benga, in Duck Suit Smiles, Delights a Crowd of dors—The Ourang-Outang and binupansees Love Him—An In-ing Story by an Eye Witness. A good Charlotte citizen, who has ust returned from New York, has

given The Observer the following in-teresting story concerning Ota Benga, the African pygmy, who has attracted so much attention in New York on account of his fondness for the apes of Brony Dark.

sceount of his fondness for the apes of Bronx Park: "My attention has been directed to an aditorial in The Chronide, copied by The Observer, with explanatory re-marks, about Dr. Phillips Verner and his African pygmies. The numercus articles published recently in news-papers all over the United States, about the pygmy placed in Bronx Zoological Park, New York city, by Dr. Verner, are so misleading, and, in the majority of instances, so untrue, that it behoaves one who saw the pygmy soon after he was put in the park to correct to some extent the wrong impressions given of him and his treatment. The New York papers of Monday, the 10th, gave excited acf Monday, the 19th, gave excited ac-ounts of the African Bushman, Ota Benga, brought from the Congo Free tate and caged with monkeys; of his wild and uncouth appearance, resem-bling an animal so closely that he was placed with monkeys in order to filus-trate and emphasize the Darwinian theory of the evolution of man; of his theory of the evolution of man; of his antics with the monkeys, who seemed to recognize in him a fellow-creature, etc. These accounts of the pygmy attracted the attention of some South-erners who were stopping in the city, so on the afternoon of the 10th, the purty, of which I chanced to be a member, set forth to visit the park in-cidentially and the pygmy, especially. cidentally and the pygmy, especially. No zoological park could be more No zoological park could be more complete, or more interesting than the Bronz. It comprises 681 acres of land and was named for Jonas Bronck, of Holland, who came to America in 1659 and purchased a large body of land from the Indians. Money has not been spared to make the park perfect in every detail but as far as possible natural beauty has been wisely allowed to take prece-dence of artificial Magnificent whoddence of artificial. Magnificent woodlands are intersected by beautiful driveways, and the scenery at times is almost mountainous in its wild pieturesqueness, affording a striking con-trast to that crowded, busy city, near at hand. Splendid horticultural buildings contain a vast collection of rare and exquisite flowers and plants, and there are large and handsome build-ings for birds, reptifes, and animals of almost every known variety. The houses are compactly constructed to withstand the cold of winter, but from withstand the cold of winter, but from each cage or room there extends a large porch enclosed with iron grading or a yard with fence about it, so that the animals may be in the open air as much as possible. Many are the in-teresting animals to be seen—the great elephant, Gunda, weighing 5.great elephant, Gunda, weighing 5,-600 pounda, who anxiously solicits pennies, which he places in his bank on a shelf high up on the iron grat-ing; the baby elephant, born in cap-tivity, who suffers with weak ankres and wears boats to remedy the trou-ble; the huge hippopotamus, who iux-uriates in a fine swimming pool with-in his cage, and many others, too numerous to mention. In various en-closures about the park are many closures about the park are many ing and playing about their little mound-shaped houses in an enclosed place which resembles a prairie, seaunderneath great rocks into a hill-side; Eskimo dogs lie panting in the September heat; bisons roaming about in an enclosure of large proportions. In short, there are animals from all over the world and of every variety. Interest in natural history cannot but be aroused anew as one realizes his is portance of so much natural history is a second to be a second to solution and provide the series of the same purpose, we went through the wide, central hall-way, eagerly scanning the cares on either side. But among the many charge the same purpose, we went through the wide, central hall-way, eagerly scanning the cares on either side. But among the many charge the many charge the many stattering the side same purpose, we went through the wide, central hall-way, eagerly scanning the cares on either side. But among the many charge the many stattering the side same purpose. the same purpose, we went through the wide, central hati-way, eagerly scanning the cages on either side. But among the many chattering monkeys, chimpanzees and ourang-outangs, no creature half-monkey and half-man was seen. Were we then to meet with disappointment? Had Ots Bengs been spirited away? At the end of the hall we came upon a group of five negro men in close consulta-tion with a policeman. From their clerical dress we at once concluded, and rightfully, that it was the commitand rightfully, that it was the commit-tee of negro preachers who had come out to take steps toward freeing their African brother from the indignities to which he was being submitted. Their faces were kullen and gloomy with suppressed indignation. They, too, were on the lookout for the pyg-my, but received the same reply that met all queries. 'He's somewhere in the park, where he's been all day.' The trowd seemed of one mind, re-solving not to depart until Ota Benga had been seen and every one was satthe park, where he's been all day. The trowd seemed of one mind, re-solving not to depart until Ota Benga had been seen and every one was satisfied to watch for a while the marvel-our acrobatic performances of the ourang-outang and the two chimpana-nees in the large outside cage. In the heat cage, which was empty, was to be seen a chair and table, on which rested a tiger skin and bow and arrow, showing where Bengs had given his performance the day previous. Or the cage was also a sign, stating that in good the outside cage. It is not be seen a chair and table, on which rested a tiger skin and bow and arrow, showing where Bengs had given his performance the day previous. Or the cage was also a sign, stating that in a sched the building. With hat in hand he surried into the crowd withing region by apparently 15, but is head of the building. 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main outside, while the outang-outang and the chimpanness claug to the bars and gased most affectionately, even smilingly, into his face, as he point-ed and jabbered, first in his native tongue and then in broken English at them, always ending with the same merry little laugh, so cantagious that every one joined him. Several persons talked with him and his friendly man-ner and bright expression made friends of all present. "When Ots Benga first appeared I noticed the negro preachers dowely and the change in their countenances was as sun-shine after storm. Forgetting their grievanet, in eagerness to watch every movement of the pygmy, they seemed to be thoroughly delighted and charm-ed. Instead of the wild creature, pic-tured by newspaper writers, they be-held a happy young African, who was permitted to roam about the park at will. The only foundation for the wild and sensational stories had come from the fact that Ots was allowed to en-ter the large cage and play with the ourang-outang and the chimpanness, a pastime which he thoroughly en-fort as a trolle not unlike that be-tween a boy and his dog. Certain New York papers are ever, ready to print yellow stories and the pygmy save them an opportunity. The re-ports started in New York have gone from paper to paper until the entire country has an erroneous version of ota Benga and his life in Broax Park. "De Verner brough Ota to St. Louis for the exposition and put him in "Dr. Verner brought Ota to St. Louis for the exposition and put him in 't the ethnological exhibit. When the fair closed the boy was taken back to Africa. Recently Dr. Verner brought him to New York and placed him, temporarily, at Bronx Park, as he knew no other place, and there, he was certain that Benga would re-ceive kind treatment, and would like-iy prove of as much interest as in St. Louis, where he was exhibited at the World's Fair. The negro preachers were anxious to place Ota Benga in a negro orphan asylum, but wished Dr. Verner to resign all right to him, which was declined. Even against this plan for the pygmy's welfare were ob-jections raised, as many of those in-terested in the orphanage feared he "Dr. Verner brought Ota to St. Louis

terested in the orphanage feared he might cat up some of the dear little orphans. And so the matter stands. "Director Hornaday, of Bronx Park, has been greatly annoyed by this 'much ado about nothing.' 'Enough, enough.' says he: 'I have had enough of Ota Benga, the African pygmy, Ring up the Brooklyn How-ard Colored Orphan Asylum. Tell them that they can get busy tinkering with his intellect. I'm through with

him here." "But still Benga wanders about the park, playing with his bow and arrow, bouncing a rubber ball and making uncarthful sounds with a mouth-or-gan, unconscious of the manifest in-terest of the crowds that throng about him. Forty thousand people visited Bronx Park last Sunday to view the star attraction-the wild man from Africa! Benga enjoys thoroughly the letters that come to him from Dr. Verner, the keeper, to whom the words are unintelligible, reads to him phonetically, while Benga laughs and nods with delight. The little Bushman is oblivious of the great notoriety he has obtained, and is evidently en-joying his stay in Bronx Park."

CAPT. BASON'S CLIENT.

Wanted a Remedy for a Hog That Would Not Eat—Had a Good Thing, but Did Not Realize It—The World is Waiting for Just Such a Pig— Not Law, but a Patent Needed. "What do you know that is good ?" asked an Observer man of Capt. lions, basking on rocks in the middle George F. Bason, of Gastonia, who of a lake; ground-hogs, burrowing underneath great rocks into a hillterday.

THE WOMAN'S CLUB.

The Officers for the Year 1996-1997 sud the Meetings—An Interesting Programme Arranged for October —The Literature Club Will Study The Woman's Club of Charlotte b ust issued its year, book for 1906-

just insued its year book for 1996-1967. This club was organized in 1899 and admitted to the State Fed-eration in 1962. The officers are: Mrs. Eugene Reilley, president; Mrs. W. G. Rogers, first vice president; Mrs. R. E. Cochrane, second vice president; Mrs. Frank D. Lethco, recording secretary; Mrs. Hugh A. Mur-

cording secretary; Mrs. Hugh A. Murrill, corresponding secretary, and Mrs.
C. W. Tillett, treasurer. The chalrmen of departments are: Mrs. F. C. Abbott, Hierature; Mrs. C. C. Hook, music; Mrs. J. C. Abernethy, education; Mrs. Edwin Howard, home economics, and Mrs. I. W. Falson, civic improvements.
The appointed committees are: On ways and means: Mrs. Louis Nicholson, chairman; Mrs. Ed Heil, Mrs. J. A. Fore, Mrs. W. S. Stawart and Mrs. A. Fore, Mrs. W. S. Stawart and Mrs. Mrs. R. O. Alexander, Mrs. J. Lee Koiner, Mrs. G. F. Rutsler and Mrs. Waiter Brem.
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Art in Schools, and set of the sear: General Meetings: First and third Thursdays. Literature: First and third Tuesdays. Music: Second Wednesday. Home Economics: Second Thursday. Child Culture: Fourth Thursday.

General meetings of the club are held at the club room, Carnegie Li-brary. Department meetings are held at the homes of the members on

invitation. Club Meetings: October fourth: Home Economics. October eighteenth: Chub Meetings: October fourth: Home Economics. October sighteenth: Literature. November first: Civics. November fifteenth: Music. De-cember sixth: Education. De-cember sixth: Education. De-cember, twentieth: Literature. January seventeenth: Civics. February seventeenth: Civics. March twenty-first: Music, March twenty-first: Literature. April fourth: Election of Officers. April elghteenth: Civics. May second: Reciprocity. May eighteenth: Annual meeting. The October programme follows: In Literature: Alfred Lord Tennyson and his Works: October 2nd. "Tennyson's Early Life, Environ-ments and Characteristics," Mrs. I. W. Faison: "The Charm of the Early Melodies and Pictures," Mrs. A. C. Hutchison: "Readings from Lotus Eaters, Mariana, Claribel, Lady of Shalott, Dream of Fair Women, Isa-bel," Mrs. H. C. Long: Conversation-Selections from Favorite Poems. October 18th: "The Lyric Poetry of Tennyson," Mrs. W. L. Butt; "A Group of the Shorter Idyls." Mrs. Frank Lethco; Conversation-Lady Clara Vere de Vere, the May Queen, Oenone, Death of Oenone and others, led by Mrs. C. E. Hooper. In Music: Richard Wagner: Oc-tober 19th: Musical memories of the summer vacation and musical selec-tions. In Home Economics: October 4th:

tions.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Mrs. James Hill, reinembarod here Miss Magnie Bell Walker, of Bal-nors, is the guest of Mrs. C. Furber nes, at her home in Dilworth.

The Charlotte D. A. R. are trying to raise money to build a monument at the birthplace of Andrew Jack-son. The historical spot has been marked and like tea to be given at the shome of Mrs. Sarah Virginia Young on North Tryon street to-mor-row afternoon will be for the benefit of the fund.

Mrs. John E. Boyd, of Jacksonville, Fla., is in the city, the guest of Mrs. B. J. Witherspoon. Her sister, Mrs. David E. Colt, who is now at Greenshoro, will Join her here to-day and go to Greenville, S C.

Mrs. T. A. Sharpe, of Greensboro, will break up housekeeping soon and go to live with her sisters for some months.

A certain young lady, one who has not been suspected of such a thing, is having her wedding clothes made. She lives on Tryon street.

The following card has been issued: Five cents for every foot of your height, And a penny for every inch beyond, Is the Admission Fee To to the "Height Partee"---Come friends and likewise respond. To be given Tuesday night, September 25th, 1906 at the residence of the Misses Bixby No. 205 Liberty Street for the benefit of Calvary Methodist Church

The following invitation has been ssued:

The Twin-City Club requests the honor of your company at the Horse Show Dances on the evenings of Wednesday and Friday the third and fifth of October one thousand nine hundred and six at hair after nine o'clock at the club rooms. On the evening of Tuesday, the sec-ond of October, & reception will be tendered to Governor Robert B. Glenn. Winston-Salem, North Carolina. The Twin-City Club

Mrs. H. B. Lents and two children, of Concord, are visiting Mrs. E. H. Hall and Mr. R L Keesler

Among the visitors in Charlotte yesterday were Miss Annie Abernethy and Mr. D. S. Abernethy, of Hickory, who were guests at the Hotel Buford.

SERVICES TO CONTINUE.

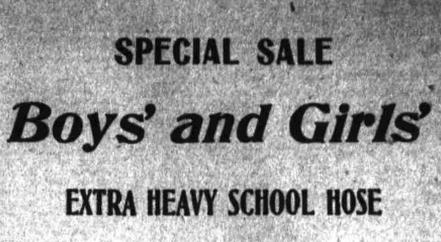
The Ninth Avenue Baptist Meeting is Doing Good.

The protracted meeting which has been in pregress at the Ninth Avenue Baptist church for the past several days will be continued this week. Mr. Fred N. Day, who is assisting the pastor, Rev. L. R. Pruett, will remain and will continue to preach twice each day-at \$:30 in the afternoon and at 8 at night. The services are well attended and much interest is being taken in them. Four persons were received into the church on perfection vesterday morning and profession yesterday morning and were baptized. The pastor and his members are doing earnest work and the congregation is growing rapidly.

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tions. In Home Economics: October 4th: The Home; Reading—"The Home is the Center of the Universe and 'the Mistress is the Center of the Home," Mrs. Edwin Howard. "Home Ex-penditures," Mrs. W. G. Rogers; "Method in Housekeeping and its Ne-cessity." Mrs. C. W. Jones; Open dis-cussion.

"'I don't know that there is.' said L. 'Can I do anything for you?" "'Well, you might. I've been doing a little trading and I wanted to see a lawyer about it, but I was looking for one of them Charlotte fellows.' "Well, tell me about it.' "'It was like this: I bought a couple of shoats of a man and they won't eat, and I wanted to see about it.'

"The devil and Tom Walker! I'm

"The devil and Tom Walker! I'm no hog doctor. I can't get your hogs to eat. But, see here, are they setting poor?" "No, they just 'peer to be about like they were when I got them. They don't 'peer to be losing none." "Sir, it strikes me that you've got your fortune if those hogs will re-produce likes. This world is wait-ing for hogs that will stay fat with-out eating. I think you owe the other fellow something to boot. You need a patent, not a lawyer." "My man 'left and I haven't heard any more of him. I guess he found a veterinarian."

TWO EPISCOPAL MEETINGS.

The Convention of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew to be Held at Mem-phis-The Fifth Missionary District Meeting in Asheville in October. There will be two religious gatherings that are of more than ordinary interest to Episcopalians throughout

rings that are of more than ordinary interest to Episcopallans throughout the country. One of these is the 21st annual convention of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, which is to be held in Memphis. Team, Oct. 17-21. The programme of this is elaborate and the speakers include many men of national reputation. The other meeting is that of the speakers include many men of national reputation. The other meeting is that of the programme of this lis elaborate and the speakers include many men of national reputation. The other meeting is that of the speakers include will meet in Ashe-vilie Oct. 23, and remain in session for three days. It is expected that \$,000 delegates will be present at this meeting, and the following named States will be represented: District of Columbis, Maryland, Virginia, Weag Virginia, Kentucky, Tennassee and North Carolina. Many promineut ministers and laymen will be pres-ent, among whom it is expected will be 15 bishops. This meeting will be held for the special purpose of con-sidering the foreign missionary in-terates of the Church. This will be the second session of this district meeting, and it will be one of the largeost religious gatherings ever heid in North Carolina.

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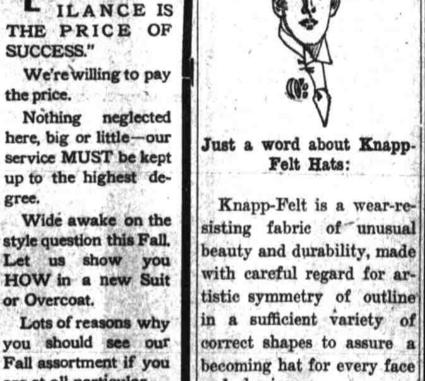
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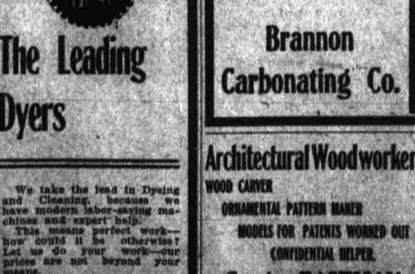
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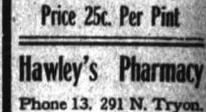


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