

JUST A NIGGER.

By E. B. U. I am going to write about a nigger, not a colored person, not even a negro, but a nigger, pure and simple. This is the title which Aunt Sarah bestowed upon herself and she would not have me give her a different one. Just the other day I happened to see the word nigger in her presence unthoughtfully, and turned to assure her that I meant no harm. "Lauded bless yo' soul, honey," she said; "dat's all right, dat's jes' what I is. Dese days, dey is all called goobed means an' ladies, but I's a nigger, jes' lak I wus fo' de wah. Yes, honey, dat's all right. Dat's what I is."

Aunt Sarah is one of the few remaining members of a dying race. She is a genuine, unadulterated, "fo' de wah" nigger, of the type described by Thomas Nelson Page and Joel Chandler Harris. She belongs to an age that is past, to come no more. She is alone with her memories. Ole Mistis and Ole Marster are long since dead. Even Young Missis and Young Marster are gone. These faithful slaves are no more; only Aunt Sarah remains, to keep alive some traditions of our rich past for a few more years at best, before she, too, goes the way the others have long since trod.

I found her doing the kitchen work of the family when we came to the country for a brief vacation. She spends her time cooking and doing other household work for a few of the older families who have not yet gone to the majority. She comes from place to place as she is needed, always willing to work, always sure of a hearty welcome from young and old. Aunt Sarah sticks by the white folks, especially those whom she honors by designating as the "quintity." She puts not her trust in the newer generation of negroes, who cling together and practically refuse to work for the white people, especially in the country districts. They call her scornfully her old white folks' nigger, but it licks her not. In fact, she glories in the title, and speaks with a fine contempt of the lazy young devils, as she calls the newer negroes, who will not work when there is so much to be had. And I doubt not that Aunt Sarah could go to any of the older families in the lower portion of Pasquotank county and get anything for which she might ask in the way of a gift or a loan, which is more than most of the others could do, to say the least.

Aunt Sarah contributes to the enjoyment of the family in the evening, after the day's work is done. These rainy days and nights make closed doors and windows welcome and a lamp not without its charm in this damp climate. So we gather, with books and papers or sewing, about the big table in the sitting room and find solid comfort, despite the ceaseless downpour outside, and regardless of the fact that a few more days of this will work havoc with the crops. Then it is that, having finished her work in the kitchen, Aunt Sarah comes silently in. With a humility that is genuine and good to see, she takes her place with her contentment, a little beyond the circle of chairs occupied by the family, and outside the flood of light cast by the lamp. She takes a low chair and sits aloof and alone, remaining perfectly quiet until she is spoken to. She never begins a conversation.

Then it is that, having read all about the Hong Kong Gander and the Big Fat Hen, and having enjoyed Red Buck's account of his experiences in Munroe and Fayetteville, I like to draw Aunt Sarah into the conversation, and she indulges in the joy of hearing her talk. She has the deep, rich brogue of the old time darky, which is absolutely indescribable and impossible to be transferred to paper.

And she has all the familiar expressions of the old plantation negro. She calls you honey, and says "bles yo' soul" and "fo' God's sake"—and calls a spade without equivocation or color. She calls on the Lord constantly and punctuates her remarks with frequent references to the devil and hisimps. She is a deeply religious soul, but a mean negro to her is a lazy devil or a devilish fool. And she doesn't mind consigning some of her own people to the fire which is not quenched only Aunt Sarah indulges in no euphemisms, but calls it by its real name.

She has not much patience with too free expressions of religious faith which are not backed up by consistent practice. She said last night: "I's heard folks git up in meetin' house an' 'bout an' stamp an' 'kyair on an' say, 'I'm er gwine jes' ez strate to heaben ez I'm er walkin' the seam of dis yere plank,' an' bles yo' soul, honey, dey can't tell nothin' 'till 'bout where 'tis. Now, fo' Gawd, dey can't eben tell you how far 'tis er how to get dere. Some folks better be keener how dey talks, I sez."

But Aunt Sarah is a good woman withal. Her faith is a few years old, a little child's. Her Lord is as real a person to her as her Ole Mistis ever was, and she calls upon Him many times each day. Her bread will rise if it is the Lord's will; the rain will stop when He says so; the sun will rise in the morning to resume her daily tasks if it is His good pleasure, and if He should please to call her home, all would be well.

Aunt Sarah doesn't know how old she is, whether sixty, seventy, or eighty. But she's been here "a long time, honey." She has been married twice, or rather, she has had two husbands. The problems of the marital relation are not very complex to her simple mind. "Thirteen children have been here, all but two of whom have died. Some of these died before the war. She says she has carried them to their graves with a lighter heart than she could anywhere else; for she knows that they are free from trouble and from temptation to get into devilment. Six children were the fruits of her first union. She and her husband were both praying people, despite the fact that they did not get along well together. He was sure that she might die and she that the children might be taken away. She says that her prayers were the strongest, for they all died.

In spite of the fact that her first venture with a husband was not very happily terminated, she was ready and anxious to try again. She says she was like all the other "fool girls." "All the devils in hell can't hold 'em back when they git their heads set on marryin'." Her second husband was not her affinity either, and now he lives in Elizabeth City, while she crosses her placid way in the country. This union yielded seven children, two of whom are living. One of these, a strapping man of thirty or more, is still her baby and is living in idleness, supported by his old mother. He has left his wife and Aunt Sarah is inclined to think that perhaps she "mangled" him. She says: "Law, honey, I see things worse and runnin' all in his arms; great big veins er quieting all erone; jes' like snakes. He had to go to one er dese yere cancer doctors, an' he'd er died

A STRANGE SPECTACLE

WITNESSED BY LARGE CROWD. A Monster Parasite and Its Human Victim Appear Before a Large Audience, Which is Deeply Impressed by the Evidence of the Man Who Had Undergone the Pain and Misery, Twenty Feet in Length, While His Experience With the Creature, and the Manner in Which He Was Saved, Was Described in Detail. In spite of the fact that the number of amusements in Charlotte during the past week was increased by the opening of the theatrical season and the appearance of a dog and pony circus, there has been no perceptible decrease in the attendance at Colonel Dillingham's free concert and minstrel performance at the corner of Fourth and Poplar streets. Instead of decreasing the crowd at these performances appeared to grow larger each evening and on several occasions last week the capacity of the lot was taxed to accommodate the audience.

The musical and amusement features of the programme at these performances are by no means the sole attraction. A great number of those who attend are interested in the lectures delivered each evening by Colonel Dillingham's assistant and the free treatment given afflicted persons. An unusual feature at one of the performances a few evenings ago took place when Joseph P. Brown, head chief of the Southern Manufacturers' Club, of this city, walked upon the platform and assisted Colonel Dillingham's representative in explaining to the audience the suffering he had undergone through the presence of a twenty-foot tapeworm in his stomach, and the manner of its removal by Plant Juice. It was a strange sight indeed to see this man, now showing every evidence of good health, standing there in full view of the audience and holding in his hand a bottle containing the cause of his years of pain and ill health. In answer to the questions of the lecturer Brown told the crowd how this parasite had wrecked his health; he told them of his irregular and abnormal appetite, dizzy spells and inability to rest at night, and described the dull pains which he experienced in the lower region of his stomach and back. He said that every one of the pains and symptoms had disappeared since Plant Juice had removed the tapeworm from his stomach.

The story of this man's sufferings and the manner in which he was relieved has spread all over the State of North Carolina. It has resulted in a demand for the Plant Juice remedy that exceeds that of any other remedy ever offered the people of this section. Orders pour into the W. L. Hand & Co. and other drug stores of the city at such a rate that it now becomes a difficult matter to keep a supply of the remedies on hand.

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Mr. Worrell indignantly declared that he had neither stolen any chickens, nor got any whistles—under false pretenses—while the disappointed chief sadly took his hound in tow and carried him back to his kennel.

Gastonia Depot to Be Rebuilt on Old Site.

It seems to be a settled fact that the Southern Railway will rebuild its freight depot on the site of the old one burned some months ago. Division Superintendent B. G. Falls, of Greenville, S. C., was in Gastonia Wednesday and met with the city council. He submitted a proposition from the railroad to move the water tank which stands at the York street crossing, providing the city would agree to the rebuilding of the freight depot in the former site. This proposition was accepted and The Gazette understands from Superintendent Falls that it is the intention of the road to proceed at an early date to rebuild.

Misses McNair's House Party Closes.

Maxton, Sept. 12.—This week closes one of the most enjoyable house parties Maxton has enjoyed for a long time. Miss Bossie McNair and Miss Charlie Belle McNair entertained quite a number of friends from this State, South Carolina and Alabama, most of whom have already returned to their homes and the others will leave soon.

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The following gentlemen will address the people on the issues of the campaign at the times and places stated: HON. W. W. KITCHIN, HON. B. F. AYCOCK AND HON. M. L. SHIPMAN. King's Mountain, Monday, Sept. 14th. Asheville, Friday, Sept. 18th. Columbus, Tuesday, Sept. 15th. Hendersonville, Wednesday, Sept. 16th. Brevard, Thursday, Sept. 17th. Asheville, Friday, Sept. 18th. Waynesville, Saturday, Sept. 19th. Bryson City, Monday, Sept. 21st. Murphy, Tuesday, Sept. 22d. Franklin, Wednesday, Sept. 23d. Webster, Thursday, Sept. 24th. Marion, Friday, Sept. 25th. Rutherfordton, Saturday, Sept. 26th. Henrietta Mills, Saturday, Sept. 26th. (Night).

HON. W. W. KITCHIN, Rockingham, Monday, Sept. 28th. Lumberton, Tuesday, Sept. 29th. Wilmington, Wednesday night, Sept. 30th. Southport, Thursday, Oct. 1st. Whiteville, Friday, Oct. 2d. Fayetteville, Saturday, Oct. 3d. HON. LEE S. OVERMAN, Dobson, Saturday, Sept. 19th. Wilkesboro, Monday, Sept. 14th. Winston-Salem, Tuesday, Sept. 15th. Marion, Monday, Sept. 21st. HON. C. E. AYCOCK, Greensboro, Saturday, Sept. 13th. HON. W. T. CRAWFORD AND HON. T. W. BICKETT, Old Fort, Monday, Sept. 14th. Marion, Tuesday, Sept. 15th. Forest City (night) Tuesday, Sept. 15th. Eilenboro, Wednesday, Sept. 16th. Carolee, Wednesday night, Sept. 16th. HON. R. B. GLENN, Dallas, Tuesday, Sept. 15th. Lincolnton, Wednesday, Sept. 16th. Monroe, Thursday, Sept. 17th. Wadesboro, Friday, Sept. 18th. Aberdeen, Monday, Sept. 21st (Night). Troy, Tuesday, Sept. 22d. HON. J. W. BAILEY, Gastonia, Monday, Sept. 14th. Charlotte, Tuesday, Sept. 15th. Hickory, Monday, Sept. 21st. Stateville, Tuesday, Sept. 22d. Mooresville, Wednesday, Sept. 23d. Thomasville, Thursday, Sept. 24th. HON. J. W. BAILEY AND HON. C. W. TILLET, Cherryville, Wednesday, Sept. 16th. Shelby, Thursday, Sept. 17th. Lawndale, Friday, Sept. 18th. Rutherfordton, Saturday, Sept. 19th. All citizens are invited to be present at the above appointments and hear the issues discussed.

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