#### FROM WHITE TO BLACK.

Dr. Collignon's Observations on Change t of Color In Negroes.

Some very interesting experi-It has long been known that members of the colored race grow black as they grow old, but apparently no one before Dr. Collignon thought it worth while to find out the exact tint of their color when they are born and the successive changes which it undergoes before they reach maturity. He has devoted considerable time to this study, and the results obtained by him are of interest to all anthropologists.

In order to find out the successive tints the doctor used Broca's chromatic gamut. This is a small card on which are depicted in 34 small squares the varying shades of color from the palest cream to the deepest black. With this card as his guide the doctor began his studies on a little Sudanese, who was recently born in the Champ de Mars in Paris. The birth took place at ten minutes after 10 o'clock in the morning, and ten minutes later the doctor noted the fact that "the baby was more rosy than No. 24 of Broca, with a background of scattered pigments which were already beginning to hide the tint, and which gave the child the aspect of a pale lilac." Ten days later the infant bore a tint extremely like that of powdered cocon, and Dr. Collignon registered this tint as No. 29 of Broca. The feet and the hands, however, had remained red, as well as the upper part of the arms. Gradually they, too, began to change, and in a few weeks they were of a chamois-color, which imperceptibly deepened into a chocolate similar to that of the rest of the body.

The slowness of the metamorphosis is supposed to be due to the fact that the sun in Paris is not as

### GRASSHOPPERS AND KNIVES. They Played a Leading Part In a Kansas

**Folitical** Campaign. An alleged action of the congress of 1873 resulted in the triumph of ments have been made by Dr. Col- the first Democratic ticket ever lignon of Paris with the view of elected in Summer county, Kan., and, ascertaining the causes which bring strange to say, it was not the deabout a change of color in negroes. monetization of silver that did it either. It was the following year that the grasshoppers struck Kansas and ripened the body politic for a Sumner county a man named Carter, a day or two into the future. He ticket. He went around to see "the boys" with a plan of campaign, and Democratic ticket could be elected. To show his faith in the success of had been settled at Wellington with one secondhand statute book, and

hung out a shingle announcing the In order to get acquainted with the pioneers he consented to run for the J. Wade McDonald, now of California, was a young lawyer, and made up and duly nominated. Carter, having proposed the whole

thing, was made the standard bearer of the campaign. He was to make the issue and fight for it, while the others pursued a "still hunt." The first thing Carter did was to fix upa covered wagon and throw into it a few quilts, a frying pan, some flour, bacon and coffee. In this manner he went around to advertise schoolhouse meetings. While the crowd gathered, he cooked a pancake or two for supper, made some black coffee, and after washing his frying pan he would address the meeting.

and then crawl into his wagon to sleep. Carter in his speeches drew a terrible picture of the conditions brought about by the grasshoppers, and then sailed into the extravagance of the Republican congress. "Gentlemen," he would say when he had the audience properly worked up, "while we are starving out here in this bleak prairie, this congress Mr. Carter, and he played it for all that it was worth. It was said after-ward by the Republicans, when it was eternally too late, that no such of locking the stable door after the horse was gone. The time for the Republicans to refute the charge and they cut down to the jaw bone, was during the campaign, but they which they scraped. The operation was

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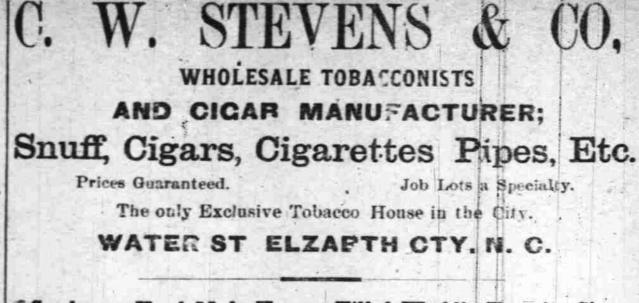
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of deaths which occur as the result of a surgical operation is attracting general revolt. At that time there was in attention, and a etrong sentiment Summer county a man named Carter, against such methods of treatment is a keen fellow who was able to see fast developing among the most intelligent classes. It seems that in almost every case for which the doctors' treatconceived the idea that it would be ment is unsuccessful, the learned physia good time to put up a Democratic cians decide at once that an operation must be performed, and the keen blade of the surgeon is recklessly resorted to. Doctors are human, and of course are they guyed him for thinking that a liable to make mistakes, but their mistakes are too fatal to be indulged in promiscuously, and as so many lives are sacrificed in this manner, it is but natural his proposition he volunteered to for the public to believe that half the become a candidate for register of operations are unnecessary, besides bedeeds himself. James T. Herrick ing a fearful risk to human life, even if successful. It is a positive fact, however, that all

operations are not necessary, and that a majority of them are absolutely underfact that he was an attorney at law. | taken without the slightest chance of success. The doctors have never been able to cure a blood disease, and a surgical operation is their only method of office of probate judge. At that time treating deep-seated cases, such as cancer and scrofulous affections. Aside from the great danger, an operation never did and never will cure cancer, as he agreed to run for county at- the disease never fails to return. Can-





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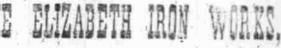
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bright as it is in the baby's ancestral home-namely, Sudan. The sun, however, is evidently not the most potent factor in such cases. If it were, how can we explain the fact that at Bordeaux recently a young Sudanese changed from white to black within the space of two hours, and that at Marseilles the same phenomenon actually occurred within the space of five minutes! Dr. Collignon says that he witnessed these phenomena, but does not attempt to account for them.

Another curious fact about the Champ de Mars baby is that at birth its hair was unusually long, fine, wavy and not at all woolly, after the usual fashion of the negroes' hair. In view of this fact, which has now been recorded for the first time, certain famous anthropologists claim that the common ancestor of Europeans and of Hottentots cannot have had woolly hair. "If this be true," says Fernand Honore, "we cannot be descended from a negro, How

and the only hope that remains to us is that our ancestor was a monkey whose genealogical tree we have not yet discovered."

Commenting on Dr. Collignon's bours; a sediment or settling indicates had a sign of the dreadful disease to reexperiments, the same writer says: an unbealthy condition of the kidneys. turn."

"The doctor has the good sense of kidney trouble. Too frequent denot to attach too much importance sire to urinate or pain in the back, is to this matter. Who can say that a also convincing proof that the kidneys future Toussaint l'Ouverture will not undertake the task of discoloring his people and will adopt for this purpose the dusky children in Swamp Root, the great kidney remedy dark chambersi This would surely (utils every wish in relieving pain in be a new emancipation. Until it the back, kidneys, liver, bladder and takes place philosophers may well every part of the urinary passages. It spend some time in studying this

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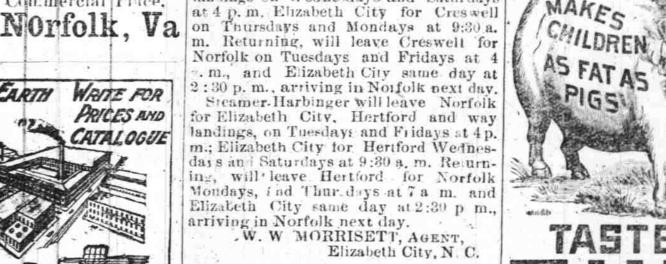








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