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Taken as a novel, the book presents one dominating character, Col. Cal Blount, who evidently was not intended to hold the center of the stage, but whose striking individuality forces him into that position. He is genuine, whole-souled southern gentleman, a planter of the Yazoo delta, who is the soul of honor and of

tion, it undoubtedly presents in the most favorable light the southern method of treating the question, while it presents the negro in such an unfavorable view as to character, aims, training and accomplishment, that if one can believe that this is a true picture of the negro of the south, the white man is justified in using any means necessary, no matter how violent or inhuman, to maintain in that territory a "white man's government." Yet one who has never lived among them cannot help questioning whether the picture is not overdrawn.

The usual reason given for the lynchings which have disgraced the south is here scarcely touched upon. The real argument is that the race is lazy, superstitious, and but a short step out of barbarism, and that if left to themselves they would soon relapse into a state of savagery and the fertile soil into a wilderness, while the white would find life among them absolutely unendurable.

John Eddring summed up the argu-

FOR AN IDLE MOMENT



FIND THE HOSTESS WHOM THE GUEST IS GREETING.

hospitality, and who prefers bear hunting with his pack of high bred dogs, to any other sport. The other characters, from "Miss Lady, whom it [The Law of the Land] involved in mystery, and John Eddring, gentleman of the South, who read its deeper meaning," as we are informed by the sub-title, down to the poor white and the negro politician who appear from time to time, seem merely a background for this one strong figure. Yet he alone ought to make the book a success.

The plot is by no means a strong one, and there are times when we almost lose sight of it altogether. One gets an impression of a series of sketches of southern life and character, vividly drawn and usually well worth reading, but with little apparent connection with the progress of the story. Yet the book is intensely interesting, the language is simple and well chosen, and the style vivid.

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"No human document, no sum of human wisdom, not even the Deity of all life can or does guarantee a success which means individual equality in the result of effort. The chance, the opportunity—that is the law, and that is all the law. To war and conflict each creature is fore-ordained. * * * If the black man can grow like to the white man in all human attainments, if he can grow and succeed, then let him have the chance to do so. * * * If the white man can prevail, he, too, must have his chance. * * * We are not here to conclude that God set the white man over the black. We are to conclude simply that he set him apart from the black man. * * *

"The South accepted the ruling of the North [as to Slavery,] but she did not

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