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**THE DEARLY TRUSTED NEGRO**  
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lie around on the tables and desks during certain hours of the week. And the bosses tell this Negro: "Be sure to keep a good eye open, and never let any of those fellows come in here when we have our backs turned."

No, sir! They don't want to be held up and robbed by honest white men, and so they kept this one Negro in this one position, just for luck. Aren't human beings rare little comedians, though?

### Our Colored Friends, The Negro Races

(By S. E. G. Allen)

Amid the multitude of demands upon our respect and esteem for the different races of mankind, should not the colored man, the Negro, have a large and important share? His excellent character, and often trained intellect and cultured habits, his accomplished wife and daughters of whom many in our own city of London afford excellent examples, and give ample proof of how capable many of them are. If judged by merit and not by favor, multitudes of them would pass the test, and leave many a poor white behind. And this is not always realized. The past has been very unfortunate for the colored man, but despite the disadvantages and obstacles in his way, that he has to contend with, he has raised himself to a point that commands the respect of all honorable, honest thinking men.

I was at the Western Fair. Many of the city churches had eating booths on the grounds, open to all. I went into one for my noon lunch. In the midst of my meal, there came in a Negro, the only one I saw at the Fair, and took his seat at the table next to mine, just opposite to me. There happened just then, to be no intervening visitors, which gave me an excellent opportunity to see what would happen. I saw that he was treated and waited on exactly as I was myself. There seemed to be no discrimination on account of color, and I felt proud of my good sisters, the waitresses, for their common sense and good judgment.

And why is it necessary for me to say all this? Simply because that even in this advanced and enlightened age, there are many who will turn up their noses and be ready with a volume of negatives when the question of meeting with Negroes is discussed.

The term "Negro" has a Latin origin, signifying "black" and is now said to be applied to nearly all the natives of the Soudan, southward to the tropics, that being their native land. But these people have been carried to nearly all parts of the globe. In 1619, twenty Negroes were brought to the American continent and sold as slaves. They had been taken also to the West Indies for the same purpose. The project, we are told, was successful financially, and their importation into the U.S. continued until 1808, when it was prohibited by the Constitution. At the close of the War of Secession, there were about 4,000,000 Negroes in the U.S. and their numbers have continued to increase. During the period of slavery no effort was made in the Southern States to educate the Negro, and not until the War of Secession had made of him a citizen, was the problem considered. Then societies of the North instituted educational work of which "Hampton Institute" may be considered typical. Then the "Freeman's Bureau," was opened in 1865, to which many wealthy men gave generously. But experience soon proved that the best instructors for the Negro, were men of their own race, who best understood him, and in the decade following 1868, men like Booker T. Washington appeared, and then Negro schools of the South devoted most of their efforts to take part in the industrial and agricultural development of the country, which served to lessen the stubborn resistance that the first educators of the Negro had to encounter. Now, free public schools for the Negro exist in all Southern States. The influence of such high institutions as Fisk University at Nashville, Howe University and the Industrials Schools of Tuskegee at Hampton, permeates the entire educational fabric. There are nearly 2,000,000 colored children in the schools of the South and thousands are taking collegiate and professional courses. Booker T. Washington was the son of a slave, who worked his way up as janitor, became an instructor in Hampton Institute, and was

(To be concluded)

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Washington, D.C. —  
etta Clark Baker, who died here on Nov. 1, 1898, was the daughter of the late George Tomlinson. She was born in Canada, and educated in the public schools of Detroit, Michigan. She spent several years in the Lexington, Ky., school to a clerkship in the competitive Civil Service at Washington. At the time she was serving in a capacity in the Library of Congress, Mr. Henry E. Baker, then a cadet in the U.S. Army at Annapolis, met her. Her loss will be felt not only within the circle of friends through whom she was known and esteemed.

**Sultan of Ruanda  
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(By The Associated Press)  
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and one half feet in height.  
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