

tecting his wife and daughters from insult, nor from furnishing his children with books and teaching them at home. They can own land, horses, wagons, buggies, or anything they are able to buy, and be protected by law in their rights. Yet, with all these God-given rights, many men are not satisfied and say they are slaves. The African slaves were victims to everything just now enumerated, because the laws then existing in a Christian land did not allow my people the rights of man. There were many exceptions, but in general the slaves in the United States were treated as brutes. If white people, with all the favorable circumstances they enjoy, say they are slaves, what would they say if they were under the yoke of African slavery as practised in the United States? Man, with few exceptions, is dissatisfied even under favorable circumstances. I have often noticed men who were said to be "born with a golden spoon in their hand," that is they were supplied with everything that heart could wish for—heirs to great fortunes and never had to labor—and who could and did enjoy themselves, yet with such golden privileges, they destroyed themselves to meet a worse lot after death.

Many people know of the ferocity of Spanish bloodhounds: those ferocious beasts were imported into the United States during the time of slavery, and trained to hunt my afflicted people in case they should run away. Many times have I heard sad stories from fugitive slaves, who were chased by