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GENTLEMEN:—Whereas our term as members of the Municipality of Kings has about expired we take this early opportunity of notifying you that we will again seek your suffrages as your representatives at the County Council for another term. We desire to thank you most heartily for the confidence you have placed in us in the past and trust you may consider us worthy of a further renewal of your support. If elected we shall endeavor as in the past to give our earnest attention and best judgment to all matters pertaining to the welfare of the Parish of Springfield and the County at large. Again thanking you, we remain,

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BIRTHS.

BRANSCOMBE—At 31 Peters street, on Wednesday, Nov. 11th, to Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Branscombe, a son.

MARRIAGES.

WATSON-BOWLAND—On the morning of the 19th inst., at the residence of the groom's brother, by the Rev. Dr. Morison, Frederick Watson to Annie Maud Bowland.

DEATHS

ROOP—On the 16th inst., Mary Elizabeth, wife of W. Smith Roop, leaving a husband and three children to mourn their loss.

PITMAN—In this city, Nov. 15th, Hannah Pitman, beloved wife of the late W. J. Pitman, and daughter of the late Jeremiah O'Leary, leaving one child, a mother and four brothers to mourn their loss.

COLL—On Nov. 15th, at his late residence, 56 Douglas avenue, Louis M. Coll, second son of Michael and Margaret J. Coll, aged 25 years.

PRINCE—Suddenly, on Nov. 10, at Jubilee, Kings county, Robert Prince, aged 37 years, leaving a wife and little daughter to mourn their sad loss.

GAVEL—At Presque Isle (Me.), Nov. 12, Lota Hellice, wife of Ingles Gavel, daughter of D. O. Laskie, and granddaughter of the late Rev. David Oram, aged 31 years 4 months and 2 days. (Messenger and Visitor, and Yarmouth (N. S.) papers please copy).

MULCAHY—In East Boston, Nov. 16, William Mulcahy, 78 years.

MORLEY—In Worcester (Mass.), Nov. 17, May, beloved wife of David W. Morley, 28 years 8 months 18 days.

HALL—At Cambridge (Mass.) Contagious Hospital, Nov. 17, Walter Russell, son of Walter V. and Mary A. Hall, 1 year 3 months

[illegible]VES—At Phoenix (Arizona), on Nov. [illegible], J. A. E. Steeves, formerly superintendent of the Provincial Lunatic Asylum, leaving his wife, mother, one brother and [illegible] to mourn.

SHIP NEWS.

PORT OF ST. JOHN.

Arrived.

Tuesday, Nov. 17.

Coastwise—Schrs Sea Flower, 10, Thompson, Musquash; Essie C, 72, Tufts, St. Martins; stmrs Aurora, 192, Ingersoll, Grand Manan; Beaver, 42, Reid, Hillsboro; Brunswick, 72, Tupper, Canning; Dora, 63, Canning, Parrsboro; Ocean Bird, 94, Bay, Margaretville; Linet, 14, Early, do; Glenera, 70, Starratt, River Hebert; Garfield White, 99, Seely, Maitland.

Wednesday, Nov. 18.

Stmr Calvin Austin, Pike, from Boston, Portland, Lubec and Eastport, W G Lee.

Stmr Orinoco, from St Kitts via Bermuda, Schofield & Co.

Schr Clifford I White, 250, Faulkingham for New York—for harbor, and cld.

Coastwise—Schrs Nina Blanche, 30, Crocker, from Freeport; Curlew, 63, Denton, from fishing, and cld.

Thursday, Nov. 19.

Sch Leonard Parker, Savannah, pine.

Coastwise—Str Centreville, 32, Graham, Digby; Westport, 48, Lewis, Apple River; schs Exehia, 18, Barry, Beaver Harbor; Ruby, 15, O'Donnell, fishing.

Cleared.

Tuesday, Nov. 17.

Stmr Dominion, Dawson, Sydney, R P & W F Starr.

Coastwise—Schrs Lone Star, Richards, Grand Harbor; Adelia, Henderson, Canning; stmr Brunswick, Tupper, Canning; Aurora, Ingersoll, Campobello; Sea Flower, Thompson, Musquash; Only Son, Minnies, French Cross.

Wednesday, Nov. 18.

Bqe Primo, Parodi, for Buenos Ayres, A Cushing & Co.

Schr Lotus, Granville, for Boston, A Cushing & Co.

Coastwise—Schrs Nina Blanche, Crocker, for Freeport; Eastern Light, Cheney, for Grand Manan.

Thursday, Nov. 19.

Sch Clifford I White, 259, Faulkingham for New York, with 1,109 pcs piling, was in for harbor from Apple River.

Coastwise—Schs Henry Swan, Cole, Sackville; Margaret, Bishop, St George; str Westport, Lewis, Apple River; schs Ruby, O'Donnell, fishing; Avis, Tutts, River Hebert.

Sailed.

Thursday, Nov. 19.

Str Calvin Austin, 2,353, Pike, for Boston via Eastport.

Bqe Primo, 1,158, Parodi, for Buenos Ayres.

CANADIAN PORTS.

Hillsboro, Nov 14—Ard schr S F Hitchcock, Alcorn, Bangor.

Cld 14th—Schr Cameo, Huntley, Newark (N J.)

Halifax, N S, Nov 17—Ard stmr Corean, from Glasgow and Liverpool via St John's (N F); schrs Baden-Powell, from New York; Maddona, from Gloucester for Grand Banks (and cleared); Vera, fishing grounds; Arcadia, do; Lena and Maud, do; Grayling, do (and all cleared to return.)

Cld—Stmr Pouyer Quertia (Fr cable) sea.

Halifax, Nov 16—Ard, British cruiser Pantomo, from St John's (Nfld); stmr Silvia, from St John's (Nfld); schr H H Kitchener, from New York.

Cld—Bqe Laura, for Bristol.

Sld—Stmr Corean, Pickering, for Philadelphia.

Halifax, Nov 18—Ard, stmr Halifax, from Charlottetown and Hawkesbury; Pro Patria, from St Pierre (Miq).

Chatham, Nov 19—Cld, sch Corporal Trim, for Malpeque.

Halifax, Nov 19—Sld, strs Halifax, Bills, Boston; Silvia, Farrell, New York; Pouyer Quertier (Fr cable), LaFourcade, sea (latter

BRITISH PORTS.

Barbados, Nov 14—Ard 12th, barque Mary A Troop, from Rio Janerio—ordered to Pensacola.

Brow Head, Nov 17—Passed stmr Englishman, Portland for Liverpool.

Llanley, Nov 16—Ard barque Bruen, from Dalhousie.

Dublin, Nov 16—Ard barque Tikoma, from Tusket Wedge.

Liverpool, Nov 16—Ard in the Mersey, barque Wasland, Shediac.

Barry, Nov 16—Sld stmr Monteagle, for St John (N B.)

Shelds, Nov 16—Sld Devona, from London for Portland.

Holyhead, Nov 17—Passed stmr Montford, Montreal and Quebec, for Liverpool.

Liverpool, Nov 17—Sld stmr Lake Michigan, for St John (N B.)

Gibraltar, Nov 11—Passed schr Mary Lloyd, from St John's (Nfld) for Barcelona.

Barbados, Nov 17—Ard schr Bravo, from Paspebiac.

Liverpool, Nov 17—Sld stmr Sylvania, for Boston.

Gibraltar, Nov 11—Ard barque Blanche Currey, St John's (Nfld.); schrs Rose of Torridge, St John's (Nfld); Stanley, do.

Glasgow, Nov 18—Ard, stmr Ethiopia, from New York.

Greenock, Nov 19—Ard, str Otterspool, New York via St John.

Liverpool, Nov 19—Sld, str Bavarian, Halifax.

Preston, Nov 18—Ard, bqe Hesperia, Dalhousie.

Swansea, Nov 18—Sld, str Neva, Tilt Cove.

Shields, Nov 19—Sld, str Fremona, Portland.

Glasgow, Nov 19—Ard, str Buenos Ayrean, Boston via Halifax.

Liverpool, Nov 19—Ard, str Manxman, Montreal and Quebec.

FOREIGN PORTS.

Boston, Nov 17—Ard stmrs Vancouver, from Genoa; Swazi, from Calcutta; Mystic, from Louisburg (C B); schrs Josephine, from Bear River (N S); Silver Wave, from St Martins (N B); Zampa, from Machias; Regina, do; Annie Gus, Bangor; Billow, do; L D Remick, do.

Sld—Stmr Boston, from Yarmouth (N S.)

Cld—Stmrs Bohemian, for Liverpool; English King, Antwerp via Baltimore; Mortello, from Hull (Eng) via New York; schr Howard A Holder, for St John; Robert Graham, Dun, for Fernanina (Fla.)

Aberdovey, Nov 15—Ard barque Proven, from Dalhousie.

Buenos Ayres, Nov 8—Sld barque Globus, for Tusket.

Cadiz, Nov 12—Sld schrs Canadian, for St John's (Nfld); Nelly, for St John's (Nfld.)

Bangor, Me, Nov 17—Sld schrs John J Hanson, for New York; Glendy Burke, for Black Rock (Conn); Wm Pickading, for Gloucester.

Bothbay Harbor, Nov 17—Ard schrs Ethel F Merriam, from Boston; Sarah A Blaisdell, from Bangor; Stephen J Watts, do; Mary Willie, do; Eagle, do; Charlie Strouth, do; Gracie J, do; Lulu W Epps, from Ellsworth; Wm Duren, from Calais; JK ennedy, do; Stella Maud, from St George (N B); revenue cutter Levi Woodbury, cruising.

City Island, Nov 17—Bound south schr Lugano, South Gardiner (Me.) via Port Chester.

Delaware Breakwater, Nov 17—Passed out stmr Unique, Philadelphia for Sydney (C B); schr Alice T Clark, do for Portland.

Dutch Island Harbor, Nov 17—Ard schrs Lawrence Haines, Gardiner for New York; Jeremiah H Smith, Ellsworth for do; Maud Seward, Jonesport for do; Ira B Elleme, Blue Hill for do; Charles H Wolston, Kennebec for do; Carrie B Call, do for do.

Gloucester, Mass, Nov 17—Ard schr Oriole, from Bear River (N S.)

Genoa, Nov 12—Ard barque Ellen Lloyd, from Labrador; 13th, brig Eliza Hoy, from St John's (Nfld.)

Hyannis, Mass, Nov 17—Ard schr Frances Goodnow, from Long Cove for New York.

Portland, Me, Nov 17—Ard tug Gypsum King, from New York, towing three barges.

Sld—Stmr Calvin Austin, for St John; reported sailed 16th; returned on account of weather but sailed today at 4 p m.

Reddy Island, Nov 17—Passed down, stmr Regulus, from Philadelphia for St John.

Rosario, Oct 19—Ard barque Westmoreland, from Portland via Buenos Ayres.

Salem, Mass, Nov 17—Ard schrs Gazelle, from Port Gilbert; Pardon G Thompson, St John for Atlantic City; Silver Heels, Boston for Portland; Itasca, do for do.

Vineyard Haven, Mass, Nov 17—Ard schrs O D Witherell, South Amboy for Portland; Grace Darling, St John (N B) for New York; Leora M Thurlow, Kennebec for do; J Powell Leeds, Long Cove for do; J Nickerson, Franklin for do; E Arcularius, High Island for do; Mary E Pennell, Sedgwick for do; Loduskia, Stonington (Me) for do; St Olaf, Windsor (N S) for Newburg; Isaiah K Stetson, Bangor for do; Hattie H Barbour, do for do.

Passed—Schrs Benjamin F Poole, Philadelphia for Portland; Falmouth, New York, bound east.

Lynn, Nov 16—Ard schr Audacieux, from Digby.

New York, Nov 16—Cld—schrs Gypsum Emperor, for Windsor (N S); Laravilla, for Dartmouth (N S.)

Providence, Nov 16—Ard schr Lizzie Dyas, from Gilbert (N S)—to discharge.

Bangor, Nov 16—Ard, schr Rightaway, from Winterport.

Sld—Schrs Izetta, for New York; Cora Green, for Fall River; W T Emerson, for Gloucester; General Banks, for Beverly.

Boston, Nov 18—Ard, stmr Canadian, from Liverpool; schrs Addie M Lawrence, from Newport News; Governor Ames, from Newport News; Clara A Donnell, from Norfolk; Princess, from Gloucester; Laura T Chester, from Rockport.

Sld—Stmrs Bohemia, for Liverpool; English King, for Antwerp via Baltimore; Mystic, for Louisbourg (C B); schrs Eleanor A Percy and Mary Manning, for coal ports.

Boothbay Harbor, Me, Nov 18—Sld, schrs J Kennedy, for Fair Haven (Conn); Steel Maud, for Bridgeport (Conn); William A Duren, for Plymouth; schrs H J Watts, for Weymouth.

Girgenti, Nov 15—Sld, stmr Armenian, for Portland (Me).

Hong Kong, Nov 13 (noon)—Sld, C P R stmr Empress of Indian.

New York, Nov 18—Ard, stmr Georgie, from Liverpool; schr Ella H Storer, from Perth Amboy for Bangor.

Sld—Stmr Oceanic, for Liverpool.

Prawle Point, Nov 18—Passed, stmr Gulf of Venice, from Halifax and St John for London.

Providence, R I, Nov 18—Ard, schr Northern Light, from Bangor.

Portland, Nov 18—Ard, stmrs Tauric, from Liverpool; North Star, from New York; St Croix, from St John for Boston, and sld.

Cld—Schr Major Pickands, for Norfolk.

Sld—Tug Gypsum King, towing three barges from Windsor (N S) to New York; schr H W Macomber, for Norfolk.

Vineyard Haven, Mass, Nov 18—Sld, schrs O D Witherell, from South Amboy for Portland; Grace Darling, from St John for New York; Leora M Thurlow, from Kennebec for New York; J Howell Leeds, from Long Cove for New York; J Nickerson, from Franklin for New York; Oakes Ames, from South Gardiner for New York; Willie Rice, from Rockland for New York; Helen, from Rockland for New York; E Arcularius, from Highland for New York; Mary E Pennell, from Sedgwick for New York; Isaiah K Stetson, from Bangor for New York; Hattie H Barbour, from Bangor for New York; Clara E Rogers, from Calais for Bristol; Miranda, from Bangor for Philadelphia; Ella G Ellis, from Stonington for Philadelphia; A W Ellis, from Orlando for Philadelphia; Shafner Bros, from Newcastle (N B) for Philadelphia; Otis Miller, from St John for Wickford; Storm Petrel, from Jonesport for Newport; Hilda C, from Ship Harbor (N S) for Bridgeport; St Anthony, from River Hebert (N S) for Bridgeport; St Olaf, from Windsor (N S) for Newburg.

Passed—Stmr Seaboard, from New York for Boston; schrs Brigadier, from Sargentville for New York; Mollie Rhodes, from Vinal Haven for New York; Francis Goodnow, from Long Cove for New York.

White Haven Dock, Nov 18—Ard, schr Equator, from Newcastle (N B).

Boston, Nov 19—Ard, strs Saxonia, Liverpool; Preston, Port Limon, Costa Rica; Boston, Yarmouth; bqe Thomas A Goddard, Rosario; schs Abbie Verner, Advocate Harbor; Cora, Grand Banks; Nile, Rockport; Chester R Lawrence, do; Henry Whitney, Bangor; Gracie J Robbins, do.

Sld—Strs Martello, Hull; Commonwealth, Liverpool; schs Cora F Cressy, coal port; General E S Greeley, do; Baker Palmer, do; Waterloo, Sullivan; Katherine D Perry, Norfolk; Young Bros, Elizabethport.

Boothbay Harbor, Nov 19—Ard and sld, sch Madagascar, Calais for Sound ports.

Returned, schs July Fourth, Stephen J Watts and Mary Wiley.

Chatham, Nov 19—Passed north, tug Fred E Richards with two barges, New York for Rockland.

City Island, Nov 19—Bound south, bqe J H Bowers, Kingsport via Jonesport; schs Wandrian, Walton; J H Wainwright, Bangor via Bridgeport; Ella R Simpson, Cow Bay.

Bound east—Str Rosalind, for St John and Halifax.

New York, Nov 19—Ard, sch Caroline Gray, Hurricane Island.

New London, Nov 19—Ard, schs Lavinia, St John for New York; Grace Darling, do for do; Helen, Rockland for do; Herman F Kimball, Rockport for do via Taunton.

Newport News, Nov 19—Ard, schs Elizabeth Palmer, Boston; Charles W Church, Providence; Sarah W Lawrence, alt River.

Sld—Schs Wm C Carnegie, Boston; Alice M Colburn, Portland.

Providence, Nov 19—Sld, bqe J H Bowers, Kingsport (N S) for New York, in tow.

Portland, Nov 19—Ard, str St Croix, Boston for St John; tug Sequin, towing sch H L Berry, dismasted, to Salem; schs Helen W Martin, Norfolk; Laura C Hall, Lowe's Cove; Eagle, Bangor for Vineyard Haven; Lyra, St John for New York; Swallow, do for Boston; Maggie Muller, Windsor for Salem; J C Colwell, St John for New York; Stella Maud, do for do; Priscilla, do for do; Wm Buren, Calais for Boston; Jonathan Cone, Bangor; Watchman, do for Gloucester; Elwood Burton, St John for New York; Island City, do for do; Eric, do for do; Bobs, do for do; Alaska, River Hebert for Vineyard Haven; J Kennedy, Calais for New York; Lulu W Epps, Ellsworth for do; Emily F Swift, Calais for Boston; Chas A Sproul, Calais for New York; Gracie J, Bluehill for Boston; Ella Clifton, Millbridge for do; C B Clark, Bangor for New York.

Scilly, Nov 19—Passed, str Cervona, Montreal and Quebec for London.

Vineyard Haven, Nov 19—Ard and sld, schs Lizzie D Small, New Bedford for Bangor; Lord of Avon, New York for Windsor.

Ard—Schs Lena White, Clinton Point for Boston; Viola, Elizabethport for St John; Vera B Roberts, do for Windsor.

Sld—Schs Nat Ayr, from New York for Bangor; Ralph M Hayward, from Wilmington for Portland; Fred B Balano, from Port Reading for do; Annie P Chase, from New York for Bangor.

Passed—Schs Sarah C Smith, bound east; tug Gypsum King, towing one schr and two barges, Windsor for New York.

LIST OF VESSELS BOUND FOR ST. JOHN.

Steamers.

Alcides, 2181, at Glasgow, Nov 14.
Banor, 2202, Shields, Nov 6.
Bavarian, 6714, to sail from Liverpool, Nov 19.
Bengore Head, 1,619, at Dublin, Nov 16.
Concordia, 1617, Glasgow, Nov 7.
Evangeline, 1417, Halifax, Nov 16.
Gulf of Ancud, 1700, at London, Oct 19.
Ionian, 5337, to sail from Liverpool, Nov 26.
Lake Erie, 4,814, at Liverpool, Nov 16; to sail Nov 24.
Lake Michigan, 4,538, Liverpool, Nov 17.
Lake Champlain, 4685, Liverpool, via Halifax, Nov 16.
Monteagle, from Barry, Nov 14.
Loyalist, 1419, from London, Nov 15.
Manchester Corporation, 2586, at Manchester, Nov 4; to sail Nov 11.
Manchester Trader, 2136, at New York, Nov 7.
Mantinea, 1737, Manchester, Nov 11.
St John City, 1412, London, Nov 3.
Salacia, 2636, at Glasgow, Nov 8; to sail Nov 21.
Tunisian, 6802, to sail from Liverpool, Dec 3.
Thrift, Greenock, Nov 14.

Ships.

Lancing, 2606, Ardrossan, Oct. 9.

Barques.

Italia, 535, Castellamare, Oct 10.

Barquentines.

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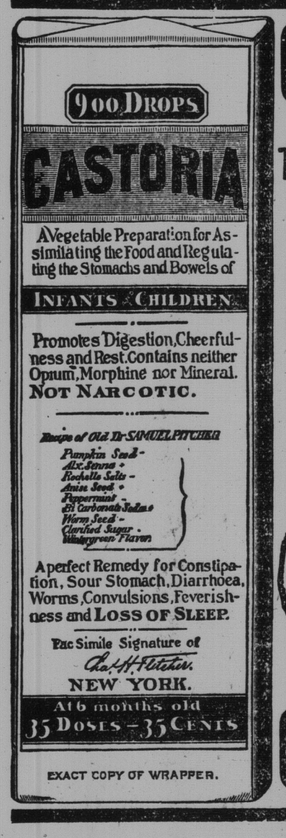

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London, Nov. 16.—Not a Scotchman merely, but all admirers of Burns will be sorry to learn that the Auld Brig o' Ayr, which Burns immortalized in a poem, is in danger of collapsing. It was the spirit of the Auld Brig, which, when reviled by the spirit of the new Brig in the poem, made the remarkable prophecy:

"I'll be a Brig when yere a shapeless cairn, said the Auld Brig to the new.

The prophecy has turned out true now, twenty-five years after, and the Auld Brig is tottering on its old foundations, how old it is difficult to say. Out deep into the wal lare the figures 1252. There are people who say the date is mythical, but Architect James Norris, who is an expert archaeologist and who is interesting himself in stirring up the Burgh Council to spend the $3,500 necessary to restore the Auld Brig, believes there is nothing improbable in the date. The Ayr Council is beset by one difficulty in the matter, and that is, why should they spend $3,500 of the public funds if they can get the money required for nothing? It seems that about a quarter of a centuary ago a man named Templeton left $50,000 at interest, which at the death of his two sisters was to be devoted to rebuilding the Aul Brig. But the will was a heliograph, written on a small piece of paper, and other distant relatives took proceedings disputing the will. Now the Ayr Council will have to ascertain their legal status towards the money, but the wheels of the law revolve slowly and meanwhile the Auld Brig may fall.

THE SERVANT PROBLEM SOUTH.

More Aggravating Than at the North—No Alternative to the Negroes, and They Are Wholly Incompetent — The Causes and Remedy.

Accustomed as our Northern housekeepers are to the difficulty of obtaining good servants, their lot, however trying, is still far happier than that of the Southern women who have to wrestle with the problem of domestic service. On its face this should not be the case. There is apparently an bundance of very cheap colored labor in the South, and the splendid qualities of the "mammy" and the old-time negro cook and butler have been set forth by every one of the numerous writers who have been flooding the book market with stories or novels of the "Old South," until their traits and characteristics have become almost proverbial. Yet, as a matter of fact, it is growing more and more difficult throughout the South to get faithful servants who have any knowledge of their duties.

As a social phenomenon this is of vastly greater importance than is our similar problem in the North, for it brings up the race issue at once. In the Northern, Eastern and Western cities and towns, the housekeeper has her choice of German, Irish, Norwegian, Swedish or colored servants. If she is willing to pay enough she may still find well-trained English servants who "know their place and their duties." But the white domestic is to all intents and purposes entirely unknown in the South; it is to the colored race, therefore, that resort must be had whenever a domestic is to be chosen. If the servants, as is more and more the case in the towns of Kentucky and Georgia, as well as in Alabama and Texas, are shiftless, untrained, irresponsible and nomadic in their disposition, there is at once further excuse for racial dislike and friction, which is not checked by vague rumors of similar troubles with the white help in the North. The educated, intelligent negro in the South, who is rising steadily by reason of his ability or industry, is still one among a thousand. He is so shut off by social prejudices from contact with the whites as to be practically unknown to them. As a result, in thousands of homes, particularly in the towns, the Negro race is judged largely by its representatives behind the chairs or at the kitchen range.

That there has been a disappearance of the old-time ante-bellum house servants in consequence of the ending of plantation life and of slavery is as evident as it was inevitable. They had to go with the economic conditions under which they flourished. Most housekeepers, we fancy, would guarantee to train good domestics if assured of their permanence, and the old-time house servants had peculiarly few opportunities for seeking new masters and mistresses of their own volition. In their place has grown up a generation of servants who have had no instruction similar to that given to likely boys and girls before the war by the older servants to whom they were apprenticed. Such servants as are now to be had have only the training given in their own ignorant and too often squalid homes, or whatever they may have picked up from previous employers. In short, in domestic service as elsewhere the Negro has been and is going through a transition period. A highly organized social order has given way to an extremely unsatisfactory one.

The bitter feeling which results can hardly be overestimated. It is sufficient to lead more than one competent observer to say that if the Negro criminal who assaults white women should disappear, and if there were satisfactory servants in abundance, a long step toward proper understanding between the races would have been taken. As it is, the South judges its present servants by the standards of the past, and too often cries out angrily: "See how freedom has failed to help the Negro after nearly forty years!" It sees, too, an occasional graduate of the domestic science department of a Negro industrial school who goes wrong. Other trained servants are lured to the North by reason of the much higher wages and the comparative absence of race prejudice. For six and eight dollars a month in parts of the South a servant may still be had who could earn from twenty to forty dollars in New York or Chicago. In the latter city, by the way, one employment agency had 1,500 applications for colored servants during 1902. It could supply only 1,000. In view of this fact, it is not surprising to read in the Lynchburg (Va.) News, for example, that a large boarding house at Bedford City has been closed for lack of servants, and that there are many households in that town "where for the same reason the mistress is enacting the role of cook, chambermaid, and general maid-of-all-work." Moreover, it does not add to the happiness of the whites that there are any number of colored women in the town who decline to enter service, but who, none the less, prosper by one means or another. Yet the Bedford City situation is merely typical of what is going on all over the South. At the same time there is a growing dearth of trusty male workers. "The Negro men have gone to the mines, to the public works, to the North, to the cities and towns, or somewhere else, in far greater numbers," says the New Orleans Picayune, "than most people imagine.'"

Of deep economic importance as this readjustment of the Negro in industrial and domestic life, is it is a great pity that it is complicated by the question of color. It cannot be met by mere declarations that the Negro is bound to remain in subordinate positions—even if he has to be forced to. The problem must be studied in the light of experience and treated according to the laws of economics. If the Negroes will not fit themselves for or enter domestic service, then in the long run recourse will be had to immigrants from other countries. But this is at any rate a very long way off. To meet the present needs there must be more industrial schools like Tuskegee, and more given to them with which to educate girls for household work. It is encouraging to note than in an interesting paper read at Hampton last spring, a colored teacher dwelt on the necessity of making service more attractive to Negro women, and of urging them to go into it, just as in the North there have been many efforts to raise domestic economy to the level of a science. The influence of one such institution as Tuskegee and of the leaders of the colored race in this direction is immeasurable. But the whites must do their share, too, to make the South and service attractive to the blacks, and must face and endure the present economic revolution with the same patience with which they have met their other trials. On the other hand, lynchings, disfranchisement because of color, the mouthings of blackguards like Tillman or Vardaman find their echoes within the homes of blacks as well as whites, and, however strange it may seem, have their effect upon Dinah at the hearth.—N. Y. Evening Post.

Hiram's Thanksgiving Surprise.

By Helen Whitney Clark

'Yes!' said Mrs Gillet, reaching for the sponge cake, 'it's downright un-Christian the way Nervy Giddings treats her!'

''Tis so!' seconded Mrs Peleg Larkins, who was entertaining a few friends at a tea party. 'I wouldn't stand it, if I was Lyddy.'

'La! she's used to it, poor thing,' put in Miss Nabby Cobb; 'an' besides, I don't reckon she kin better herself.'

'I wonder she never married,' tittered the Widow Pullen

''Tain't fur want o' chances,' spoke up the hostess sharply, as she passed a cup of tea to her right hand neighbor. 'Lyddy might uv married long ago, 'fore she was out of her twenties. Squire Paddock, he was dead set after her; an' I dunno how many more. But with six growin' sisters on her hands, all younger than her, an' no mother to look after 'em, she felt 'twas her duty to stay single. An' she did. Now the rest of 'em is all married, an Lyddy's left'

'They make a perfect niggard of her among 'em, too,' declared Mrs. Gillet, biting her sponge cake viciously, as if it were one of the transgressing parties. 'If there's a new baby on hand, Sister Lyddy must be sent for; or if anybuddy's sick, or gits a bone crosways, nobuddy can't cure 'em but Lyddy. It's Lyddy here, an' Lyddy there, an' Lyddy everywhere! If Nan ain't got nothin' special fur her to do, Sally has; an' when Sally's through with her, its Roxany's turn; an' so it goes.'

'An' as fur marryin',' put in Miss Nabby, 'they don't wan't her to marry, that's what. They air all so triflin' an' shif'less, an' they want her to do all the work fur 'em.'

'That's where the shoe pinches,' agreed the hostess. 'Here she's been back two weeks at 'Nervy's, after stayin' a year at more to Prosper Ann's, an' she hain't skeercely been outside o' the house since she come.'

'Hillo! ladies. Ain't got through with your drinkin' party yet, hey?' grinned Uncle Peleg Larkins, jocosely, as he walked into the room with a light powdering of snow-flakes on his gray overcoat.

'Now pa!' protested his wife.

'How you do talk, Mr. Larkins,' giggled the widow.

'What think I heared over to the school-meetin' to-day, ladies?' asked Uncle Peleg approp iating a vacant chair at the table, after hanging his overcoat on a peg in the corner, and tossing his hat on the floor. 'But you couldn't never guess, so I'll tell ye. They are a-gittin' up a donation party for Brother Goodlove, the night afore Thanksgivin'.'

And thereupon the subject of Lydia Gales' troubles was forgotten in the greater interest of the donation party.

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'It's a burning shame! an' I shall tell Brother Goodlove so too, if he is a preacher,' declared Mrs. Larkins, angrily

'Hey? What is it, wife?' asked Uncle Peleg, setting the pail of foaming milk on the kitchen table, and warming his hands by the stove. 'Anything happened?'

'Anything happened!' repeated his wife, hurrying to the pantry for a crock to strain the milk in. 'I sh'd say there had! Here we've been a-workin' like beavers, this two weeks an' more cookin' for that donation, an' now Brother Goodlove says he won't hev it. We had meant to o' kep' it a secret; but it leaked out, some way another, an' got to his ears, an' he throwed cold water on it. Sister Goodlove feels powerful hurt about it; but she thought she better tell us, for she says he won't except even so much as a biscuit. An' what we are a-goin' to do with the stacks o' vittles that's cooked is more'n I know.'

'Sho! 'tis sort o' disperitin' to hev your truck all cooked, an' nobuddy ter eat it,' admitted Uncle Peleg, sympathizingly. 'But it's my 'pinion Brother Goodlove don't know which side his bread's buttered.'

'It's my 'pinion he's as contrairy as Pharo's mule!' retorted Mrs. Larkins snappishly; 'an' I don't keer if he hears it. But it goes agin the grain to hev all them good vittles a-goin' to waste'

Uncle Peleg stroked his whiskers thoughtfully.

'Mout gin some on 'em to Hiram Haviland,' he suggested. 'He sin't got nobuddy to cook fur him now since his sister married that book peddler and left him to keep 'batch.'

'Why-ee! so we could,' cried Miss Larkins, brightening up 'I was a-thinkin' about Hiram to-day, an' how lonesome it must be fur him, with nobuddy to speak to only the cat But I never dreamt of givin' him the donation. I'm real glad you thought of it pa.'

'Think the rest on 'em'll agree to it?' queried Uncle Peleg, feeling quite complacent at the way his suggestion was received.

''Course they will!' returned Mrs Larkins. 'They'll jump at the chance!'

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'Ouch! Hail Columby! didn't I see stars though!' growled Hiram Haviland, rubbing his forehead. 'That's the second time I've bumped my head on that top shelf, fumbling 'round in the dark fur a match. An' of course the lamp has got to be filled 'fore I kin light it. Just my luck!' he grumbled, groping around in the pantry for the oil-can 'But I won't stand it much longer. I'll get a house keeper soon, or let the farm-work go to the dogs, an' do the cookin' myself. I can't live on cold bread an' beans no longer, an' what's more, I ain't a-goin' to.'

The lamp was lighted by this time, and Hiram was building a fire in the cooking stove.

'I'd git married to-morrow!' he declared, desperately, 'if I could git the right sort of a wife; but half the girls don't think of nothing only fixing themselves up in fol-de-ro's and gimcracks, and gadding about to parties and quiltings and the like. But I don's see no other way; for housekeepers are as scarce as hens' teeth, an' I'll have to be lookin' round. A nice, quiet woman that could make good biscuit and coffee—mine is apt to be groundsy—and keep the house in apple-pie order—that's the kind of a wife I'd like. Ginger! won't that water never bile? I'm hungry as a—Hillo! be I a-dreamin', or what?' he gasped, in sudden consternation, as the door opened, and in poured a laughing, noisy throng, all carrying baskets, pails, and bundles, of various sorts and sizes.

'I know he's to home, fur I seen his shadder on the curtain,' cried a voice, and Hiram slunk back into the darkest corner of the room, and stared at his unexpected guests in dazed surprise.

'How are you, Hi? We've come to hev supper with you,' said Uncle Peleg, shaking him heartily by the hand.

And while the astonished bachelor sat looking on, half-expecting to wake up and find it all a dream, the merry group flitted about from kitchen to pantry, seized on his stores of queen's-ware and crockery, and made themselves at home in a hilarious fashion that fairly took away his breath. Tall Miss Nabby and fat, motherly Mrs Larkins whisked out the long extension table in the dining room, and spread it with the whitest of home made table cloths. The Widow Pullen, in a big colored satine dress, and a flaunting sash fastened at the waist, was cutting jelly-cake on the kitchen table. Little Patty Sparsely, who was arrayed in all the colors of the rainbow, Hiram thought, was emptying a jar of pickles into a china bowl; and Patience Dobbs was slicing cold boiled ham on the flour-barrel, pausing every now and then to shake the bangs out of her eyes, and rattle the bangles on her wrists.

'Dear me! the coffee ain't made yet, cried Mrs. Gillet, bustling in, 'and the water a-bilin' fur all that's out! Where's Lyddy Gales? She promised to make the coffee.'

'Here I am Mrs. Gillet,' responded a soft voice. 'Sister Nervy's baby was so fretful I couldn't get away before. But I'll make the coffee now.'

'We hadn't ought to o' put it onto you. I know,' said Mrs. Gillet, deprecatingly, 'but you do make powerful good coffee.'

Hiram pricked up his ears (metaphorically, of course) He doted on good coffee.

How gently Lyddy moved about the room in her plain brown dress! 'No fol-de-rols or gimcracks about her,' thought Hiram.

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