

The Negro.

If ever there was a people that have obeyed the scriptural injunction, "If they smite thee on one cheek, turn the other also," that people has been the American negro. To right his wrongs the Russian appeals to dynamite, Americans to rebellion, the Irishman to agitation, the Indian to his tomahawk; but the negro, the most patient, the most unresentful and law-abiding, depends for the righting of his wrongs upon his songs, his groans, his midnight prayers and an inherent faith in the justice of his cause, and if we may judge the future by the past, what man will say that the negro is not right. We went into slavery pagans, we came out Christians. We went into slavery a piece of property, we came out American citizens. We went into slavery without a language, we came out speaking the proud Anglo-Saxon tongue. We went into slavery with the slave chains clanking about our wrists, we came out with the American ballot in our hands. Progress, progress is the law of nature; under God it shall be our eternal guiding star.—*B. T. Washington.*

A religion of *feeling* is a leaky and lazy religion, because it requires neither reading nor investigation of the word of God. A person who works himself up into a frenzy of feeling, under the domination of a mesmeric manipulator, who is surcharged with iron and manganese, ridicules the idea of faith predicated upon Scripture testimonies. His evidence of pardon of sins is the delusion or illusion that he *feels good*. He beats his breast and rolls his eyes in frightful frenzy, and says, "I have the witness within," the meaning of which is a high condition of psychological ecstasy. Such a man has no use for the word of God. He knows nothing about it. He would far rather enjoy self-deception and revel in a religion of feeling, which has no basis in religious truth, than to search the Scriptures in order to obtain a *knowledge* of eternal life.—*Christian Leader.*

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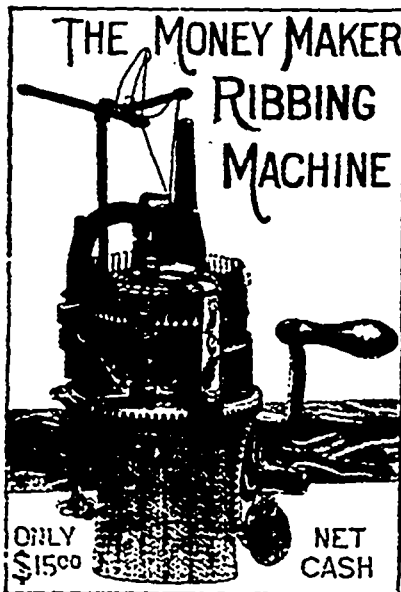
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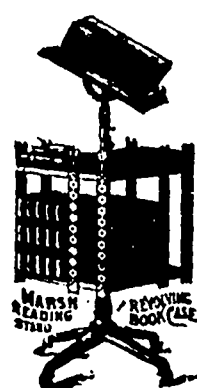
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