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Editorial**ON THE JOY OF BEING BLACK.**

Often, very often, some of our white friends say to us, with much seriousness and very earnest: "If it were not for your color you would easily have reached this or that position. If it were not for your race you would be recognized as this or that." And then they imply with a patronizing, sympathetic look: "It is too bad you were born black." While we appreciate their sympathy, still at the same time our heart goes out in sympathy for the speaker because of his ignorance of the black man's real feeling upon this subject. Those of us who can think deeply, who can see through the mists of today into the tomorrow and into the clear light of understanding, we would not, if we could, change our race or color for worlds, and worlds. To express it as another one has done: "To change our color, to take away from us black folk the struggle which only super-men can endure, would be taking away from us the zest of life, the only thing which is worth living for."

We believe that if there is one specific purpose which the Creator has for giving us contact with the caucasian race it is to teach, to demonstrate the religion of love, for that is the essence, the sum total of the religion of Jesus Christ; to teach that religion which does not recognize race superiority as a divine inheritance; to teach and demonstrate that there can be superior culture, superior education in arts and sciences, but that these are not confined nor are they limited by either color, race or nation.

Wear proud to be members of the black race because we know that men and black women, their very souls, are being tried in every quarter of the globe, that the dross is separating from the gold, that having suffered much oppression and injustice we have learned to abhor every form of unfairness.

It is o the black race that the world will yet turn to be guided in the religion of love and justice and fair play. And so we darker ones are proud that we are black.

A girl is only as strong as her weakest wink.

While clothes may be her chief interest in life, no girl is ever completely wrapped up in them.

"The Piker" Replies To Bobbed-Hair Subscriber

Mr. Editor.—

It was my intention to attempt a description of a delightful and interesting trip into the country last week, but fearing to impose upon your space and indulgence, I feel that I must postpone that and have a word to say with the "Bobbed Hair Subscriber."

It is not a habit with me to "talk back" to any of the fair sex for the reason that I always come out second best. And since I am masquerading under an alias I feel reasonably safe from a personal encounter. She says that I don't know what I am talking about. That may be true and it may not. Time will tell. No doubt the man to whom she refers, who objected to his wife having her hair bobbed, is entirely justified in his objections since the average normal man regards his wife's hair as one of her outward charms and usually is justly proud if it has beauty and abundance.

Let us see if she knows what she is talking about? She says the barber puts something on her hair and smoothes it down and it sticks close to her head and is no trouble.

Let me ask my Bobbed-hair subscriber what does she suppose would happen to a bed of pansies if it were covered with a blanket?

It would perish in a short time.

It would be found that the roots had been suffocated. The same is true of the hair. This plastering down process is smothering the life out of the roots of the hair.

Further permit me to say that the roots of the hair on the neck which are being given such intensive cultivation, by way of shaving, are being developed and sturdy growth is being encouraged and hence we hope Bobbed Hair Subscriber will keep up this pretice for some time and eventually she will be a bald as a bat, but she may find comfort in having a growth of hair on her neck that will be both vigorous and abundant, if not beautiful.

THE PIKER

First Bug—That beautiful butterfly was plain Miss Grub a few months ago.

Second Bug—Yes, don't fine clothes make a difference!

A new printer was fired the other day for setting "face" instead of "pace" in "the pace that kills."

"I want some bird seed, please," said the customer.

"Ho! you can't fool me," replied the store boy, "birds grow from eggs—not seed!"

Tom—Pa, you remember you promised me five dollars if I passed in school this year.

Pa—Yes.

Tom—Well, you ain't gonna have that expense.

A young author, desiring to impress an editor with the idea of his own importance pinned this note to some poems he submitted:

"Please wire acceptance as I have several irons in the fire."

The editor wired, collect:

"Remove irons—insert poetry."

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