

VOICE IN THE
by ROBERT D.

Gertrude Schurgast
article in World Order
gan of the American
munity, writes:

"My best friend is a
ing to the colored race
her head up proudly at
your eyes. Her brown
face is crowned by bea
hair. She is one of the
sons who combines stre
acter with kindness.

"The other day I dis
tle picture on her man
picture of a white wom
fashioned, high-necked
hair, which was parted
was combed straight b
her look rather severe
accentuated by her e
remarkable eyes I ha
piercing, fearless, bet
domitable character.

"Who is that?" I ask
prise.

"That was my mot
swered gently, and se
zled look, she added
was a white man, a s
Scotch-Irish stock. H
a slave, mostly A
blood. In those days
obey their masters.
ther must have loved
daughter who had
looks and also his c
was high-spirited ar
pered. She was all
up together with the
of his family. Nobod
her. Whenever her s
manded that she call
ers 'Master,' she refu
they all had the sam
"Tell me more abo
"From early child
of serfdom must hav
able to her,' she con
her mother spent h
in their little cabin
which she later sold.
had learned to sew
make corsets for th
She had a large cli
saved up enough mo
mother's and her ow
married a Negro wh
of the legislature in
father," continued
sometimes hunted b
Klan, but they nev
they were afraid of
man.' Although sh
feet tall, she soon
power in that little
ston, Alabama.

"Even today, wh
ple there about Lo
will remember her.
mers especially re
she often went to
that they give bet
the poor Negroes
ployed as sharecrop
owners always man
account with these
a way that, at the
mer, there were
only debts. Louis
her business to cl
tion, throughout th
purpose in life wa
advancement of h
life she fought opp
onstrated to black
by her own condu
dignity of human

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