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Harlem Briefs



Under The Harlem Moon

Mose is a DOCILE soul...In the midst of the Coal Bin ofays have the rank audacity to forcibly bar him from the various night clubs...And Mose is obsequiously silent... The Harlem sin-spot owner is far from being a smart enterpreneur . . . Mr. and Mrs. Eddie, from Greenpoint, journey to the Coal Bin to see its inhabitents froic under the Harlem moon...When he crashes the "Aristocrat of Harlem" and the Ubangi Club, not a dark face crosses the horizon of his vision... The tourist is openly dismayed and disappointed.

Our white brother's prejudice is, by far, more active than his craving for money...A chap whose name will go unmentioned recently invited three white friends up to visit Harlem haunts...quite naturally they heard of the much-publicized Cotton and Ubangi Clubs and expressed desire to

They first went to the Ubangi Club. They were abruptly stopped at the door and informed that "Negroes and Whites" were positively barred from the premises. The same humiliation was perpetrated at the Cotton Club, 'The Aristocrat of Harlem', because was a "mixed party."

Such clubs should be padlocked and their owners run out of Harlem. The owners contend, illogically and with a flavor of prejudice, that their patrons object to Mose at the same clubs they visit. This is obviously absurd. This is saying, in effect: "I am going to Paris but move all the Frenchmen out."

While these clubs might do some meagre good in the way of publicizing and employing Negro performers, still to share their money with Mose. It is purely hard and calculating business -and Mose should be hard and calculating about his freedom -especially in the Coal Bin.

HOME OF HAPPY FEET

This is the one place in New York pily too. The porter who pulls a Georgia Buggy down Sixth avenue in the day may be found pushing his boss' daughter here in the night. A rotund individual who has been struggling pitifully under the weight of an equally rotund female growls at his neighbor who, in the heat of a trick step, carelessly trods on his pet bunion-They exchange evil grimacesbut the dance is the thing-and they slide off avoiding altercation. short, frowsy white girl, with leftwing leanings, rightly looks up en- 265 Dundas St. raptured at a dark companion. He

seems indifferent to her romantic gaze. A timid youth from the southland may be heard asking a sleek slicker where fun can be had in this town. He is immediately hustled off by his, now, been companion. Shop girls from downtown hold forth in their Klein's basement finery.

Perspiring couples melt into each other as Chic Webb's band wails the strains of some current hit. A beaming, grinning brownskin tosses his lithesome partner around with gleeful abandon. This is the Home of Lindy Hop. Shorty and Essalina, the famed Lindy Hop team, had their novitiate here. The equally proficient team of George and Betty can be seen nightly at Small's Paradise, where they are featured performers. dance instructors seem to have been selected by a knowing and skillfufl hand. Charles Buchanan the manager, surveys the scene with esthetic satisfaction but with economic unhappiness—business is not so flourishing these days. But depression or no depression the boys must have their weekly fling. The charm and paience the hostesses exhibit when carrying around a lumbering partner is something to marvel at. Besides the bands, these girls are the supersaleswoman of the Savoy. I sometimes wonder if these serenely lovely girls ever frown. But I guess they remember they are in the "Home of Happy Feet."

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