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When bored, say the wrong thing to the right person at the wrong time, and things may liven up.

PAROLE SYSTEM ABUSED

When the notorious Chapman was hanged, the press of the country took up the question of capital punishment as if the matter needed any explanation whatever. Chapman paid the penalty fixed by law for the crime for which he was convicted. It was known for years before Chapman entered the state where he died that murder there draws the noose. But there was comment that Chapman was educated to some degree and knew better than to commit such crimes as were charged to him. There was little pity for Chapman. It is the general belief that he died as he should have died.

CONFIRM COBB OR QUIT

There is such a thing as limited patience. There are circumstances under which patience loses its virtue. Undue delay, and unwarranted side-stepping are just specific types of denial. Even the shrewdest manipulators may expect to see their little trick exposed in due course. The Pittsburgh Courier thinks the Republican organization has reached the limit of side-stepping, dodging and undue delay,—under the guise of senatorial courtesy extended to the discourteous. We refer to the case of Judge A. Cobb, recently nominated by President Coolidge to a place on the Municipal Court Bench in the District of Columbia. Judge Cobb was confirmed by the Senate, and when the matter was thought closed, we were faced with a request from a Democrat from Mississippi who wanted extended to him some Senatorial Courtesy. He immediately offered a resolution to reconsider the confirmation,—and our good and true Republicans donated the Mississippi gentleman all the courtesy he wanted, and incidentally handed the colored Republicans of the whole country an undeserved black eye.

SQUIBS

There are certain ministers parading the State of Pennsylvania with reasons why Negroes should support this or that candidate, without ever thinking that there are a few of us who are able to think for ourselves. It was ever thus.

LATEST NEWSREEL

—By Holloway

INDIANA MICHIGAN KENTUCKY ALABAMA
OUR SUPREMACY MUST CONTINUE
THIS IS NOT THE CASE OF THE PEOPLE VS. SWEETS BUT IT IS THE CASE OF THE PEOPLE VS. THE NEGRO
ATLANTA MINISTER ATTACKS CODE
KENTUCKY A VERY BUSY OFFICE
NOTICE PUBLIC HANGING ORDER YOUR TICKETS IN ADVANCE
CITIZENS COMMITTEE
RESERVE TWO TICKETS
ALABAMA INTERDENOMINATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL CONGRESS
DR. ALEXANDER'S SPEECH STRUCK LIKE A BOMB.

Homely Philosophy

By Georgia Douglass Johnson

Who hasn't had them? How they drag the spirit down, down. Ever tried to sing them away—laugh them away—work them away? Sometimes you can—very often.

The Editor's Mail

South Africa's Social Problem
The proposal long pressed by India for a conference on the perpetuating question of the status of Indians in South Africa has been agreed to by the South African government. At London the intelligence is welcomed. What is to come of the conference, however, in view of South Africa's incorrigible attitude, is hardly encouraging to its advocates of "equality" in India and elsewhere.

The Labor Situation

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By F. T. LANE, Executive Secretary Kansas City Urban League.
The Negro population of Kansas City is conservatively estimated at 40,000 or about 9.5 per cent of the whole. This group, in proportion to the whole population, has remained constant over a period of ten years. This would indicate that there has not been a serious problem of adjustment of large numbers of Negroes within a short period of time. However, there has been a gradual increase in both Negro and white population since 1910, for example, when there were 23,000 Negroes and 248,000 white people. The growth of the Negro population may be said to be consistent with the general growth of the city commercially.

For Peace!

"Not what we have, but what we use;
Not what we see, but what we choose.
The things nearby, not things afar
Not what seems fair, but what is true—
Not what we dream, but good we do;
Not as we take, but as we live—
These are the things that make for peace
Both now and after time shall cease."

Weatheritis

By ROBERT A. LEWIS

October to April, the "beautiful" fell
Not daily, but often enough
To keep us reminded and able to tell
That Winter was "doing her stuff."
One day 'twas near zero, with chill in the air
The next, like the sweet balmy spring
And maybe the next one, was not near so fair
Each one likely, some change would bring.

BOOK REVIEW

FLIGHT, by Walter White. Published on April 9 by Alfred A. Knopf, Inc. 730 Fifth Avenue, New York. 300 pages, price \$2.50 net. Reviewed by Floyd J. Calvin.
"FLIGHT" Mr. White's second novel, is much better than his first. It has a wider sweep, a deeper touch, and a more artistic finish. It is a plot that is comprehensive of all phases of Negro life in America, a continuity that holds the attention, and a termination that leaves one free to reflect and conjecture.

THE SPOTLIGHT

By WALTER F. WHITE
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WHEN "God's Stepchildren" was published more than a year ago its author, Sarah Millin, was unknown in this country. That book soon for here was a woman, an Englishwoman, who Africa and who sensed the drama of life there. Millions of natives whose minds were not administered by the white man's hand. She could have seen and heard a great deal. She could have seen a great deal more to her advantage as an artist. And she might well have laid down her pen. "God's Stepchildren" missed being a very margin that existed between what her thought and what Mrs. Millin thought. For Mrs. Millin can write. "God's Stepchildren" is a moderate length but its author lays out a canvas which embraces the lives of six generations in a word and this welcome lack of verbosity gives a gettably clear picture of the changes in the generations. The line began with the Rev. A. C. preacher who has failed miserably in England and decided to go out to Africa as a missionary. He follows him, the natives laugh at him and by him ridiculous when he seeks to tell them of God. Flood sees a little, seductive girl of the country who is killing two birds with one stone. The girl is satisfied and he thinks he will try to convince his scoffing parishioners that he is that all of God's children regardless of skin color and Flood's sight.