

## OUR GIRLS

### The Negro Girl of Today Has Become a Follower— Future Success Rests With Her Parents and Home Environment

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The most beautiful thing about the Negro girl of today is the future. As yet she is undeveloped and she may become what she will, or, in other words, what she is willing to become, and as I glance about me at the girl I see on Lenox avenue with her paint and powder, at the girl who rudely runs against me in the subway train without even an "excuse me" and at the girl with whom I come in contact socially and who in one breath tells me she is a high school graduate and in another says to me, "You knows I wants to enter Hunter College in the fall," I ask myself again and again, not only what our Negro girls will become, but what will become of our Negro girls? This is an age when every one is striving for the highest and the best. The artist is striving to produce a masterpiece in art, the musician is striving to produce a masterpiece in music, the scientist is striving to produce something that will be really beneficial and which will raise humanity to a higher plane of civilization, and why should not we of the Negro race try to produce girls who could surpass those of all other races, socially, industrially and morally.

Much of the future success of the Negro girls rests with their parents and their home environment, but much—oh, so much—rests with the girl herself. Each of us can advance only so far, as we are willing to advance and help others to advance, and in this age of opportunity there is no goal which cannot be attained.

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donment would leave a loophole by which women might yet escape responsibility, because the pronoun "he" was used. The question also has been raised whether "consort" could be construed as meaning also persons living together though not married.

#### Woman the Unpaid Laborer

The other eighteen are bills which failed to pass at the last session and are reintroduced this year. They strike at all sorts of preferences given to men over women and at some given to unmarried women over married women and to women over men.

"Since Suffrage we are reorganized for the one purpose of removing all forms of subjection of women," said Mrs. Smith. "We want not only equal privileges but equal responsibilities. The inequalities of industry are included in our program. We say that in the field of labor we ask that no restrictions be placed upon women alone, because such restrictions make it difficult for women to compete with men in earning a livelihood.

"We say that women always have performed the unpaid labor of the world and no one has ever protested as to whether it was beyond their strength or not. It is only when she goes into the field of paid labor that there is concern for her welfare. We say that if restrictions are good for the individual and for the race, such restrictions ought to apply to all workers and not to women only."

There is no such intention in either case, it was said yesterday at party headquarters. Only the poverty of the English language in the matter of pronouns with a dual gender made it necessary to use the pronoun "he" in referring to both men and women.

If it becomes necessary for clearness, Mrs. Clarence Smith, chairman of the State Board, said yesterday, to use the awkward "he or she" and "his or her" throughout the measures this will be done, but it is believed that the use of "he" will not be misunderstood, as it is sanctioned by all authorities.

#### Meaning of "Consort."

The word "consort" is used as meaning either husband or wife, and not, as meaning persons living in an unlawful relation, she said. N. Y. World.

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Personal appearance, refinement and amiability are stepping-stones to success. By personal appearance I do not mean that one must be beautiful to look at. Beauty is only a matter of opinion, and what is beautiful to one is not even pleasing to another. I have seen many a young girl who, though plain of features, was really beautiful through her gentleness of manner, refinement and pleasing, even charming personal appearance which she herself had cultivated.

The Negro girl of today has become a follower and not a leader. Let us hope that the Negro girl of tomorrow will become a real leader.

Today if Mary Jones, a white girl comes to school with her hair bobbed—tomorrow as many of our Negro girls as can follow suit, whether it is becoming to their features or not. If Ellen Price paints her face and powders her nose or wears a hobble skirt, tomorrow we see our own girls doing the same thing to a far greater extent. I surely am not against any girl trying to make herself more attractive or more pleasing to the eye, but by all means we should try to copy the things which are worth while, if copy we must.

I remember of hearing of a young girl who was to render her first piano selection in public, and fearing that she might appear awkward asked her music instructor how she must act, and what she must do. The instructor told her she would tell her, and that evening, just before the girl made her appearance, her instructor presented to her a little silver pin with the inscription, "Be Natural."

Oh, if more of our girls would only "be natural" and stop affecting styles and customs and manners which in no way become them the Negro race could boast of the most beautiful women in the world.

ually the scarab of black, painted with hieroglyphics yellow was found on the breast of the goldsmith's wife.

## RECIPES

### FRENCH PANCAKES

Beat five eggs very light, add two tablespoons of melted butter, one and one-half pints of milk and enough wheat flour, sifted, with two teaspoons of baking soda, to make a good batter. About a quart of flour will be needed. Melt a little butter in a large frying pan and pour the batter into this. When brown on one side turn quickly and brown on the other. When done, spread quickly with jelly and roll up. Transfer carefully to a very hot dish, sprinkle with powdered sugar, or with powdered sugar and ground cinnamon, and serve immediately.

### RAISIN PIE

One-half cup sugar, 2 cups seeded raisins, 1½ cups boiling water, ½ teaspoon salt, 1 tablespoon grated orange rind, 3 tablespoons orange juice, 2 tablespoons lemon juice, 1 tablespoon grated lemon rind, 2 tablespoons corn starch. Cook raisins in boiling water for 5 minutes, pour into sugar and corn starch, which have been mixed. Cook until thick, about 5 minutes. Remove from fire and add other ingredients. Bake between 2 crusts.

## Are You Seeking Vitality of Youth?

Famous Scientists Now Believe That  
"Old Age" Comes to Most  
of Us Too Soon

Are you weak, worn out, prematurely aged? Does the day's work drag and life seem burdensome? If so, do not despair. Science today offers new hope to millions who feel that they have passed into the twilight of life because of disease, overwork, improper living or advancing years. Chemists have developed a new vitalizer and invigorator, intended to renew youthful energy and animation by restoring the nerves and glands to activity, enriching the blood and building up the entire system. The preparation, known as marva compound, contains certain vital elements regarded by scientists as unsurpassed

## SUGGESTIONS TO

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