

"The Negro needs a little more time for improvement." says the Houston Post, "Under the many difficulties clouding his pathway, he is striving upward and onward. Certainly he is seen in the wrong light. Many of the short comings of the Negro are due to the wide spread influence which has gained popularity over the South that he is clamoring for social equality. The old Negro is all right they say, but the new Negro is the bone of contention. He wears a standing collar and refuses to lift his hat and does not as his father did, answer to the name "uncle." In order to please the white man, it seems that he must possess just so much knowledge and that of a certain kind—must strive to be a good servant and never speak above a whisper on certain topics. If one Negro commits rape it is presumed that all other Negroes will do likewise and if one steals all others are thieves. This is wrong. Those who try to be good and help to uphold the law do not feel that they have the respect of the community when they are considered in the same class as the drunkard, the gambler the harlot and the rapist. Give him a chance let him who will, come. Right now the Negro does not know what to do. The Negro needs sympathy and the industrial caresses of his white brother that the solution of this question may be properly dealt with. There are some bad Negroes, we admit, but they are hopelessly in the minority and have no respect whatever from the intelligent and thrifty ones of the race.