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A Colored Preacher Lynched

For being a Leader of His Race.

The Old Rape Racket has Played
Out, but Lynching
Must Go On.

CLEVELAND, (Miss.) July 21.—This morning at 1:30 o'clock a band of armed negroes, one of whom was known, rode into Cleveland, and stopping a party of three white men on the street, made threatening demonstrations. Being called upon to give their names they answered by bringing their rifles into play. One of the negroes was killed on the spot, another was found on the outskirts of town, and the others escaped, although it is supposed that more than three were hurt. They were armed with Winchester rifles, and were well mounted.

Excitement was at fever heat during the remainder of the night. Squads of armed men patrolled the streets until daylight.

The trouble grew out of the lynching of Jesse Phillips, the colored preacher, in the earlier part of the night. The negroes in this section are organized into "lodges," "secret orders" and "protective societies," and as Phillips was a leader among them, it was feared that an attempt would be made to avenge his death. The fact had developed that the killing of young Reid was a studied scheme on the part of the negroes.

It has been decided that the breaking up of these negro organizations is necessary, and there is no doubt that this decision will be enforced. The town is quieter today than is usually the case, even on Sunday.

MOB HANGS TWO WOMEN.

Mother, Daughter and Son the
Victims.

CARROLLTON, Miss., Aug. 3.—The brutal murder of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Taliaferro on the night of July 30, led tonight to the lynching of Betsie McCray, her son Belfield McCray and her daughter Ida McCray, all colored. A mob composed of about five hundred white citizens of Carroll county, who marched to the jail in order, demanded the keys from Jailer Duke, proceeded to the cells of the negroes, bound them by the neck and hands and carried them to the corporate limits of the town, where they hanged them to a tree by the public roadside and riddled their bodies with bullets.

The mob resisted the earnest appeals of Judge W. F. Stephens and W. H. Hill, who stood on the steps of the jail and appealed to them in the name of law and order. They even followed the mob to the cell doors with their arms around the necks of the leaders, pleading with them to let the law take its course, but with no effect.

Ida McCray confessed knowledge of the murder and stated that her mother Betsie and brother Belfield helped commit the crime. She further implicated others, who will probably meet a like fate. Betsie McCray refused to make any statement.

Governor A. H. Longino arrived on the scene by special train from Jackson a few minutes after the lynching. He addressed a large and attentive audience at the courthouse, impressed upon them the duty of their citizenship, and obedience to law and order. The most prominent citizens of the country labored with the excited mob all during the day to allow the law to take its course, but without avail.

That a condition worse than slavery is existing in many parts of the South goes without saying. The hanging of a minister of the gospel for being a

leader of the race, shows a disregard for human life and a contempt for the constitution and laws of the country that is unparalleled in its history. It has been the claim of the Southern people all along that the negroes were only lynched when charged with the commission of certain crimes, but the rape racket has played out and the mobs of Mississippi have boldly announced that negroes are hereafter to be lynched for any and all offenses or for no offense. The announcement that for a negro to be a member of a secret order such as a Mason, Odd Fellow or K. of P. is sufficient provocation for lynching him is such a flagrant violation of the constitutional guarantee that unless checked will lead to a condition that would be vastly worse than the re-enslavement of the negro race. This statement may seem rather strong, but it is warranted by the existing condition in that section. Only a few days ago a negro was lynched in that state for stealing a bottle of pop and two glasses. Could a condition more deplorable be imagined? Surely and rapidly this country is drifting on to an awful revolution. The conditions are ripe, lawlessness is on the increase and the prospects are good that rivers of blood will flow before this generation passes away. But we are prosperous; we are making money.

MARRIAGE NOT A FAILURE.

A New York minister says marriage is not a failure, and that more than 2500 of the 3012 couples he has united are happy. His advice to those who would wed and be happy is largely summed up in the following half-dozen don'ts: Don't marry when too young. Don't marry until you can support a wife. Don't marry a girl who can't cook and sew. Don't live in six rooms when three are enough. Don't marry unless you suit each other. Don't come to me for a divorce.

Mississippians Entertained At South Pasadena.

They Visit John Brown's Daughter

Mrs. Anna S. Gray, principal of the Greenwood colored graded school, of Greenwood, Mississippi, and Miss Sara A. Page, teacher at Canton, Mississippi, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Edmonds during their stay in Los Angeles. Mr. and Mrs. Edmonds are former citizens of the Mississippi and Yazoo Delta, where Mrs. Gray is now teaching, and knew just how to make Mrs. Gray and Miss Page feel at home. Their meeting with Mr. Edmonds was a singular coincidence. When the ladies came into the Arcade depot, seeing a reception committee badge pinned to the lapel of his coat, they requested him to care for their hand-luggage till they could look after their trunks, not knowing that they were in the hands of an old Mississippian, who was then looking for friends from his former home, that he might make their visit to Southern California pleasant. It goes without saying that they were very agreeably surprised, and while being entertained they also entertained the entire family with their interesting talks on the general advancements that are being made by the race in the South, especially in Mississippi. Mrs. Gray and Miss Page were classmates and both graduates from the Tuggoloo, Mississippi, Normal and Industrial Institute, and are cultured, up-to-date teachers, whose culture and refinement will bless the young women who come within the radius of their influence. They are both widely read and possess much practical knowledge outside that gained from their school books. The fact that we have hundreds of just such young ladies in the South bespeaks for the race a bright future. On Saturday evening, July 13th, Mr. Edmonds took them, accompanied by Miss Moore of Los Angeles, to the principal points of interest in the Angel City, visiting the city

hall and the public library and chamber of commerce, where they met and were introduced to the Hon. M. P. Snyder, mayor of the city; then they visited the office of the great Los Angeles Daily Times, where they were very cordially received and a young white man, an employe, was detailed to show them through the building. The visit to the composing room was especially interesting, as scarcely anything could be heard but the hum and clatter of more than twenty typesetting machines that were running, making the mammoth Sunday Times. Gen. Otis, the editor, seemed pleased with the visit and took a deep interest in the visitors and invited them to call again at 10:30 o'clock and see the paper stereotyped. After luncheon Sunday, accompanied by Miss Susie, Mr. Edmonds took them for a drive through Pasadena, the most beautiful city in the west. They went first to the house of Mrs. Ruth Brown Thompson, the daughter of John Brown, the liberator, where they met both Mr. and Mrs. Thompson and their daughter. It was an affecting scene. On learning that their visitors were from far-away Mississippi both of the dear old people wept. After spending a pleasant half hour we took our leave. For the young ladies it was the Mecca of their trip. A mile down through the wilderness of millionaire palaces that line Orange Grove avenue brought us to the beautiful Colorado street. A half mile drive through that street, a visit to the Throop Polytechnic Institute, the public library and a drive through Raymond and Fair Oaks avenues concluded what was indeed a pleasant trip and one that will live long in the memory of the participants. Mr. and Mrs. Edmonds also entertained at luncheon Sunday evening, July the 14th, Rev. J. D. Diggs of Winston, N. C., Thos. H. B. Walker of Jacksonville, Fla., and G. W. Cooper of Burnettsville, S. C. After visiting some of the neighboring orange groves they returned to the city well pleased with their trip.

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A HAPPY MARRIAGE.

Suspends the Publication of a Newspaper.

Mr. P. S. Dayton, the well-known editor of the Los Angeles Business Review and also editor and publisher of the West End News was happily married some time ago, and since that happy event his services at home have been so constantly required that he found it urgently necessary to suspend the publication of the News for the time being. The Business Review however, comes out regularly and like its editor looks brighter in every line. The failure of the News to make its appearance caused wide-spread disappointment and gloomy forebodings among its readers over in Pico Heights, but when the cause of its suspension reached that beautiful suburb, the good news was passed from house to house and the temporary unrest was turned to joy. To see editor Dayton as he swings down Broadway now-a-days with the air of a man no longer threatened by the wolf is the envy of a hoard of struggling newspaper editors who are frequently seen rushing along that popular highway. Mr. Dayton has always been a believer in the business expansion, and his many friends are now expecting to see some real expansion in his family affairs. Now that one whole moon, popularly known as "The Honey," has passed, and another is nearing the meridian of its life, the people over in the Heights are anxious to have some sort of "News" from Dayton.

REV. J. E. EDWARDS.

Rev. J. E. Edwards will leave this city for New York on the 17th of this month, and will leave there for London September the 24th. He goes as delegate to the eccumenical conference. Rev. Edwards is a Christian gentleman of fine intellectual attainments and will fittingly represent the church in that great body of Christian workers. He will carry with him the best wishes of our entire population. His life and character has been helpful to all who came in contact with him.

Unjust Criticism.

Rev. Chandler Replies.

The Liberator Raises the Siege.

Under the above caption in the Express of July 25th, Rev Chandler sustains the contention of "The Liberator" that "White and colored children are treated alike in the public schools," as the following extracts from his communication shows

"I have only words of praise for the very excellent and impartial management of our public schools, and do not desire to have any color line drawn. The time may soon come when there shall be appointed colored teachers in the schools. What the true American opposes, is not darkness of skin, but darkness of ignorance.

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"I wish to be understood. The fault was found with a private school.

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"And why should I be belied because I spoke the truth in saying 'that the colored people are discriminated against in many cases, although we have equal rights as far as the public schools are concerned?'"

"Because of the fact that not even a few of our youths are prepared to take a college course, and many are too old to begin the common branches in the public schools, I believe I am right in advocating that a night school, where the special needs peculiar to many of my people comes of a lack of training for which they are not to blame, would be beneficial in the truest sense, and would prove to be one of the mightiest agents in bettering the morals of our community."

Now if what the reverend gentleman says is true, as regards the public schools, which include the high and normal schools, and also Berkeley, which is the state university, we hardly know what he is driving at. And further, if the doors of all of the institutions named are free to colored children, why are they clamoring to enter private schools? If they are

forced to "quit" the public school to go to work, how would they pay their tuition in private schools? There is a free night school on Spring street open to all, old and young. Why don't they attend it? Mr. Frey, a colored blacksmith 65 years old, is attending this school.

"Many of our race speak of the advantages offered us by the Y. M. C. A. and also the Y. W. C. A. Although the managers of these associations feel in entire sympathy with the colored people, they confess there is an inevitable constraint that the colored people do not feel at home and will not attend."

Our young people must give up the idea of going to institutions of learning to feel at home, but rather to learn. In the truest sense, they are not home, but mainly places where the youths are fitted to make homes. Some two years ago Rev. Edwards organized a brotherhood on the same basis as that of the Y. M. C. A., but the young people didn't "feel at home, and the attendance has usually been small, although the programs were always excellent. Now we had no intention whatever to misrepresent or "believe" Rev. Chandler, but merely stated facts, and believe that those who have read both sides of this controversy will bear out the statement.

MR. WILLIAM W. GLENN.

The petition presented to the police commission signed by a large number of our prominent colored citizens is a move in the right direction. In view of the fact that there will soon be 12 or 15 new policemen appointed, the colored citizens will certainly be entitled to one of them. Mr. Glenn is an intelligent young man of good moral character and we believe he will make a good officer. We trust he will be successful.

A CREDIT TO THE RACE.

"The Liberator," a monthly publication edited by our old friend, J. L. Edmunds, of Los Angeles, is one of the brightest publications that makes its way to our desk. It is a credit to the race as well as to its editor.—Pacific Coast Appeal.

VENICE.

Written for the "Liberator."

No more the Doge's footstep falls
Within the stately palace walls
Thy marble piles rise from the sea
Like dreams of immortality.

The sunset breezes softly sigh
Beneath a sweet, clear summer sky
The deep blue waters ebb and flow
And glorious is thy twilight glow.

A scene of beauty—dream of love
Reflected from the shores above
Thy Winged Lion proudly stands
Sculptured by magician's hand

St. Mark's columns grandly rise
Near-by the mystic Bridge of Sighs,
In thy enchanted atmosphere
Echoes the song of the gondolier.

But over each and over all
Is spread a shroud—a sable pall
Thy prestige gone forever more.
Thy palaces fall to the shore.

Bride of the Adriatic sea
Now widowed for eternity
Thy bridal robes are faded now
And death is shadowed on thy brow.

Thy merchant fleet its sails have furled
No more brings tribute from a world
No more will sail o'er waters wide
No more be tossed by winds and tide

Thy banquet halls no more will be
Scenes of mirth and revelry
Their wine and music all are gone
Down into night's oblivion

Thy palaces by waves carressed
Are crumbling on the water's breast
Thy glory now is on the wing
Thy solemn dirge the billows sing

The winds moan sadly o'er the sea
A requiem for thine and thee
Pathetic music—funeral knell
Murmuring "Farewell, Farewell."

WM. WESTENFIELD.

(Bloomington, Cal.)

Say, friends, we have sent you several copies of The Liberator in order that you might understand the object of its publication, which you know is in the interests of good government and the general advancement of the people. We hope that you have made up your mind to send in your subscription, and thus aid in a worthy cause.

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THE POLITICAL POT BOILS.

Although the time for holding conventions to nominate candidates for state offices is a year hence the political pot is already boiling. The fight for the gubernatorial nomination in the republican state convention promises to be the hardest in the history of such conventions, "to a man up a tree" it looks a little gloomy for Governor Gage, but he is on the ground floor and is an astute politician. Los Angeles county is almost certain to send a divided delegation to Sacramento. The line between the railroad and the anti-railroad elements of the party will be closely drawn and regardless of the result of the convention the contest will be carried to the polls. Hon. M. P. Snyder, the popular mayor of this city is prominently mentioned in connection with the democratic nomination

for governor. He has a fighting chance and if nominated the result of the gubernatorial contest will be in doubt.

MAJOR J. A. DONNELL.

The friends of Major Donnell, the popular ex-District Attorney, are quietly trying to get him to enter the race for Senator from Pasadena senatorial district. The major has a big law practice and as far as we can learn, has not consented as yet to allow the use of his name in this connection. He is an able lawyer, a brilliant entertaining orator and has few equals in the state. Mr. B. W. Hann, a prominent and promising young lawyer of Pasadena it is understood, would like to represent the district in the senate but the major's friends claim that with his consent to the use of his name victory in the senatorial convention and at the polls will be comparatively easy.

REV. F. L. DONOHOO.

The successful manner in which the Epworth League delegates were entertained, brings Rev. Donohoo again prominently before those interested in the progress of the Afro-Americans. He is undoubtedly one of the most tireless workers among the Afro-Americans in this city. Under his pastorate the growth of the Wesley chapel of the M. E. Church has been phenomenal. Since paying off an indebtedness of \$300, he added 550 volumes to the church library, purchased a \$370 pipe organ and expended \$178 on internal improvements of the church. During the last quarter 26 members have been received and the work of uplifting has gone steadily on. Flattering as the above figures may appear they are insignificant when compared to the work he is doing for the moral and intellectual upbuilding of the community over which he presides as pastor. Instead of proselyting, he sought for those outside of the church who needed to come under its influence. By honesty of purpose he has the aid of the entire community in anything he wishes to accomplish.

Mr. A. M. Keihl, manager of the Pasadena Department Store, is giving a reduction of ten per cent on all goods purchased at his place till August 22d. So great has been the increase in his business that he is now enlarging space so as to carry a stock equal to his demands. On September 1st he will occupy the space now being fitted up and will carry a stock double its former size. After September 1st he will carry a full line of men's and boys' clothing, hats and shoes, a full line of ladies' furnishing goods, capes and patterns. The ten per cent reduction given the patrons of this store is drawing large crowds, who are taking advantage of a real expansion sale. It will pay you to call. 29 and 31 North Fair Oaks avenue, Pasadena.

A PLEASANT RECEPTION.

The cozy home of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Holden on Edwin street was the scene of a very pleasant reception on the evening of July 15th. Among those present were Revs. J. D. Diggs of Winston, N. C., G. W. Cooper of Bennettsville, S. C. A gentleman from Texas, whose name we cannot recall, the editor of the Liberator, Mr. and Mrs. Holden and two daughters, Misses Lula J. and Gertrude, Mr. Thos. H. B. Walker of Florida, and a number of others had been invited, but they had gone on excursions around the city and did not arrive in time. Much of the time during the evening was spent examining the fine collection of drawing and oil painting, the work of Miss Lula, who graduated from the Los Angeles Art School with highest honors in the class of '99. Her paintings are highly appreciated and are finding places in the homes of some of our best people. Mr. Holden is a prosperous rancher and is making money in the hog business. He has a valuable, well kept ranch. Everything about it bears the marks of industry and constant care.

The Afro-American congress will convene here next week. There seems to be little or no preparation for its entertainment. It is understood that the old fight between the northern leaders is to be renewed.

Chamber of Commerce

The Scene of a Brilliant
Banquet.

People of all Colors Join in Splendid Repast.

The reception tendered the visiting Epworth League delegates at the Chamber of Commerce on July 14 was one of the most notable events of the kind ever witnessed at that museum of western push and enterprise. The presence in the city of that delegation composed as it was of distinguished Christian workers and leaders both white and colored, from north, east and south was a rare treat to our leaguers and citizens. The doors were thrown open at an early hour and every inch of standing space was occupied.

A continual stream of people poured in taking a look at the brilliant throng, then good naturedly passed out noiselessly, thus preventing the overcrowding of the building. Inside the walls of that spacious building tastefully arranged are the products of the farms, orchards and mines of Southern California. On every hand the beautiful works of art contend for a closer resemblance to the works of nature. Look where you will and the scene pays tribute to the genius and enterprise of our sterling business men. The visitors seemed to thoroughly enjoy themselves and no exhibit was overlooked. The addresses of the local and visiting talent was happy and appropriate.

At the conclusion of the program all partook of lemonade and cookies which were served in the reception room. To see the white and colored delegates from the south, that section where the races are so friendly that they have to have separate cars and waiting rooms drinking lemonade from the same fountain and partaking of sweet things from the same platters was a sight that would have attracted the attention of the Gods. Either their religious feelings for the time being triumphed over their eccentricities or the succumb to the softening influence of our western civilization.

A Great Gathering.

The Reception at Elks' Hall a
Brilliant Success.

The reception at Elks' hall was the grandest and most enjoyable one ever tendered a colored delegation in this city. It was given under the auspices of the Epworth League of the Wesley Chapel, Methodist Episcopal Church, with the aid of the colored churches of the city. Its grand success was largely due to the untiring labor of Rev. F. L. Donohoo and to efficient assistants among whom were Messrs. J. A. Jackson, C. W. Holden, McRea, W. F. Henderson, A. S. Eagle, T. M. McClellan and others. The reception committee was composed of representative men and women of the city and surrounding towns and an interest was aroused that made success a certainty. Elks' hall one of the largest in the city was filled with the wealth and intelligence, the grace and beauty of the city and suburbs.

In the audience were many white people who seemed to enjoy the music and speeches.

The program though rather long, was a splendid one and was applauded by the audience. Among the inspiring addresses delivered, those by Dr. Scott, editor of the Southwestern Christian Advocate, Rev. Carter, secretary of the Epworth League of the C. M. E. Church and I. Garland Penn, assistant general secretary of the Epworth Leagues of the M. E. Church were very noteworthy and made a deep impression on the audience. There were other speeches that ought to be mentioned but space will not permit.

Rev. Donohoo and A. D. Chandler delivered short and appropriate addresses after, which supper was served to the entire audience by Hicks, the popular caterer, which was thoroughly enjoyed.

The gentlemen and ladies composing the delegation were a credit not only to the race but to the states from which they came. A more intelligent, dignified company of Christian workers never visited this city. Their visits served to arouse our people to live and labor for higher things.

Their culture and dignified bearing attracted the attention and won for them the respect of the people wherever they appeared.

They were the bearers of good news and glad tidings from our brethren in the Atlantic and Gulf states whom they say are educating their children, buying homes, engaging in business and training themselves in those things that make honorable and useful citizens.

They made stronger our conviction that the success of the colored people of this country depends upon those in the south. They are surrounded by the elements that force into action the best qualities of a people.

Their visit was a source of much pleasure to we Californians, a meeting of long separated friends, and unexpected family reunion.

It would indeed be pleasant to give to the readers of the Liberator an extended personnel of the delegation, but our space is limited. Dr. Scott, the orator and editor of the Southwestern Christian Advocate, Rev. R. A. Carter, of Atlanta, Ga., the brilliant orator and gifted word painter, secretary of the Epworth Leagues of the C. M. E. Church and Professor I. Garland Penn, author of the Afro-American Press and its editors, Assistant General Secretary of the Epworth League, is an eloquent orator, a deep thinker and able writer. Rev. J. D. Diggs, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Chapel at Winston, N. C., is a teacher and a scholar of wide reading and practical ideas, a gentleman of lofty ambition eager to do a man's part in the struggle for the elevation of man.

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Rev. Thomas H. B. Walker, editor of Banner and Review, of Jacksonville, Fla., and state secretary of the Epworth league, is also very prominent in the fraternal societies of the south and is a Grand Chancellor of the K. of P.'s. He is director in several commercial enterprises in Florida and other southern states in its fullest sense.

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Rev. G. W. Cooper, pastor of one of the largest colored churches in the at Bennetsville, S. C., is another

of the army of earnest workers who are doing so much to better the morals, spiritual intellectual and financial conditions of the Afro-Americans in the South. And like his companions made a favorable impression on all who met him.

We parted with him and the delegation with the feeling that we would hear from them again.

Mr. Singleton, of Richmond, Va., an employe in the customs house of that city is a young man of ability and is very enthusiastic regarding the future of the race. In spite of the difficulties which the race has to contend with he says the movement is onward and upward.

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Rev. F. T. Chinn, of New Orleans, pastor of the First Methodist Church in that city; W. S. Chinn, state president of the Epworth League for Louisiana; Prof. McDonald, of Austin, Tex.; Revs. D. P. Parlard, L. P. Piles, and S. J. Morrison, of Ladonia, Tex.; Revs. A. B. Lennox, of Detroit, Tex, Freeman Parker, of Paris, Tex., Miss H. H. Beason, school teacher at Washington, D. C., Mrs. Annie S. Gray, principal of the Greenwood graded colored school of Greenwood, Miss., and Miss Sara A. Page, teacher in the city school at Canton, Miss., were among the delegation.

There were also many other distinguished persons in the delegation whose names we could not obtain. We wish them Godspeed in their noble calling. Indeed we will hear from them again, we will hear from the work that is being done by that great army of noble workers of whom they are worthy representatives. The lives they are living will tell for time and eternity.

A RECEPTION TO MISS VIOLA KING

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Washington tendered Miss Viola King a reception at their home 1427 Newton street on July 30, in honor of her departure for Little Rock, Ark., where she goes to enter college. A large number of young people, friends and acquaintances gathered and a very pleasant time was had.

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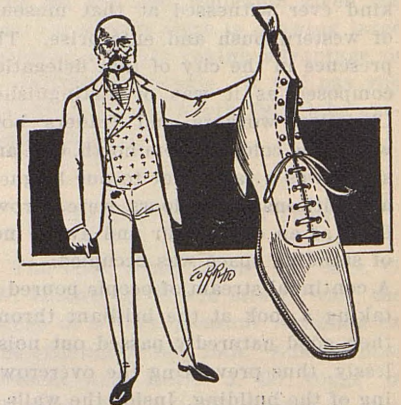
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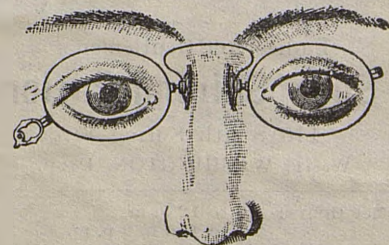
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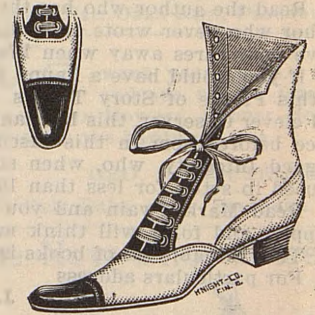
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