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### A Negro Settlement in New York

The fashionable Colored Quarter is West of Central Park in apartments which rent at \$75 a Month

The segregation of negroes in Baltimore has given a timely interest to the question of how colored people fare in the matter of housing in New York. This town has probably the colored population of any city north of the Mason and Dixon line.

It is estimated that there are more than 100,000 negroes in New York. This is nearly double the number that lived here ten years ago. In 1900 the census showed a negro population of 60,000. Since then that population has increased at the rate of about 10,000 a year.

The increased result chiefly of immigration from the South. The demand for negro help has drawn large numbers. In most of the big apartment houses and hotels the bellboys, hallboys and serving help are negroes. A great many are employed on Pullman cars, thousands of which enter or leave New York every day.

The negro colonies have spread out until they now occupy all told about fifty square blocks. The colony in Harlem has perhaps expanded most rapidly. In 193d and 135th streets negroes have invaded the blocks between Lenox and Seventh avenues, which up to a short time ago were entirely "white". According to brokers the presence of negroes in a block depreciates real estate values there from 10 to 40 per cent. Indeed it is said title companies will not lend on colored property or on white property in a colored block. Not long ago an application was made for a new mortgage on a house in the Harlem colony. The house had been mortgaged for \$28,000 when the block was tenanted by whites. After the block had been invaded by colored people the mortgage was called in. The owner of the house applied in vain to one title company after another for a new loan by paying a big bonus to a private lender but finally was able to borrow \$17,000 instead of \$28,000.

Though negro property is less valuable in the market than white property it yields a better income. Many cases might be cited where a change from white to black tenants has increased the rent roll as much as 15 per cent. In 133d street between Lenox and Seventh avenues flats that rented for \$28 and \$30 a month when the block was white now bring \$32 and \$34.

The Harlem colony is probably the largest in the city. It comprises about fifteen city blocks bounded by 132d and 136th streets Madison and Seventh avenues. Here is housed probably one-third of the entire colored population of this city. The negroes that live in this quarter are comparatively well to do. Most of them are Pullman porters and many of them are said to earn \$50 and \$60 a week in tips.

Agents who manage colored property in the Harlem colony say there is nothing against the

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negro as a tenant but his color. He pays promptly and is as a rule orderly and quiet.

The settlement just west of Central Park is not more than fifteen years old. It comprises about three blocks between Ninety-eighth and 100th streets and extends from Central Park to about half way between Columbus and Amsterdam avenues. There are several houses in this settlement in which negro families pay as high as \$75 a month for apartments. On the other side of town, in the neighborhood of Ninety-ninth and 100th streets east of Third avenue, is a colony of a different type. Here the negroes are of the less prosperous sort.

The San Juan Hill colony was established shortly after the war. At that time the neighborhood was not very populous, and the colored residents were peaceful and industrious. To-day this quarter is regarded as the toughest in the city if not in the country. The colored people live in the side streets between Sixty-first and Sixty-third streets west of Amsterdam avenue. Surrounding the colony are whites. The whites and blacks do not get along very well together and race riots are frequent.

In the Pennsylvania section there are not so many negroes now as there were ten years ago when hundreds of colored families lived in the four blocks on which the station now stands. In other blocks near by many houses occupied by colored tenants have been torn down to make way for commercial buildings.

The transformation of the neighborhood into a business district is progressing rapidly, and there will be little left of the negro settlement in a few years. Formerly this country occupied most of the houses between Twenty-third and Forty-second streets, Sixth and Eighth avenues. The first negroes to locate there were servants employed in the private residences further east. They wanted to be near their work. The idea of working out and going home every night started after the war. Negroes did not think themselves really free unless they had a home and could go to it every night. Under the steady immigration from the South the negroes soon outnumbered the other races in the quarter, and up to ten years ago it was the most populous colored settlement in the city.

South of Washington Park the negro is rapidly being displaced by the Italian. What was once a big colony is now reduced to a few hundred people. This is the oldest colored settlement in the city. It was in existence when St. John's Park was the centre of a fashionable residence neighborhood. The negroes worked as fire tenders and laundresses and other capacities in the adjacent private house quarter. In Minetta street and Minetta lane are still a few ancient wooden houses of the period with their old fashioned step running up to the house fronts.

Years ago there were other colored colonies down town which have long since disappeared. Negroes lived in Maiden lane and along the East River. Old Catherine Market was a favorite holiday gathering place. Colored folk came there from Long Island and New Jersey to dance, sometimes for prizes, ornamenting their hair and dresses with "tea lead" the shiny paper used in packing cases. Around in Walnut street now Jackson street, was a numerous colony where sailors from the navy yard came to hear negro melodies. A ferry then plied between Wallabout and Jackson streets.

## A deep sea citizen

Admiral Evans, retired, complains that he's not as happy on land as he was at sea and that he will build himself a home near the ocean, so as to be as near his native elements as circumstances will permit. "Fighting Bob" is "some" admiral, and whether on land or sea he's one of the most attractive men in American life today, but it's little wonder that the old "sea dog" should prefer the sea, for it was on the bosom of the ocean that his gallant and far-famed rat became a record-figure and added luster to the pages of American history. His famous run around the Horn, when he took the battleship fleet on the frigate's lap of its world-circling, forms a bright page in naval narrative and fires the young heart with patriotic pride.

## The Young French Girl

A young French girl enters the theatre with her father. She takes her seat directly in front of the privileged American crowd "finishing" their education abroad. Her untouched flowerlike face alights with anticipated pleasure, with a soft vividness of intelligence that could never be cursed with the word "brassy". Her hair is bound with a little old fashioned snood and tiny buckle, a strangely simple evening dress covers the exquisite ardor of her slender body.

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## Spirit Pictures

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Dr. Wilmar is the stage name of Mr. William Marriot, whose searching investigations and exposures of so-called spiritualistic "seances" recently formed the subject of an interesting series of articles in Pearson's Magazine.

P. T. Selbit, who is presenting these "spirit paintings" at the Orpheum this week, represents Dr. Wilmar, or Mr. Marriot, who discovered the process employed by the fake mediums. He takes a couple of blank canvases selected from six by members of the audience and places them face to face in a frame. He then invites the audience to pick from a list of forty-eight the two pictures to appear. And they do appear, with nothing to help them but an arc lamp at the back. It is a most ingenious and astonishing exhibition.

Mr. Selbit has issued a challenge to any analytical chemist to analyze the canvas of one of these "spirit paintings" and prepare a report on his findings. If he can tell what is the nature of the color he will win a reward of \$500, and the same sum will be paid to any "medium" who can do the same thing.

Mr. Selbit tells an amusing story of a spiritualist who sat in one of the boxes one night, and found out "how it was done". When the pictures were passed through the audience this spiritualist told the people around him that it was ridiculous to suppose the astral powers of Rembrandt, Rubens or Murillo would come and perform at the bidding of such a medium as Mr. Selbit. He thought the truth was that Mr. Selbit had a dead friend who was friendly with the shades of the artists, and they gave him permission to imitate their pictures. "As that so?" he asked one of Mr. Selbit's pages. "Well," replied the lad, "Mr. Selbit knows a lot of dead ones, all right, all right!"

## Earthquake Again

Father Kunkel Thinks It Likely That Turkestan Has Again Been Stricken

Another earthquake has probably stricken that part of Asiatic Turkestan which is the seat of the Jesuit Order, who is in charge of the observatory, said that the seismograph in the Nicholas Surfer Observatory at Loyola College, from 3 to 7 o'clock last evening.

Rev. Father A. Kunkel, the noted scientist of the Jesuit Order, who is in charge of the observatory, said that the preliminary shocks began at 3 o'clock and lasted until 7, being recorded on the western record. The shocks were hardly perceptible, being very light, and on this account the distance could not be measured, but Father Kunkel said that the quake was evidently in the same place as the former, as the record made comparison with the one made when

the severe shocks wrecked Asiatic Turkestan. The Associated Press flashed the news of the record to all parts of the country, and inquiries were started to learn if the stricken section of the past week had suffered again.

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## Refused to go out

Gri in Pink Pajamas Prefers Flames, But Fireman Demurs

Evansville, Ind., Jan. 24.—Flames early to-day routed from their beds in the Onida Hotel a score or more guests who were forced to flee into the streets wearing only the scantiest of apparel. The blast attracted a big crowd, which was about to disperse when from the smoking stairway appeared a young woman clad only in pink pajamas.

"Oh, I'll burn to death before I'll get out," she exclaimed. A big fireman rushed to the girl, wrapped her in a great coat and carried her to safety.

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## Italy and Turkey

The Italian Government Is Threatening a naval demonstration

Considerable excitement has been caused by the departure of the battleship Pisa for Egypt and the order just issued to the battleships San Giorgio and San Marco to hold themselves in readiness moment.

It is believed this is the forerunner of an Italian naval demonstration against Turkey as the outcome of incidents which lately have somewhat upset the friendly relations between the two countries. One of the incidents was the detention last October of an Italian vessel near the port of Hodaida, Arabia. On that occasion the Italian Government made a vigorous protest.

There is a feeling that the "Young Turks", desirous of demonstrating their nationalism to their supporters, picked out Italy as the safest country to annoy.

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