## The Plaindealer.



PLUTARCH'S TOPICS.
The Afro-American Press Is a Power, Mighty and Dangerous.
the Press and pulp.t. Let Them. Each in Its Own Sphere, Go in Performan
of Great Work. The American Negroes have no lead.
r who is recognized as such in the
sense that Parnell was recognized by senser that
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leader. We are not engaged in nny
great movement oi universil concern.
The conditions which would array the
The conditions which would array the
race in line of battle lave not yet aris-








Porning and dilrecting public opinion
are very effective leaders in the realm are very effective leaders in the realm
of thought. The Negro press has cone to ie a tremendous power. The
Aze, Plaindealer, Gazette, Appeal, Yreman, and a fow other secular
Journals are, by combined effort, capa-
ble of asemring the success or failure he of aseartng the success or pallure
of any particular measure. Three
of no man and no mensure which could silfeced against their combined oppo-
sition.
Ah. the Negro press is a power, a
 weapons should be in the hands of
men of such mixed character. Some
of the editors are metn of clear-cut. honest convictions and who are sin.
cerely devoted to the race. whit
others of the editors are men of bid recorids and who are suppos of to be
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lis unsafe, untrust worthy, and unca:thi-
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reward or fear of personal loss shape
his expresseons is not thoroughly to be relled upon. It is sad that more
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atrength is not behind the mighty Ne Rerength is not teh ind the mighty Ne-
prop pres. but it is god that there
is as much as there iso. There are a ew editors whose retirement would
be of incalculable lose to the race. be-
cause of the part they cause of the part they play as checks
to the more selfish and dangerous
class. The pulpit is also a mighty pow.
er and, inded, is the very center of all power, yet it cannot rival the
press in promotinc or hndering move press in promoting or heractir, because
ments of a penerat character
of a lack of coordinate effort. It is one pulpit are encroached upou that
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$t i$ is aroused to untted notion. and then aroused to unlted netlon, and
thenything goes down before its
onset.
There is hut one colored paper in all
this land which dared take up and pit male by Prolessor washington. dared to speak continuously and wan
compromisingly compromisingly against evils prevall-
lng among the cleng Some of the clergy. did dare attack
the press. but they too the preas, but thry did dnre attack
it discreet to shut up. The tound
it ed to dime in a manner that set presa and pulpit to bowing and apologiz. will be years before these two great forces come aguin into connict. The
lesson hre bren a wholesome one, and the result is good.
Let press and pulpit, each in its own
onhere. co on in the periormance on
Ite great work.
Ench has many
so has many virtues.
Oh, that the thy would come when
the preess would speak respectulty the pulpit and be allied to it, and when the palpit would recongnize the
true merit and vant usefulness of the press, and accord it proper co-opera-
tion. The ten thousnd colored cler-
gFmen and the one hundred colorefed.


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hhe simple groups of the Old Arro
Maker amd His Daughter," her Ma Maker and His Daughter," her "Ma
domad and Child," her "Hapar," as
well as statues and busts of privat and public personalges, have won the
admiration and pratse of high author
iddes on matters of a century Mise Lewls has delved in the classic mines
of home, having numbered among her
friends, such colamoers as pow her friends, such colatorers as Powe
Hart and Harite Hosm $\mathbf{r}$.
A few years A few Years only were spent
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scholar, but she loved music, and shat
went to Boston to study ind went to Boston to study it. But
ome day, as she was walling throug.1.
School street, her eye caught sight

of the statue of Benjamin Frankin
This was the first time that she niked her friends how such "things" he made some mondingsticks, go
some clay from a sculptor, and com menced work on a uittle foot. It
would scarcely be credited It it were
stated how many times Edmonla hrought her mamp of clay to the
frimally sculntor-hoo many times sh patiently remodeled it-belore it had
the semblance of a foot. But the oot was conquered, and from the
foot ohe paseed on to n ladys hand.
After thls came a but oo voitaire.
and this finished, the voung artigi and this rinished, the yonng artist
aetual| reectived an order for a medal
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Three years from the time th
 ghe ds eonddered one of the famous
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found Mrs. Bowser in bed, and was
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## "Rats, Mrs. Rowser! You fust imasime it: This imply goes to prove what I have oftell asserted





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oring to cross the avene oring to cross the a venue at F. G.
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woman, who made the attempt two or three times. but each time turned
back in fear of the treacherons proes. walk and
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The to do starts, had bravely resolv the crowd the cherery tones of the the big "Come nlong. Aunty. Tll take you
arows." and turned to see him with
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'll makin', and gang's with me. sure." At twelve o'clock the judges pounded
on a table for order, and announced
that, after much debate they hat, after much debate they gave th
fret prize to Miss Lizzie Cannon rst prize to Miss Lizzie Cannon,
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Columbia." The fact that Mr.
fasters, who was one of the fan asters, who was one of the judges
nd who was engaged to Miss Cannon tuffing out that he would pound the other judges if they known, but the decision met was wot as
general satisfaction as could well be "The second prize." said the judges,
"Roes to the enent calling himselit the
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|  |  | $\begin{array}{\|l\|} \text { Republicans of Louisiana, any more } \\ \text { than it does in the camp of its oppo- } \\ \text { nents. The Plaindealer does not be- } \end{array}$ | provided by a friend of the ranse. will amount to more than $\$ 100$. The time and labor required for its pre- | The Minneapolis flour mills turnedout last year $7,877,947$ barrels; ofthese, direct exports to Europe were |
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