

STARTED WITH PUP

AND COLORED WOMAN HAD ACQUIRED COMPETENCE.

Showing What Industry and an Eye to Business Can Do—Booker Washington's Comments and Advice on the Subject.

Some years ago there was a negro conference at Tuskegee, Ala., the site of Booker T. Washington's famous institute, and one of the most prominent speakers was Mrs. Lucy Nelson of Dadeville, Ala. This woman was an extremely black African, but she was neatly dressed—had passed, indeed, the "sunbonnet stage," as Mr. Washington calls those of his people just budding into a more ambitious and broader existence. Under the cross-examination of Mr. Washington the woman related a most interesting experience—an experience that should be an inspiration to the whole colored race.

"Do the people in your community own homes, Mrs. Nelson?" asked Booker T. Washington.

"I think they's fixin' to own 'em, sah."

"But do they own them?"

"A heap of times you can't just tell, sah. But they's holdin' 'em down."

"Do you own your home?"

"Yes, sah, I do," proudly. "And I can tell you jest how I got it. I swapped a puppy dog for it."

"Huh?" said Mr. Washington, expressively.

"Yes, sah," the woman persisted. "I mean jest what I says."

"Tell us about it."

"Well, it was this way. When I started, I didn't have nothing at all but jest a little yaller puppy dog. I took the dog over to my brother-in-law's. He had eight little bits of pigs, oh, jest so little; an' I swapped the puppy with him for one of the pigs. It was such a little pig that it didn't look like it would live, but I nursed it good, and I prayed to the Lord to make that little pig come for'ard to do me good, and the pig lived and grew. The first year I turned her out, and when she came back in the fall she brought me seven little pigs with her. That was my start. I've never had to buy any meat since. This winter I've killed three hogs, and I've got another at home now ready to kill. I've got 40 acres of land now, all paid for, and a house, and it all come from that one little puppy."

"Do you hear that?" exclaimed Mr. Washington, "you men? Some of you'd better go back home and swap your dogs for pigs!"—New York Times.

The Gentle Sex Again.

The patient conductor had been waiting for their fares for fully a minute. Each insisted upon paying.

"It's my turn," said the one in blue, "and I am going to pay just as soon as I can find that dime."

"No, I insist," spoke up the one in brown. "Here it is, conductor."

"I shall never forgive you. I was just about to—"

"Oh, I made a mistake. That was a penny. Give it back and—"

"Gracious! I am so glad. Here are the two fares, conductor."

The one in blue paid. When she reached home she said to her husband:

"The stingy thing! She just picked up that penny as a bluff! I'll never go shopping with her again!"

While the one in brown said to her better half:

"Close! I never saw such a close woman in my life. Why, she actually forced me to pay both fares! Isn't it queer how stingy some people can be?"

Conscientious Workman.

At the Union league of Philadelphia a few days ago the veteran shipbuilder, Charles H. Cramp, related a curious incident of a skilled caulker named Brown, who, after many years of service at the Cramp shipyards, obtained a more important position at the navy yard. This man came of a family which had been employed at Cramps' for three generations, since the early part of the last century, and was extremely conscientious. So keen a sense of duty did Brown possess that, although he had been placed on the regular salary list at the navy yard, nothing could induce him to draw his pay for the days he did not work. He had not been accustomed, he said, to get paid except for working days, and he was not going to "rob the government" when work was slack.

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Quite So.
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