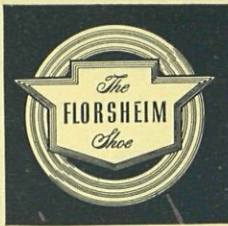


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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

IN ANSWER TO DONALD BUTCH

Reading the letter written in to your magazine by the white Marine, Donald Butch re the Poppy Cannon article, makes me feel terribly ashamed of being a member of his race.

If people such as he would think a little less about the dubious privilege of being a member of the Caucasian race, and a little more about the definite privilege of being a member of the human race, made in the image and likeness of God, this would be a far happier world.

ALICE MCCARNEY

Newark, N. J.

The letter Donald R. Butch wrote seems to be full of malice and jealousy toward Walter White and Poppy Cannon. I'm quite sure he and his kind won't spit on women like Poppy Cannon because he and his kind will never get that high.

S. C. AND W. F.

Detroit, Mich.

After reading the letter from Donald R. Butch, U. S. Marines, printed in your August issue, I sat for a long time rather discouraged; humble because you had the courage to print such a falsely libelous letter—discouraged because of the impossibility of changing an attitude so bitter as the one displayed by the writer's ignorance.

I am a white woman working with interracial groups, and the cooperation I see practiced in these groups makes it difficult to remember that the attitude as exhibited in that letter is as prevalent as it is.

There is no way to excuse a letter such as that written by a member of the race to which I belong. It is a product of abysmal ignorance; the type of ignorance which your magazine is trying so effectively to help do away with.

I can merely say, my best wishes to your publication in all its ventures, you have the good will of many, many races and many, many creeds.

MRS. CONSTANCE ELDRED

Boston, Mass.

I am of the immediate opinion that you Pvt. Butch (or whatever rank be yours) are a completely prejudiced individual. You can't understand other people until you can fully understand yourself. No two people can think exactly alike, therefore, may I ask, did you think before you wrote your letter, or can you think.

I highly doubt if one interracial married couple has said one word to you, yet you criticize them. It either proves you envy them or you just don't know any better. A person can't criticize something he doesn't understand. You criticize us. Do you fully understand us? If not, then there's certainly no reflection on us.

You made a statement to the effect we were "riding high." We don't proclaim to be "riding high" as you call

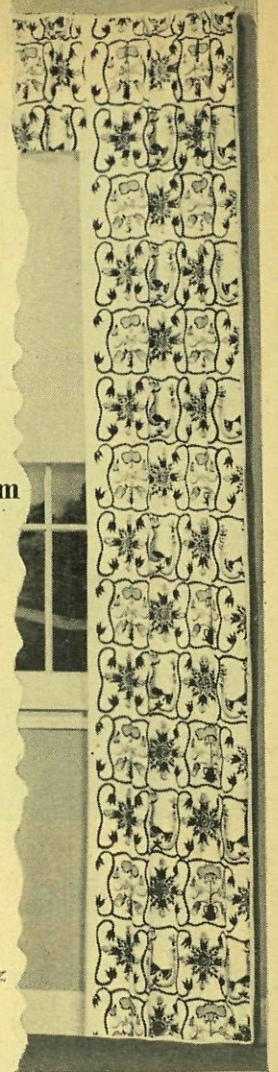
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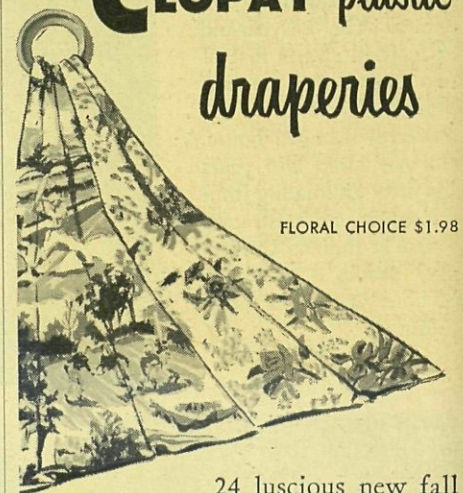
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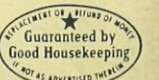
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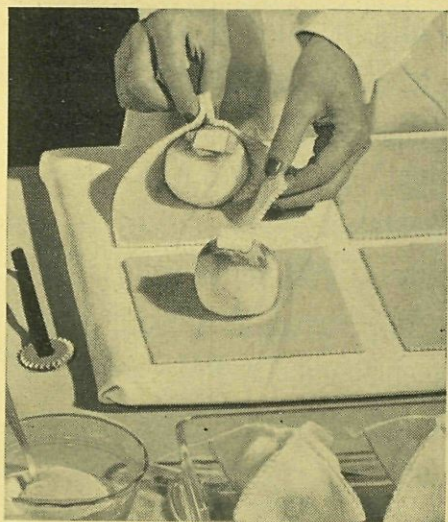


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it. We are just slowly getting our God-given rights which have been denied us for so long no doubt by people of your flock. Is it ever too early for a man to receive his God-bestowed liberty?

SFC CHARLES E. BUTLER
Las Vegas, Nev.

In reading your August issue of EBONY, I think you should be more careful about what you put in your magazine. It is such a fine one, the boys and I get one every month. My white friends think that such a letter as Donald R. Butch (the cracker) wrote shouldn't be printed in anything, not even in a crime magazine.

He thinks he is down South somewhere. What he doesn't know is that in the Negro race there are all kinds of women from dark to white, eyes from black to blue, hair from black to blond. It is people like him who make the world like it is.

If I can fight a war, surely I can marry whom I choose. So will someone please hip Mr. Butch before he gets clipped.

A/2C EDDIE L. WILLIAMS
Chanute AFB, Ill.

EBONY has received more than 200 letters condemning Donald Butch for his biased criticism of the Poppy Cannon story and Negroes in general. We consider the matter closed.

NEGRO ADOPTIONS

Your article on "Why Negroes Don't Adopt Children" in the July EBONY seems to us in this agency, Children's Services of Connecticut, to be a thoughtful and accurate statement of the current situation. Articles such as this one could lead to long needed changes in present agencies' practices. Many confused men and women, who would make fine adoptive parents, may now find their way to social agencies and have their hopes to adopt a child realized.

The policy of Children's Services of Connecticut is to place for adoption every child who is free to be so placed and for whom a home can be found. We do have a good deal of difficulty, however, in obtaining applicants who wish to adopt Negro children. We believe that the community's babies are the community's responsibilities and that only by our working co-operatively and diligently together with the community can we achieve our goal, a good adoptive home for every child, Negro or white.

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C. ROLLIN ZANE, Executive Director
Children's Services of Connecticut
Hartford, Conn.

Congratulations to you on the excellent job you did in your articles about adoptions in the EBONY magazine!

From the standpoint of information and news interest, it couldn't have been surpassed. Appeal must have been great as we have received innumerable letters from all over the country, expressing the desire to adopt colored children. We have referred many of these letters

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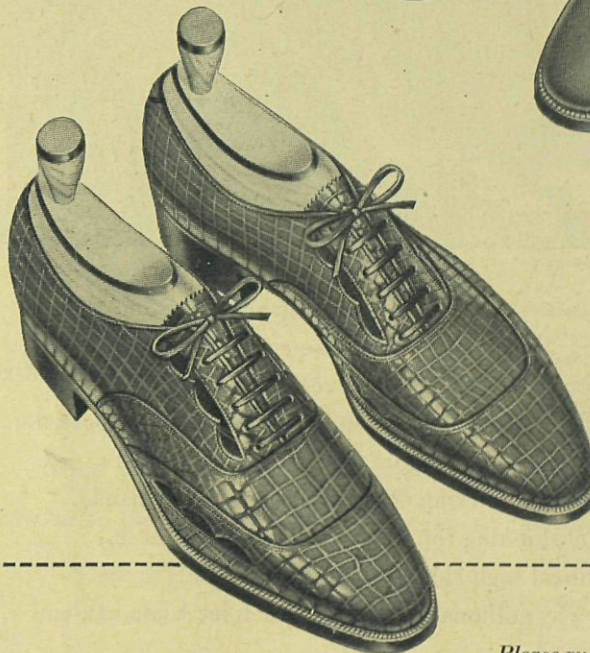
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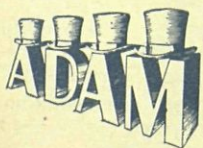
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to the Illinois Children Home and Aid Society. It seems likely that good homes may be provided for many of these children.

SISTER MARY ALICE
St. Vincent's Infant Asylum, Inc.
Chicago, Ill.

I should like to request that you correct an error which appeared in the article on "Why Negroes Don't Adopt Children" in the July issue of EBONY. The contest on "Ways Of Interesting More Colored Families in the Adoption of Children" which is the \$100 contest referred to, with Judge Jane Bolin, Dr. Robert Weaver, and Mrs. Marshall Field as judges was sponsored by State Charities Aid Association and not by Spence-Chapin as stated in the article.

DOROTHY H. BANKS, *Chairman*
Contest Committee,
State Charities Aid Association
New York, N. Y.

NIGHT THEY BURIED SIN

This is the first time I have ever had anything to say about EBONY magazine, but since I read the article "The Night They Buried Sin" I couldn't help but write this letter.

The whole thing was more of a cartoon to me than anything else, because I liked to died laughing at Gatemouth. That man should be ashamed of himself.

He said, "One morning I died, and God spoke to me, saying, 'Gate, get up.'" Of all the hams, Gatemouth Moore takes the cake. I wish the people who have not seen the July issue will get one and read that story, then see if they don't agree with me.

The Law should have come in there and taken Gatemouth, casket and all, to jail.

CPL. ROBERT K. MAYBERRY
Young Dong Po, Korea

I've just finished reading the July issue of EBONY. I was simply disgusted with the article about "Gatemouth" Moore.

I think it was very silly of him. Seems as if he is making a mockery of God. That was just another scheme to get money. I can't imagine what he could have told anyone after being so ignorant and every one that paid a dollar was just as ignorant.

I must say to Mr. Moore, "you don't have to play dead." Just wait a while and he will surely have the privilege of dying.

MARY MALONE
Bakersfield, Calif.

OLDEST JOCKEY

It was with mixed emotions that I viewed the pictures and article on the oldest jockey, Leon J. Goines, featured in your August issue. Proud, of course, sad, too, because I have not seen my father for a good many years.

Perhaps you and he might be interested to know that four of his six sons served with the U. S. Armed Forces overseas in World War II. The youngest is still in the Navy serving on the USS Newport. I think they deserve "honorable mention."

If it is at all possible, please, forward

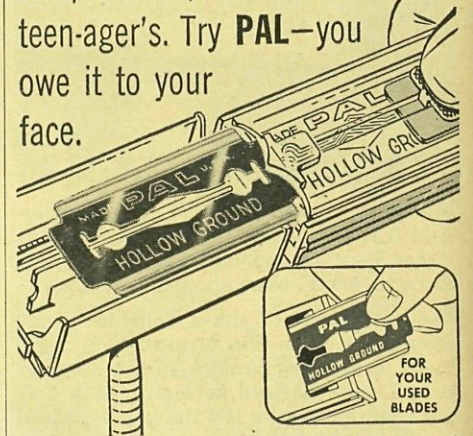
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this to my father. My letters to him do not come back, neither do they get answered, so maybe he does not receive them. He may like to know that he now has nine grandchildren and that his youngest daughter married this year. By the way, the son Victor you mentioned is 36 not 43, I am the "old lady" of his eight children—age 39.

MRS. LEWIS A. STEVERSON
LeRoy, N. Y.

I'M A WOMAN AGAIN

I must congratulate you on the fine presentation of the Gladys Bentley story. Only a person who is stained with the mark of abnormality can know the mental suffering this kind of life offers and can understand Miss Bentley's article. With skeletons of this sort in most closets, it does seem that somewhere there would be some help or answer to the "Why."

Yes, there are many of us successful in a material sort of way but deep down within we seem so incomplete. Yes, we do wonder sometimes if there isn't some understanding or someone to draw us out of ourselves. Then we wonder, why burden someone else and we are off again. Well, thank you, Gladys Bentley, for at least telling the world that we hate ourselves too. Too bad you did not mention your doctor's name and his price, for I too, want to leave it. I have had too much of it. The price is too severe and I am unable to pay it. The fact is I do not care for any more of this miserable hell.

A LOYAL READER
Fort Pierce, Fla.

My first thought on finishing the article "I'm A Woman Again" was "God bless you." An enlightening article on a delicate subject.

LILA GRAY
Columbus, Ohio

I just finished reading your August issue. The story "I'm A Woman Again" by Gladys Bentley intrigued me for I was once like her. Now I am a happily married woman and a devoted mother. I can understand Miss Bentley's fears of returning to her past life, for I myself share these fears. But with prayer and God's help I will continue as I am.

I hope my letter as well as Miss Bentley's story will help others such as we were to change to a happier, healthy life of a normal woman.

VIRGINIA
Jersey City, N. J.

VOODOO GOES TO COLLEGE

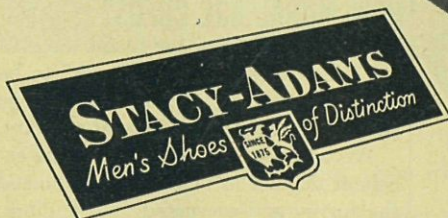
The subject of voodoo is too often treated superficially by over-imaginative travellers with the intent to astound or shock.

Voodoo is not "black magic" although certain *houngans* and *mambos* (priests and priestesses) may practice the "black art" with, as the Haitians say, the left hand. It is true that chickens, even goats and bullocks, are sacrificed but if Mr. Duncan saw "the warm, red blood trickle down upon the nude body of a young girl who lies writhing on the altar," I would like to know

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where such an unorthodox, Hollywood style ritual took place.

According to your article Mr. Duncan "armed with a wire recorder, secretly made transcripts of authentic music and incantations made to Damballa Quedo." In the first place it is *Damballah Ouedo* or *Wedo*. And, secondly, considering that the truly authentic ceremonies take place in the hinterlands far, far away from any such luxury as electricity and are attended by a crowd of peasants so curious that they would notice immediately any such contraption as a wire recorder, it would seem impossible that any recording could be made "secretly" even though Mr. Duncan were able to run the machine on batteries. Many people have transcribed the ritual music but with the not-so-hard-to-get permission of those involved.

Visitors to Haiti will find that Voodoo is *not* outlawed by the Haitian government. Not since an abortive attempt in the days of President Lescot.

JOHN GOODWIN

New York, N. Y.

MARCUS GARVEY

I am writing this letter not to condemn your position as regards Marcus Garvey but only to protect his name, his position as a leader of black men, a man who, if he were given a chance, could have done much for the Negro race. We have had too few great leaders who were able to dominate Negro thought and give the black man something to believe in.

Garvey to me represents the new Negro, aggressive, honest, a man who knew no price and was willing to give his all for his race. We should honor and emulate Garvey, not condemn his name to future generations of Negroes by associating him with acts conspired by foreign agents.

VINCENT B. LYNCH

Seattle, Wash.

HOW MORAL ARE COEDS?

In your July issue, we found the article "How Moral Are Our Coeds" to be a typical account of the way college students feel about the issue of morality.

We wish to commend you for the excellent manner in which you conducted the survey and presented your findings, and as college students, we follow you along the same lines of thought. Since the same situations exist on our campus here in Oklahoma, we feel that they exist in some form in all co-educational colleges.

Thanks to your article, more parents should realize that our college life is not as immoral as most of them are led to believe.

OPAL H. HAYES

Langston, Okla.

WANTS NEGRO USO SHOWS

Over here in Korea we see several USO shows, but there are never any colored entertainers participating. Why? Some of the shows we see are not too good, but nevertheless we show our appreciation, and it makes us feel glad that they haven't forgotten us.

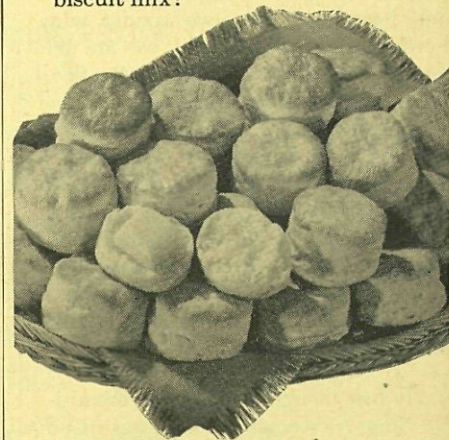
If some small group would get together I'm sure they would get permission and transportation. Of course they wouldn't get paid, but their food and

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transportation would be furnished. They wouldn't have to be a Billy Eckstine or Sarah Vaughan, just Americans who could dance or sing, or just look pretty.

Maybe they won't send anyone over here, but I would certainly like to know why. The USO is dying for shows!

CPL. MORRIS TAYLOR

Korea

'POISON PEN' ARTIST

A million thanks to you and your associates at EBONY.

I will never be able to explain the thrill I enjoyed upon reading about myself and seeing my drawings in print once again.

The editors of Magazine Digest have asked me for permission to reprint those drawings and are interested in using some others as a continuing feature.

The write-up in EBONY is solely responsible for this fortunate change of luck and I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to you and all those responsible.

BRUMSIC BRANDON

c/o PM, New York, N. Y.

BRAINIEST MAN IN BASEBALL

Whoever wrote "The Brainiest Man In Baseball" certainly rates a snappy salute. His feeling for going beneath his character was an experience in itself.

ROZELL LEAVELL

Chicago Heights, Ill.

ATLANTA KITE DAY

I have been an EBONY fan ever since the first publication, I am now an EBONY fan and probably will be an EBONY fan until I receive the last publication.

Some articles and pictures I like, some I don't like, but it has enough of the ones I like to be number one on my list.

This letter is to commend you on the selection of your articles and to give special praise to the photographer of little Philemon Jones for his wonderful pictures—they took me back to my kite flying days.

ALEX G. ALEXANDER

Houston, Texas

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