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sanctum every week.

BACIAL WEAKNESS.

Of course, as a race, we have our weaknesses, and he is no friend to us, who would dany the existence of the same. We need to know our weakfollow and do not lead. What we need woman he proposes to make his wife. is true leadership. There must be a noble desire to serve if we are to have ! men strong and courageous eneugh to pilot our people out of the false and is driving a number of the press gang effete into the true and fresh. There are two important aspects of

True it is, and always has been, that our racial weakness deserving of the cheerfulness is riches that cannot be the distinguished, "lightweight" attend sincerest study and keenest observation. taxed.—January Ladies' Home Journal. any of our churches, or does he contrib-

First our lack of a proper concentration along charitable lines. Generally speakmisfortunes which render benevolent consideration and sympathetic help a necessity. With so many churches, and any number of young men and objectively asserting itself in some institutional way seeking to educate and

our great weakness therein. One Dollar, the way of betterment, but rather be- may be perfect spotless; we hope he is. It is wrong, absolutely so, and whercause we do not seriously make the at- All of this, however, cannot change the ever we discover a tendency, as in this

Correspondents will please have all commu | confidence in the success of business | son wanted the "nigger" to win, not so elections in this office by noon on Wedgesdays schemes to be inaugurated by means of much for himself, but as protection for All communications intended or public very large masses of our people unactions their gold. If our misguided friend petion should be addressed to BE AFRO-AMER quainted with business ideas and prin- thinks that examples of this character enterprise may carve out success. LEDGER, at 207 St. Pav' greet, Baltimore, ciples. The failure of such well con- mean anything, so far as the Negro race ceived ideas with success conditioned is concerned, let him shake off this deupon the harmonious working of such lusion, for that is all it is. Negro boys traversed by its lines, announces that it an untrained mass should certainly ex- and men too have been "licking" white will sell to prospectors and settlers, cite little if any surprise.

Telephone 1811 Courtland. and proper way for the growth of the racee is no more cordial now than it has sentative of the Company. business idea is by the association of a ever been. If the great Gans is to do J. C. Horron, Eastern Pass. Agent, BALTIMORE, JAN. 11, 1902 few men with some experience and some more than our lawyers, doctors, preachcapital who are minded to combine both ers, teachers, business men, laborers, The season for resolutions is with us their capital and experience and vigo- property holders, in the settlement of again, but all are worthless unless kept. rously use the new force for the acquisi- this question, how comes it that we are tion of a still greater force. When this having here in Mr. Gans own state Mr. Cummings seems to have a hard is successfully done by several groups in where he is so greatly admired, so much His several business enterprises, then the adverse legislation enacted and proposed experience and acquaintance gotten designed further to humiliate and optherein will naturally invite larger and stronger combination of men not without some experience and some capital, Car law. in a similar but less pretentious endeav-

> But, as important as it is, consideration it, The tendency of legislation in every alone is idle. We need to add to it state in the Union proves it, The color- Smyrna. Through sleeping cars to Atprompt and wise action. Surely with cd men like Gans, Dixon and Jackson racial needs along so many lines there who have faught their way to fame (ought to be a few level headed men have done so largely because they were here and there, with some experience, machines for making money for white Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, with Mr. Gaus extending back to few such few blue pencil marks, may the and some capital, who are not over- men. Will our critic deny it? trying to do nothing.

A SILENT INFLUENCE FOR GOOD. knowledge we should set to work to laying away his remains when he is no convert our weakness into strength | experienced by his friends in decently | —that its chief claim to distinction is | round trip Winter Excursion tickets will | "world of sport" has produced from, laying away his remains when he is no lines in North and South Countries | South Countries | C convert our weakness into strength. more. Fine clothes are sometimes use the home of a prize fighter. Baltimore Georgia and Florida. These low rates proud that one of these three is one of One serious drawback to effective refor- ful and helpful, but more important has other and better claims to distinc- taken in connection with the superior us? mation along this line proceeds from the than dirty and cheap finery it is that we tion even the our critic does'nt seen to fact, that in so many cases, our leaders should own a home. Among the new know of them. It is pretty hard on our are no leaders at all but rather follow- resolutions of the New Year let the educational system here to have one of ens. Having some kind of ambition to young man who is spending all his its most prominent products and benebe big men they are always or the alert wages upon his back put at least fifty ficaries thus shows his ignorance of our to see how any proposed move is going cents a week, or two shares, into some history, and his total disregard for fall nished by any Agent or Representative big opponent, keeping out of the reach "to take" with the masses, for it would good and reliable building association that that system stands for. It is re- of the Company. break their heart to discover themsel- in order that he may have a home of freshing, however, to know that his J. C. HORTON, Eastern Pass'r Agent, ves on the minority side. Hence they his own in which to carry the young

> JUST FOR A SMILE, The success of The Colored American dizzy."-Colored American.

AS'TO MR. GANS. ing, we are not a bit concerned about communication objecting to the follow. Is he a member of any of the societies old age, adversity, disability or the many ing editorial note contained in our issue of last week.

benefits of good schooling one would colored people in the state. Moral—if slavery reduced them, and in which naturally look for some strong tendency you wish to be noted in white folks ra- class legislation and prejudice would pers become a fighter or a criminal.

Our critic is right when he intimated concentrate the race with respect to that a prize fighter is essentially dis- matter than the subject would ordinar- remark, "We cannot afford to allow perits duty to its own poor, maimed and reputable," and he very gallantly comes ily warrant. Our excuse for it is this: sons to come here and enter the strife helpless members. And yet whatever to our aid by citing the opinion of the Onr critic is a prominent citizen, a with us for wealth and social prestige. little that is done by members of the St. Louis Star, that the only two decent graduate of our High School, and we We must stand together and keep them race along this line but sadly emphasize fighters in the prize ring for twenty | fear that his personality might, without years are Peter Jeckson and George some word from us produce results view. Ask not where a man was born, Then again, we are sadly weak along Dixon, The Afro-American Ledger hurtful to us. We are too prone to take but what is his character, ability and the line of commercial and industrial has no desire to inquire into Mr, Gans | white men's estimation of the Negroes' endeavor. And this present weakness personal character—that is a matter worth as the proper standard, to deify is not owing to a dearth of most excel- wholly his own. It is with Mr. Gans all who have their favor, and consign to is abundant room here in Maryland for lent and intensely practical schemes in as a public character that we deal. He perdition all who incur their displeasure more professional and non-professional

Firty Cents tempt to render such theoretical schemes point of our argumens that white papers instance, to increase this nefarious prac- should not only welcome such, but hold Months, Twenty-five Cents, practical realities. Here, than, are two give more space to those things which tice, we propose to put the stamp of our out to them strong inducements to make lines of endeavor well worthy of our degrade us than they do to those which disfavor upon it. Three Cents. consideration. Theories do not work show our efforts to be men It is a matthemselves. Men with themes must ter of pride even to the Afro-American not only have great faith in the practi- | that the only decent prize fighters in the calness of their theories but they must last twenty years were men of our race ern Winter and enjoy the delights of unquestionably have the courage to but that does not destroy the fact that the Scuthland. their theories even in the face of suffer- those that engage in it can be hardly land. Its winters are mild and balmy shall be worthy of regard, than to cen- in his native city for more than 25 ing, unpopularity and poverty. And otherwise. Our critic shows himself a and in the most cases Summer does not sure those who have gone before for years. He was commissioned by the when we have so stated the question it veritable dreamer when he intimates bring with it such extremes of heat as having done so little. Treat those you Maryland Board of Dental Examiners, is apparently why we have such few that the solution of the vexed Negro are to be found elsewhere. In fact, the tile sent to this office for publication leaders. We need men who are willing problem is to come by the way of the to absolutely sacrifice themselves if in prize ring. The exomple he cites of the a healthful and altogether desirable lo- courteous, broad and manly. Eschew more, he has given liberal support. the sacrifice they succeed in paving the growing tolerance in this city for Gans' cation. Churches and others having news or notices way for greater racial exertion and proves nothing, except perhaps that the feilows who shouted "put him out" had We confess that we have but little their money on Gans, and for that reaboys and men ever since boys and men tickets one way or round trip, at greatly It would seem to us that the normal had fists, but the relation between the reduced rates, information as to which press his race? For instance, the election law and the proposed "Jim Crow"

> Pagilism Is a demoralizing business or. No one is willing, so it seems, to it motters not who engages in it, or how more 5.45 P. M., and Washington 7.00

Mr. "Jim Crow," well-known in the awed by possible failure, but who are As we have before said we have no Southland, is making an effort to get bold and courageous enough to strike desire to do Mr. Gans harm, or to speak Southern Pines. lodging in Maryland. We have no use out and make the attempt. It is better of him in a way that will hold him up for him, nor any member of his family to die trying to do something than to die to ridicule and scoru; we have simply used him as a representative or his class Metropolitan Limited which is an en-We are proud of his physical prowess, but sorry that it cannot be put to nobler ed, and there may be a corner in palm than a savings bank. It would be thus favored if he were engaged in anmost interesting and helpful reading if other calling. The men and women accurate information could be had of the among us who are striving for the mas-The Baptists are at it agains. Rev. number of colored persons who during tery over adverse conditions in all the S. N. Vass is going for Mias Burroughs | the past ten or fifteen years have pur- walks of life rarely get notice in the paof the Foreign Mission Board. He ought chased for themselves a comfortable pers of the land. Those who are add-We will home through the means of one of the ing to these adverse conditions, who are start Brother Isaacs after him. Look many building associations of our city. content with things as they are and are The purchase of a home is a great ac- satisfied with the "place" fixed for them complishment in itself, but that fails to and their race by the proud Caucasion. The American Baptist is now a full tell even one half of the story. The are giving columns. Will our critic fledged man, and unless it has been dis- practical training and experience in deny this? Our critic shows his remarkfranchised, it is now old enough to vote. economics thus derived by the individue able knowledge of Baltimore when he all points on Seabord Air Line, includ It started on its 25th years last week, als constitute an invaluable education saye that the "three men whose reputaand from its general appearance it is which he carriee through life to bless tions have done more to make Baltimore not suffering from tuberculosis, and is and dispense happiness in innumerable known than any other three men conevidently good for another twenty-five ways. It does our very soul good as we temporaneous with us" are Dr, Osler, years. We congratulate Editor Stewart | witness the long procession of men and | Harry Lehr and Joe Gans. Compariisons on its youthful appearance, and his women punctually visiting the offices of are odious, and we shall not indulge instick-at-it-iveness. Being a good old such institutions week after week to de- any. We simply place before the read- orange crop been so large and the many Kentucky Baptist," he has been able posit their little savings to pay for the ers the names used by our cr,tic, and let other fruit growing industries so far to swim the river and reach the shores place they call their home. Let the peo- them, if they care to, make their own developed. of successful journalism. The Ameri- ple be encouraged. For while it is impor- comparisons. It is hard to understand Agent or address Jos. E. Miller Passencan Baptist is a welcome visitor to our tant to belong to benevolent societies however, what Dr. Osler has done that ger Agent, 836 Chestnut St., Philadeland pay in advance for your coffin, yet he should be made to keep company, phia. Pa. in the language of Booker Washington, even for a minute, with the other disa bath tub is a more useful and helpful tinguished men whose names are conarticle than a coffin, and the man who nected with his. Baltimore in other ger Department, Washington, D. C. tf has surrounded himself with the com. days bore a hard name in some quarters forts of life in a house which is his own but it is doubtful, if any one; has need not fear that any difficulty will be said worse of it than our critic intimates nesses. Nor is that all. Having definite experienced by his friends in decently —that its chief claim to distinction is

tribe is small. It may be that Mr. Gans is all and more than his too zealous friend tries to make him. even then the point of our argument is not destroyed. Mr. Gans is reported to have made thousands of dollars. Is any of it invested so that the laborers of his race or

any others can get the benefit of it3Does

uted to their support, or that of any of We give space in another column to a jour charitable or benovelent institutions? that are striving to teach thrift and industry to our people, to succor them in distress and give them decent sepulture Mr. Joseph Gans, better known as at death? Is he connected with any of white papers than all the respectable ple out of the conditions in which conception it is made to appear that

keep them?

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Nowhere can be found a more lightfu! climate than in our own Sout South is a land where extremes of climate are avoided, and consequently,

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nounces that, effective October 15, 1901 service and fast schedules operated over Again, let me say that winning conthis line, which is the shortest and best tests as "Joe" Gans wins them, are not their advantage to obtain definite infor- little strategist, who (as in the fight

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THE FORUM. OPPOSED TO INDISCUIMINATE

EXCLUSION. Some men are intensely local in their self-asserting in manner that new comers may hope to meet with but little fanone are entitled to an equal share in the privileges of the community save those who were born and reared in it. All strangers are interlopers and must, therefore, be frowned upon or treated out." Away with the mean proscription and adopt a more liberal and manly usefulness. Homebred incompetence ought not to be preferred to ability even though it be brought from abread. There colored men and women who are prepared to aid in the work of bettering the condition which surrounds us. their home in our midst. It may not be out of place for me suggest that it wil result to the advantage of those who choose to take up their abode here if they will bridle their tongue, at least for a season, and avoid the apearance of unfriendly competition. We should be more eager to do something ourselves will be treated kindly in return. Center

hornets will find you too. D. W. HAYS.

EDICORIAL CRITICISED.

THINKS THE EDITOR WRONG.

Mr. Editor:—It is not the intention greeting: 1183 Broadway New York City. of the writer to enter into a controversy regarding the ethics of pngilism. only desires to write a word in reply to the editorial commentanent Mr. Joseph new leaf, a time of resolutions and 306 Washington St., Boston, Mass. Gans, in your last issue. Judging promises, I thought I would lay all from the tread of the paragraph, one differences, if any exist and say to Continental Trust Bidg., Balto, Md: gets the opinion that the person who those who have read my letters, and wrote it, not only intimates that a prize and appreciated them, and those Portsmouth. Va. tf fighter is essentially disreputable, but he objects to the many and meretorious who have read them with comments newspaper reports of and comments up- of disapproval, I wish you all a Hap-

me quote from the St. Louis Star, of a with me last year, but failed to keep few years since directly after Dixon's it. Col., when you make an engagedefeat by McGovern: "It is but just to ment and can not keep it, (as you say that the one or two decent fighters must now be a very old man,) why twenty years were Peter Jackson and not send your private secretary? To Geoage Dixon, both Negroes. There the Ladies Masonic Bazaar-Peace has scarcely been a white pug who did Patience and Prosperity. To the ednot disgrace the business with which he itos of the Afro-America Ledgers,

years, and he has found him, always, a information, light, and knowledge rom quiet, unassuming and modest fellow. dispenced by your illustrious journal The writer admits that prize fighting is not à commendable nor desirable shine on and brighten until it enters breast of every Afro-American, there is in the State of Maryland and the ra certain satisfaction, when he reads in United States. To the Masonic Joint the morning paper, how on the previous night, Mr. Gans outpointed some aspir- Stock Company who have so beauti-Leaves Philadelphia 7.20 A. M., Bal- ing Caucasian pugilist. There are points fully improved our room. Our aim This silent influence of which we uses. We rejoice at the unstinted praise timore 9.34 A. M., and Washington 11.01 in connection with pugilism, when taken is upward, and we would like you to speak is the Building Association. Bet- he receives at the hands of the white A. M., daily, and arrives Jacksonville as the means of livelihood of a colored ter indeed it is for the average poor man press, but regret that he would not be 9.05 A. M., Atlanta 8.50 A. M., con- man, and of Mr. Joseph Gans, in partinecting at Jacksonville for all Florida cular (since the editor has seen fit to re-

At Pinehurst, Southern Pines, Cam. be heard the cry, unchecked: "Kill the craft and dare not say why thou den, Columbia and Savannah on Winter | nigger." As an indication of a change tourist tickets not offered via any other of feeling, we heard that cry for the hast made us thus. line, good either via Richmond or Ports- first time in a year, from an excited mouth over Seaboard Air Line Railway. White man during a trying moment, Paiest, we do seek to dig down into Friday, a week ago, before Mr. Gans

"Shut up!" "Put him out." etc.; and your sublime obedience. To the these responses mark you, from other Most Eminent Grand Commander white men. This shows they have become out of respect for Mr. Gans' we ask only your generaus hospitalprowess, more tolerant of him, and no ity. Silver and gold we know you one can say that there are not a few of have not, but such as you have, we. these men, with whom it is but a step expect you to give us, and we will from being tolerant of Mr. Gaus to becoming better disposed towards the col- ever pray for the success of your

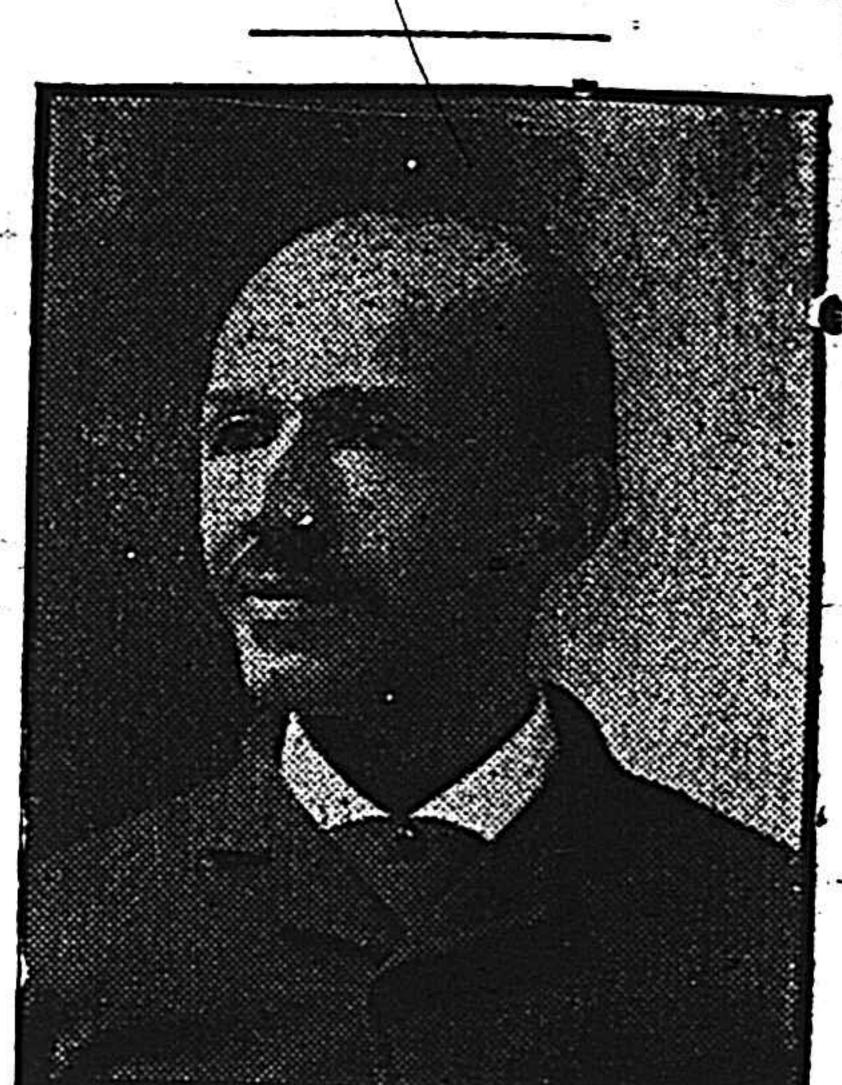
there are three men whose reputations are "bone of your bone, and flesh of have done more to make Paltimore known, than any other three men, con- your flesh. To the Illustrious Grand temporaneous with us. These men are Commander in Chief. As you have Dr. O ler, known throughout the scien- soared so far above the ground floor tific world; Mr. Harry Lehr, whose an- where we are still at work and as we tics as a society clown have made this town noted, and Mr. Joseph Gaus, who can only get near enough to hear the stands, as the invincible lightweight last peal of the gun which indicates The Seaboard Air Line Railway an pugilist of the world, head and should the rising and setting of the sun, yet ers above any other personage the we know by the beautiful banners

to Florida points are brought to the the successes of a burly brute, hammerattention of those who are planning ing his victims into submission, but, on Winter tours. It will be distinctly to the contrary: the victories of an agile of the latter's swift and vicious blows- fierce anger of a mighty king to save any one of which would tell did it reach two friends and pledged your life as the spot—until finally, slipping in between those long arms he deals a quick a bond for the security of others and jolt, which puts the Goliath down and you who have xxxxxx and have xxx

> To conclude, Mr. Editor, we get far honor of a parent, you who rendertoo little credit from the white press, ex-cept in this one instance when they do up a crown and life itself to save a us the justice of admitting that Gans is Nation from total destruction. one Negro, who can think, and think You who manifested an undeviatquicker and to better effect than any ing faith in the power and merits of white man, in the same class. I admit the Redeemer, you, who preferred to s put to no better purpose but since it is

not and, and in all probability will not be, let us not cavil at it, until the credit

im this case is taken from us. I wish to reiterate that this is not a defenses of pugilism not pugilists, in toto, but only an endeavor, weak though sympathies, so clannish in spirit, and so it be. to show that we have no reason to object to the universal praise accorded Mr. Gaps, nor is it judicious to class all "Joe" Gans, is a colored man and a pu- our institutions that are lifting our peo- vor at their hands. According to their pugilists with criminals, any more than time has shown, to consider all theatrical personage, moral lepers. E. B. T.



Dr. John M. Johnson, Dentist.

The subject of this sketch whose cut appears above was born in Baltiwhen coming into a new locality that more, and has followed his profession find in a place kludly and, as a rule, you whose certificate he now holds. In is your interest in the public weal. Be all the interests of his rate, in Baltisuch terms as "old fogies" and "hay- He was treasurer of the committee seed." Be sparing in the use of adverse which had charge of the famous Nacriticism. Be on the lookout for good qualities in men and things and you will vassa case, and handled over \$1.000 find them. Go searching for hornet's of the committees' money. He was a nests and you will find them—and the member, and an active participant, of the combination of colored men who "Let us be careful to entertain strang-ers for thereby some have entertained lought for years to put colored teachangels unaware." Be it remembered, ers in the colored public schools from however that loafers and tramps do not start to finish. He is an active membelong to the class of "strangers" re- ber in the G. U.O. of O.F., and his interest in race affairs is unabated.

A HAPPY NEW YEAR

To all whom these presents come.

As this is a season of Thanksgiv-He ing and praise, a time to turn over a on Mr. Gans' battles.

Now regarding the implication that prize fighiers are never respectable, let Midnight, who made an engagement very vocation, yet deep in the the home and hamlet of every Negro say to us: ', there is plenty of room atthe top." We want to be on a level East Coast points and Cuba, via Miami, fer to him personally) that are tending, and come square out in front. Build and for Tampa, Tallahassee, and all it seems to us, toward the relief, if not brothers, build; we are with you. To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, rival in Atlanta. Through coaches to members, when Mr. Gans begans his whom all the brethren seem to honor career as a fighter here, from allover the please throw around us your arm of house, during exciting moments, could protection. We are preachers of the

> To the Nost Extellent Grand High your mysterious misteries. So shed. Immediately, however, from all parts around us the illustrious light of inthe hall, came answering shouts: telligence that we may bow low to trusty sword when drawn in defense Again, the writer ventures to say that of innocence and righteousness; we sublime principals of the four cardinal virtues: Fortitute, Justice and Mercy, hence we shall never attempt to unravel the sacred and profound. misteries of the double eagle.

To the Royal Grand Matron; Most Ancient Matrons and Worthy Joshuas, H. of J. you who braved the you who sacrificed life to save the

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