

Questions and Answers
In Negro History

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Questions pertaining to Negro History anywhere if of general interest, and not too long, will be answered by Mr. Parker in this column. When space will not permit or the subject is not suitable, letters will be personally answered, subject to proper limitations, and when a stamped envelope is enclosed. Address all communications to George Wells Parker, 3423 Indiana Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

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Is it true that Alexander Dumas married into the royal house

of Russia?—G. H. L., Baltimore, Md.

Dumas fils married a woman who belongs to the royal Russian house of Naraschino.

From whence did the Arabians spring?—D. A. B., Moline, Ill.

According to Arabian tradition the ancestor of the Arabians was Ishmael, the son of Hagar. Ishmael is said to have married a Yemenitic woman and from them sprang the Arabian race. The Yemenites were closely akin to the Ethiopians and were, in fact, Ethiopians who settled on the other side of the Red Sea.

Who was Tertullian?—T. P. U., Wheeling, W. Va.

Tertullian was a native African and one of the fathers of the early Christian church.

I have read somewhere of a Negro named Arno who became quite distinguished in Europe. Can you give any account of him?—C. N. W., Topeka, Kan.

Arno was a Guinea Negro sold into slavery and brought to Holland. He became an extraordinary linguist and was made a professor in the University of Wittenburg. Later he was made state councillor at Berlin. In 1743 he wrote a learned treatise on "The Sensations Regard-

ed as Independent of the Mind and Body," before this subject was exploited by Condillac.

Who were the Gadelians and from whence did they come?—F. F. W., Chicago, Ill.

According to tradition they were a family that settled in Ireland after a flight from Egypt. One Nuil is said to have married Scota, daughter of a Pharaoh and their posterity became the clanna Goadhal of Gadelians. Several of the Irish clans were said to have been derived from either the Egyptian or Phoenician. The word Fenian is said to have been corrupted from Phoenician. Much

Negro blood has been traced in several of the Irish clans and it is supposed that settlers came to Ireland from the above Negro countries.

Has Russia ever honored Pushkin, the Negro poet?—S. L. J., Philadelphia, Pa.

Yes. A statue was reared to him in St. Petersburg which is now called Leningrad. It still stands and remains untouched by the Bolsheviki inasmuch as Pushkin was pre-eminently a poet of human liberty.

Rev. O. Summers, a race man, was once the chaplain of the Legislature of California.

Attends Exclusive Banquet.

(By The Associated Negro Press.)
Minneapolis, Minn., Feb.—The exclusive gridiron banquet, annual stag affair sponsored by the journalist fraternity at the University of Minnesota was attended this year for the first time by a colored student in the person of Earl Wilkins, editorial writer on the Minnesota Daily. The banquet was held at the new Hotel Nicolet and was attended by Governor Christianson and L. D. Coffman, president of the University.

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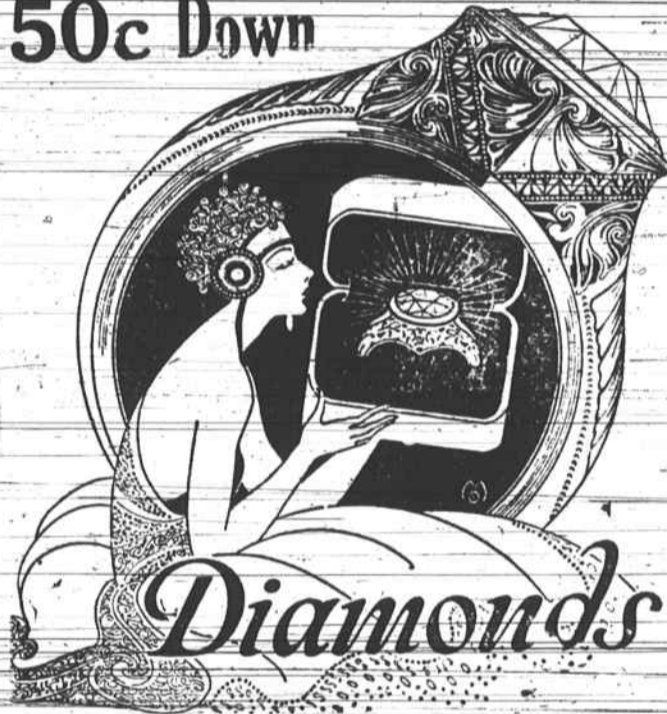
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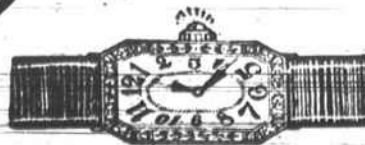
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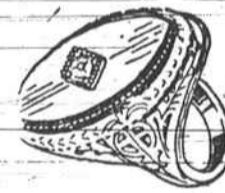
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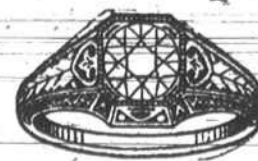


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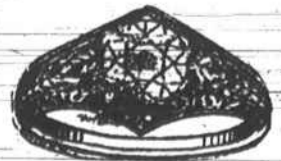
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