Negro Child May be Smallest Person in the World.

About nineteen inches in height, two and a half years old, weighing Avant, alias William Benjamin, was exactly eight pounds, and particularly strong and bright for a child Hooks. Avant is wanted in Georgeof her age, Frankie May Fordham, town, S. C., where he was tried for a little negress, living with her par- murder and convicted of manslaughents at No. 7 Heyward's court, is believed to be about the smallest person in the world, with perhaps one or two exceptions.

She was born in February, 1909, be- about a year ago. ing the fourth child of Henry and Kate Fordham, the husband being a gaged in selling sewing machines and navy yard employee. The first three children, who were born away from Charleston as the family have been here only about a year, are hearty and full sized; but it is the baby that lina without requisition papers. He is the wonder of the family. The is about 35 years of age, and is of child is not a deformity, but is prob- good appearance. ably one of the most perfectly-formed negro children in the city.

Nothing was known generally of the midget's existence until yesterday, as efforts have been made by diminutive size secret, as they feared received a mysterious "tip" in the form of an unsigned pencil-written letter, visited the house last night and marvelled at many things which

He was met by the husband at the front door of the house, which is a neat two-story affair, and was ushered into the bed room, where the mother had the little girl in her night gown, just ready to put her to bed. As the reporter entered the room, the child, catching sight of the father exclaimed, in a sweet and childish voice, with perfect enunciation:

"Hello, papa."

The reporter glanced to see who it was talking and really had trouble entered. In her enthusiasm, she took in locating the owner of the voice, finally espying the tiny tot on the floor. She was playing around in high glee at the prospect of staying ed, she added, "When you come to up a few minutes later than her regular bed-time, and danced and sung at a great rate; showing unusual precocity for a child of her age. Her died not long after. eyes which are dark brown, are exceptionally clear and piercing, and her hair is silky and rather long, absolutely unlike a negro's. Yet she is retzek, widow of the impresario. She river. very dark, and had many of the racial characteristics.

birth, and gained three pounds during the first six months of her life. Since that time she has not taken on an ounce, and several well known doctors who have examined her, according to the parents, have stated that she will never gain another inch in height or another three pounds in weight. Her parents have reconciled themselves to this and lavish their affection on the little girl, who is certain to make a friend of every one she meets. She dances prettily, country. looks intelligent and talks fluently, being able to string words together into short sentences already.

The parents state that they have already received many offers from in your own country.' vaudeville and side-show managers, some having already offered as much as fifty dollars a week and transportation for the mother under a five-year contract; but all of these offers the parents have turned down, hoping for the ultimate development of their little one to her full stature, although they have now become almost sure that their hope is vain. The father and mother now seem to think that they will keep and educate the child until it reaches the age of sevn or eight years at least, before thinking of any vaudeville departure.— News and Courier, June 22.

Sensation May Come.

Columbia, June 23.-Some startling developments may follow the adoption of the text books by the State board of education last night. The changes made will be effective for \$20,000,000, is tied up in vessels, of five years. They mean changes amounting to nearly eighty per cent. | 85,115. so that buying of new books is laid upon patrons of public schools. It charges levy on the people a tax figures are 42,812, as against the 29,of nearly a half million dollars. State 379 of Virginia, Maine with 16,945 Superintendent Swearingen says that and Massachusetts with 14,363 folif Winthrop should be wiped out by low, and then comes Alaska with 13,fire it would not entail such a loss | 106. Other States with more than as new text books contracts.

Book Co., better known as the 11,560. school book trust, got the lion's share of the business. In the opinion of es the most fish. Its showing 378,those opposed to the adoption, the 183.358 pounds, as against New only redeeming feature is the liberal York's 228,092,285 and Alaska's exchange allowance on a number of 165,326,990. But Alaska's catch is contracts. Roll calls were necessary, worth the most in the market \$10,- at the Acme lunch room on Taylor down into the hole under him so but the board voted in most cases 000,000, or more than twice as much street. May 6, has been taken to the that he uncovered a breathing space, viva voce, refusing flatly to use the as the next two, New Jersey and Vir- county chaingang and started serv- although he was almost smothered blanks Swearingen had prepared ginia. Alaska also has the most ing his life sentence. showing how each member voted.

to indicate that Sherman burned Co- Virginia, California and Maine all Grimsley is only about 22 or 23 without food or drink, two nights a sewing machine to a ginnery, up lumbia and he says that he was not more than \$1,000,000. Virginia has years of age. At the trial a plea of and nearly three days. interested in any house or firm. He says that he has no criticism to make of the board's action in any respect.

5 or 6 doses "666" will cure any case of Chills and Fever. Price, 25c. per's Weekly.

AVANT CAPTURED IN TEXAS.

Implicated in Murder Near Georgetown of Mrs. Bigham.

Cameron, Texas, June 20 .- W. B. arrested here to-day by Sheriff ter. Following his conviction, the affirming of his case Avant, accom-The child is a veritable marvel. panied by his wife, fled to this State

When arrested to-day he was enwas located at a boarding house. Upon his arrest by the sheriff he admitted that he was Avant, and said that he would go back to South Caro-

How Nordica Got Her Start.

The Woman's Home Companion is starting a series of articles describthe parents to keep the fact of her ing "The Girlhood of Great Singers." The first article, which is in the July kidnapping; but a reporter, having number, is the story of the girlhood of Lillian Nordica. Following is a brief extract:

"Madame Tietjens, the dramatic soprano, came to Boston to sing in opera. She sent a message to the conservatory asking to hear any unusual talent that they might have there. Lillian Norton (Nordica's name) was sent in response, her mother accompanying her. The visit was made on a matinee day, and the prima donna, to spare herself, deputed her sister to receive them. Though regretting a lost opportunity, the aspirant started to sing. Before she had gotten very far, a door opened softly, then was thrown wide, and Madame Tietjens the accompanist's place at the piano. "Work ahead, and you will be great," she said simply. Being warmheart-London, I will help you." That jumped into the water. Almost at friendly offer was, unfortunately, never realized, for Madame Tietjens

"While they were talking, a little old lady came in, a harpist at that time in the orchestra, Madame Ma- Ward's Island, and into the East had been a prima donna. Her interest took a practical turn. 'Come to close with scows behind it. I swam The child weighed five pounds at me on Staten Island next summer, close underhand strokes so they she generously offered, 'and I will coach you in your roles.'

roles. In the autumn she came out and pretty soon I could see the end in concert in New York with Brignoli, and in the early spring following was fairly launched on her career as soloist with Gilmore's band, an organi- I was nearly frozen when we reached zation ranking with Sousa's. The the dump, so I left the scow and test was strenuous for one so young; struck out for the dock. Just as I often two concerts a day, and arduous travel, for they toured the whole

"Gilmore, with his warm, Irish heart, recognizing her gifts as well as her pluck, once exclaimed, 'You will yet be crowned Queen of Song almost all in then.

"Years later, Madame Nordica recalled his words, when a diamond tiara from American admirers was passed over the footlights to her at the Metropolitan Opera-House in lights on me. But after the flash New York."

Our Fishermen.

One out of every 400 persons in the United States is engaged in the task of catching enough fish to satisfy the appetite of the remaining 399. In other words, there are nearly a quarter of a million men who catch fish not because they like the fun of it, but because they are paid for it. They catch approximately 1,000,000, 000 pounds of fish a year, and this is worth, all told, upward of \$50,000,-000, or, say, two-thirds of the total capital invested in the industry. A considerable part of the capital, over which a recent enumeration showed

Maryland has by far the largest number of professional fishermen. Its 10,000 are North Carolina, 12,045, It is noticeable that the American New Jersey, 12,030, and New York,

It is Virginia, however, that catchmoney invested in fishing boats, Gov. Blease says that he consented something above \$3,000,000. Mas- tiary and then carried back to the was so great that he could not move to the adoption of Thomas' history sachusetts is a trifle under the same county jail pending an appeal to the as much as a finger after that and only on the understanding that the figure. New York and Maryland supreme court. It is understood that succor had arrived not a moment too author would so amend the books as have invested about \$2,000,000, and the appeal has been abandoned. | soon. Sam had lain there helpless, the most fishing vessels, 13,200 in insanity was put up. He also killed number. Maryland's number 11,- Walter Sandifer, a nephew of Mrs. couple of days and went right back 496, New Jersey's 7,084, Maine's 6,- Bessinger, but was not tried on the to Oklahoma where, he said, they

R. M. Marshall & Bro. of Charles-

ton Successful Bidders.

St. Matthews, June 21.-Bids for the \$20,000 issue of bonds by the case was appealed and the sentence ton to carry off the plum, R. M. at Cameron, Milan county, Texas, has was affirmed. Upon hearing of the Marshall & Bro. of that city being announced himself willing to return

He Swam Hell Gate.

the stream, was told to the East One him. Hundred and Fourth street police by seventeen-year-old Alexander Siegel last night when Detective Mancini and Lennon took him there after they had captured him in an exciting chase over roofs and through scuttles from One Hundred and Fourth street and Madison avenue to One Hundred and Sixth street and Park

"I was sick of the place," said the boy referring to the House of Refuge. to which he had been committed for violating his parole, after his release on the burglary charge, "and I made up my mind to leave. About midnight on May 20, when all the lights were out, I tied the bedclothes together in a rope. One end I fastened to the bed posts, the other I let down from my window on the fourth floor to the grain ladder on the second.

"It was easy after that. I crawled over the south end of the island, keeping in the dark where the guards couldn't see me. Then I took off my shoes, threw them overboard, and once I was whirled around and around. I lost my breath, but there isn't a better swimmer around the docks then me, and pretty soon I got past Randall's Island, then

"Pretty soon I saw a tug coming wouldn't hear me, and I managed to catch hold of the end scow. That "That summer she studied twenty took me through Little Hell Gate, of the Street Cleaning Dock, at One Hundred and Third street, and knew the scows were going to put in there. was going to climb up I saw a cop standing near. I could see the police flashlights sweeping the river, too; and I wasn't going to take any chances. So I swam out again and floated down the river. But I was

"I reached the College Point Ferry dock, at Ninety-ninth street, but I was blowing hard. As I was climbing up a police launch crept along, and they threw one of those search they must have missed me, and I got safely aboard the dock. Then I ran home, and by the time I got there. you bet, my clothes were dry. That was 3 o'clock in the morning.

"The next day I got a job as wagon boy, and I've been working ever since."

Married Men's Troubles.

It was marrietd men's night at the revival meeting.

"Let all you husbands who have troubles on your minds stand up," shouted the preacher at the height of his spasm.

Instantly every man in the house except one arose.

"Ah!" exclaimed the preacher, peering out at this lone individual, who occupied a chair near the door. "You are one in a million."

"It ain't that," piped the little one helplessly as the rest of the congregation gazed suspiciously at him. "I can't get up-I m paralyzed."-Ladies' Home Journal.

GRIMSLEY SERVING SENTENCE.

Taken to Chaingang .-- Appeal to Supreme Court Abandoned.

white man who was convicted in buried him. Richland county court, recently for the murder of Mrs. Rosa Bessinger, to work with his hands enough dirt

was his attorney.

Georgetown Deputy Sheriff Goes to Texas for Fugitive.

Columbia, June 22 .- As a precautionary measure Gov. Blease to-day town of St. Matthews were opened furnished Deputy Sheriff H. H. Ward, by the town council to-day at 12 of Georgetows county, who is on his o'clock, as advertised. A number of way, with a formal requisition on attractive offers were made. How- Gov. Colquitt, of Texas, for W. B. ever, it was the good luck of Charles- Avant, although Avant, under arrest the successful bidders. The price without a requisition. Avant and paid was \$20,425. The people of Dr. G. C. Bigham received sentence St. Matthews are naturally very of three and a half years each followproud that these bonds have been ing the killing of Bigham's young sold and that their promise to the wife at Murrell's Inlet in 1909 from Clemson College or any other College citizens of the county has been kept. gunshot wound at the hands of or University, are not eligible for the Avant. Bigham is at large.

Gov. Blease telegraphed Gov. Col-A thrilling tale of escape from the quitt to have the sheriff of Milam House of Refuge, on Randall's Island, county hold Avant for a requisition. says the New York Times, and of This was done following the receipt swimming through Little Hell Gate, of a letter from Solicitor Wells, who past watching guards and police said he had located Avant at Camesearchlights that swept the surface of ron, Texas. Avant's wife is with

Didn't Look Right in Print.

The advertiser who had received a free pull entered the provincial office with anger and disgust written all over his face.

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Wanted to be Forewarned.

It was ash-day. Pat and Mike were obliged to halt their heavily loaded cart to make way for a funeral. Gazing at the procession Pat suddenly remarked: "Mike, I wish I knew where I was going to die. I'd give a thousand dollars to know the place I am going to die."

"Weil, Pat, what good would it do if you knew?"

"Lots," said Pat. "Shure I'd never go near that place."

Trapped in Wolf's Hole.

"The fact that Sam Lawson is alive to-day," said Col. Joe Ellswell of Sweet Wells, in the Texas Panhandle, shows the stuff they make their citizens of over in Oklahoma. Sam Lawson's brother-in-law, Miles Blodgett, lives in Deaf Smith county, grand old Texas and Sam went over there to spend a week or so with Miles. Quite a few wolves kept up their bothering of folks in that chunk of the Panhandle and Sam hadn't been there a day before he went out to hunt wolves.

"He didn't come back that day and next morning the folks started out to have a look for him. They found his horse on the prairie, saddled, but without a bridle. Thirty men scoured the country all day but couldn't find the missing Sam nor any sign

"The hunt was kept up until late in the afternoon of the next day, and then one of the searching party came upon the feet and legs of a man sticking out of a hole in the ground. The feet and legs were Sam Lawson's. The hole in the ground was a wolf den and Sam's body was covered three feet deep with dirt and

"His face wasn't buried. Sam was alive and no time was lost in unearthing him from his living grave. He was so much nearer dead than alive that it was not until some time after he had been carried home and cared for that he could give any account of how he got into the extraordinary situation in which he was

"He had trailed a wolf to its den and discovered that the hole contained a number of wolf whelps. In order to get to them he had dug down on a slant as if he were making the entrance to a dugout. In the trench thus made he lay down flat on his stomach to reach into the

hole after a pup. "He got the pup, dragged it out and killed it and gave it a toss back from the trench. He had tied his horse to a bunch of bear grass near To All Prospective Purchasers of the hole and the dead wolf whelp fell directly under the horse's nose. That scared the horse and he began to plunge about.

"His plunges caved in the bank upon Sam where he lay flat in the Ernest E. Grimsley, the young trench. The falling stones and earth

"By a frantic effort he managed before he succeeded in accomplish-Grimsley was taken to the peniten- ing the task. The weight on him

"He was able to get around in a 238 and New York's 5,289.—Har- charge. R. H. Welch, of Columbia, didn't call on a fellow to put his makeup to such strenuous tests."

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