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THE COTTON BLOSSOM CLUB.

BROTHER GARDNER HAS AN ADVENTURE IN THOMPSON STREET.

A Prize for the Best Poem by a Colored Author.

When the usual hour for opening the meeting had arrived, Brother Gardner had not yet made his appearance...

IT IS NO USE.

Samuel Johnson, Henry White and Reduction Taylor were declared duly elected when the bean-box was passed...

The constitution of the Cotton Blossom Club permits any colored man to go to the post-office once a day...

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OVERRULLED.

The Rev. Penstock at once objected to the award. There was a line in the poem which reflected on the honesty of the colored race...

"Brudder Penstock," said the President, "does dat poem specify whose co'n-field dat was?"

"I believe not, sah." "Den how do yo' know whedder it didn't belong to de cull'd gem'len who was huslin' to fill his basket?"

"It doan' look dat way to me." "Wall, we can't help dat. Even if it was a white man's co'n field it wouldn't make any difference. He might hev told dat hustler to go in dar an' pick all de co'n he wanted. Yo'r objection am overruled, an' de award as made by Brudder Behee will stand."

WILL PAY NO ATTENTION. Elder Three-Ply Jackson arose to ask for information on behalf of the 7,000,000 colored people of America. A policeman had told him that half a dozen different comets were billed to appear during the coming winter...

"Brudder Jackson," calmly replied the President. "Dis am no comet club. It wasn't founded on comets, an' it isn't run on comets. 'Deed, it doan' keer two cents wader we hev seben comets or none at all..."

A NEW BRANCH. The Secretary then announced a communication from Decatur, Ala., signed by the President and Secretary of the "Yam Club"...

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The Banner County of East Texas, For variety and fertility of soils.

A vast foot native woods, adapted to the manufacture of all grades and styles of furniture, vehicles and agricultural implements.

Houston County Took the Gold Medal at the Fort Worth Spring Palace in 1890 for its magnificent display of timbers.

The Railroad Facilities of the County are splendid. The International & Great Northern runs through it directly North and South.

The Largest in the State, reaching the splendid sum total of \$70,000, from which is annually derived for available use in maintaining the schools of the County from four to five thousand dollars.

FRUITS AND VEGETABLES of every kind are produced here and the County yields to none in the State in adaptability of soils to the growth for market of peaches, pears, figs, plum varieties of berries.

The Climate and soil combine to make the growing of early fruits and vegetables for market easy and profitable.

The Schools of Houston County are unsurpassed by any in the State, in respect of efficiency and competency of teachers.

The Products Of the County are cotton, corn, oats and other small grain, sorghum, ribbon-cane, fruits and vegetables of every variety.

Crockett the County Seat of Houston County, is situated on the I. & G. N. R. R. It has a population of 2000.

LOVELADY TO THE SOUTH on the I. & G. N. R. R., is an enterprising town of 500 people, good society, several churches and a splendid High School maintained all the year in on of the finest high school buildings in Eastern Texas.

GRAPELAND TO THE NORTH is another enterprising town of several hundred people, fully alive to the demands of the hour and supported by a superior section of country.

Extensive Beds Of Green Sand Marl. Porter Springs, Creek, Weldon, Holly, Coltharp, Ratliff, Tacknor, Weches, Augusta and Daly are other villages in the County with stores, post-offices, schools and churches and surrounded by a splendid farming country.

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