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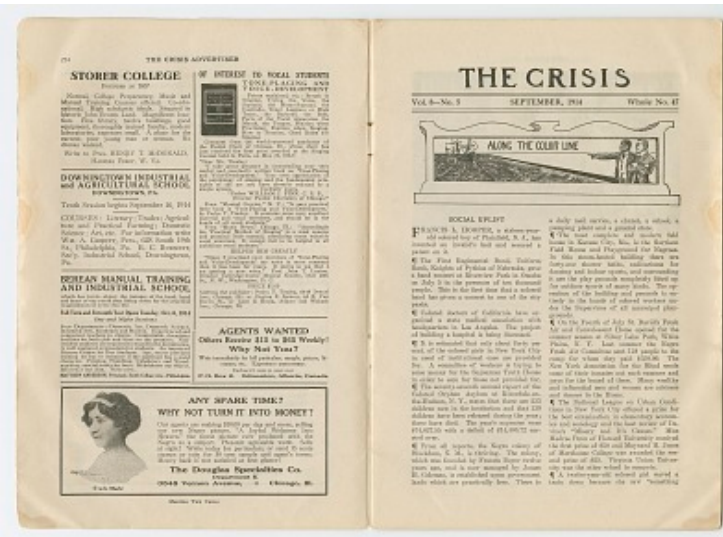
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SOCIAL UPLIFT

FRANCIS L. HOOPER, a sixteen-year-old colored boy of Plainfield, N.J., has invented an invalid's bed and secured a patent on it.

The First Regimental Band, Uniform Rank, Knights of Pythias of Nebraska, gave a band concert at Riverview Park in Omaha on July 5 in the presence of ten thousand people. This is the first time that a colored band has given a concert in one of the city parks.

Colored doctors of California have organized a state medical association with headquarters in Los Angeles. The project of building a hospital is being discussed.

It is estimated that only about forty per cent. of the colored girls in New York City in need of institutional care are provided for. A committee of

workers is trying to raise money for the Sojourner Truth House in order to care for those not provided for.

The seventy-seventh annual report of the Colored Orphan Asylum at Riverdale-on-the-Hudson, N. Y., states that there are 235 children now in the institution and that 139 children have been released during the year; three have died. The year's expenses were \$74,027.55 with a deficit of \$14,406.72 carried over.

From all reports, the Negro colony of Blackdom, N. M., is thriving. The colony, which was founded by Francis Boyer twelve years ago, and is now managed by James H. Coleman, is established upon government lands which are practically free. There is a daily mail service, a church, a school, a pumping plant and a general store.

The most complete and modern field house in Kansas City, Mo., is the Garrison Field House and Playground for Negroes. In this steam-heated building there are forty-one shower baths, auditoriums for dancing and indoor sports, and surrounding it are the play grounds completely fitted up for outdoor sports of many kinds. The operation of the building and grounds is entirely in the hands of colored workers under the Supervisor of all municipal play grounds.

On the Fourth of July St. David's Fresh Air and Convalescent Home opened for the summer season at Silver Lake Park, White Plains, N. Y. Last summer the Negro Fresh Air Committee sent 118 people to the camp for whom they paid \$350.00. The New York Association for the Blind sends some of their inmates out each summer and pays for the board of these. Many wealthy and influential men and women are advisers and donors to the Home.

The National League on Urban Conditions in New York City offered a prize for the best examination in elementary economics and sociology and the best review of Devine's "Misery and It's Causes." Miss Madree Penn of Howard University received the first prize of \$50 and Maynard H. Jones of Morehouse College was awarded the second prize of \$25. Virginia Union University was the other school to compete.

A twelve-year-old colored girl waved a train down because she saw "something

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