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Some Neighborhood Comment

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NEGROES STILL DEPARTING.
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The exodus of negroes from the South to the North has not stopped if all communities are having the same experience that Savannah is having. Anyone who believes that the negroes have stopped going North is deceived. We imagine that nearly 100 a week are getting out of Savannah. This may be a slight exaggeration, but it is true, nevertheless, that the departures are many and numerous. And those who are going are the better class of blacks.

The worthless ones are remaining here to be cared for. The negroes who are thrifty and industrious are going North because the wage scale is higher and because those who are inducing them to go are painting very alluring pictures of the advantages that come from living north of the Mason and Dixon line. These include everything from more pay and shorter hours to social equality.

The departure of these negroes is not spasmodic. It is a steady drain of the best class of laborers that the South now has. Just what the remedy is to prevent it we do not know. But we do know that many a faithful servant and many a good cook is showing up missing in families where they have been employed for years and that all that can be found out about them is that their address is to be "somewhere in the North."