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A Southern Woman's Statement
on the Negro Problem

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"As to the negro problem, in the fifteen States South of Mason and Dixon's line, the excess of white women over twenty-one years of age above all negro men and women of like age is 1,122,477. There are only two Southern States where the negro race outnumbered the white.

"In South Carolina the per cent. of negroes (1910 census) was 55.2. In this state voters must be able to read and they must own and pay taxes on \$300 worth of property.

"In Mississippi the per cent. of negroes (1910 census) was 56.2 and these voters must be able to read the Constitution.

"Since the census was taken this percentage has been materially reduced, the increase of white population in the last decade has increased 22.3 per cent. and the negro population 11.2 per cent.

"During the last year 148,000 negroes have left the Southern States.

"The women of the South feel the time has come to lay once and for all this old, old ghost, the negro problem, this phantom which has outlived its time even for what is known in the South as a 'hant.'"