

nurses and sported with negro children, and in justice to the aristocratic, old-time planter be it said he is not chiefly responsible for this stupid anti-negro nonsense.

Governor Hebert, of Louisiana, who owned a thousand slaves before the war, who fought for the Confederacy at Gettysburg, after the war in an open letter, approved by General Beauregard, made a vain appeal to the South not to make an ass of itself by factious and inalignant persecution of the negro. Governor Hebert argued that social matters regulate themselves, but since the war had freed the negro it was both justice and civil wisdom to win the confidence of a race that behaved with fidelity and humanity to the wives and children behind the Confederate armies. If we terrorize them we lose their confidence, and selfish, corrupt demagogues will gain it. Governor Hebert, in 1873, declared that he and Beauregard both believed that the true policy for the South was for the state to protect the negro in all his political and civic rights granted him under equal Federal laws; that all the talk about the danger of "nigger equality" was as absurd as it would be to talk about the danger of social equality with an illiterate foreign immigrant, because we refuse to allow him to be robbed at Castle Garden, or to be persecuted for the assertion of his faith in religion and politics.

#### "NIGGER EQUALITY."

The South has, by violence and fraud, robbed the colored man of his vote; robbed him of his just representation in congress, and not content with this outrage it proposes to insult, outrage, ostracize and "boycott" every Federal officer at the South, who in the execution of the civil service law appoints an intelligent, decent and competent man of color to a petty office he has earned by his superior ability tested by a severe competitive examination with white men.

In Washington there are in the single bureau of engraving and printing some 600 to 1000 white women, a number of them of Southern blood and breeding. The messengers of the bureau and of the treasury, as a whole, are largely composed of colored men, who, in the performance of their duty, come into close personal contact with everybody high and low, but nobody resigns or ventures to propound that idiotic conundrum, "Do you want your daughter to marry a nigger," as if marriage, a matter of social taste and sympathy, had anything to do with a resolve to protect equal political and civil rights under equal laws from subversion or nullification.

The South lacks "horse sense;" it is brave, bright, eloquent, convivial, full of talent and virility, but it behaves too much like a man with a silly woman's head; it lacks common sense; it fights the inevitable and wastes its health and its strength in trying to prove that the world moves backward and war doesn't legislate. Of course this color prejudice is not due to physical repulsion between the races, for the South never grows weary of white washing the pure negro into the piebald shape of mulattoes, quadroons and octoroons; the aristocratic South before the war was as a rule suckled by negro