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## SOME INTERESTING FACTS.

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Replying to yours of recent date, I beg to say that in my hearing before the House Committee on Inter-State Commerce, I said I believed there are about 20,000,000 colored people in this country, say one-fourth of the population.

The mixing has been going on for so many years that there are few pure white people in the South.

Thousands of persons of mixed blood have immigrated to the North, where they have intermarried with Caucasians, and are known as such.

I think there are millions of people in the United States who have a strain of African blood of which they themselves are not aware.

In the South a census enumerator would not dare ask a dark-skinned person, "Are you a Negro?" for fear of insulting a so-called white man.

It is common gossip in the South that many of the leading families have a strain of Negro blood in their veins.

I have personal knowledge of many such families in Louisville, St. Louis, Memphis, Atlanta, Montgomery, New Orleans and other cities of the South. Many of these people show their Negro ancestry in complexion and texture of hair—but they are wealthy and no one dares say a word.

I remember one case I heard of when a boy in Louisville.

One Horn was the child of a Louisville millionaire by a slave woman. He was a dark mulatto with every evidence of Negro origin. The millionaire used his influence with the law-makers and the State Legislature declared him a white man! I presume some of Horn's descendants are still living in Kentucky.

The grandmother of one of St. Louis' wealthiest white (?) citizens was pointed out to me, and she was nearly black.

I am satisfied that one-fourth of the people in the United States have Negro blood in their veins.