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## BLACK GOVERNORS.

A Curious Piece of Old Time Connectient History.

A book little known even to collect ers of Americana is a volume entitled "Hartford In the Olden Time; Its First Thirty Years," by Scaeva, which was edited by W. M. B. Hartley and published at Hartford in 1853. There is a chapter in this book entitled "The Black Governors of Connecticut," the very title of which will excite the surprise of most intelligent people even in Connecticut, who have never heard of any black governors in the Nutmeg State except the governors of an opposite political faith, who were, of course, politically black. The title, however, is explained and justified by a little explanation. Before the Revolution and down to a period as late as 1820 it was the custom for the negroes living in the state to hold an election on the Saturday succeeding the regular election day, choosing one of their number as governor. Sometimes, however, no election was held, the retiring governor assigning his office to another. The man chosen in either case was usually "of imposing presence, strength, firmness and volubility, quick to decide ready to command and quick to flog." He appointed a staff of military and judicial officers, who executed his orders in all matters pertaining to colored people, especially questions pertaining to morals, manners and cere-

The fact that he had no legal status in the province or state did not at all trouble him or his subjects, and he appears to have exercised a very real power, nearly always on the side of morality and justice. The justices of the peace appointed by these black governors were, as a rule, extremely severe in punishing people of their own color who transgressed the law. So generally was this recognized by the whites in colonial times that when a slave committed some offense it was the custom to turn him over to the black justice for punishment. Such a culprit always fared much worse than if he had been tried by the regular

Among the more notable colored men who held the office of governor were: Quaw, a negro belonging to Colonel George Wyllys; Peleg Nott, who belonged to Colonel Jeremiah Wadsworth; Boston, belonging to Mr. Nicholas; John Anderson and Cuff, who held the office for ten years. After the abolition of slavery in Connecticut the custom fell into disuse.

Not Auxious to Please.

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There is certainly something of ex quisite kindness and thoughtful benevolence in that tarest of gifts, fine breeding.-Bulwer.

## FINGER FELONS.

Are Three Unrieties of These Very Painful Sores.

A felon, or whitlow, 's an inflammation of the hand or tinger, usually of the last joint of the finger. Its impor-tance varies with the seat of it—that is to say, with the portion of the finger involved. It may affect the skin only, the tendons or sinews or the fibrous covering of the bone—the periosteum.

A superficial whitiow, where the inflammation is confined to the skin, may be extremely painful, but otherwise it is not a very serious matter. But this cannot be said of the other two forms.

In the tendinous whitlow pus forms in the fibrous sheath surrounding the tendon, and unless the inflammation quickly subsides or the matter is let out by the surgeon's knife the pus may burrow down through the sheath into the palm of the hand and result in a permanent crippling of the member.

The third variety-called by physicians the subperiosteal-is that in which matter forms beneath the membrane which covers the bone. As this membrane is tough and inelastic the tension due to the increasing volume of matter becomes very great and gives rise to a throbbing, maddening pain. The relief afforded by a deep cut into this inflamed finger, right down to the bone, is magical, although the cut hurts. This is the only treatment for this form of felon, and the incision should be made early, for if it is too long delayed the bone will be killed and a discharging sore will remain which will later necessitate a surgical operation even if it does not result in

the loss of the last joint of the finger. The superficial whitlow does not usually call for such radical treatment. A clay poultice often affords great relief. This may be made by making a paste of clay previously sterilized by baking in a very hot oven and adding glycerin to prevent too rapid drying, or the clay may be obtained ready prepared in the drug store. This protects the finger from injury, keeps it cool and, if applied early enough, may prevent the formation of matter. When once pus has formed, however, no matter what the variety of the felon, the safest plan of treatment is to cut into the influmed finger and give exit to the confined matter and relieve the tension of the parts.-Youth's Companion.

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## Be Agreeable

People should take pains to be agreeable. Ill temper is a habit, and a very unpleasant one. There is a lot of spariing and sulking in families and between husbands and wives that could be avoided if all would study to please instead of trying to dig up things to grumble and find fault about. It is an old saying that "nobody was ever scolded into virtue." Gentle reproofs are always more effective than "grievous" words, which 'stir up anger," and the "soft answer, which turneth away wrath," is always an evidence of culture and common sense. Ex.

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