

# Can Aid The Man

(This is a continuation of an article begun last week on the general subject, "What is Wrong with Negro Men and Why Do They Shirk Responsibilities?"—Editor's Note.)

Some men need to feel "needed" before they are motivated to produce. If a woman fails to satisfy this need by giving upon her man and taking over, she never will be able to help him assume his responsibility. I think many of our women fail to see and do this.

**MEN HAVE** to have their "male ego" boosted fairly regularly. This can be done through petting, soft talk, compliments, and in general, making him feel good inside. They really thrive on this.

Most women realize the importance of giving special attention to men when they are attempting to catch a husband. But after marriage, they gradually let such practices dissolve — consequently, so do their relationships with their husbands.

If a man doesn't get this sort of treatment at home, he'll get it elsewhere—from a girl friend. They are sometimes aware that this special treatment is not really "genuine" — and sometimes it's not. However, that "certain something" inside has been satisfied.

Check it out—these things can make or break a woman in the man's eyesight. Other women seem to be more aware of this than are black American women. Consequently, when a black man runs into such "good" treatment — to which he is not accustomed — he "falls, hook, line and sinker."

**THE WOMAN** is the initiator — not the man. The woman is the one who starts the ball rolling, whether the results are good or bad. If you want the good, then in-

spire your man to exhibit it.

It is time we realize our powers and make them work toward building our men up in the eyesight of the world. Tell him he IS what you would like him to be — over and over. This will inspire him to strive harder.

Why must we start the trend instead of the men? You said you were aware of the damages of slavery on our men. They have been damaged most because our oppressors knew that with weak men our people would be no real problem to handle. We have been given advantages that our men have been denied. We have gained certain skills in management because we have HAD to manage.

We have learned many things, but we haven't really learned about our men. If we try to be understanding, we could couple our talents with theirs. They have great potentials that are being activated. We can help in this area.

**LET'S NOT** just evaluate and enumerate their problems and leave it at that. Let's look at the sources and do our part to correct the situation.

Something on your mind? Write and tell me about it.

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