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A. M. Fongee

Dear Sir

In your "System-  
ers Notes" of today in "Enter Ocean"  
I was please to read that  
part of it in reference to  
the Colored Soldier. I have  
read speeches and heard  
Orators upon that occasion  
but I have failed yet to hear  
or read where any allusion  
was given to the Black Man  
whatever.

In closure please find  
a leaf from a little Com-  
-position of my own - gotten  
up for "Our Union Veteran  
Legion" here (of which I am

a member) for the services  
of the day - in the evening -  
I myself have made  
the remark, that I have  
never heard the black-man  
alluded to in those services -  
I was determined to give my  
mite -

John C Kenzie

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Comrades of a dusky race  
who fell in the Union blue  
Your devotion to the dear old flag  
was many brave and true!  
It took some nations many years  
what at last became so plain  
that the "Color of the skin" did not  
affect the heart and brain  
It was not an essential element  
of man-hood worth to tell  
For freedom's cause record the fact  
that "Color or troops" fought well!  
Fort Pillow's blood an agony  
will light the path of time  
Clear through the walls of prejudice  
that build the "Color line".  
John C. Kensie