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My dear Fisher

The enclosed press cutting will tell you something more about my wife. We met in Hawaii, on the boat as I was returning from Japan last May and have been in close touch ever since. She is a lovely person and we are very happy. We planned to be married at Lake Tahoe in California but the snow prevented us. She has been living in Southern California with a sister since her husband died. She is of Austrian descent, native of Texas.

I have been planning another tour of South Africa, partly to study the origin and

history of the Hottentots, partly to  
examine the abundant material  
of the Australopithecines. My  
extensive studies of Chinese & Negro in  
Cuba should give evidence of whether  
the Hottentots have any Chinese blood.

The Draper "philanthropist" has  
proved to be a very peculiar person.  
I have been in correspondence with  
Fraser Roberts, but as Draper has refused  
to accept my suggestion of a Chair  
in Human Genetics at Harvard (his  
own University) there seems little  
chance of his endowing one in  
London as I had hoped.

Yours Sincerely

R. Ruden Gates

In Japan I collected a mass  
of material on the Ainu living,  
Skulls etc which bear on history of  
the Japanese race.

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# Mrs. Laura Greer And Famous Botanist Wed

Mrs. Laura Greer, formerly of Tyler, and Dr. Reginald Ruggles-Gates of Cambridge, Mass., and London, England, were married on Jan. 1 in the historic Virginia City Methodist Church, Sparks, Nev.

They visited points in Canada enroute to Cambridge, Mass., where they will make their home. They have planned a wedding trip to South, East and North Africa in the spring and will stop on the European continent enroute back to the United States.

Mrs. Gates is the widow of Sam R. Greer, well known Texas banking official. She was graduated from Northwestern University and did graduate study at the University of Chicago. For many years she has been actively associated with civic, church and social groups in her native Texas. She served as president Third District, Texas Federation of Women's Clubs and numerous local organizations. She has also been actively affiliated with the United Nations and international affairs, and

has lectured widely on community development and the United Nations. She has traveled widely in Europe and the United States and spent several months of the past year in Hawaii, where she gave a series of illustrated lectures.

Dr. Gates, an internationally known anthropologist and botanist, received degrees from Mount Allison and McGill Universities in Canada, the University of Chicago and the University of London. He served as Professor of Botany at the latter university and as lecturer at Oxford University in England and at Johns Hopkins University in the United States. His laboratory in London received students from many parts of the world. He is continuing research in human genetics and anthropology at Harvard University. He has made expeditions to the Amazon, Canadian Arctic, Russia, South Africa, India and Japan.

His many honors from the world of science and education include: Fellow Royal Society, England; member of the Royal Society of Arts; honorary president of the Seventh International Botanical Congress in Sweden in 1950; and honorary president of the Eighth International Botanical Congress in Paris, France, in 1954. He formerly served as president of the Royal Microscopical Society and is a member of many scientific societies in England, the United States and other countries.

He made the discovery of chromosome numbers in plant variations. He was awarded the Mendel Medal for cytological discoveries in plant cells and the Huxley Gold Medal for related discoveries.

Dr. Gates is the author of many books on botany, cytology, genetics and anthropology, and the author of hundreds of scientific articles.