

THE RACE QUESTION.

The theory advanced by Mr. JOHN T. GRAVES in the Los Angeles *Times* continues to attract some attention and discussion. Mr. GRAVES has a plan for the settlement of the "race question." He kindly spares the intelligence of the country the details of a scheme to transport 7 million of American born people across the weltering waste of waters to the jungles of Africa and suggests instead the setting apart (by purchase, of course) of a separate state for the colored folks where alone they should have the right to vote.

To this plan it may be objected that in the first place there is no state for sale for such a purchase, and in the second place the subjects of Mr. GRAVES'S benevolent suggestion would not go there if there was. And, in a general way, it may be laid down as a fundamental truth that there is no more of legality or constitutionality in such a scheme than there would be in the purchase of a vast reservation for the permanent settlement and isolation of Mr. JOHN T. GRAVES.

Mr. GRAVES'S plan is no more nor less foolish than are all similar plans of deportation and separation; they are all alike in their essential injustice and impracticability. Seven millions of people born here, as were their ancestors before them for 200 years, are not to be shipped out of the country nor "corrals" within some designated limits within its territory. Here they are, and here they stay in spite of all the theorists. Here they are to live, move and have their being as indicated by all present appearance, till the end of the world. There is but one thing to be done in the premises, and that is for the "ruling race," which always has ruled and always will rule, and has never been in the slightest danger of doing anything else, to exercise justice and let the world go on with its regular revolutions. The universal and equal reign of law, human and natural, will bring about the "solution" about which so much is said without the intervention of impossible theories and experiments.