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GENTLEMEN'S AGREEMENT: Novel by Laura Z. Hobson
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This is a story of a young gentile writer, Schuyler Green, who is commissioned by a publisher to do a series of articles exposing anti-semitism in the United States. In searching for an angle to attack the subject, he decides to do it by posing as a Jew. He confides only in the publisher and the publisher's neice, Kathy, with whom he has fallen in love.

In the course of his investigations he first decides to change his name to Greenberg on his apartment^{door,} and then discovers that his landlord objects to having Jews in the place. Kathy wants to tell her friends that he is not a Jew so that she may be able to invite him as a guest, but he resents this very much and they quarrel. They make up and decide to get married, and then discover that the hotel where they had reservations for the honeymoon will not accept Jews.

Our hero has a Jewish friend, Dave, who comes from California to take a job in New York but cannot find an apartment, apparently because of his race. Our hero thinks that Kathy should let Dave have her summer place in Darien, Connecticut, but Kathy says this will make difficulties with her friends. This causes another split between them.

The final blowoff comes when his little boy comes home saying that the other boys have beaten him up for being a "dirty kike". Kathy's attitude in this particular instance

brings what looks like a final break between them.

Schuyler travels around the country getting material and finally completes his articles. Coming back to New York he runs into Dave and finds that in his absence Kathy has relented and has let Dave have her summer house. Convinced now of her good faith he and she get together.

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This story seems definitely to be a case of special pleading, inasmuch as all the difficulties arise from the question of anti-semitism.

We have written a letter under the Code, indicating that, with the correction of two minor items, the script would be acceptable.