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### A Negro's Mathematical Discovery.

[From the Troy (N. Y.) Times]

A colored man named Gidney, residing on North Third street, below Jacob, claims to have discovered the true and exact ratio between the diameter and the circumference of a circle. According to the accepted rule with the diameter or circumference alone given; the other can not be exactly told. The ratio is 3.14159 plus, or as commonly used, 3.1416 plus. Mr. Gidney claims that by an algebraic calculation he has discovered the exact ratio, and has in preparation a book on the subject, which he intends shortly to published. The demonstration of this interesting discovery is now receiving the attention of competent mathematicians, and whether it amounts to anything or not will soon be determined. Mr. Gidney possesses little or no education, except in mathematics, and in this branch it is said he is able to solve most difficult problems.