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RACE OFF:
THE FANTASY OF RACE TRANSFORMATION

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What if you could change your race? How do race fakers change their skin color, their hair texture, their voice? And why? Is it minstrelsy? Is it racial self-hatred, white guilt, the fetishism of others? From “passing” to cross-racial reportage to speculative fiction, the fantasy of changing your race cuts an electric line—thrilling, dangerous, illuminating—through the popular imagination. “Race Off” tracks this obsession with “switching” from black to white or vice versa in American texts from the nineteenth century to the present.