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THIRTEENTH EPISODE

The Hidden Face.

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Customers Always Satisfied With Results

I have never heard anyone say anything against Swamp-Root, but I have heard much praise. Several of my customers have used Swamp-Root for years as a home medicine and I believe it possesses excellent qualities as a kidney, liver and bladder remedy else it would not enjoy the sale it does, and continue as it has for the past twenty years.

Very truly yours,
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Fraternity Adopts Orphan.

Clarence Eckberg, five years old, was an orphan, but he is an orphan no longer. He has been adopted by the Sigma Nu fraternity of the University of Washington, and the 25 young men who belong to that fraternity have pledged themselves to give him a proper education.—Duluth Herald.

Send 10c to Dr. Pierce, Invalids' Hotel, Buffalo, for large trial package of Anuric for kidneys—cures backache.—Adv.

Government Aids Turkish Farmers.

The Turkish government has made a special appropriation of $1,980,000 to be used for the purchase of seed grains for needy Turkish farmers in the Turkish dominions.

Anoint the eyelids with Roman Eye Balsam upon retiring at night, and in the morning observe the refreshed and strengthened sensation in your eyes upon arising. Adv.

Couldn't Blame Her

The express was approaching a railway bridge that spanned a deep river, and a stout old lady in one of the compartments showed signs of nervousness. As the train went roaring across the structure she did not speak a word, but seemed to be holding her breath.

"There," said a gentleman in a neighboring seat, "we are over it safely."

The old lady heaved an explosive sigh.

"Well," she said, "if we had gone to the bottom I should have died with a clear conscience, for it wouldn't have been my weight that did it. I bore up so that I really made the train lighter than it would have been without me!" London Mail.

TAKES OFF DANDRUFF, HAIR STOPS FALLING

Save your Hair! Get a 25 cent bottle of Danderine right now—Also stops itching scalp.

Thin, brittle, colorless and scraggy hair is mute evidence of a neglected scalp; of dandruff—that awful scurf.

There is nothing so destructive to the hair as dandruff. It robs the hair of its lustre, its strength and its very life; eventually producing a feverishness and itching of the scalp, which if not remedied causes the hair roots to shrink, loosen and die—then the hair falls out fast. A little Danderine tonight—now—any time—will surely save your hair.

Get a 25 cent bottle of Knowlton's Danderine from any drug store. You surely can have beautiful hair and lots of it if you will just try a little Danderine. Save your hair! Try it!—Adv.

Male and female slaves were sold publicly in the fairs of England during the fourteenth century.

Of the 43,000 persons employed in the Swiss hotels, it seems strange that only 30,000 are Swiss.

There is no blind fate. Superiority tells.

A Flying Start.

As the result of lectures administered to him by both his father and the young woman of his choice, a certain young man decided to turn over a new leaf and show some interest in business.

"Well, Molly," said he to the girl one evening, "I am really going into business in earnest. Made a beginning already today."

"Good!" exclaimed Molly. "And what was the nature of your start?"

"I ordered my tailor to make me a business suit."

IF YOUR CHILD IS CROSS, FEVERISH, CONSTIPATED

Look Mother! If tongue is coated, cleanse little bowels with "California Syrup of Figs."

Mothers can rest easy after giving "California Syrup of Figs," because in a few hours all the clogged-up waste, sour bile and fermenting food gently moves out of the bowels, and you have a well, playful child again.

Sick children needn't be coaxed to take this harmless "fruit laxative." Millions of mothers keep it handy because they know its action on the stomach, liver and bowels is prompt and sure.

Ask your druggist for a 50-cent bottle of "California Syrup of Figs," which contains directions for babies, children of all ages and for grown-ups.—Adv.

Far-Sighted Lad.

Raymond, six-year-old pride of an Irvington family, strenuously objected a few nights ago, when his mother asked him to go on an errand to the corner grocery.

After considerable questioning, the lad explained that he wouldn't mind going if he didn't have to pass by a lumber yard, which is situated between the grocery and his home.

"Why, you're not afraid of those stacks of lumber, are you?" queried his mother.

"It's not the stacks, mamma, it's what's behind 'em," answered Raymond.—Indianapolis News.

A torpid liver condition prevents proper food assimilation. Tone up your liver with Wright's Indian Vegetable Pills. They act gently and surely. Adv.

Two Beauties of This World.

Stella—What is always beautiful?

Bella—Snow and any woman who gets in the papers.

At the Dinner Part.

"Your wife's costume tonight is exquisite. It simply beggars description."

"And that's not all it beggars."

The United States in 1915 produced 550,055 tons of lead.

Whatever is best administered is best.

Remorse is memory that has gone to seed.

Better keep peace than make peace.

Baker's Cocoa stands all tests of laboratory and home. It is pure, it is delicious, it is healthful.

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As a Foreigner Sees the White House

By Samuel Howe

The President's home, a part of the magnificent park system of the National Capital, is compared with some official residences of the old-world cities

(Editor's Note—The following matter is taken from an elaborately illustrated article, published recently in "Country Life," one of the leading weekly periodicals in England.)

In spite of its intimate history whereby the White House enters so essentially into the life of the people, it is its decorative setting that first appeals to the visitor. It is the manner in which Major L'Enfant's century-old dream has been realized that is so wonderful. The capital is famous the world over for its avenues and vistas, its canopied foot-paths, stately buildings, parks, and splendid monuments. The White House is essentially part of the general lay-out of Washington. It is tied to it; it belongs to it; no sympathetic visitor would isolate it for one moment. It is a part of the Washington park scheme, as much as the palaces of France or Italy or any other old-world official residences are a portion of their setting, of their sunken or walled gardens, their fountains or terraces. Nature has done little for London and hardly more even for Paris, but much for Washington. It is interesting to see to what fine use a remarkable site has been put and the way in which the best has been made of the opportunity. The charm inspires every visitor. He is forced to recognize how well it all goes together.

However often we may look at the quaint old woodcuts for the detail of the White House when it was a building isolated and alone, destitute of trees or shrubbery, the site outlined in a primitive fashion by a wooden paling, we are compelled to see that the idea was right. That is to be seen today, now that the White House is tied to Washington and to its wonderful park scheme, just as it is to the history of the people by a wonderful network of policies, the ebb and flow of ambitions, and by the change of officers, who, like figures in a great pageant, arrive at intervals, dominate things for a time, and then pass on. Viscount Bryce in his own gracious fashion voices the idea of the fathers when he says, "Washington is the embodiment of the majesty of the whole nation, and the man from Maine and Minneapolis and Florida must feel that Washington belongs to him." Continuing, that distinguished ambassador compares this ideal city to Constantinople and Calcutta because of their park systems. He calls attention to the beauty of Rock Creek valley, recently set aside as a park, joining the woods that stretch along Potomac river. He says, "Washington seems consecrated to society, to the delight of human intercourse."

We hear a great deal today of America as commercial, material. Is not this an occasion for congratulation? May Americans not well be proud of the success which gives happy homes to so many thousand families? In this it follows closely the history of the dim eastern empires of Athens, of Rome, and in our own time, of England. Still, the republic claims a universal salutation to the thought that idealism is still the characteristic of the American people as it was in the colonial days. To dispose of the subject in a colloquial manner, the great heart of the people is sound, though it has flirted at times with false gods.

We have but to look at Washington for a moment to realize in the countenance of the average citizen the delight in a great ideal. He is proud of the city. A visit to the District of Columbia will remove in an instant any element of doubt as to American veneration for the spirit of imagination and ambition.

Like every country house the executive mansion grew from the ground up and not from the drawing office down, and yet, in this particular instance, the drawing office played a very essential part in the general arrangement of things; for the scheme is so big that the drawing office and all for which it stands needed to be very much in evidence. The area is large, involving several miles, with problems that challenge and perplex.

VIEW OF EAST WING

The White House is not the work of one man; rather is it a compilation of ideas to which many have contributed in their own time and way. The history in brief shows that it was built after the fashion of the villas of Italy from designs made by a resourceful architect, by name James Hoban of Dublin. We see the stately simplicity of the Georgian style.

The White House is substantially built, the walls faced with Virginia limestone. The cornerstone was laid in 1792 in what was then a bare field sloping to the Potomac. The ceremonies were graced by the presence of Washington, who came over from Mount Vernon. Resisting the suggestion of many that it should be called the palace, it was known first as the president's house, then the executive mansion, and later the name, like so many other things concerning this interesting building, underwent a change, and the White House it became. It is literally the White House, the white paint being used to eliminate the black caused by the fire of the British on the occasion of that untimely visit on a late afternoon in August, during a severe thunderstorm which added no little to the excitement; the attack following the destruction of the capitol upon the hill.

Twenty-six presidents have known it as a home, and two died in it—Harrison, after a few brief days of power; and bluff, honest Zackary Taylor, the "Rough and Ready" of the Mexican war, as he was called. Lincoln, leaving the red room one evening with a group of friends, never returned, dying in a strange house, after the assassin's bullet in the theater. And here in the East room his body lay in state that those who wished to pay their last homage to a great and good man might do so. Here, Garfield, shot in a railroad station, and carried in by way of the serpentine approach of the southern entrance up the rich vine-clad stairway, languished during days of agony, and finally breathed his last in a seaside cottage. Here Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation, freeing the slaves; here Nellie Grant, the daughter of the president, married the ambitious young Englishman, Sartoris, a ceremony of great brilliancy. Here, Cleveland, twice president, married Frances Folsom, and here his second child was born—the one baby born to a president. The White House has always been the home of children, for nearly every president has had a substantial family.

The winged cupid with his poignant arrows and tireless smile is not here merely a decorative emblem, but a living reality. The blue room has been the scene of nine weddings, and the East room, originally devised as a banqueting hall in memory of the aristocratic planter days of Virginia and South Carolina, of two. The human—had we not better say the family?—appeal of the White House, with its many ramifications reaching through many channels, extends in all directions. On five occasions have invitations been sent to the fortunate few to weddings here, the marriage ceremony of daughters of presidents. This includes one of the daughters of President Wilson, who could have no superstition in becoming the thirteenth White House bride, when we consider that such was the number of the original colonies and that there were thirteen stars upon the first American banner.

The White House as we know it today shows the energy of Theodore Roosevelt and his general conception of the demands of the occasion. That dominant personality not only aroused the inner consciousness of the people, setting up new standards, or sweeping aside encroachments upon old ideals, but he set to work so to arrange the executive mansion that it would be more fit for the service of the people. This meant important change to the building, including the construction of an independent office with accommodation for secretaries and typists and assistants. New means were arranged whereby the public could visit the executive with some degree of comfort and in large numbers on certain occasions. Yet the original building was preserved intact, so that it is today literally the home of the president, and so far convenient and sufficient for his family that he can invite a friend to stay overnight without embarrassment, and even, when occasion permits, entertain in a proper and dignified manner a guest of distinction. All this entailed a readjustment of the building in many ways; an extension, practically a rebuilding of the original wings, which in their own fashion provide few entrances, so that what is called the circulation of the house is equal to the demands of festival nights and other receptions; and so that ambassadors and ministers from foreign powers can be fitly received.

FACTS WORTH KNOWING

The cork oak of Spain is said to grow best in poorest soil.

The annual rice production of Japan has reached the 250,000,000-bushel mark.

The longest river in Japan is the Tone, its main course being about 200 miles long.

English street railways are experimenting with a compound rail, the worn parts of which can be renewed without disturbing the roadbed.

A vest with lapels that turn up and button to form a throat and chest protector, has been patented by an Englishman.

A waterfall in Norway will be harnessed and made to provide 125,000-horse power for smelting and refining zinc ore.

A steering wheel, adjustable to several positions, has been invented to replace the handlebars of a bicycle or motorcycle.

An Illinois inventor's dredging machine literally walks on large feet and will travel over ground too soft for caterpillar wheels.

Emery L. Barnes of Lebanon, N. H., has put his automobile into practical use by cutting his hay with it. Instead of using horses to draw the mowing machine he hitched on his automobile and dragged the cutter over the field rapidly.

Hamilton, O., has celebrated its one hundred and twenty-fifth birthday.

Battles in human blood between white corpuscles and disease germs have been photographed with the motion picture camera by two French scientists.

Using benzine for fuel, a new cigarette lighter is a close fascimile of a cigarette.

The corncob pipe manufacturing industry represents a valuation of $500,000 a year.

Some 250 miles northwest of Winnipeg a paper mill is being built to turn out 100 tons a day.

In a town in the heart of Russian salt fields many houses are built of salt.

India leads oriental countries in the number of its blind, having about 600,000 to China's 500,000 and Japan's 100,000.

December is the wheat harvest month in New South Wales.

Because of the war Switzerland has increased its acreage under cultivation in grains by more than 20 per cent over the 1914 figures.

Eugene Dynner, age sixteen, Austrian by birth, is the youngest wireless operator in the United States. He is employed on a freight steamer running between New Haven and New York. He is the heir to his uncle's estate and title in Austria. The estate is worth $100,000.

Their Lonesome Look.

Having a large family, the dining room table was a long one. A short time ago the parents were alone for a few weeks, so all the leaves were taken from the table. A little boy from next door came in one day at dinner time and, seeing the small table, said: "My, but you look lonesome up so close together!"

Billion Yearly Lost in Birds.

The destruction of birds costs this country $1,000,000,000 a year, it is estimated.

BRIEF ITEMS

Hamilton, O., has celebrated its one-hundred-and-twenty-fifth birthday.

A Delmar (N. Y.) church provides ear trumpets for the use of deaf attendants.

Nellie Powell, who died in Cleveland, left $1,000 for the support of four pet cats.

A Vienna physician has obtained good results and effected some cures by treating insane persons with hypodermic injections of pure oxygen.

Spain has erected a new wireless station at Cape Juby, on the Atlantic coast of Africa.

Motor cars fitted with X-ray apparatus are used extensively by the French Red Cross society.

A pear tree on the farm of J. S. Engle of Shoemakersville, Pa., one hundred and sixty-three years old, is bearing fruit.

If cotton and linen are steeped in any saline solution, such as alum, ammonia, chloride or borax, they will become fireproof.

Forty-nine factories in the United States make needles and pins, and all report an increase in business.

New York receives weekly from 125 to 175 carloads of chickens, averaging 20,000 pounds to the car.

Chile will send an official commission to the United States to make a thorough study of agriculture and industrial hydraulics.

In Russia there are enough people to populate Great Britain, Germany and France, with a considerable number left over.