WASHINGTON NEWS.

Washington is busying itself with preparing for an elaborate inaugura-All the preparations are inade with the idea of excelling any other similar ceremony, and those who contemplate witnessing the event will be fully repaid for coming here. This winter's changeable weather has made many skeptical as to what sort of day will dawn on March 4. It seems that even Major McKinley is fearful of a bad day, for this week, while discussing the probabilities, he said that he had been told preparations were being made to give him the most magnificent inauguration that has ever been witnessed at the capital, "and," continued the President-elect, "I suppose we will have the worst weather that was ever witnessed in Washington,"

Strengthening the Spanish Navy.

The Naval Intelligence Office has received information of the purchase by Spain of the armored cruiser Giuseppi Garibaldi II., laid down for the Italian Government at Genoa. Under the terms of the contract Italy is to complete the vessel and deliver her early in February. A contract has also been made by Spain with the same firm for the construction of a new vessel of the same type, to be named the Pedro Ara- they were. but instead of having eight cylindrical



MINISTER DUPOY DE LOME,

(Spain's Representative at Washington.) Scotch boilers they are to have sixteen of the Belleville type. The orders for the ships were made a few weeks ago and at a time when the Spanish Government believed that trouble with the United States was not improbable. The delivery of the first of the armored cruisers has been considerably hastened in view of the strained relations between Spain and the United States, and all other ships building for her at private yards, according to information received at the Navy Department, are being pushed forward as fast as the establishments are capable of working. Four torpedo boats of high speed and great displacement have also been recently ordered to be built for Spain, two of which are to be named the Auflaz and Osado. There has been recently launched the armored cruiser Vallabolos and also a gun vessel, the Princesa de Austurias. All of these ion within a few months.

President Cleveland's Removal.

The state dinners and receptions at the White House will be crowded into a few weeks this winter, because the President must move in March. Already the family have begun to pack up their household and private property, and will move it either to the new house at Princeton or to the cottage at Woodley. It is expected that the President and his family will move to Woodley after the inauguration, for a few weeks, because the house at Princeton will not be ready for occupancy until late in the spring. It is said by Mrs. Cleveland's friends that she expresses much regret at moving from the White House, because after over six years' residence there although not continuous, she has grown very fond of the old place, and it is full of memories and associations which she loves to cling to. Mrs. Cleveland is looking better this winter than for some years past. All of her friends who saw her on New Year's day say that she now resembles the beautiful young bride of the White House more than at any time during this administration. SENATOR.

A Quick Retort.

A clergyman and one of his elderly parishioners were walking home from church one ley day last winter, when the old gentleman slipped and fell fiat on his back. The minister, looking at him a moment, and being assured that he was not hurt, said to him:-

"James, sinners stand on slippery

The old gentleman looked up as if to assure himself of the fact, and said:-"I see they do, but I can't."-Tid-Bits.

An Appreciated Favor.

"What are we going to do to control the legislature?" said the president of the P. D. & Q. railroad. "Every member rides a wheel and will not use a pass.

"That's easy," said the general manager. "Give each one of them a per-mit to check his wheel free."

Only His Due.

Mr. Carver-Now, frens, who shell I mah lef' should receibe dat honah, as he wuz de las' to leabe de hen house, an' de doctah's statistics goes to show

A DINNER IN MEXICO.

Professor Rusby, of New York, Encounter Some Queer Dishes.

Prof. H. H. Rusby of the College of Pharmacy, after returning from the Pan-American Medical Congress in the City of Mexico, advised such of his friends as may bereafter visit Mexico not to place too much reliance upon what they hear about the methods of preparing food in that country. He attended a dinner party in the crater of an extinct volcano, just outside of the City of Mexico, and came near getting nothing to eat, because of his fear of the native dishes, against which a kind (and waggish) friend had warned him.

The chief articles of food offered were cakes made of maize, and called tortillas, baked goat meat, and a peculiar dish which he had been told was dog meat. Having heard that the tortillas were made of dough that had been mixed by grimy hands and manipulated by untidy Mexican women, he carefully eschewed tortillas. The idea of eating dog meat was naturally repulsive to him, and he could not eat the goat meal because he could get no salt, and without salt goat meat is exceedingly unpalatable to any one not a native. There was a side dish offered him, which looked like stewed bugs, and his friend assured him that such

gon, and to be delivered in Spanish After spending a wretched half-hour waters within one year. These arm- over a piece of goat meat, the profesored cruisers are of the same class as sor expressed, to an intelligent Mexithe Argentine vessel Jose Garibaldi, can friend, his surprise that American tastes had not been consulted in the preparation of the dinner. The Mexican gentleman was in his turn surprised. "Why, you Americans like turkey, do you not?" he asked.

"Indeed we do," responded the professor. "I wish that I had some now." "Well, there is the choicest and most delicious roast turkey that can be obtained in any land," said the Mexican, pointing to the platter of alleged dog The professor tasted it, and found that it was indeed fine roast turkey. He asked about the tortillas, and was assured that they were prepared in the neatest and cleanest manner possible, and he found them most agreeable to the taste. The dish of "stewed bugs" proved to be the seeds of a plant of the same species as the American bean.

FASHION GOSSIP.

Black net with chenille dots is used for evening dresses.

Velvet is the most fashlonable material for short street coats. They are edged with fur or plain, but the front shows a full vest of some soft lace or light colored silk.

Don't dress your neck with a ruff all the way round unless you are very tall, very slender, and have a long neck. The frills that fall from the top of the stock at the side and back are becoming to more people.

One of the latest Parisian povelties in seal is a cape full and short enough to meet the waist line, and trimmed around a little way from the edge with lines of gold braid put in three groups of four, three, and two.

Coat bodices of light fancy brocade silks are worn for afternoon dress with dark skirts of cloth or silk. They have the full soft vests of lace or chifships are rapidly approaching comple. fon, a short, rippled basque lined with tion, and Spain expects to have them a plain color, and a narrow belt of velvet or jewelled galon across the back and sides.

Gold braid and gold and silver threads are a telling feature of dress decoration this season, and boleros and entire waists are made of a cloth of gold. Military braid is employed for belts, with a gold clasp in rococo designs. Gold effects in any form are much sought after.



French tea gowns and their American reproductions are not to be despised. But the girl who really cares for comfort and likes it with a dash of picturesqueness is apt to award the palm to the Japanese gown. There is nothing so easy, nothing in which the lazy individual may loll with quite the same sense of committing no crime against ribbons and laces, and yet there are very few things so pretty.

The gown is particularly fetching if made in the crinkled Japanese crope. It may then be of dark blue and white, of white figured in blue, gold, rose, or green. It should be lined with plain give re fust helpin' ob dis turkey-hu? shina silk. The loose sleeves that fall Mr. Gutter-I 'lows de gentleman on back from the arms should be of the

plain silk. Sometimes figured silks are used. China silks, splashed with big chrysan Sat he receibed de mos' shot.—Atlanta themums in pale, æsthetic colors, lined

NEW YORK LETTER.

The number of cabin passengers who arrived at this port from Europe last year was 96,227, of whom 17,919 arrived by the Cunard Line, which made a total of 57 trips; 16,859 on the American Line, with 57 trips, and 12,173 by the Hamburg-American Line, with a total of 100 trips. The total arrivals of steerage passengers were 252,350. of whom the North German Lloyd carried 38,034, or more than any of the other lines. The American Line landed 12,830.

To Regulate Height of Buildings.

A bill has been introduced in the Legislature to regulate the height of buildings in this city, It is time something was done in that direction, or, if not of limiting the height of buildings, of providing that no more than a certain percentage of the total frontage of a lot should be occupied by a building, as has been suggested lately by a well-qualified engineer.

The Charitable Rich.

Miss Helen Gould represents one of New York's wealthiest families in the charitable world. She has devoted her life to the poor, and spends more than half her income in caring for friendless and homeless children. Her pet charity is Woodycrest, the home which she supports at Tarrytown, where she cares for a number of little ones who would otherwise be without support. Her dinners to newsboys have become famous, and she celebrated her sister's marriage to the Count Castellane by giving a royal feast to the inmates of several newsboys' homes of this city. Mrs. George Gould is also interested in charity, her favorite project being the Kindergarten and Potted Plant Association, now called the Gould Kindergarten. This society has a day nursery, where poor children are cared for while their mothers are at work, and one of the prettiest ideas was the distribution of growing plants among the tenement districts and the hospitals. Mrs. Russell Sage is one of the most charitable women in New York. She works very quietly and personally investigates every call that is made on her for help. Her husband is interested in her work and contributes liberally to all of her charitable schemes. Mrs. John Jacob Astor is a Oberal contributor to charity and has endowed several Summer homes by the seaside for sick children, where care and medical attendance are given to little street waifs, besides a week or more of fresh air and of good food. Mrs. Astor, Mrs. Sloane, Mrs. Hooker Hamersley, Mrs. Anson Phelps Stokes and Mrs. M. W. Lanier are prominent society women who are all deeply interested in the various charities of the

Gossip About the Charter.

The Greater New York Commission, in its draft of the new charter, has retained the name "New York" to designate the whole of the territory embraced in the consolidated municipality. One of the speakers at a public hearing objected to the term New York as the name for a city 300 years old. But the Commission is right in retaining the old appellation, for it would take more than legislative enactment to change a name associated with the history of over two centuries. But the new city will be known as Greater The term "Greater" has apparently come to stay. But while holding on to New York, the name given to the city after it passed into he possession of England, the new charter is careful to revive names that are even older and better. In dividing the big city into boroughs, the charter assigns to all that territory on Manhatan Island the ancient Indian name of Manhattan, and thus, for the first time, this name is to be grafted on a Legislative enactment. The fine old name of Brooklyn, from the Dutch Breuklandt (broken ground) is also preserved, and thus the territory now known as the city of Brooklyn will not lose its distinct identity. "Brooklyn people" will continue to be Brooklyn people. The new charter gives the Ir. lian name Bronx to that section of the city now ill-described as "the annexed district," of the "North Side." Bronx is the name of the most romantic of little streams and is an appropriate as well as picturesque designation for this part of Greater New York. The pub-He hearings on the Greater New York charter have influenced the Commission in making several changes in the draft of the document, which, however, in main part is likely to go to the Legislature substantially as it stands now. The chief changes made are in relation to the powers of the Mayor, the size of the Common Council and the Constitution of the Police Board. If the four Police Commissioners, representing the two parties get in a dendock, it is now proposed that the Mayor shall have the power to break it by voting on one side of the other. Two Commissioners and the Mayor would thus constitute a controlling majority. It is proposed also to reduce the City Council from 36 members to 28, exclusive of the President, and to reduce he Board of Aldermen from 104 members to 60 and have them elected by

CYRUS THORP. One Consolation.

"Well," said the absent-minded and new arrival in Hades, as he mopped ils perspiring brow, "there's someenyway. Folks tron't always be yellng at me to shut the door."-Baltimore News.

Assembly districts instead of groups.

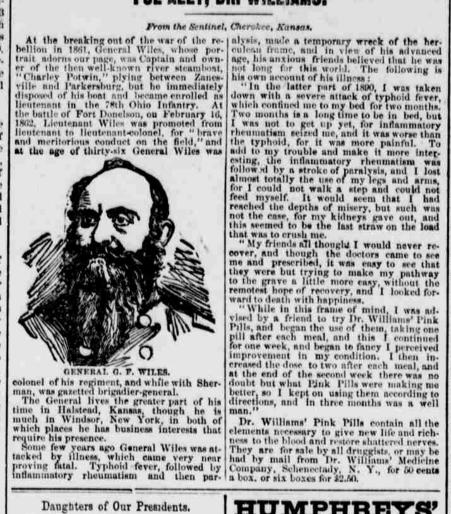
Appreciated. "I shall hold him in sweet rememperance," said the potentate of Bwkplo.

He could hardly have done otherwise. Even at home the young missionary had been spoken of as one of with plain silks, make up charmingly. Excellent taste.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

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Daughters of Our Presidents.

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in the February Ladies' Home Journal

viving daughters of Presidents of the

United States, in addition to the

three of President and Mrs. Cleve-

land, Mrs. Letitia Tyler Semple is

the eldest of the group and Mrs.

Philip Pendleton Dandridge is the

next. The former is the daughter of

President Tyler, and is living in the

Louise Home, Washington, D. C.

Mrs. Dandridge is the daughter of President Taylor, and presided at

most of the White House functions

during her father's occupancy-a little

over a year; she lives in Winchester,

Virginia. The only surviving daughter

of President Johnson, Mrs. Martha

Johnson Patterson, lives in the old

ohnson homestead at Greenville,

Tennessee. Mrs. Ellen W. Grant

Sartoris, the only daughter of Presi-

dent Grant, is now living in this

country-since the death of her hus-

band-in Washington, D. C. The

only daughter of President Hayes,

Miss Fanny Hayes, passes much of

the winter in travel, and spends her

summer at the Hayes homestead in

Fremont, Ohio. Mrs. Mary Garfield

Stanley-Brown, the "little Mollie" of

the Garfield family, lives in Washing-

ton during the winter and at the old

family homestead in Ohio in the sum-

mer. The only daughter of President

Arthur, Miss Ellen Herndon Arthur,

lives in Albany, New York, with an

aunt, and spends much time in travel.

Mrs. Mary Harrison McKee, the only

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