THE WHITE HOUSE MISTRESS.

Mrs. McKinley's Ways In Washingtor Just What They Were in Canton. "The fact that Mrs. McKinley gave a necktle which she herself knitted to a becktie which she herself knitted to a young man in Washington at his wed-ding," said a woman who spent the Daster holidays in Washington, "calls attention again to the simplicity and unaffectedness of the tastes of the first magistrate's wife. She has not allowed the change in her position to affect these matters in the least, and she was no more natural: and modest in her forno more natural and modest in her forno more natural and modest in her for-mer home than she is to-day. There she would have feit that something from her own hands was the sort of present that she preferred to give. She feit the same thing in Washing-ton, and the knit four-in-hand scarf which she gave to her young friend as a wedding present was given to him wedding present was given to him Washington with the same frankness that would have been shown in Canton



"I remember at Easter that she I remember at Easter that she showed to a friend of mine some of the beautiful souvenirs that had been sent to her from different parts of the country. There were some lovely things among them, but she reserved will the but the ministry of the source of things among them, but she reserved till the last the one watch she appre-clated most. It was made for her by an old friend in Ohio. It was in the form of one of those glistening eggs of rock candy, but it was larger than they usually are. At one end was a hole through which one could look. The pleture inside was a remarkably good reproduction of the White House grounds done in colored paper. On the lawn were two youths playing. The whole pleture was very ingeniously done. Mrs. McKinley oxplained that the two boys were her young sons, who had died many years before. Mrs. Mc-Kinley told me that among all the sou-venirs sent to her, and some of them venirs sent to her, and some of them were the most expensive that could well be bought, she preferred the Eas-ter egg. Her friends have often found other instances that prove how little changed her taste has been by her re-moval to the position of the first lady in the land." in the land."

CAN CUBA GOVERN HERSELF.

A Grave Question Briefly Answered-Brave Men as Leaders.

To question whether the Cubans can govern themselves, in view of such tes-timony, is a gratuitous doubt, having no warrant in reason or history. Nothing, on the other hand, is more certain than that the government of one country by the sojourning natives of anoth-er, even with the best of intentions, must result in injustice and bad government. As for the blacks, they are rapidly disappearing, and must soor cease to be a cause of any future race prejudice. The ranks of the Cuban army are of an average intelligence above that of the Spanish population, which is fearfully ignorant and credulous.

The Cubans have not been a turbulent people. Though their history has been a long series of revolutions, they have never resorted to arms until every peaceful means of redress had been tried. In those brief intervals of peace which have sometimes visited the land, Cubans have sought to effect, by existing abuses. Such attempts have never at any time succeeded.

There are higher questions, too, to be considered. There is no whining tone in the indomitable soft-reliance of the Cuban leaders. Moving freely over three-quarters of the island, they have knocked at the very gates of Havana; they have held in check a force out-numbering their own at all times three or four to one, cooped up in their fortiar tour to one, cooped up in their forti-fied towns. They die, too, with cries for Cuba free, as they did in the ten years' war—the thought of indepen-dence last in their hearts and on their lips. Their unconquerable souls go forth to that freedom they could not win on their narrow stretch of earth Love of liberty is the surest guarantee of representative government; that these men have given to the world the

purest example of such devotion that history has known proves them fit for

NEW YORK LETTER. WASHINGTON NOTES.

Special Correspondence. The metropolis is so immense that a educere man is completely swallowed up in it, while even a great man gets set therein. Two years ago John G. 'arlisle was one of the half dozen reatest men in the public life of the ation. On his retirement from office ast year he came to New York to live, and has since then scarcely been heard He has been entirely lost to public w, and it was with a sense of sur-se that people learned that he had upplied for admission to the bar of the upreme court of New York.

Byrnes Broke. One of the interesting rumors of the day tells us that former Police Superntendent Byrnes has lost the larger inventent Byrnes has lost the larger part of his fortune in unlucky ventures in Wall street. He was worth, when he let No. 300 Mulberry street, more than half a million. There is a differ-ence between having a Gould to back you and having to back yourself. When Byrnes was head of the police department men with good things in the market were chasing after him to carry a line of stocks for him, but as an unofficial citizen he has been obliged to root for himself, employ brokers and put up margins. An Enterprising Postmistress.

An Enterpriving Postmistress. There is a young woman postmistress in Brooklyn who has a great many postage stamp friends, and thereby a largely increased revenue. The amount of her salary is averaged by the sales she makes. Hence, she being a busi-nessilke young woman, whenever she made avvone who uses stamps by the meets anyone who uses stamps by the quantity she offers her wares and also offers to send them by messenger if the might-be purchaser is not within easy distance for calling. One New York business man, who buys \$150 worth of stamps a month, and who lives in Brooklyn, buys always of the Frooklyn girl and increases her salary \$3 a week without on offect as his part. without any effort on his part.

Sousa's Band Not Going to Europe. n account of the strong prejudice ex-isting in France against the United States during this war with Spain, Soua's band will not make the tour of Europe this summer as had been planned. Shopkeepers in Paris are feeling the loss of trade caused by the absence of Americans this year, and all over Europe the touring Yankee will be missed. Moreover, it is stated that many patriotic ladies of fashion have resolved not to order their gowns from Paris this year, but to patronize the home dressmakers. If this feeling rows the Davis Envestion of 1000 move grows, the Paris Exposition of 1900 may suffer in interest and attendance by the Colonel Slocans. There is a dignified old gentleman in

There is a dignified old gentleman in this city who speaks only four words a day outside of his office. They are "Good morning" and "Good afternoon." He is Colonel Slocum, the right hand of Uncle Russell Sage, of whom he has the exalted honor to be a brother-in-law. The great world of finance hard-ly knows the colonel at sight, so sel-dom does he leave the side of his chief. He occupies the front hall room on the third floor of Uncle Russell's residence third floor of Uncle Russell's residence in Fifth avenue, and pays board. Dur ing the Columbian parade, when win-dows were renting for fabulous prices per day, Colonel Slocum sat in his small room observing the mighty spectacle. A few days afterward, it is said in the street, Mr. Sage instructed his bookkeeper to enter a charge of \$200 against his brother-in-law for the use of his own bed room window on that occasion, such being a fair average price in that vicinity.

Didn't Know It was Hetty. A dignified Cedar street man of mil-lions and affairs has been pestered lately by feminine almsfolk, and being of irascible disposition, his feelings ar highly wrought, says the New York Press, One day an old woman in a dark, rusty dress and a faded bonnet, entered his door. At the first sight of her he bolted for his private office and, her he bolted for his private office and, summoning his bookkeeper, said in a state of great panic: "Get her away from here as soon as possible. I can't stand it any longer. Tell her I have nothing for her. I can't see her. I can't assist her. Tell her I'm not here." In about three minutes the bookkeeper returned. "Do you know who that was?" he asked. "Certainly not," said the man who working some and its the man who worships money and its owners. "It come to see cowners. "It was Mrs. Hetty Green, come to see you about that \$30,000 mortgage," quietly remarked the man of ledgers, and such wriggling as followed! A cold perspiration was fol-lowed by a hot fever, and the old gen-tleman is now in bed groaning over his

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Special Correspondence. Many stories have been told, and some of them have been printed, to show that in some states the National Guard was but a name. This has not been charged against New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Massachu-setts, and perhaps a few other states, in which annual camps have been en-forced, and a degree of discipline ob-tained that was akin to the discipline in the regular service. Nothing could Special Correspondence in the regular service. Nothing could have been much more convincing of the have been much more convincing of the unpreparedness of the National Guard than the arrival at Chickamauga of the Michigan regiment that was provided with excellent uniforms, but only five rifles to each company. This was bare-ly enough to provide the sentrics with arrs. Worse then that was the conarms. Worse than that was the con dition of the Ohio cavalry which reach dition of the Onio cavairy which reach-ed camp with but one carbine to the whole command. Different explana-tions have been given of this lack of preparation, but from sources that seem to be entitled to respect, it is learned that some states that have had great difficulty in collecting from the government the amounts advanced by government the amounts advanced by them to equip the troops for the re-bellion have determined that the govbelion have determined that the gov-ernment shall be obliged to do its out-fitting, so as to avoid the expense to the states of maintaining agents here, for thirty years after the war, to col-lect the money put out in order to fa-cllitate the movement of equipped troops. One advantage to be gained by forcing the government to equip by forcing the government to equip will be uniformity of equipment of the General Miles is of the opinion that it is better to take time to get ready than it will be to take defeats as the result it will be to ta of unreadiness.

Demoralization by War. Soon after the meeting of Congress, in December, the expectation was free-ly indulged on the Republican side of the House, that there would be no oc-casion for keeping Congress here later than May 1, and Speaker Reed was uplie confident that all the necessary quite confident that all the necessar quite confident that all the necessary business of the country could be dis-posed of before that date. Of course at that time the cloud of war was not so thick, as it soon became. But to the speaker, who has never held the opin-ion that the war was unavoidable, and who still refers to it as something that might have been avoided the hone of might have been avoided, the hope of an early adjournment was based upor political and humanitarian rea politically he believed that the forc-ing of a war would break up the finan-cial recuperation of the government, interrupting the tendency on the part of the revenues under the Dingley law to exceed the expenditures in times of peace. peace. And now, when the expense exceed the income a million or more a exceed the income a million or more a day, the effect of war is demonstrating the demoralizing tendency in govern-ment of that condition. All small economies, all regard for administra-tive rules, seem to have suffered a let-ting down

ting down. ting down. Very soon the president may be ex-pected to yield to the political demand, successfully resisted until now, that the civil service law shall not apply to the government printing office, where it has been well applied, until the pres-ent public printer came in to defy the law and the president, who is sworn to law and the president, who is sworn to support it. The "looting" of the print support it. The footing of the print-ing office to suit the spoinsmen will be that "backward step" which the presi-dent once said in congress must not be taken with reference to the civil ser-vice law. The war excitement will ob-scure this backward step.

Senor Mendonca. Senor Mendonca, as Brazilian minis Senor Mendonce, as Brazilian minis-ter, went away generally regretted. I have heard it said by two secretaries of state of different parties, that no wiser or more fully enlightened man has occupied a diplomatic station here for thirty years. Added to this high opinion of his diplomatic ability, his agreeable enrangulity and a cordial any. agreeable personality and a cordial ap preciation of and sympathy with Ame preciation of and sympathy with Amer-ican institutions, have endeared him to the people quite as much as the gen-erous hospitality for which the Bra-zilian legation has been famous for years. Dr. Mendonca was fortunately not a new or strange minister to the United Strates in the yet most inter-United States in the yet most trying moment in the history of the Brazilian republic. When the naval revolt against the republic broke out, and De Mello undertook to overthrow the adminis-tration of the then president of Brazil. Dr. Mendonea knew that habing the Dr. Mendonca knew that behind the admitted object of the revolt was a determination to restore the monarchy determination to restore the monarchy. Like a watchman on a tower, he con-stantly observed every movement of the revolutionists to secure from the United States that recognition of bel-ligerency for which De Mello first, and afterward Saldanha de Gama, mad theman is now in bed groaning over his awful mistake. Swrith in the Navy. The First Naval Battalion of this city has furnished to the navy fifteen officers and three hundred men. It State Gresham. De Mello, impatient of

SUMMER OUTINGS Personally-Conducted Tours via Pennsyl vania Railroad

The Pennsylvania Railroad Com pany announces the following Person ally-Conducted Tours for the Summer and early Autumn of 1898 :-To the North (including Watkins

Glen, Niagara Falls, Thousand Is-lands, Montreal, Quebec, Au Sable Chasm, Lakes Champlain and George, Saratoga, and a daylight ride through the Highlands of the Hudson), July 26 and August 16. Rate, \$100 for the round trip from New York, Phila-delphia, Baltimore, and Washington, covering all expenses of a two-weeks trip. Proportionate rates from other

points. To Yellowstone Park and the Trans-Mississippi Exposition on a special train of Pullman sleeping, compartment, observation, and dining compartment, observation, and dining cars, allowing eight days in "Wonder-land" and two days at Omaha, September 1. Rate, \$235 from New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, and Washington : \$230 from Pittsburg. To Niagara Falls, excursion tickets good to return within ten days will be sold on July 22. August 4 and 78

sold on July 22, August 4 and 18, September 1, 15, and 29, at rate of \$10 from Philadelphia, Baltimore, and Washington. These tickets in-clude transportation only, and will permit of stop over within limit at Buffalo, Rochester, and Watkins on the return time the return trip.

Two ten day tours to Gettysburg, Luray Caverns, Natural Bridge, Vir-ginia Hot Springs, Richmond, and Washington, September 28 and October 19. Rate, \$65 from New York, \$63 from Philadelphia. Proportion

to a transformation and the second se 6-16-2t.

"By George, I haven't been able to "By George, 1 naven to be nave a began." sleep nights since the war began." "Why? You're too old to be draft-ed, aren't you?" "Yes, but the cap-tain of our militia company owes me \$250."- Chicago News.

Scrofula, hip disease, salt rheum, dyspepsia and other diseases due to mpure blood are cured by Hood's Sarsaparilla.

"What is your definition of optim-?" "It is a determination to en life whether you do or not."ism ?" Chicago Record.

PENNSYLVANIA CHAUTAUQUA. Reduced Rates to Mt. Gretna via Pennsylvania Railroad. For the Pennsylvania Chautauqua

to be held at Mt. Gretna, Pa., July r to August 4, 1898, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will sell tickets to the general public on June 20 to August 4. good to return until August 10, inclusive, from stations on its line in Pennsylvania, and from Washington, D. C., Baltimore, Md., and Canandaigua, N. Y., and principal intermediate stations, to Mt. Gretna and return, at reduced rates. 6-23-2t.

"What is an encore ?" "It is the song the singer feels the worst about if she isn't asked to sing it."— Chicago record.

John—"They talk of men growing gray in the service of a single family." James—"I would dye first."—Boson Transcript.

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