



THE COMPOSITE WASHINGTON.

Embraces the Trumbull, the Savage, the Houdon, and the Gulager. The Composite, while Houdon and Gulager are suppressed, although they all had equal result must be satisfactory to the most ardent lover of Washington.



THE FUNERAL OF GEORGE WASHINGTON

It is so common to celebrate the birthdays of great men, and so rare to hold ceremonies in commemoration of their deaths, that the memorial exercises which took place under Masonic auspices in various parts of the country on December 14, 1899, the centenary of the death of George Washington, attracted wide attention. Curiously enough, the original suggestion of the observance came from the Grand Lodge of Freemasons for the State of Colorado, a part of this continent whose existence was known to Washington only vaguely as a piece of the great unexplored Spanish Southwest. It is quite as odd that, after leading Freemasons in the United States had taken the plan in hand and invited the craft in other lands to co-operate, the first acceptance should have come, with every manifestation of enthusiasm, from New Zealand, which in Washington's day was a savage dominion lately discovered and seized by Captain Cook in the name of King George of England. Nothing could mark the world's progress in the intervening century more clearly than these circumstances. Many accounts of Washington's death, differing in detail, have been published by the standard historians, and many theories have been advanced as to the cause of it. That he caught a severe cold, and that this ran into the disease of the throat which was then known as quinsy, are among the settled facts; but whether his life might not have been prolonged but for the copious bleeding to which he was subjected is still open to debate. The only official record we have, perhaps, is that kept by the secretary, Tobias Lear. In a letter to John Adams, he refers to the fatal ending to the disease and not to the treatment. This letter runs as follows:

was offered, without the desired effect. His last scene corresponded with the whole tenor of his life. Not a groan or complaint escaped him in extreme distress. With perfect resignation and in full possession of his senses he closed his well-spent life.

Another contemporary letter tells us that Washington informed Dr. Dick "that he had no fear of death, that his affairs were in good order, that he had made his will, and that his public business was but two days behind hand." He was buried at Mount Vernon on Wednesday, December 18. On the coffin plate was inscribed, "General George Washington. Departed this life on the 14th of December, 1799, Aet. 68." Above the plate were the words, "Surge ad Judicium," and below it, "Gloria Deo." From a local newspaper account of the day we learn that a vessel was anchored in the Potomac River, firing minute guns while the funeral procession formed at the manor-house and moved in this order to the family tomb at the bottom of the lawn: Cavalry, Guard, Infantry, with arms reversed.

Music. Clergy. The General's horse, with his saddle, holsters and pistols. Colonel's Stems, Ramsey, Payne, Gilpin, Marsteller, Little, pallbearers. Mourners. Masonic Brethren, Citizens. The cavalry halting, the infantry marched toward the tomb and formed their lines; the clergy, the Freemasons and the citizens descended to the vault, and the burial services of the Protestant Episcopal Church were performed. The infantry and cavalry each fired a volley, eleven pieces of artillery on the river-bank sent forth a roar, and the ceremony was concluded.

idents. The Freemasons, the representatives of the patriotic societies and other citizens assembled at the east side of the mansion, and moved in procession to the old vault by the same path, and as nearly as possible in the order, taken by the procession of a century ago. Here a dirge was played by the band, Bishop Randolph, of the southern diocese of Virginia, read a prayer, an octave from the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia sang a hymn, and the Grand Master of Masons for Colorado delivered an address. Then the procession moved to the present tomb. The Grand Masters of the thirteen original States stood in line in front of the tomb, faced by a semi-circle of the Grand Masters of other States and foreign jurisdiction, while the Grand Lodge of Virginia formed in a circle around the tomb, holding hands. The Grand Master of Virginia called for tributes, first from the original thirteen States, and then from the East, West, North and South, respectively. After brief responses, the Masonic dignitaries returned to the east side of the mansion, where the whole assemblage listened to an address by President McKinley, who received his initiation into the Masonic order during the Civil War, in Virginia, and only a few miles from the lodge in which Washington had presided as master. The evening was spent in memorial banquets in Washington, Georgetown and Alexandria, where the visiting Freemasons were entertained by the local lodges. About fifty foreign lodges attended by delegation. It was hoped at first that the Prince of Wales would come among the British visitors, but he was reluctantly obliged to decline.

George Washington became an entered apprentice at the lodge in Fredericksburg, Virginia—No. 4—on November 4, 1752, passed to the second degree on March 3, 1753, and was made a master Mason on August 4,

1753. When the Washington Lodge

BUST OF WASHINGTON. A French Gift to America.



—By David d'Angers. The bust was cast by Hoffwiler; the pedestal was cut from the marble quarries of Berring Nicoli at Carrara; the bronze plate, in the style of Louis XVI, was made by the talented artist in metal, Charles Dupont.



—From Harper's Weekly.

of Alexandria was organized, in 1788, he was one of its charter members, and was elected worshipful master at once.—Harper's Weekly.

RECITATION FOR A 6-YEAR-OLD I'm just a very little boy, I never fired a gun, I never led an army, Like braves George Washington. And though like him I may not fight To set a people free, I'll try to be as brave and true, As kind and good as he. —Alice Jean Cleator.

HOUSEHOLD NOTES SWEEPING CARPETS.

Before sweeping a woolen carpet throw over it small pieces of paper thoroughly soaked in water. After the carpet is swept very little dust will have been raised and the carpet will look as bright almost as a new one.—Boston Post.

TO CLEAN A STOPPED-UP PIPE. The waste pipe from a sink often gets clogged up. Don't send for a plumber, but instead pour down, first, a little paraffine, and, immediately after, some boiling water in which a fairly large piece of common washing soda has been dissolved. The pipe will clear at once.—Boston Post.

HOLDERS. Take pieces of any stout material, double and make into holders about 9 inches wide and 18 inches long. Make a belt of some material to fit the waist about 1 inch wide and with a button at the back. Then take a piece of tape 18 inches long and sew on one end of a holder and attach the other end of the tape to the belt. Sew one on each side of belt. Button on your belt and you have two holders with you all the time which will save time and steps.—Boston Post.

SEWING ON BRAID. In sewing braid on the bottom of a skirt the ordinary way it is very difficult to prevent the stitches from showing on the right side, and much time is wasted in the effort to avoid this. I have found this way to be very satisfactory: First rip a few stitches in the seam on the hem on inside, then insert a piece of cardboard a little wider than braid. Sew your braid on with this between hem, slipping it along as needed. When you get clear around it can be removed from the same place in which you placed it. This makes a piece of work which is usually much dreaded very easy.—Boston Post.

ROLLING UMBRELLA. "Why is it," asked an inquisitive customer in an umbrella shop, "that one can never roll up an umbrella as compactly and neatly as it is rolled when he buys it?" "If you have noticed, nearly everybody who rolls up an umbrella takes hold of it by the handle and keeps twisting the stick with one hand, while he folds and rolls with the other.

"Now, that's just where the mistake comes in. Instead of twisting with the handle he should take hold of it just above the points of the cover ribs. These points naturally lie evenly round the stick. Keep hold of these, pressing them tightly against the stick, and then roll up the cover. Holding the ribs prevents them from getting twisted out of place or bending out of shape. Then the silk will fold evenly and roll smoothly and tightly."—New Haven Register.

RECIPES. Rice Pudding.—Three tablespoonsfuls rice, 1 1/2 cup sugar, 1 1/2 cup raisins, pinch of salt, 3 pints milk, butter size of a walnut, nutmeg to flavor. Bake from 2 to 2 1/2 hours; stir while cooking.

Simmel Cake.—One pound flour, 1 pound currants, 1 1/4 pound butter, 1 1/4 pound sugar, 2 ounces candied lemon peel, 2 teaspoonfuls of good baking powder, 1 egg, 1 1/2 pint of milk; mix and bake in a slow oven.

Fruit Cookies.—One cup sugar, 1 1/2 cup butter, 1 1/2 cup milk (scant), 1 1/4 teaspoonful each of cinnamon, ginger and nutmeg. One cup raisins, cut in halves. One teaspoonful of soda and 2 of cream tartar, or 2 teaspoonfuls baking powder. Flour enough to keep from sticking on the board.

Layer Cake.—Cream 2 1/2 cup butter with 2 cups sugar, and add 3 eggs and 1 cup milk. Then add 1 teaspoonful saleratus, 2 teaspoonfuls of cream tartar in 3 cups flour. Put 2 1/2 of this into 2 tins of the same size and bake. To the remaining 1 1/2 add 3 teaspoonfuls of molasses, 1 1/4 teaspoonful ground cloves and 1 1/2 teaspoonful cinnamon, 1 1/2 cup raisins, 1 1/2 cup currants. Bake in same kind of tin as others, and put frosting between. Put dark layer in centre.

Fruit Cake Without Eggs.—Six ounces of butter, 3 1/4 of a pound of brown sugar, cream together. Then add 1 1/2 pounds currants, 1 pound seeded raisins. Then take 1 1/2 pound of citron peel, 1 1/2 pound of orange peel, 1 1/2 pound of lemon peel, and chop fine together, and add to the other. Then add 1 1/2 pounds of flour, then add 3 grated nutmegs. Mix well together. Dissolve 3 teaspoonfuls of baking soda in 1 quart of milk, pour milk in last, and mix well. Then put in baking tin, and bake in slow oven for 3 hours.

Apple Slump.—Pare enough apples to fill a good sized earthen dish, add a little water; cover with a biscuit crust and bake until crust is done, then let steam on top of stove an hour; then break the crust up in it. Serve with cream, sweetened with a little molasses.

A European aeronaut has devised a padded suit for use on ballooning trips. With this suit he expects to escape the bruises which every aeronaut gets now and then when making descents.

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A CURIOUS COINCIDENCE. Ralph D. Paine, while delving into the old sea-logs kept by eighteenth century captains, and now stored in the Essex Institute at Salem, brought to light a strange tale that yet was fact. He tells about it as follows: "The Grand Turk, a good ship belonging to Elias Hasket Derby, of Salem, a well known merchant, was returning to Salem from the West Indies.

"During the voyage Captain Ingersoll rescued the master and mate of an English schooner, the Amity, whose crew had mutinied while in the Spanish Main. The two officers had been cast adrift in a small boat to perish. This was the first act in a unique drama of maritime coincidence in 1774.

"After the castaways had reached Salem, Captain Duncanson, the English master of the Amity, was the guest of Elias Hasket Derby while he waited for word from his owners and an opportunity to return to his home across the Atlantic. He spent much of his time on the waterfront as a matter of course, and used to stand at a window of Mr. Derby's counting house idly staring at the harbor.

"One day while sweeping the seaward horizon with the office spyglass, the forlorn British skipper let fly an oath of the most profound amazement. He dropped the glass, rubbed his eyes, chewed his beard and stared again. A schooner was making across the bar, and presently she stood clear of the island at the harbor mouth and slipped toward an anchorage well inside.

"There was no mistaking her at this range. It was the Amity, his own schooner which had been taken from him in the West Indies, from which he and his mate had been cast adrift by the piratical seamen. Captain Duncanson hurried into Mr. Derby's private office as fast as his legs could carry him. By some incredible twist of fate the captors of the Amity had sailed her straight to her captain.

"Mr. Derby was a man of the greatest promptitude and one of his anchored brigs was instantly manned with a heavy crew, two deck guns slung aboard, and with Captain Duncanson striding the quarterdeck, the brig stood down to take the Amity.

"It was Captain Duncanson who led the boarders, and the mutineers were soon overpowered and fetched back to Salem jail in irons. The grateful skipper and his mate signed a crew in Salem, and took the Amity to sea, a vessel restored to her own by so marvelous an event that it would be laughed out of court as material for fiction."—From "Pioneers in Distant Seas," by Ralph D. Paine, in The Outing Magazine.

George Ade's Gum Arabic. When George Ade wintered in Egypt it amused him a good deal to see the serious way in which his fellow tourists took their smattering of Egyptian archaeology, of the Arabic tongue and of the ancient Egyptian dynasties. They had picked up all this flimsy knowledge in a week or two's reading, but they acted as though it was the precious fruit of a lifetime's study.

At Assouan, one fine day, a young woman from St. Joseph complained that she could not understand the Arabic of her guide. To the crowd that encircled her she pointed out the guide—a bent old fellow with a white beard—and she said bitterly that, after her thorough study of Arabic, it seemed strange that she and this guide could not converse.

From the rear of the crowd Mr. Ade called gravely: "It's your own fault, Miss Hodson. You should have hired a younger guide. These toothless old ones all speak gum Arabic."—Home Magazine.

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THE FUNERAL OF GEORGE WASHINGTON, DECEMBER 18, 1799. Mount Vernon, December 15, 1799. It is with inexpressible grief that I have to announce to you the death of the great and good General Washington. He died last evening between 10 and 11 o'clock, after a short illness of about twenty-four hours. His disorder was an inflammatory sore throat, which proceeded from a cold, of which he made but little complaint on Friday. On Saturday morning about 3 o'clock he became ill. Dr. Dick attended him in the morning, and Dr. Craik, of Alexandria, and Dr. Brown, of Port Tobacco, was soon after called in. Every medical assistance

When the project for a centennial commemoration first took shape it was proposed to re-enact this entire scene, even to the extreme of having a catafalque borne to the site of the old tomb; but against that feature a loud protest was raised, on the ground that it would turn a solemn memorial service into a mere theatrical show. It was decided to give the ceremonies a symbolical rather than an imitative character, though the reproduction was carried up to a certain point. The day chosen was the 14th of December, but the funeral of the 18th furnished an outline for the in-