WAS SHE INSANE?

IE JEALOUSY OF THE MARTYRED PRESIDENT'S WIFE.

Badeau Throws Some Light on Lincoln's Eccentricities-Her Unable Rage Aroused by Trifles. 's Bearing Through it All.

junt of Lincoln's lovemaking in by Nicolay and Hay seems almost ien read by the light of later The anxieties and forebodings agony of the future president marriage, the most incredulous esaged the destiny that imno one knows the character of. oln, his godiike patience, his coss, his transcendent charity

arma all the tremendous worries of war and revolution and public affairs, who is ignorant of what he endured of private woo, and no one rightly judges the unfortunate partner of his elevation and unwitting cause of many of his miseries, who forgets that she had "eaten on the insane root that takes the reason prisoner.

The country knows but has preferred to forget the strangeness of Mrs. Lincoln's conact at intervals after her husband's death. Many of the most extraordinary incidents in er career were not revealed, out of delicacy to others and tenderness to one who had been the sharer of Abraham Lincoln's fortunes and the mother of his family; but enough was apparent to shock and pain the public sense when finally the conflict with her own son, so highly respected, the dragging of their affairs into a public court, the necesmry supervision of the poor lady's finances person, disclosed the fact that her mind had been diseased.

The first time that I saw Mrs. Lincoln was when I accompanied Mrs. Grant to the White House for her first visit there as the wife of the general in-chief. The next that Lnow recall was in March, 1864, when Mrs. Lincoln, with the president, visited City Point. They went on a steamer, escorted by a naval vessel of which Capt, John S. Barnes was in command, and remained for some weeks in the James river under the bluff on which the headquarters were established. Here they slept and usually took their meals, but sometimes both ascended the hill and were entertained at the mess of Gen. Grant. On the 26th of March a distinguished party from Washington joined em, among whom I remember especially Mr. Geoffroi, the French minister. It was proposed that an excursion should be made the front of the Army of the Potomac. about ten or twelve miles away, and Mrs. Lincoln and Mrs. Grant were of the com There was a military railroad which ook the illustrious guests a great portion of the way, and then the men were mounted. but Mrs. Grant and Mrs. Lincoln went on in an ambulance, as it was called-a sort of half open carriage with two seats besides that for the driver. I was detailed to escort them, and of course sat on the front seat facing the ladies, with my back to the horses. EXTRAORDINARY JEALOUSY.

In the course of conversation I mentioned that all the wives of officers at the army front had been ordered to the rear-a sure sign that active operations were in contemplation I said not a lady had been allowed remain except Mrs. Griffin, the wife of Sen. Charles Griffin, who had obtained a special permission from the president. At this Mrs. Lincoln was up in arms. "What do you mean by that, sir?" she exclaimed. "Do you mean to say that she saw the president alone? Do you kow that I never allow the president to see any woman alone," was absolutely jealous of poor, ugly Abraham Lincoln. I tried to pacify her and to palliate my remark, but she was fairly boiling over with rage, "That's a very equivocal smile sir," she exclaimed. "Let me out of this carriage at once. I will ask the president if he saw that woman alone." Mrs. Griffin was one of the best known and most elegant women in Washington, aftervard the Countess Esterhazy, a Carroll and a personal acquaintance of Mrs. Grant, who strove to mollify the excited spouse, but in vain. Mrs. Lincoln again bade me stop the driver, and when I hesitated to obey she thrust her arms past me to the front of the carriage and held the driver fast. But Mrs. Grant fluxlly prevailed on her to wait till the whole party alighted, and then Gen. Meade came up to pay his respects to the wife of the president. I had intended to offer Mrs. Lincoln my arm and endeavor to prevent a scene, but Meade, of course, as my superior officer had the right to excert her, and I had no chance to warn him. I saw them go off together, and remained in fear and trembling for what might occur in the presence of the foreign minister and other important strangers.

But Gen. Meade was very adroit, and when they returned Mrs. Lincoln looked at me and said: "Gen. Meade is a gentleman, sir. He says it was not the president who gave Mrs. Griffin the permit, but the secretary of war." Meade was the son of a diptomatist and had evidently inherited some of his father's skill.

At night when we were back in camp Mrs. Grant talked over the matter with me and and the whole affair was so distressing and mortifying that we must never either mention it to any one; at least I was to be absolutely silent and she would disclose it only to the general. But the next day I was released from my pledge, for "worse remained

The same party went in the morning to visit the Army of the James on the north side of the river, commanded by Gen. Ord. The arrangements were somewhat similar to those the day before. We went up the river in a steamer, and then the men again took horses and Mrs. Lincoln and Mrs. Grant went in an ambulance. I was detailed as before to act as escort, but I asked for a companion in the duty; for after my experithe only officer in the carriage. So Gen. Horace Porter was ordered to join the party. Mrs. Ord was with her husband. As she was the wife of the commander of an army she was not subject to the order for return, though before that day was over she wished herself in Washington or anywhere else away from the army, I am sure. She was mounted, and as the ambulance was full she remained on her horse and rode for a while by the side of the president and ahead of Mrs. Lincoln.

"TRIFLES LIGHT AS AIR." As soon as Mrs. Lincoln discovered this her rage was beyond all bounds. "What does the woman mean," she exclaimed, "by riding by the side of the president and ahead of me? Does she suppose that he wants her by the side of him?" She was in a frenzy of excitement, and language and action both became more extravagant every moment. Mrs. Grant again endeavored to pacify her, but then Mrs. Lincoln got angry with Mrs. Grant, and all that Porter and I could do was to see that nothing worse than words occurred. We teared she might jump out of the vehicle and shout to the cavalcade. Once she said to Mrs. Grant in her transports. Once she said to Mrs. Grant in her transports.

"I suppers you think you'll get to the White House yourself, don't you?" Mrs. Grant was very calm and dignified, and merely replied that she was quite satisfied with her present position; it was far greater than she had ever expected to attain. Then Mrs. should as three to two, and that gets away with his money quite fast enough.—Chicago Herald.

It is estimated that there are 325,570 telephones in use in this country. Nine years ago there were only 870.

THE FASTER'S FIRST DINNER.

Merlatti's Knife and Ferk Idle Even After the Fifty Days' Fast.

Merlatti, contrary to expectation, accom plished his extraordinary fasting feat, which commenced fifty days before. There has been some loubt as to his having completely fulfilled the terms of his engagement, since he began to take a little chemically prepared wine at 5:30 o'clock one afternoon, the stipulated time being 6:30. He was also given some pepsum and meat powder, but his stomach rejected them. The wine, however, did him good, and he was able to swallow it in repeated gulps and with infinite relish. According to the opinion of some of the doctors he will be unable to cat any solid food for twenty-five days to come,

Those who flocked to the Grand Hotel recently for the purpose of seeing the Italian take his first installment of nourishment were rather disappointed at finding, not the corpse like form which they expected, but s man still apparently in bealth and spirits, although languid in body and anomic in feature. Merlatti was prosped up on pillows and reclined on a couch, near which were exhibited some of his drawings. A long counter kept the frequent and inquisitive crowds of men | the eggs and then sits on eggs and stone toand women who thronged to see him from approaching too near his resting place. The comparative healthiness of the man's oppearance after so long a fast can only be attributed to the fact that the pangs of hunger are mitigated and intermittent after the first five or six days. Thus, when I first saw Merlatti there was a strong expression of pain on his face, and his eyes were of an unnatural brilliancy. These symptoms were quite consistent with his case, because the agony of hunger is most acute in the earlier stages of suffering. Since then he has been in a state of languor and exhaustion, varied occasionand the restaint of her actions, if not of her fally with feverishness, pains in the head, frenzied dreams and touches of madness.

Latterly be had begun to suffer more soverely in the head and stomach, but his energy has enabled him to persist in his determination to the bitter end. Efforts were of course made to make him break his fast a fortnicht ago, vet there is every reason to nothing during the fifty days but the filtered I left Merlatti this evening at the banquet, over which he presided, in the Grand Hotel. Every sent at the tables was neath a tree, that, too, or if it be very large, full, and nearly one hundred guests, among at least one-half of it will be killed. them being some women and children, were present. The Italian set among the mcm- of milk. In the old days, before the railway bers of the medical committee, a lady being on his left. He seemed to regard the rich viands, appetizing sauces and sparklin wines spread out in profusion before his with a half sad, half amused air, but his knife and fork were silent amid the clutter | felt unwell, though he did not know why, of plates and the popping of champagns,— Paris Cor. London Telegraph.

Banish the Railroad Stoves.

For the last forty years, since railroads have been equipped with heavy cars and run at high rates of speed, scarcely a year has passed without the loss of life from burning car wrecks. The method of heating cars now is substantially the same as it was forty years ago. Each car has a stove, and the only improvement yet made is a better system of securing them more firmly and putting them in a sort of metal easing. But the beginning of the present year has shown again, and with horrible emphasis, that the precautions against the burning of wrecked cars are totally inadequate, and that the present system of heating should be superseded by mething radically different.

The method employed upon the elevated railroads in this town shows that a train of cars can be perfectly heated without the pos sibility of fire in case of accident. That method consists in a pipe furnished with steam from the locomotive, and it serves the whole train, each car being heated equally from end to end. It is a very simple plan,

and it should be adopted upon all railroads. There would be another very great advantage in the use of this system. As it is now, the brakeman tends the stove, and as he has other duties, he piles on all the coal the stove will hold and lets it go. The usual result is that when there is any fire at all it is a roarer, enough to roast anything as far away as the sixth row of seats and to give all the passengers headache. But if the cngineer controlled the heating he would be able to regulate it with more constant attention and more disinterested judgment. By next year there should not be a single stoy in use in a passenger train in this whol country, and if the present engines are not big enough to supply the additional stcam required bigger ones should be put in their places.—New York Sun.

New Method of River Mining.

A novel way of river mining is now being carried on near the Caribaldi Mining company's property on the Stanislaus river, two miles below Robinson's Ferry. The plan consists of a scow twenty by sixty feet on which is placed a steam engine and boiler of fifteen horse power with a powerful suction pump attached. The pump not only throws an immense stream of water, but at the same time draws the sand, rocks and gravel from the bed of the river at the rate of fifty tons per hour. The pump discharges into the head of a flume running the entire length of the scow, and drops the material, less the gold, some ten feet away from the stern of the boat. Any large rocks that may obstruct the free working of the pump are hustled out of the way in short order by large and powerful derricks. As the Stanislaus river is noted for its heavy gold deposits the results can burdly fail to meet, if not greatly exceed, the anticipations of the Chicago capitalists who have it in charge,— Calaverus (Cal.) Prospect.

An Empress Among Lunatics. Empress Elizabeth of Austro-Hungary recently visited the Vienna lunatic asylum with the wife of Prince Karl Theodore, her brother, the famous oculist? Nearly all the mad men and women recognized the empress, who had visited the place before, and several noblemen kissed her hands while the women knelt to receive her blessing. One lunatic approached her majesty and said: "No one would ever think you were a grandmother. There was such a touch of flattery combined with the opposite sentiment in this that the empress broke into uproarious laughter and asked the lunatic's name and if she were curable. She was told she was and ker majesty immediately ordered that anything the woman wanted should be charged to the imperial purse. - Foreign Letter.

Mechanical Traps for the Sucker.

A good many people think that most of the gambling houses in Chicago are run "on the square," but Hendrie, the expert clock and model maker, tells me that he is often called in by gambling gentlemen to make some contrivances for their use.

We says he has made for certain well known gambling shop proprietors in Chicago, "hold out" devices for use in poker, as well as "stripper" attachments for faro boxes. The roulette wheels, he says, he never heard of being tampered with, proba-bly because the odds against the player are about as three to two, and that gets away with his money quite fast enough.—Chicago

LOVE'S SOLITUDE AND SOCIETY.

When I must go into the turmoil rule Of worldly men and ways, I cheerily go, Since I am there as one that hath no foe, But moves in sylvan peace, where boughs ex-

The too fierce sun and paths with leaves are strewed, And bird-sought brooks in shady stillness flow-I need not shun the turmoll, since I know That Love will make for me sweet solitude. And if I into exile must be sent, Let me not grieve: the Fate's commanding lips I kiss, and take my way without a fear,

If in the desert I must pitch my tent, we hath within itself all followships, Is friends and home and r stand plenteous cheer.

—Atlantic Monthly,

PHASES OF ITALIAN WITCHCRAFT. Curious Things Recommended for Pur-

poses of Luck-A Strange Case. From such persons you may hear that if any one takes the eggs out of a raven's nest, boils them so as to render them inecpable of

incubation and replaces them the parent birds will fly to a brook and fetch thence a white stone of the size and shape of the eggs. The stone, they say, it places carefully among gether. The stone restores vitality to the eggs, and after the brood is fledged and has flown it is left behind in the nest. It has, however, suffered a great change. It is now semi-transparent, and in every respect except its weight and hardness is exactly like an egg. If it be placed near any personed food the yelk begins to move violently and thus warns the fortunate possessor of his danger.

The lapwing is even more given to sorcery. It always deposits a stone the size of a pea in its nest. What use it is to the bird or its family no one seems to know, but if any one finds it and paces it under the pillow of a cleeping person he will answer every ques-'tion that does not exceed the limits of human knowledge with perfect truth in the language in which it is asked. The marvelous stories told of serpents are innumerable. There is one about a yard in length and as thick as the upper part of a strong man's arm, which haunts dry wooded places. It is so venomous especially in May, that not only will the first person it bites in that month die himself but any one who stands beside or comes to help him will share the same fate. If he falls be

Again, scrpents of all kinds are very fond was built, a coachman who used to drive on the road between Foggia and Naples once fell asleep outside a little inn while his horses were baiting. His mouth was open and a snake crept down his throat. After this he and none of the doctors could tell what was the matter with him. At last he consulted the professors of the University of Naples. They hung him up by his feet and placed a great bowl of milk beneath his head. The snake, attracted by the smell, crept out to drink, but still kept a great part of its body in the mouth and throat of the coachman. A young doctor sprang forward, pulled it out and threw it away, when it was killed. It was about two and a half feet in length. After this the patient was as well as ever .-Saturday Review.

Fisher-Folk Peculiarities.

It is not to be wondered at that these poor. ignorant people, who live on or by the sea all their lives, are imbued with queer notions and superstitions concerning it. They do not acknowledge this readily, are rather ashamed of it, indeed, and it takes time and familiarity to bring these superstitions to light. They appear to endow the sea with sentient power, with an intelligent and generally malignant will. It is ever ready to undo human labor and destroy human hope Before very rough weather there occasion alty comes a strange calm, a bush like to nothing save the holding of a breath before effect, coming, as it often does, at nightfall After this a dull, wailing, muffled some creeps out of the darkness-a sound as of lamentation and entreaty heard from afer "The sea is calling," they say here; and when this happens the fishemen expect a gale before morning. When the sea has got hold of its prey and there is a house or houses desolate in the village, they hold that it mourns, making quite a different sound to

any other time. About funerals there are old observances and ideas. It is unlucky either to meet or to cross a funeral train. There are girls in the village who are a sort of professional mourners (though unpaid) for children and young women who die unmarried. They are dressed in black, with white boods, and shawls of white soon silk on their shoulders. Six of these mourners is the mystic number, and whenever one is married another is selected to fill her place. Probably it is considered a post of honor, for there nover seems a vacancy, though I do not know how the selection is made. They are grave looking damsels, so it may be by their fitting appearance. At a young man's funeral there are only two of these girls, who wask before and are called "servers." The Dissenters have a custom of singing a sort of dirge over their dead, not unlike in effect the chanting of the monks at a funeral in Rome. But when the sad duties are done comes a time of feast Their pride forbids them to have any thing but "a menseful funeral." Another peculiarity is that when the people are asked to attend, it is by men and girls named 'bidders'' (not necessarily relatives of the

Hints on Bathing.

deceased). -Art Journal.

We "take cold" through the skin, it should be remembered, as we also breathe through it, throwing off superfluous heatwhich becomes fever when the perspiration is suppressed—and also sending off waste products. Persons who have any tendency to pulmonary disease should make their skine active. A double handful of common sal. thrown into the bathing water after the cleaning process has been performed is a beneficial addition. The saline particles are very penetrating, and no amount of rub-bing will remove them from the skin, upon which they exert a most useful though a gentle, stimulating influence, especially salutary in cases of aluggish liver. Not only does this act locally on the skin, increasing its secretions, but also quickens the process of nutrition in all the tissues of the body,

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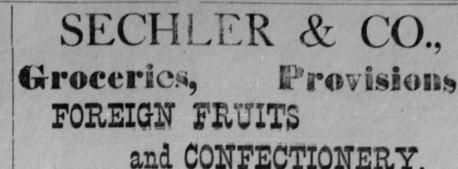
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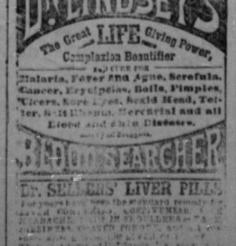
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