

A CEMETERY SUNDAY,

Or the Day That Draws Greatest Crowds to the Graveyard.

PEN AND PENCIL PICTURES OF IT.

As Late Autumn Reveals the Scene in Our Own Most Silent City.

A BURIAL PLACE QUITE EXCEPTIONAL

CEMETERY! Somehow the very name has, to the man who has not buried dear ones, a forbidding, unwholesome ring to call up visions of moss-grown tombstones; yew trees, bare and sad; meadows of rank weeds, and shreds of earth-stained timber, which tell their own uninviting story.

A cemetery! Who could plan a pleasure trip to the lonely city of the dead? Who could dream of finding attractiveness in even the fairest scenery and most delightful pathways, amid those dismal fairs, where soulless men, made the more beast-like by the stricken life-bereft best that has been laid to his rest? Some phantom that stithed amid the mandrakes, soliloquizing upon that which worms eat—some Poe, whose gloomy pen loves to portray the saddest of



A Little Woodland Lake Under the Rising Moon.

mind. "One doesn't feel sorry for the dead here," he said to himself. "There is rather a feeling of triumph that they have freed themselves from life itself. These sepulchres but convey the feeling which they, the sleepers, have cast off forever."

Amid the tombs were left behind, and the drive reached the most beautiful portion of the cemetery. The woods grew thicker and more dense. A brook ran chattering beneath the branches, and whirled its surface into the daintiest of dimples. The horse's hoofs made little sound upon the thick carpet of dead leaves and ferns, as the noiseless city of slumbers itself—and, as the dusk was drawing near, the voices of the sky had ceased to sound along the hills. The young moon was already high in the sky, and away to the west there was a glorious hue of red, shading fast into glowing orange.

The drive went through broad open spaces, and under avenues of trees, up sloping terraces, and into glades where fancies might have gambled round their mystic rings. There came the shimmer of water through the leafless branches, and a little woodland lake rippled its mimic waves at the opening of the glen. The traveler hurriedly raised his head and stayed to look upon the scene. The light was merging fast into darkness. The day was all but dead itself; over the gulf and naked trees the sky had become brilliant and seemed streaked with palest pink and purple.

"Chaote Dian" had gilded her silver shrine, and there was a dim, uncertain image reflected on the water's surface. Dark and thick the forest of trees and shrubs of the lake; and behind, the valley was dim and misty with the gloaming. It needed but a tall heron standing motionless, with upraised neck and long neck, to give the scene a touch of the weird and the supernatural. "It is not an American scene," he said; "it is strangely like old Ireland. And yet there is no touch of art about the picture. It is all natural—as natural as man's hands can make it. I suppose all countries, like all men, have some feature in common."

But night was at hand, and there was no time for lingering. The stranger spurred his horse, and the carriage was driven to the gate. He turned on the hillside and looked back along the narrow valley, now gloomy and steeped in night, and then cast his eyes toward the gateway, which he had just passed. "Had a pleasant ride?" queried the man who accompanied him.

"Yes," replied the horseman answered. "I've spent a very pleasant time! I always do spend a pleasant time in the cemetery."

UNCLE SAM'S WEALTH.

The Annual Report of the Treasurer of the United States—The Receipts and Expenditures Are Both Very Large.

WASHINGTON, November 10.—Hon. G. N. Houston, Treasurer of the United States, has made a long report to the Secretary of the Treasury of the operations of his office during the last fiscal year, and the condition of the Treasury June 30 last. The following is the substance of the document:

The year was a remarkable one in the history of the public finances, having exceeded by few times since the foundation of the Government. The former amount to \$287,000,000, a decrease of \$25,000,000 as compared with the year before. The receipts on account of the ordinary expenditures, on June 30, 1888, there were \$287,000,000, and the reserve fund, which amounted to \$100,000,000, was \$100,000,000. The total amount of the Treasury was \$387,000,000. The gold in the Treasury was \$100,000,000, and the silver was \$100,000,000. The total amount of the Treasury was \$387,000,000.

effect upon our visitors. Whenever they get upon the Sunday, they come, cold or warm."

It appeared as though this was true, for Mr. Nemo met group after group, along the drive, and vehicles of every description passed him on the way. It did not look like a cemetery scene. Were it not for the white stones above the tombs scattered over the rising ground, and a few sepulchral trees growing here and there, a stranger might easily have mistaken the place for some public recreation ground, or private park.

A DAY AND SCENE IN HARMONY. It was not a frosty day; but there was a decided hint of coming frost in their. Over the fringed hills the laden sky brooded heavily, and there was just sunshine enough to make one look for a splendid sunset by and by.

The grass was clipped short upon the slopes and the mowed lawns were kept with the extreme of neatness. It seemed a pleasant place to be laid to rest—in a calm solitude in which to sleep death's long, and mayhap dreamless, sleep. There was something of a gloom in the scene, it is true; but not that melancholy which strikes us in other resting places of the dead. Not the awesome melancholy which strikes us in the vast cathedral; beneath the tattered flags of gal-

THEIR PATRON SAINT.

Women's Work in Washington Due to General Francis E. Spinner.

WHOSE SIGNATURE IS RENOWNED.

Excellent Reasons Why Soft Little Hands Work to Advantage.

HOW THOUSANDS OF THEM KEEP BUSY

(CORRESPONDENCE OF THE DISPATCH.) WASHINGTON, November 9.—The familiar signature of General F. E. Spinner was seen on the register of one of the principal hotels of Washington one day this week. It attracted almost as much attention as the autograph of the President of the United States attached to an official document. It was for years one of the most familiar specimens of chirography known to the American people. It is a signature which is almost beyond analysis. I think that it is the composer of the New York Tribune who once said that Belshazzar would have been more frightened than he had been seen to be by the handwriting on the wall, would have been appalled if he had had to handle "copy" on the plan of General Spinner's signature.

General Spinner's handwriting was not all like that signature. The signature was a thing which he had cultivated by long practice, with a view to preventing a counterfeit reproduction. At the time he devised it he used to sign all the National Bank checks as Treasurer of the United States. Now that they are signed by machinery, this device is not necessary.

EASY TO COUNTERFEIT. The signature to a bank note is the thing most easily counterfeited. Those who are engaged in the detection of counterfeit money devote more time to the examination of the straight and curved lines made by the engraver's tool and the geometric lathe than they do to the irregular lines of the signature.

Before the engraving of bank notes was reduced to such a science, however, and when the notes were signed by hand, the signature was a matter of more importance. It was General Spinner's "flying" signature that brought him into prominence during the long period of his service as Treasurer of the United States.

There was one act of his official career, however, which brought him into general prominence even more strongly than did his peculiar signature. He will always be remembered gratefully in Washington as the public officer who first suggested the advisability of employing women to do government work in the departments.

A GREAT DIFFERENCE NOW. Before his time, there was not a woman in the public service. There are now more than 4,000 women working under salary from the Government in Washington alone, and new spheres of usefulness for them are being discovered every day. The idea was suggested to General Spinner by the exigencies due to the Civil War. So many of the employees of the Government were called into service in the field that many of the departments were crippled.

General Spinner suggested to Secretary Chase that the vacant places be filled by the appointment of women. The idea was met with severe criticism and much opposition at first; but the necessity was so great that objections were overruled, and women got her first foothold in the departments.

Women now constitute more than 10 percent of the working force of the Government in Washington, and their services in certain branches of work are recognized as far superior to those of men. They receive salaries ranging from \$200 to \$1,800 a year. In the work for which they are best adapted they will accomplish more and do it better.

FOR LESS MONEY. The work to which women were first assigned was copying and counting of money. At both of these they are far superior to men. The number of counters employed in the Bureau of Engraving and Printing varies from 8 to 12. Many of these women can count 1,000 sheets in less than two minutes. A fast counter can handle from 600,000 to 800,000 sheets in a day of eight or nine hours. They originally received for this work \$75 a month for the same work.

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