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Mail	5.16 p. m
Johnstown Express	9:20 p. m
Fast Line	9:34 p. m.

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Atlantic Express	5:35 a. m.
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Altoona Express	12:01 p. m.
Mail Express	4:11 p. m.
Johnstown Accommodation	7:05 p. m.
Philadelphia Express	7:16 p. m.
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WASHINGTON, D. C., October 25.—Mrs. Harrison is no more. At 1:40 a. m. came the end.

For the second time in the history of the White House a President's wife has died within its walls.

Mrs Harrison met death with the patience and resignation of a devout Christian, and her last days were compartively free from pain.

For twenty-four hours the President and family had been almost constantly at her bedside, awaiting the end. Last night was without special incident, but late and early, so frequently that he could have slept but little at all, the President was in and out of the sick chamber and was never away for any length of time.

As the night waned and the gray light of Monday morning spread over the earth the vital force of Mrs. Harrison was at the lowest ebb, and the President's anxiety became so acute that he felt the need of some assurance, no matter of what character, from medical authority. So a messenger was dispatched to the home of Dr. Gardner and the physician quickly responded, reaching the White House at 7 o'clock. He found the patient in a condition to warrant the gravest apprehensions, and so hopeless was his report that the President desired him to remain in the White House for a time. Dr. Gardner accordingly remained and

BREAKFASTED WITH THE FAMILY.

At 9 o'clock it appeared that the struggle for life was to be prolonged for some hours at least, and the doctor left the White House, after giving the family the small grain of comfort to be found in the statement that Mrs. Harrison might live until the sunlight began to fade into the shadows of the evening. The day was clear and crisp the inspiring sunshine and the dryness of the atmosphere had somewhat helped the invalid and acted as a stimulant. She was lying on her back, and whenever she awoke from her troubled and unsatisfactory sleep she was conscious. She could still recognize her surroundings and a glance of recognition greeted the physician when he entered the sick room this morning. The fatal cough was present, but naturally in the enfeebled state of the invalid it was not pronounced.

Early in the morning there was a revival in the popular interest in Mrs. Harrison's condition. Many of the Bureau chiefs and other employes of the Executive Departmen went out of their way to enter the White House grounds and ask for information regarding the condition of the patient, and the watchmen at the door were kept busy answering questions. Attorney-General Miller called early and saw Mr. Halford. So did Mr. De Struyve, the Russian Minister; Minister Grip, of Sweden; Rev. Dr. Hamlin, the family pastor: Assistant Secretary Grant and Indian Commissioner Morgan.

Mr. Halford himself had been admitted to the sick room in the day, so that he was prepared

TO DESCRIBE THE SITUATION.

One of his first acts was to telegraph a statement of the case to Secretary, Rush, who is in Wisconsin, and Secretary Elkins, now in West Virginia, and suggest their speedy return to Washington. The other absent members of the Cabinet were not telegraphed for because they are expected to return today or tomorrow

Dr. Gardner saw Mrs. Harrison again at 2 o'clock this afternoon, and found that she was even weaker than when he visited her about an hour before. She was then almost completely prostrated, and was no longer able to speak, to cough or to swallow, and therefore was unable to take either stimulants or nourishment of any kind. The doctor again referred to the remarkable vitality displayed by the patient, and said she had already survived a greater number of critical conditions than any other patient he had ever attended.

About 6 o'clock Private Secretary Halford said that Dr. Gardner had stated that Mrs. Harrison might live until 8 o'clock. Shortly afterward advices were received by wire at the White House that a story had originated in the West that Mrs. Harrison was dead. It gradually worked its way East, and in a short time several telegrams of condolence were received. Mr. Mon'gomery, in charge of the telegraph department, immediately answered the messages to the effect that there was no truth in the story, and its circulation was premature. At 7 o'clock a message was received from John N. Scott, Mrs. Harrison's brother, stating he would leave Port Townsend, Wash., at once. The family had been endeavoring to reach Mr. Scott, who is Mrs. Harrison's only brother, since Saturday, but had been unable to locate him until to-day. He had been absent

FROM HOME ON BUSINESS.

It will be impossible for him to reach here before Friday or Saturday. The night passed slowly for the grief-stricken watchers. The patient was restless and nervous, with small fluctuations in condition that did not range far on either side from the general average of extreme depression and exhaustion.

The terrible nervous strain on those who watch without hope and despairing resignation was very apparent. As the night waned and the gray light of Monday morning spread over the earth the vital force of Mrs. Harrison was at its lowest ebb, and the President's anxiety became so acute that he felt the need of some assurance, no matter of what character, from medical authorities. So a messenger was dispatched to the home of Dr. Gardner and the physician quickly responded, reaching the White House at 7 o'clock. He found the patient in a condition to warrant

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Answering questions. The Russian Minister called early to inquire after her condition, so did Dr. Harman, the family minister. Mr. Halford had been admitted to the sick room early in the day, so that he was prepared to describe the situation. One of his first acts was to telegraph a statement of the case to Secretary Rusk, who is in Wisconsin, and Secretary Elkins, now in West Virginia, and suggest their speedy return to Washington. The other members of the Cabinet were not telegraphed for because they are expected to return during to-day and to-morrow. The clerks were at their desks at the White House during the day, but it was painfully apparent that they were sorely oppressed by the general gloom, and they performed their duties in a perfunctory manner. Dr. Gardner was at the patient's bedside during the entire forenoon. He went away two or three times to attend to other professional duties, but at no one time was he absent more than half an hour.

When asked about her condition he frankly admitted that death was very near, and that, remarkable as Mrs. Harrison's vitality was, he did not see how she could live for more than a few hours.

Mrs. Harrison at noon time was still conscious. A little before that the President, leaning over her, asked if she wished for anything. With the old-time smile that death only

MAKES MORE TENDER

And trustful, she answered, low but distinct:

"No, dear."

At 1 o'clock Dr. Gardner said he did not think that more than four or five hours of life remained for Mrs. Harrison He said that most of the time she was in a sleepy unconscious condition, from which she occasionally rallied. During the moments of wakefulness she recognized those around her and some times responded, feebly, but clearly and intelligently to inquiries made.

The doctor said that his efforts were devoted solely to making his patient as comfortable as possible in her dying hours. She could not take nourishment of any kind, and frequent application of a stimulating moisture to her parched lips was the only treatment that afforded any relief.

The doctor returned to his patient about noon and found her even weaker than before, almost completely prostrated and unable to speak or cough.

Apparently she was conscious. There was little change during the afternoon, but every change was for the worse and the watchers were fearful that death would ensue about sundown.

Secretaries John W. Foster, Rusk and Elkins telegraphed to the President in response to his message of the morning about Mrs. Harrison's condition that they would return to Washington immediately.

A number of messages of condolence were also received. From 6 o'clock until well into the evening the President and all the members of the family remained unceasingly at Mrs. Harrison's bedside.

As the day waned and the unclouded sun sank behind the Western hills, casting rapidly lengthening shadows across the White House lawn, the anxiety of the watchers became

MORE AND MORE INTENSE.

The persons about the bed moved stealthily across the halls and tesselated floors and dropped their voices into whispers when they spoke, even though far out of earshot of the stricken woman who lay quietly and with resignation awaiting the last call. The shadows deepened, the sun sank to rest, the night came and in the South the new moon showed her sickle in the sky, and yet the end was not.

The physician's visits were more frequent, and whenever he came from the sick-chamber he brought the same reports, that the patient was as near death as she could be and still live, that she might exist an hour or two. So the employes in the business portion of the house, whose work was done, and who might have gone home, lingered in their rooms and as time ran on and the cathedral gong of the clock in the clerk's office told each passing half hour a silence would fall upon them and no one spoke. Absolute dejection and that wretchedness which results from total lack of hope were pictured on each countenance.

At the supper hour the meal was spread upon the table, and one by one the watchers snatched a few moments.

TO MAKE A HASTY REPAST.

It could hardly be said that the patient was unconscious during the evening hours, when she did not betray some sign of understanding, the sympathetic efforts to save her by opening her parched lips for the stimulating fluid applied from time to time, but not a drop could she swallow, and the power apparently left her frame forever. In addition the physician's experienced eye noticed that as evening wore on an increase in the difficulty of breathing, which was regarded as an ominous sign.

Among those who called during the evening were Secretaries Tracy and Noble, who have returned from Chicago: Judge Pete, Colonel Ernest, Ex-Surgeon-General Brown, of the army, together with members of the Diplomatic Corps and the Rev. Dr. Hamlin and Mrs. Hamlin, of the Church of the Covenant, which President Harrison and his wife have attended.

Hour after hour slipped away, each leaving the patient weaker in turn; yet so gradual was the decline that it could not be said positively at any minute that her condition had materially changed.

The measure of the ebbing tide was the respiration, which slowly sank from about 15 at nightfall to 12 at midnight. The physician had said that if she tided over that hour she might and probably would survive until daylight. So frequent glances were cast at the clock which was steadily ticking away the life-time of the invalid and there was a visible air of relief when the gong sounded 12, and one critical point was supposed to have been passed.

The hope inspired by the doctor's last statement was only of short duration. About 12:30 o'clock, while he sat by Mrs. Harrison's side with finger lightly pressed to her pulse, his practiced hand noticed that the heart's work was begining to cease. He notified the grief-stricken family grouped around the couch that the end appeared to be very near, and that unless she soon rallied from the stupor into which she then was drifting she could scarcely live half an hour longer.

This intelligence had a most depressing effect upon the President, who had been in constant attendance upon his afflicted wife for over nine hours, and he sustained himself with the greatest difficulty.

If it were possible to add to the gravity of the situation and to stimulate the agonized apprehension of the sorrowing family gathered about the scarcely animated form of the

BELOVED WIFE AND MOTHER.

The results were attained when Dr. Gardner, after narrowly examining countenance and feeling the pulse of the dying woman, sorrowfully announced that all the indications justified the belief that she could not survive more than half an hour.

This was at 12:45 o'clock. The minutes passed with frightful rapidity; the half hour passed; then came 1:40—and all was over.

Mrs. Harrison was dead.

Funny Marriages.

Some funny stories are told about the marriage service. One of them relates how an old man, brought rather unwillingly to the altar, could not be induced to repeat the responses. "My good man," at length exclaimed the clergyman, "I really cannot marry you unless you do as you are told." But the man still remained silent. At this unexpected hitch the bride lost all patience with her future spouse and burst out with, "Go on; you old toot! Say it after him just the same as if you was mockin' him." The same difficulty occurred in another case: The clergyman, after explaining what was necessary and going over the responses several times without the smallest effect, stopped in dismay, whereupon the bridegroom encouraged him with, "Go ahead, passin, go ahead! thou'rt doin' bravely." Upon another occasion it was, strangely enough, the woman who could not be prevailed upon to speak. When the clergyman remonstrated with her she indignantly replied: "Your father married me twice before, and he wasn't axin me any of them imperent questions at all."—*Saturday Review.*

The Evidence Was Against Her

Finally, at the end of the meal, marked by the appearance of half a dozen new cut glass finger bowls, infantile wonderment could contain itself no longer.

"Mamma," piped the eldest cherub, "what's all this for?"

"All what?"

"Oh, havin' the real silver out, and all these new things and two kinds of meat."

"Why, Willie, what do you mean by talking in that fashion? You know this is the way we dine every day. Really, Cousin Mary, that child is losing his memory."

"No, I ain't. "We had Irish stew six times this week, already, and if Cousin Mary don't believe what I say, she—"

"Willie!"

"Well, just let her come in some day without tellin' nobody, and if she don't get stew, too, I hope the boogey man'll get me."

"Yes, tome offen," piped the other two children, "and let mamma know you're comin" for we're orful tired of stew."

Grains of Gold.

No wealth is useful save to him who can put it to good use.

A kind word will go farther and strike harder than a cannon ball.

Learning by study must be won; t'was ne'er entailed by sire to son.

Men of character are the conscience of the society to which they belong.

Those who are strictest with themselves are generally most lenient to others.

He who is puffed up with the first gale of prosperity, will bend beneath the first blast of adversity.

Modesty is to merit what shade is to the figures in a picture—it gives to it force and relief.

Paradise is here, visible and tangible by mortal eyes and hands, wherever self is lost in loving.

Beware of carelessness; no fortune will stand it long. You are on the high road to ruin the moment you think yourself rich enough to be careless.

Every man must make his own opportunities, for, if he is unprepared or unequal to an opening before him, he has no prospect of success or elevation.

How much trouble he avoids who does not look to see what his neighbor says or does or thinks, but only to what he does himself, that it may be just and pure.

In the sea of time the rudder is given into the hands of a man in his frail skiff, not that he may be at the mercy of the waves, but that he may follow the dictates of a will directed by intelligence.

Do you call to mind the day which has passed from you; do not lament for the unborn to-morrow; do not build on the coming and the passed away; take the present hour, and do not cast your life to the wind.

A fool's advice is better than a knave's; is at least sincere.

WONDERFUL BROADWAY.

BY WALTER WELLMAN.

This Broadway is a remarkable thoroughfare. It is New York. Many thousands of people virtually live on Broadway, rarely going farther from it than to Fifth avenue on the east or Sixth avenue on the west. It is their world. I speak now of the up town Broadway, from Twenty-third to Forty-second street about two miles.

This main street of the Dutch village of New York starts at the lower end of the Island—at the Battery. There are the shipping offices, headquarter of the steamers lines. Then comes office buildings—two or three of them as fine as a score to be seen in Chicago—insurance offices, banks. Then the postoffice, Printing House square, City Hall park. After this the dry goods district.

For two miles Broadway is a commercials Palestine. Ninety-nine signs out of a hundred bear Hebraic names, many of them names which is symbolic of great wealth, business probity, good citizenship. It is remarkable how everything has become specialized in this region of trade. There are few general dry goods or clothing houses. One handless hat trimming, another corsets, a third straw frames, a fourth hosiery, a fifth suspenders, a sixth artificial flowers. Men and women's wear is sub-divided a thousand times, each article being the sole stock in trade of one or a dozen or a hundred houses. One is amazed to see a six story building devoted wholly to merchandising in butter.

Broadway is very commercial for these two miles. Nearly all the houses are wholesale. There are no alleys in the rear or at the sides of buildings, and the receiving and shipping is all done on the front side-walks. The street is packed with trucks, and it is about all pedestrian or vehicle can do to get through. The lost time in a single year would defray the expenses of cutting alleys for shipping purposes. But to have alleys for the facilitation of commerce would not be like New York. There are many alleys in town, but all have been made streets of.

At Fourteenth street one enters the shopping quarter. For three blocks east and west is the pretense of having in the town some streets besides Broadway. The same thing occurs half a mile father up, at Twenty-third street. For a short distance, where it is very near Broadway Fifth avenue takes on some shopping importance. But these are all the divergences there are worth mentioning. Everything else is Broadway.

Take this thoroughfare out of New York, and there wouldn't be enough left to make a Kansas City. Broadway to New York is what Main street is to the country town. Northward and a little to the west sweeps this great thoroughfare. At Harlem, ten miles from the Battery, it is still all important. They tell me it runs twenty miles farther into the country, lined with roadhouses, suburban settlements, villas and occasional stores.

So important is Broadway as a metropolitan artery that the rapid transit commission found on investigation that the travel by parallel elevated railroads is great or small in proportion to nearness to or remoteness from the central highway. The only means of travel along Broadway is by horse car. It is the most profitable horse car line in the world. Ten miles long, there cars every minute and al crowded. They are driven at breakneck speed. Only the best horses are used, and their "life" is a year and a half. It takes as much courage to drive a Broadway car as to run a locomotive.

The stranger who has two or three miles to go walks to the L and climbs the stairs. The New Yorker knows better and taks a broadway car. You see, a Broadway car takes him from his starting point directly to his destination. There are other streets with horse and cable cars, but so far as I have observed three-fourths of the people want to go from some place on Broadway. The result is many "short riders"—the sort of passengers who enrich street car owners. If the cars had to carry all passengers from Harlem to Battery at a nickle apiece owners would not get much in the way of dividends. But instead of twenty-five passengers, the capacity of the car, 150 are often carried in the course of a run one way.

The Broadway line carries half as many passengers as the elevated line nearest it. When the cable cars are started—the cable is already in—it will carry nearly as many. Old Jake Sharp knew he was getting the most valuable street railway franchise in the world when he gobbled Broadway. The effort put him first in jail and then in his grave, but if he had lived twenty-five years it would have made him as rich as Vanderbilt.

Rapid transit is one of the greatest problems in New York. There are four elevated railways and five or six surface roads running north and south, but at the busy hours of the day they can't carry the people in comfort.

Broadway is the center of the rapid transit problem, as it is of everything else in New York. The engineers and members of the rapid transit commission recognized that when they recommended the construction of an underground railway under Broadway from the Battery to the country. Such a line may be built some day, but I doubt it. The cost cannot be accurately estimated, but it is supposed will reach $2,000,000 a mile or $40,000,000, including a branch line from Fourteenth street to the east side of Central park. So far capitalists don't appear to want the contract. The line would have to carry 500,000 passengers a day to pay interest on the investment, and they have figured out that this means 1,000 full laden trains in each direction in the twenty-four hours. There being only five or six hours a day in which travel is heavy and profitable, it is a serious question whether in our generation the traffic would warrant the enormous expenditure.

Theology gets a little mixed up in the youthful mind.

"Who made you?" asked a teacher of a little girl.

She answered, "God made me that length," putting her hands about twelve inches apart, "and I growed the rest myself."

Vanilla for Mental Weakness.

Vanilla is one of the most powerful restoratives known in cases of weakened vitality, when a large dose is given. South America in general shows a much slighter tendency to madness than any of the countries which may be called civilized. Statistical authorities attribute this fact to the ignorance and thoughtlessness of the population, but they themselves give the credit to vanilla. At the first sign of mental disturbance they ply the sufferer therewith.—*St. James Budget.*

The Most Costly Book.

The most costly book in to the world is declared to be a Hebrew Bible now in the Vatican. It is said that in 1512 Pope Jules II refused to sell the Bible for its weight in gold, which would amount to $103,000. That is the greatest price ever offered for a book.—*New York Sun.*