WHERE POVERTY REIGNS

The Sink Region of Our Gay National Capital.

Eventually the Spot Will Become a Great Park, But at Present It Is the Abode of Vice, Squalor, Misery and Malaria.

[Special Washington Letter.]

The old Van Ness mansion is both an ancient and a modern landmark. More than a hundred years ago it was the home of the wealthiest man in western Maryland. It was the only brick building between Baltimore and Norfolk, excepting the house of Gen. Washington, at Mount Vernon, on the Potomac. It was the house of the wealthiest family in the District of Columbia, when the national capital was located here. It was the home of a handsome heiress. It was the social center of our original aristocracy. Although fallen to decay, and crumbling beneath the massive hand and withering before the corroding canker of Time, the ancient landmark is stately in ruins, surely eloquent concerning its past, and every piece of broken brick or mortar seems anxious to tell of what might have been.

The old Van Ness mansion is a modern landmark, because it is the eastern suete and bound of primitive simplicity in Washington, which lies almost wholly in the region of the Chesapeake and Potomac canal, which runs south of Observatory hill, parallel with the flats toward the monument. This also is the "sink region," which has been mentioned a number of times lately in speaking of needed improvements in the city, and to a stranger, making his way through the district for the first time, it is hard to tell which is the more interesting the inhabitants or the topography of the place.

Going westward from the well-kept ponds that lie at the base of the monument, the first object of interest is the "gut," not so unpicturesque as its name would imply, a broad expanse of water reaching out to the river, and bordered on either hand by close-growing ranks of willow trees, that lean out over the stream. The only thing that mars the beauty of the prospect is that at the upper end of this tidal canal, the great Seventeenth street sewer empties into it, adding a color to the water and an odor to the air that do not enhance the attractiveness of the spot, and which would seem to threaten all sorts of fevers and malarial affections to the negroes who work day after day on its banks unloading the sandscows that come in from the river and empty their cargoes in mountains of sand thirty feet high on the banks of the canal.

You may be surprised at this statement, but it is a fact, that these conditions exist within three-quarters of a mile of the white house. Indeed, within an eighth of a mile of the white house, half way to the Van Ness mansion, there are houses where poverty, filth and squalor revel in the rivalry of intensity. Walking westward from the old mansion, one strikes into the heart of the picturesque region. Virginia avenue runs down to the flats in the form of a street, with curbstones and trees on its edges. Back of the building line on one side there is an undergrowth of willows, young poplar trees and weeds, while on the other there is a wilderness of ashdumps and deadlivities like the volcanic bad lands of Dakota, rolling down to the edge of what used to be the river, but which is now the filled-in flats.

The houses, such as there are along this way, are palpable makeshifts, and one standing in the street can look through front to rear or from side to side with but slight obstruction. The family washing of all sorts is done on the front steps, and the wash not uncommonly includes a brown-skinned baby far more destitute of covering than the chickens that pick under the doorsteps; while other chickens of a larger growth, but not much more advanced in the matter of clothing, play in the sand in the street. The negro's love of flowers is

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usually displayed in the presence of a row of bachelor's buttons or larkspur under the front windows, and other plants in dilapidated crockery vessels of miscellaneous sort distributed around the front yard.

At Nineteenth street and Virginia avenue begins the line of sinks. Those further east have been gradually filled in by the promiscuous dumping of cars from all parts of the city. The last of the isolated holes at this spot is being encroached upon rapidly, and there is only a small fraction of a square left that is now filled with waving bulrushes, and coated with a thick velvety green mold that is almost solid enough to support a brickbat, but from the edges of which deep-throated frogs still pipe a requiem to their fast disappearing pond.

Within three or four blocks of this poverty-stricken and sin-cursed section there are beautiful and costly residences, asphalt paved streets, well-kept sidewalks, with carefully matured shade trees. Pennsylvania avenue is so near by that the clanging bells of the cable cars can be easily heard when the stillness of the night falls upon the city. There is also to be found here, upon the northern verge of the sink section of the capital, a pretty little Protestant Episcopal church; and it is a high church, too. This is maintained as a missionary headquarters by some of the wealthy children of the Lord who dwell in mansions where warmth, light and happiness prevail.

Following the otherwise Godforsaken avenue to Twenty-third street, in this region of famine and woe, we come suddenly upon a ramshackle house in the center of what should be a street, and it is surrounded by an extensive stockade. This is the pound and is the headquarters of the poundmaster, Einstein, city dog catcher, recently described in this column of correspondence.

Over across Nineteenth street extended, or what would be Nineteenth street if it had a few more wheel tracks and fewer tomato cans in it, begins the real remnant of the canal, a pond

A FRONT YARD.

covering the best part of a city block and filled with deep green water that gradually escapes through a channel a foot or so in diameter at the southeast corner and finds its way out across the wilderness of the flats. The big pond is not navigable on account of the number of aquatic plants that flourish therein. About half of its area is given over to bulrushes and frogs, while along its banks rise tufts of halbert-leaved water lilies with islands of other plants over the rest of the surface.

Along the banks of the sink the negro fishers congregate and patiently angle for mud-cats and small carp, as muddy as the element from which they come, and other watermen repair thither with dipnets and pinhooks to catch small fry for bait in river fishing.

North of the pond more homemade houses and some others of the bargain-counter, contractor-built variety, hang over the ragged edge of the dump heaps with the same accompaniments of many dogs, scantily-clad children, and chickens from every henroost within walking distance. Here, too, is the retreat of the decrepit cart horse of the variety that is sold in the bazar for $5.56. They find what shelter they may in stables built out of dry goods boxes, and live in the hope that springs eternal in the equine breast, and whatever else Providence may throw in their way. This is the variety of horse and the variety of owner that lately figured in a police court trial where the owner, in child-like ignorance, had soaked the poor beast in coal oil and then set fire to it in order to kill the vermin with which it was infested.

This picturesque settlement stretches eastward along the line of the canal, which dwindles as it reaches its source about the region of Observatory hill, and the character of the inhabitants and the malaria remain the same throughout. The children fish with pent pins in the sluggish water in blissful ignorance of microbes, bacilli and the germ theory. When the spirit moves them they discard the most essential part of their garments and wade about with their abbreviated, insantile shirt tails waving to the breezes, while faithful, if not very reputable-looking, dogs lounge or frolic on the bank, ready to act as life preservers if, with the softness of the mud and depth of the water, occasion should arise.

Such is the sink region of the town that lies between the good residence portion of the city and the flats, which will eventually become a great park, but before the tide water park can ever become a popular resort the interesting "no man's land" will have to save its streets improved and its sinks filled to drive out the malaria.

SMITH D. FRY.

A CLEVER BOSTON GIRL.

Even a Chicago Hackman Was Paralyzed by Her Financial Operations.

The Chicago hackman is supposed to be endowed with a full allowance of the smartness peculiar to men in his profession, but a Boston girl is credited with getting the best of him. The hackman himself tells the story, says the Cincinnati Commercial Gazette. His name is Johnson, and his business during the summer has been mainly in the service of the guests in the dormitories of the Chicago university. Johnson has run daily excursions for them through a twenty-five mile drive for one dollar.

Within two days after her arrival Johnson took the Boston young woman out as one of his morning party. She occupied the seat with him and plied him with questions. On the following day when he called for passengers Johnson noticed this Boston girl flying around in a lively way. Soon she came to him and wanted to know how much he would charge to take forty persons up to the center of town and back for an evening reception. He gave his figures, and then she went shopping.

The next day she told Johnson she would get the work done for twenty-eight dollars, and that he might as well take the job at that figure. She preferred his rigs, she said, because they looked nicer than any she had seen elsewhere. Johnson took the job, and on the evening appointed the young woman marshaled out her forty people. They were in evening dress and full of gayety. Suddenly the Boston young woman spoke out: "We may not all get together when we come back and may be very tired. Suppose I collect the fares now and be done with it?"

She did so, and each person paid her one dollar for the evening's transportation. She quickly counted out twenty-eight dollars and gave it to Johnson, and placing twelve dollars in her own purse rode to the evening's reception with a satisfied smile and a most charming affability. Three days later she did the same thing over again. As she put the twelve dollars in her purse Johnson scratched his head and says he muttered: "Well, I'll be d—"

The next time he proposed a division of the spoils. She eyed him for a minute, saw that he was in earnest, gave him four dollars out of the twelve, and after that they did business on this basis. She got up sightseeing parties inside the fair, theatrical parties, lecture parties, made scores of friends, and at every move seemed to add to her purse. So well did she succeed that she had two months at the fair and went home with one hundred dollars in her pocket.

Johnson says he has traveled about a good bit, his last excursion of importance being a trip to the Paris exposition, but he never saw a person who could "do up" Chicago hackmen as that Boston girl did.

GOLD IN THE SOUTHERN STATES

Improved Methods of Working Sulphurets Open a Promising Field.

There is considerable discussion just now, says the Atlanta Journal, about the prospects of gold mining in the south. It is known that there is a vast quantity of gold-bearing rock in Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, Georgia and Alabama. Though millions of gold have been taken out of these beds most of them have not been thoroughly worked and many of them have been merely scratched. Up to the time gold was discovered in California there had been produced in the United States $12,808,575, and all except $87,850 came from southern states.

Nearly all the previous gold mining in the south has been conducted on methods which are now obsolete. The improved methods of working sulphuret ores open a new prospect for gold mining in the south.

The official figures show that up to 1802 Georgia had produced $15,502,059 worth of gold, North Carolina $21,385,844, and Virginia $6,189,610. These are the official figures, but the real value of the gold product of these states has undoubtedly been much greater.

Prof. Stone, after a visit to California in 1875, said that he was satisfied that the gold ores in the south are the richest and easiest to work in the country. Recently there have been many prospectors through the gold regions of the south and we look for increased activity in gold mining in Georgia and every other southern state where there are known to be heavy deposits of gold.

Not He.

A thorough-going egotist is generally devoid of the sense of humor. Such a person, to whom no name need be given, was one time discoursing, chiefly of himself, but incidentally of others.

"There's old Dr. Backbite," said he; "that man has the vilest character of any man I ever saw. He never opens his mouth without speaking ill of some one. He's an intolerable nuisance."

No one replied, and the speaker went on:

"Now I can't understand that. As for me, I make it a rule never to speak any ill of anyone!"—Youth's Companion.

South Boston has a murder mystery which is as fiendish in its details as the famous Borden case, and which bears a remarkable resemblance to that case, except in the form of death, poison being used instead of a hatchet. A mother and daughter drank from a bottle of porter and dropped dead almost instantly. A post-mortem examination revealed the fact that they had swallowed enough cyanide of potassium to have killed ten persons. Two sons and a daughter have been arrested, charged with the murder, but the evidence which the police have thus far secured against them is not as strong as that arrayed against Lizzie Borden. This case bids fair to become equally celebrated in the annals of crime.

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J. B. Wilson, 371 Clay St., Sharpsburg, Pa., says he will not be without Dr King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds, that it cured his wife who was threatened with Pneumonia after an attack of "La Grippe," when various other remedies and several physicians had done her no good.

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Fashion requires that pie should be eaten with a fork, but Base says he always eats it with cheese, which is quite good enough for him.

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A dispatch from Bellefonte Pa., says: Quite a sensation has been created here by William Lyon, a prominent butcher, who circulated stickers and received eight votes for the office of "Register of Wills, Recorder of Deeds and Clerk of the Orphans' Court," he alleging that the two offices of Register and Recorder were merged into one by an act of the last Legislature, and that under said act he was the only legal candidate for the office. Prominent lawyers say he has a good case and Lyon intends to test it in the courts.

DOLABELLE'S LETTER.

Novelties Seen in New York's Streets and Shops.

Passing Away of the Handkerchief as an Ornament—Charming Gowns Made for a Society Leader—Everything in Millinery Goes.

[Special New York Letter.]

The red, brown and gold of autumn are reproduced in the few season costumes encountered on Broadway at the present time but these are enhanced and accentuated by an entourage of lace, yellow, cream or ecru, which gives to the fashionable ensemble a lingering hint of summer. This effect seems to be an outcome of gratitude for such a good summer as seldom falls to the lot

SOME DRESS.

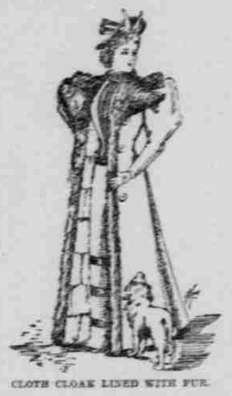
of woman. Thanks, you dear old Isabella, for giving your jewels to Chris that he might come and discover us. The usual salutation this season is not "How do you do?" but "How are you fairing?" and, having done the fair, we are now about to be "done" by the dressmaker, male or female, and made ready for the winter functions awaiting us.

By the way, if you possess two gorgeous shawls you can have an art costume like Henrietta Russell's. Hers are all Persian poems, one making the body of the gown, the other the waist and drapery. Sleeves there are none, but many ivory bracelets cover the deficiency. My great-grandmother's two best shawls are lined with olive-green satin, and used to drape the piano, but I am making an art study of them in the hope of being able to utilize them this winter. Henrietta says I would be a veritable dream in them, but I am more afraid of being the other adjunct of slumber—a nightmare.

Basques are making an aggressive and determined effort to be revived, but I do not think we take kindly to them. In the first place, it cuts the figure in two. This may be desirable for the tall girls, but they will have none of the insque—they don't like it. And, no matter how abnormally tall a girl may be, she will never do anything to shorten her height by one inch—perhaps because she knows that she dwarfs all other women that come near her. It is the little dumpy woman who wears the waist-shelf and plaids and balloon skirts, just because they are forbidden fruit.

Now that draperies are coming in again, and we can wear our dress skirts in festoons, there will be new complications to study and arrange. And a well-dressed woman is of more account than a temple of silver or gold without a madonna.

"Dolabelle," I hear a severe voice say, "come back to your muttons." And I make answer these are my muttons, all the little vagaries of fashion which are of moment to our sex. Take the rise and fall of the handkerchief. Who ever sees a handkerchief worn in



CLOTH CLOAK LINED WITH FUR.

public nowadays as a star in the breast, or a flower in the belt, as they were when you and I went to school, not so very long ago? The shop windows are full of them at 25 cents each, but you would never think of buying one for a present any more, unless your friend had hay fever, or were going to school. The handkerchief is kept out of sight, and is not even flirtatious any more. Even the chiffons, with their delicate colors, and the lace mouchoirs, with cobweb centers, are mere adjuncts of the fan, and crushed into a ball rather than displayed. For use the pretty muslin squares embroidered by the nuns are the most popular for the reason that the material is fine and the cost almost nothing. The little white silk handkerchiefs worked by the Japanese, and alike on both sides, are always nice for service.

I went over to Fourteenth street recently to inspect some new gowns made for the elect of fashion's devotees, and saw one that is to be worn by a lady who is something more than fashionable—a woman of social distinction whose whole life is a harmony. Her fall costume is brown—a warm reddish tint—made up with a dark brown velvet. An overskirt made of open panels of the velvet, connected by cross bands of the same, inclosed the skirt. The bodice was cut low, back and front, bands of velvet connecting it on the shoulders. The bishop sleeves were of pale yellow chiffon, banded just below the elbow with a gold and brown passementerie. The neck back and front was filled in with puffing of the chiffon and bands of the passementerie. A ruffle of the velvet finished the edge of the skirt, which was walking length. A jacket, lined with red gold silk, and edged with light brown fur, accompanied the costume, which was intended for luncheons, calling or home dinners.

To be worn with this was a felt toque of the same shade of brown, with a bunch of ostrich tips in the light yellow color, with ties of iridescent ribbon, and a buckle of precious stones, reproducing all the colors in the costume.

It is a discordant fact that women will not wear millinery intended for their individual needs. The society leader selects a hat that is only fit for the opera to wear with a carriage costume. The woman who walks is sure to purchase a hat fit only to wear in a carriage. Everybody remarked on the craze for sailor hats this summer, but when women of forty-five adopted them they killed the style with ridicule.

I am sure there are all styles in the milliner's shop to suit all conditions and purses, but it is useless for madame herself to try and influence a customer to buy what is becoming to her. Standing between two plate-glass mirrors the customer is guided by the caprice of the moment.

The pretty girls—the rosebuds—are all in love with the duchess of Devonshire hat, which is otherwise known as the picture hat. It is a large round shape with many drooping feathers, not all like the original which the beautiful duchess really wore, but very distinguished looking and becoming. Then the black felts with yellow linings and a couple of wings stretched across the front are jaunty and fetching on the swaggar girl. Toques of blue velvet edged with Astrakhan, and decorated with multi-colored wings and aigrettes of osprey are decidedly elegant. Satin or velvet rosettes not much larger than a big button are tucked in everywhere about the edges. There is a change

THE NEW AUTUMN SHIRT.

in the expression and attitude of the hat since the hair has been worn low as everybody wears it now. It is made to center in the middle of the head, and even the very large hats do not overshadow the features or cover the neck as they once did.

And everything in millinery goes. If you have a bunch of feathers and some scraps of velvet or silk your milliner will make you a capote fit to wear anywhere in the social swim. In some of the high-toned millinery shops here they will not touch material that is furnished. In others they charge $3 for trimming if they furnish the material, but if the customer brings it then $8 is the fee charged. Even so. A hat that is made out of material on hand will only cost $5, when complete, but will really be worth $20, counting in the original cost. That is why it is economy to buy good velvet and ostrich feathers to begin with. The ostrich does not change its habit—its feathers are always in fashion.

Cloaks are shown in many distinct styles in cloth lined with fur, and reaching to the feet. I have had one illustrated because I think the design will be very useful to those ladies who possess an old-fashioned circular and can use the fur lining to advantage. This one is of Havana-brown cloth, lined throughout with Siberian squirrel fur. The outside trimming is a cape of mink, open over the full sleeve at the shoulders, and continued down the front to the feet. There are four large buttons with cord loops across the front. The hat accompanying is a Havana-brown felt, with wide satin bows at the sides and yellow wings on the brim resting on the hair.

Some of the long cloth cloaks are made half-tight fitting with a wide plait in the back. Pelisses with short waists and full skirts are shown in heavy satins and velvets. These are bordered with handsome furs and lined with opera flannels or quilted colored silks.

The new autumn skirt is so simple that anyone can make it. It is practically a bell skirt, but does not flare at the sides as the spring style did. The three gores in the back form three box plaits. Four yards of double width goods will cut a 42 length of skirt. The model can be made up with trimming.

A new model for a home dress gives the vest and trimming of slate-blue striped novelty goods, and the skirt and upper sleeves in a solid blue. The band around the bottom of the skirt is outlined by an engralling fastened on in half-circles. The sleeveless vest with basques is a new and popular feature. It is trimmed to correspond with the flounce. The gauntlets of the puffed sleeves are of the striped goods. Corded felt toque, with aigrette.

DOLABELLE.

HE WAS A HERO.

But His Faith in the Tender Sex Was Almost Too Strong.

The girls had seen a picture in an English paper of a life-saving fire corps organized by the young ladies of an English town, and, as Tipton was lacking in any such association, they decided to form a similar brigade. The drill, says Harper's Bazar, consisted in getting around a large blanket and holding it as a net to catch unfortunates who jumped from the second or third stories of the burning dwellings.

Great enthusiasm was manifested among the damsels, and dogs, cats and heavy weights were dropped successfully from dizzy heights. But the fair members of the corps wanted some real practice, but could not persuade any small boy or man to make a martyr of himself in the cause of beauty and science.

The brigade was very anxious to have somebody try it, so that they would be prepared in the face of real danger, and after much persuasion a young man, deeply enamored of one of the members, was prevailed upon to fall into the blanket from the top of a barn.

The life-savers gathered one afternoon, attired in becoming uniform, and about twelve gathered around the blanket and took a firm grip. Then the accommodating youth, for love's sweet sake, climbed up on the roof of the building, made ready, and jumped!

Each girl was gazing upward, and at the terrible sight was so shocked that, without thinking, twenty-four hands went up to as many eyes to shut out the view.

The brave young man is still confined to his room, but his engagement is announced, and his lawyer is endeavoring to collect his accident insurance. At the last meeting of the Tipton Debating society it was proposed to bring up the question: "Whether it pays to be a modern hero," but as all the men having seen the treatment accorded the invalid wished to speak in the affirmative, the question was dropped. The sad thing about it is that all the youths are now willing to fall into blankets from any height, while the corps has dissolved permanently.

A Japanese Tea Room.

Huge Japanese umbrellas are serviceable for many things, but one seen recently is so peculiarly striking as to deserve especial comment. It hangs from a hook in the ceiling of a small room in an artist's home and forms the entire ceiling. Beneath it is the tea table and all its paraphernalia, together with a bamboo settee and five chairs, all set upon a Japanese rug. The tea service is of fine Japanese ware and the tea itself comes from Japan. The entire room is complete, and one feels on entering that it is a veritable bit of the land of chrysanthemums.

Grand Duchess Serge.

Grand Duchess Serge of Russia who, with her husband and Grand Duke Paul, has been to Balmoral on a visit to Queen Victoria, is the handsomest of the daughters of the late Princess Alice of Hesse. As a young girl Princess Elizabeth of Hesse attrated great attention, and she was only twenty when she was married. At the queen's jubilee Grand Duchess Serge was immensely admired, while the jewels she wore at several state entertainments—they were magnificent turquoise and diamonds—excited universal envy. The grand duchess has no children, and it is an open secret that her married life has not been a happy one.

Great Potato Eaters.

Contrary to the general belief that Ireland leads the world in its fondness for "praties," statistics show that the people of Germany and Belgium are the greatest potato eaters; the consumption in these countries annually exceeds one thousand pounds per head of population.

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Johnstown Mail Express.—Rockwood 12.55 p. m., Somerset 1.10, Stoystown 1.48, Hooversville 2.07, Johnstown 2.50 p. m.
Johnstown Accommodation—Rockwood 6.26 p. m., Somerset 6.40 p. m., Stoystown 7.11 p. m., Hooversville 7.22 p. m., Johnstown 8.10 p. m.
Sunday Accommodation—Rockwood 12.55 a. m., Somerset, 1.10.

SOUTHWARD.

Mail—Johnstown 7.40 a. m., Hooversville 8.26, Stoystown 8.40, Somerset 9.11, Rockwood 9.26.
Express—Johnstown 3.00 p. m., Hooversville 4.16, Stoystown 4.30, Somerset 5.01, Rockwood 5.25.
Sunday Only—Johnstown 9.00 a. m., Hooversville 9.16 a. m., Stoystown 9.30 a. m., Somerset 10.1 a. m., Rockwood 10.25 a. m.
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" " Philadelphia	270	8 25
" " Bedesville Int.	230¼	7 20
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" " Pittsburgh	78	2 24
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" " Washington	237	7 75

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Western Express	3.39 a. m.
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" Express	9.10 a. m.
Pacific Express	9.24 a. m.
Way Passenger	9.26 a. m.
Mail	5.16 a. m.
Johnstown Express	8.55 a. m.
Fast Line	9.04 a. m.

EASTWARD.

Keystone Express	5.35 a. m.
Sea-shore Express	5.40 a. m.
Harrisburg Accommodation	8.04 a. m.
Day Express	10.15 a. m.
Atlantic Ex. [illegible]	12.01 p. m.
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