Their Laborious Duties - The Growth

and Development of Social In-Unence in the Government. The duties of the mistress of the White House are quite laborious, and it is probable that society feels as anxious to know who it shall be as the individual herself to assume those duties, writes a hours of reception in which she must stand and shake by the hand the rows of nameless and unknown visitors; again, those occasions on which she must sit at state dinners and say pleasant nothings; the weary worn appeals for office which are made not alone to the President, but | tack of heart disease, and in a few hours to her by privileged friends as well; the annoyances which her public station inan uncomfortable one.

Of course there are many pleasant features and many which gratify personally, and it is hardly possible that any who know the details of its duties and pleasures would reject it or seek to do so if it were offered. Yet there have been those among Presidents' wives who regretted that their duties took them within

the White House. Arthur is the fourth President who has His sister, Mrs. McElroy, has been the ken of as the only woman of social House during his tarm and it. House during his term, and is quite accomplished in a social way. Very retiring in her ways, and without ambition for pub lic recognition, however, she has been seen little by Washington generally and the White House, tracing back to the beginning, form an interesting chapter or alone Washington society, but of the dinners.

Under Garfield's administration the social features had scarcely developed.

Under Hayes the White House was spread at the evening entertainments for many hundreds.

Under General Grant the White House was gay, but there was not that democratic freedom which marked the regime of Mrs. Grant's successor as mistress of the White House.

Another term back, Mrs. Johnson, wife of Andrew Johnson, was mistress of the White House. She was an invalid, and personally entertained little, receiving er visitors in her chair. Her daughter, Martha Patterson, wife of Senator Patterson, entertained in her stead, renovating the war-stained, tattered habiliments of the mansion with rare taste upon the small allowance of \$30,000 which Congress made for that purpose.

Mrs. Lincoln, who preceded, was mis-tress of the White House in a time of great turbulence and national tribulation, and there is small wonder that the recollections of her time there are not agreeable ones to those who were there during that period. An ambitious woman, with little experience outside of a country town when called there, deprived of the counsel of her husband by the constant attention to public affairs which his duties required, stricken with grief during the years of her stay by the loss of her favorite son, Willie, the painful expe-riences of her time in the White House culminated with the assassin's shot, which was heard around the world.

Preceding Mrs. Lincoln, Harriet Lane, most brilliant social administrations it has ever had

Mrs. Pierce, her predecessor, was a sensitive, shrinking women, who had seen her son killed by a railroad acciat the White House, and who, during her stay there, attended to the social duties found, are opened. only because they were duties.

The next in order, tracing back, is marked as a literary woman than any since Abigail Adams. It was her taste for books which established the library now in the White House, her husband having, through her solicitation, asked of Congress and obtained an appropriation of \$30,000 for a White House library.

No sadder woman ever reigned mistress of the White House than the wife of President Taylor. She had accompanied her husband in all his war experience, caring for him in camp and counseling with him upon the field. During the presidential contest she prayed daily for Clay's election. "It is a plot," she said, "to deprive me of the comforts of a home, which I had expected to enjoy now that the war is ended." She came to the White House only as a matter of duty, her daughter, Betty Bliss, being pushed to the front to bear the burden as mistress of the establishment. When her husband died within the walls of the White House she was heart-broken, and during the two remaining years of her life never mentioned the White House unless necessity compelled.

Mrs. Polk, who preceded Mrs. Taylor, still lives in the city of Nashville. is the only woman who has ever held the position of private secretary to the President, she having filled that position through choice during her husband's term. She was a woman of great ability, quite as familiar with the affairs of State her husband, and even more so as to details. "Sarah knows where it is," was President Polk's customary remark when any document or book was wanted. She did not ever neglect her social duties, and was spoken of by an English lady as not being surpassed in beauty, style or dignity by any of three queens whom

she had seen. Under Tyler the White House had two mistresses. His first wife died there during the early part of his administration, and her successor, Miss Garner, of New York, afterward became known as the bride of the White House, being married to President Tyler in the presi-

dential mansion. Mrs. Harrison never occupied the White House as its mistress, her health having prevented her from coming here with her husband, whose death followed a month later, before her arrival.

Van Buren was a widower when he entered the White House; his daughter was its mistress.

entered the White House, having become so but a few months previous, and under the most painful circumstances. His wife, who was a beautiful, gentle and trustful woman, married in her early years injudiciously and had been di-vorced, afterward marrying Jackson. During his campaign the tongues of partisan malice did not spare even Mrs. Jackson, but her husband had spared her, keeping from her the newspapers which contained these attacks. his election, however, sitting in her room Washington correspondent. The long in a hotel at Nashville, whither she had gone to prepare for her journey to Wash ington, she overheard in an adjoining room the tongues of gossipers detailing

ahe was a corpse. Mrs. John Quincy Adams, the wife of volves, and the self-asserted privileges of the press, all tend to make the position ton a more brilliant social reign than it had ever known, provoking Mr. John Agg, the first short-hand reporter ever in Washington, to the production of his famous poem, a couplet of which runs

the slanders which the press had pub

Belles and matrons, maids and madams, All are gone to Mrs. Adams'.

Her reign was quite in contrast with that of her predecessor, Mrs. Monroe, who was the daughter of a British officer, and little given to social enjoyments.

Her reign there was, of course, brilliant. Jefferson, who preceded Madison, was a widower when he entered the White House. He was not a believer in social life as it then existed, and gave few has only been known personally to a circle extremely limited. The women of presided at those few which he did give, presided at those few which he did give, and Mrs. Madisson, the wife of his secre tary of State, occupied the place of chief series of chapters in the history of, not lady at the White House at the state

Abigail Adams, wife of President Adams, who preceded Jefferson, was the first mistress of the White House, She dried her clothes in the great east open to all society, thousands attending room on wash day, but was, for all that, the receptions, and lunch-tables were a remarkable woman.

### Postoffice Figures.

The forthcoming annual report of the postmaster general will, says a Washington letter, show an increase of 12,000, 000 in the number of postage stamps sold during the past year over the sales of the preceding year. This will bring the total number of postage stamps sold during the year up to about 1,215,000,-000, or an average of twenty-four each for the population of the country during the year. There were, in addition to this, about 220,000,000 stamped envelopes, bringing the total up to nearly 1,500,000,000. Adding 375,000,000 postal cards, which will be shown to be about the number used during the year, will bring the total mail communications of the year up to 1,800,000,000 in round numbers, or an average of about thirty-five letters or postals each during the year for the whole nation.

Probably the estimate of thirty-five is too high, for it is based upon the figure. of the last census, which make the popu-

Letter Branch will contain the usual interesting facts regarding the work of absent-minded people and bad writers of the adopted daughter of James Buchanan, who was the only bachelor President, amount to four and a half millions. Of charges at Shanghai are three cents a these about twelve thousand were mailed without any address and nearly two hundred thousand without stamps. Half a million are from other countries whose owners cannot be found. Foreign dead letters are returned to the countries from dent but a short time before her arrival which they come. Those originating in our country, and whose owners are not

At the postoffice is a museum made up of the articles found in these letters, and Mrs. Fillmore, who was more strongly it is a curious one. It contains everything from money down to a pair of dirty socks. The money amounts to nearly \$40,000 for the year, while the drafts, checks, notes, etc., amount to \$1,500,-000. The number of these dead letters containing photographs runs up to thirtyfive or forty thousand a year, and those containing articles of value of various sorts amount to nearly 800,000 yearly.

## A Natural Soap Mine.

On Smith's Creek, in Elko county, Nev., there is a most remarkable then?" stratum of steatite resting horizontally in a steep bluff of volcanic matter which flanks the eastern side of Smith's Creek Valley. The stratum of steatite is from three to ten feet in diameter. It is easily fact, the farmers, cattle men and sheep herders in that region all use the natural article for washing purposes. Chemipotash and lime. When the steatite is cisely like immense masses of castile soap, the mottling element being a small she was fully insured," percentage of iron oxide. Professor Stewart has received a sample of this natural soap prepared by a firm in Elko who have undertaken to introduce it into the market. It is similar in appearance to the Castile soap sold in large bars. Nothing is added to the mineral but a trifle more alkali and some scenting extracts. Its detersive qualities are as powerful as those of any manufactured

The Two Nymphs. Two nymphs named Luck and Ill-luck, who lived in a wood, wished to know which of them was more beautiful than the other. They went to a fox in the wood and asked him for his opinion. He turned to them and said: "I can give no opinion unless you walk to and fro for a while. So they did. Quoth the fox to Luck, "Madam, you are indeed charming when you come in." Quoth he to Ill-luck, "Madam, your gracefulness is simply inimitable when you go out."

War is, fortunately for humanity, a very expensive matter. A real, live, Whitehead torpedo costs in England about \$1,800 and torpedo practice at \$1,800 a shot is something almost too costly for even long-pursed nations like England.

## Jackson was also a widower when he MONEY LOST ON VESSELS

THE OWNER IS IN LUCK WEOSE SHIP FOUNDERS.

A New York Ship-Owner Who Takes a Gloomy View of the Business— Profits and Expenses.

A distinguishing characteristic of South street is the appearance of the signs over the offices of the ship brokers and merchants. New York signs are in themselves a curious study, ranging as they do from an expensive panorama in a Broadway window to a three-and-aquarter hash placard in a cheap restaurant, each conveying an impress of artistic finish in its execution and of comfort lished regarding herself. The agitation brought upon her by this caused an atin its promise for the person for whom it is intended. The sign the ship merchant is neither artistic nor expensive. It is simply old, so very old in some cases, that the paint has been worn off by the wind and storm, leaving only a faint outline of the been either white or black, for all a passing inspection will tell. The old signs him \$6,000 a year in clover seed, which once read "Howland & Aspin." wall," and "Grinnell, Minturn & Co., have been wholly obliterated. Like wine, old signs gain value with increased age. To remove them would give pain to

can name the products of every country on the globe, can tell the cost, the demand for, and the value of each, and the number of ships engaged in the traffie. With this information, the visitor is pretty sure to be told of the profits once made by shipowners, and that never, since ships began to sail the sea, have profits been so small as now.

"Ships must pay some profit to ship-owners, or else the shipyards would be idle," suggested a young man to one of the pleasant old brokers.

"Some ships pay, of course, but at best the profits are not large." "What freight will a good East India

ship receive now?" "The chief East India cargo is kerosene oil ten-gallon cases, which weigh eighty-four pounds each. A large ship will carry, say 75,000 cases. The largest cases out. The great majority of ships carry about half as much as that. We sent out a bark with 40,000 cases not long ago. She got 261 cents, or \$10,600 gross. If she is lucky she will get jute or sugar back at say \$7. She will bring 1,500 tons or \$10,500 gross, and she will earn it in a year.

"A ship like that costs \$50,000, and \$21,000 is a small gross income. Out of this sum of \$21,000 she has sundry expenses which will astonish you, perhaps. For a crew, she carries a captain, two mates, a cook, and fourteen men. The captain gets \$30 a month and five percent. of the gross freight money, or \$1,415 for the year. The first mate will get \$600, the second mate \$420, the cook, \$480, be added 6,000,000 or 8,000,000, so that the average in the number of letters would probably drop to thirty-three, or the vear. It pays to feed them well, but it could be done for less, of course. Then out of the freight money comes the course of the vear of the course for stowing the oil, and and the fourteen men will get \$3,360; thirty-five cents a ton for discharging the return cargo-a total of \$1,325. The brokcase, or \$1,200. Pilot fees will amount Then we have insurance at five to \$200. per cent., \$2,500: annual deterioration, five per cent., \$2,500; tonnage tax at thirty cents a ton, \$300; and interest on investment at four per cent, \$2,000."

"Is that all?" "There are a few small incidentals. Oh, I forgot the ship chandler's bill. It was \$2,600. That's all that's worth Counting,"

The young man had jotted down the They aggregated for the year \$23,550.

"That's just about it," said the broker with a faint smile. "You cannot make a more favorable showing, because you have estimated the insurance at a low rate, and the return cargo is always a matter of some doubt. Beside, a year is a good round trip. You see, the owner is \$2,500 or \$2,600 out of pocket."

"Why does he build new ships,

"Give it up." "Do all these ships sail at a loss?" "That one was only of 1,000 tons register. Take a ship registering 2,200 tons, and she will carry 75,000 cases of worked and is a veritable soap mine. In oil out, and will bring back 3,000 tons of cargo. Her freight will amount to about \$40,000, while her expenses over DBFgro. those of the bark of 1,000 tons will be cally considered, this peculiar clay is a about \$15,000, leaving a clear profit of hydrated silicate of alumina, magnesia, \$4,000 on an investment of \$110,000, provided she has ordinary good luck. irst dug from the stratum it looks pre- The best luck that could happen to the owners of the bark would be wreck when

The Western Idea of a Live Town.

"Well, Dodge City may have been a rough place. I reckon it was, But it never came up to Newton. Why, Newton had as many as half a dozen firstclass murders in one night. The man that didn't carry a pistol was of no account in those days. I recollect once sleeping in a room with thirteen beds, two men to each bed, and a pistol under a vest or a pair of pants placed beneath the pillow every time. That was when the cattle drove to Newton. Most every building in the town was full of bullet holes. My father bought a dance-house building and moved it down to Hutchinson for other purposes, and people used to walk round it and look at it and admire the round holes in the window panes. There wasn't a whole light in the house. Then when Newton ceased to be a great cattle-shipping point the rough business came along to Dodge City. It missed Hutchinson for the reason that it was a temperance town. But there's saloons enough in Dodge City. Why, the mayor is a saloon keeper, his bar-tender is city clerk, the two marshals are ex-dance-house men, and the school directors are some of them in about the same fix."-St. Louis Globe-

### SCIENTIFIC AND INDUSTRIAL.

The sawdust and refuse of the sawdust s now made to yield fourteen gallons of turpentine, three to four gallons of resin, and a quantity of tar per cord.

Dr. Koller says that if silk tissues are impregnated with chromate of copper and then exposed to the direct sunshine, various shades of brown may be obtained, and the fabric is rendered waterproof.

W. J. Knowles has exhibited to the London Anthropological Institute a chipped flint implement which he found in undisturbed boulder clay in Ireland, and which he therefore regards as evidence of the existence of man in the glacial period.

Clover does not seed in New Zealand because there are no humble bees to fertilize the flowers. Various attempts which have been made to introduce the insects have proven futile, but Mr. J. C. Firth has succeeded at length in getting a consignment of humble bees, which were letters in black or gold on a coffee-brown background, which might once have room. If successful in acclimatizing If successful in acclimatizing them, Mr. Firth expects them to save him \$6,000 a year in clover seed, all sup-

Reports to the Paris Academy of Science on the lightning-strokes in France or like a choice meerschaum pipe, the during 1883 show that such accidents were largely confined to the months of June and July, the number reported for scores of gray-haired shipmasters, who July being 143, resulting in thirteeu first saw them as cabin boys, fresh from deaths. Most of the persons struck ocsome coast or inland village.

In these shipping offices the visitor will usually find in the room marked around it: but there were cases of death "private" a genial old gentleman who in open fields and on a roadway. Several accidents from lightning happened to persons carrying umbreilas.

The manufacture of artificial human milk is growing into quite an industry in England. It is made from pure cow's milk, which is first boiled to destroy all germs, then treated with a digestive ferment called pancreatine, by which artificial digestion is produced, and is finally brought to the constitution as human milk by the use of dilute acids for precipitating the excess of albumen. Sick children in hospitals have been fed on this product, and gained most rapidly in health and weight.

### In the Savings Bank.

"Gimme a book, Mister ?" The affable and polite cashier of the Dime Savings Bank handed out a book, cargo on record was carried by the iron ship Lord Wolseley. She took 101,000 and one dime upon the pages. The book numbered up into the thousands.

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"Gosh! Say, Mister, be they saw mills ?"

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"How many baby depositors are there here ?" inquired a representative of the Free Press.

"Several hundreds. You can look at

their names." It is a curious study. They seemed to range in age all the way from three days to threescore. Carrie, Dollie, Dimple, Brownie; the youngest on the list was six hours old, when the distracted father rushed in, hatless and coatless, and made a baby banker of his boy. There are three little boys in one family who have each a book and a small hoard out at 4 per cent, - Detroit Free Press.

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"God Save the Queen" was originally "God Save the King." It was written in honor of Louis XIV of France, but Handel brought it to England and dedicated it to George III. Well, might Voltaire remark: "What is originality but judicious plagiarism?"

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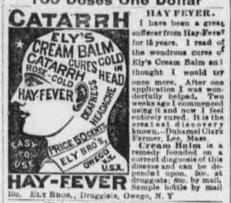
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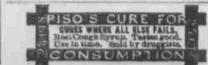
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Finally, Mr. Lloyd, a druggist of this city, s ted your FAVORITE REMEDY as an lent thing for the Liver. I had not taken the a of the first bottle before I found most decided a the pain passed away, and to my delight I regain the power to enjoy and digest my food without to former distress. Nature seemed to be set going again. I cannot better express my appreciation of pr. David Kennedy's FAVORITE REME-DY than by telling you that since my personal knowledge of its virtues. I have recommended it to a great many of my friends and acquaintances. Yours truly, S. PEPSON. Mr. Pepson is one of Albany's old and respected residents, and consents to the publication of the boys letter.

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