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The Past and the Present.

Miscellancous.

The Washington Intelligencer has the following description and narrative:

A visit to the Arlington Mansion and surrounding estate, a few days since, filled us with oppressive and melancholy reflections. Four years ago Robert E. Lee, then a lieutenant colonel of cavalry ged ONE DOLLAR TWENTY FIVE CENTS, in the Union army, and now commanderin-chief of the rebel army, was with his family in the happy possession of that magnificent inheritance. More than one half of the estate, consisting of a thousand acres, was covered with a splendid for-3 months. 6 do. 12 de est of oak and other timber, and the rich \$1 50 \$3 00 \$5 00 and productive fields adorned with the 9 00 hand of culture. To-day what a change! 7 00 12 00 The venerable ancestral mansion erected 9 00 14 00 by the honored son by adoption of the Father of his Country, and for half a cenury his cultivated and delightful home, is now in the centre of a vast cemetery of those who have fullen in the service of their country.

Two hundred and fifty acres of this e-tate surroum i ig the mansion have been permanently appropriated for burial purposes by the government, inclosed by a substantial and handsome fence. Nearly five thousand soldiers have already been there buried, and the number is daily growing larger. In 1853, Mrs. Custis, the mother of Mrs. Gen. Lee, died in the Arlington Mansion, and was buried in a sequestered and delightful grove near the mansion; and in 1857 Mr. Custis died, and his remains were deposited by her side, a vast concourse of persons of every rank testifying their reverence for the departed by their presence at the obsequies.

That sequestered grove, thus selected by its owner as the last resting place for himself and his, has been in the tempest of the times invaded, the forest has been transformed into a field of the dead, and the two marble columns marking the remains of George Washington Parke Curtis and Mary Lee Fitzhugh, his wife, now rise in the midst of more than four thousand patriot soldiers' graves. Nearly the whole of the timber and wood has been swept from the entire estate and used for war purposes. The Freedmen's Village is established upon one portion of the land thus cleared, and it is all being put under cultivation by contraband negro

General Washington by a former hus-leather and to make it very pliable and union were four daughters, all of whom pure rain water. After it is dissolved wife of General Robert E. Lee. Mr. we add the part prepared before, let it Custis' father, John Parke Custis, was boil once more gently, and the preparaaid-de- camp to Washington, and died of tion is ready for use. It especially siege of Yorktown, at the age of twenty- gelding. -Shoe and Leather Reporter. seven years. He had married, at mneteen years of age, Eleanor Calvert, of Mount Airy, Maryland, a descendant of Argus relates a serio-comic case of a dvthe second Lord Baltimore, when but er's revenge. Henry Schurtz is a dyer fifteen years of age, and at twenty-three Albert Guloff a musician. They met at children. General Washington hastened against the musician, and determined to to Eltham, Md., where the husband was punish him by coloring his hair, and so, deeply affected, and, weeping, said to the naturally of a grayish color, but now it is Custis, then six months old.

General Robert Edmund Lee is the son of General Henry Lee, of Revolutionary memory, and known as "Light Horse Harry," whose mother was the beautiful Miss Grimes, General Washington's first MAIN STREET, JOHNSTOWN PA love, and whom he celebrated as "the lew land beauty." General Harry Lee was twice married. By the first marriage he had two children, Henry (an officer in the war of 1812) and Lucy. By the second wife-a Miss Carter, of Shirley-he had five childred, two daughters, Annie and Mildred, and three sons. The sons were Charles Carter, Robert Edmund (the general) and Sidney Smith, the last named an officer in our navy, and

now in the rebel navy. General Robert E. Lee was born in SALVE VIHATAGVIIHA LEAHDIH his class, in 1829 (Judge Charles Mason, mon.

of this city, and formerly Commissioner of Patents, standing first in that class), and was assigned to the Engineer Corps as second lieutenant; and in 1835 Assistant Astronomer, fixing the boundary between Ohio and Michigan; in 1836 promoted first lieutenant; captain 1838; chief engineer under Scott, in Mexico, and greatly distinguished, being promoted successively, by merit, major, licutenant colonel and colonel, for his gallantry; in 1852 superintendent Military Academy in 1855 transferred as lieutenant colonel of the new regiment of cavalry; March 16, 1861, promoted colon l of the First cavalry; resigned April 25, following, and reluctantly embarked in the rebell-

The following are the children of Gen. Lee: George Washington Custis Lee, about 33 years of age : Mary Custis Lee, about 30; Wm. Hy. Fitzhugh Lee, about 27: Annie Lee died at Berkley Springs in 1863, and would have been now about 25 : Agnes Lee, about 23 : Robert E. Lee, about 20; Mildred Lee, about 18. None of them have married except William Henry Fitzhugh, whose wife, Mrs. Sharlotte Wickham, died at Richmond in 1863. The eldest son, George, graduated at the head of his class at West Point, in 1854, and was a first licutement in the corps of engineers when he followed his father into the Southern service. William Henry was farming upon the White House estate which belanged to the Custis inheritance when the war opened. He was commissioned second lieutenant in the Sixth infantry, in 1857, but resigned in 1859.—Robert was at a military school in Virginia rest had been communicants, and heard The sons, it is well known, are all officers in the rebellion. The three surviving one of the Prussian refugees of 1848, daughters are with their mother, who, it and, though a hot Jacobin there, became is believed, has latterly been at Lynch- a more bitter secessionist here. He is

Mr. Costis, at the time of his death, owned some 200 slaves, who, by his will, Davis' pew was occupied by nobody, the were to be free at the termination of five door thereof being shut. Jeff was a years from his death, which period ex- very devout man, but not so much so as pired October 10, 1862. The most of Lee, who made all the responses ferventthese slaves were kept on the White House estate, and all the valuable portion were carried South; some 20 or more old men and women and young children were left at Arlington. Mr. Custis' mother owned the White House estate, and resided there when she became the wife of General Washington.

A PREPARATION FOR PRESERVING LEATHer. -- We translate from the Ger-Mr. Custis inherited this estate from ber Courier a receipt for a Preparation his father, who was the son of Mrs. which is said to insure great durability to band. Soon after his mother died in soft. It consists of four articles, tallow, 1802, he, then about twenty-five years of soap, rosin and water. These ingrediage, came here from Mount Vernon, and ents are prepared as follows: Twentywith his young and accomplished wife one parts of tallow are melted in a vessel. took up their residence in the Arlington three parts of rosin added, and the two Mansion, which he had just then erected, when melted mixed well together. In and which evermore was their beautiful another vessel seven parts of good washand cultivated home. The fruits of this ing soap are dissolved in seventy parts of died in infancy, except Mary Custis, the and the mass heated to the boiling point a camp fever in 1781, contracted at the adapted to boots, harness and leather

Dyeing for Revenge.—The Albany she was thus made a widow with four a ball last week. The dyer had a grudge sick, only to see him in his dying mo- while dancing he approached Guloff unaments. This was the only surviving wares, and threw a viol of coloring liquid child of Mrs. Washington, the daughter over his hair, and then rubbed it into the having died some years before. He was hair with his hands. Guloff's hair is mother: "I adopt the two younger a bright searlet. He certainly presents a children as my own." These were Ela- very odd and by no means a handsome nor Custis, then two and a half years of appearance, and seems to feel his humiliage, who died at seventeen, of consump- ation keenly, as it appears that, although tion, and George Washington Parke the offense was committed last week, he did not venture out until yesterday.

A Schoolmaster tells the following us with the shadow of death," going not good one: I was teaching in a quiet country village. The second morning of to the dust till our bellies cleave onto the my session I found leasure to survey my surroundings, and among the scanty fur- counted as sheep for the slaughter. niture I espied a three legged stool.

"Is this the dunce block?" I asked a little girl of five. The dark eves spark- psalm, to learn how after this recapitulaled, the curls nodded assent, and the lips rippled out-

"I guess so the teacher always sits on

The stool was unoccupied that term. A clergyman recently, by mistake exchanged carpet-bags with an abolition orator at a railroad station, and was horrified when he was preparing for services, 1808, and is, consequently fifty-seven to find an abolition speech and a bottle years of age. He graduated second in of whiskey in his bag instead of his ser- Because the imp of darkness could not be

The First Sunday of Federal Occupation in Richmond.

[Correspondence N. Y, World.)

RICHMOND, Sunday Evening, April 9. -Many of the churches were open today, and were thinly attended by the more adventurous of the citizens, with a sprinkling of soldiers and Northern civilians. Mr. Woodbridge, at the Monuument Church built on the site of a famous burnt theatre, prayed for "all in authority," and held his tongue upon dangerous topics. The First Baptist Negro Church has been occupied all the week by Massachusetts chaplains and Northern negro preachers, who have talked the gospel of John Brown to gaping audiences of wool, white-eyeball and ivory, telling them that the day of deilverence has come, and that they have only to possess the land which the Lord by the bayonet has given them. To-day Mr. Allen, the regular white preacher, occupied the pulpit, and told the negroes that slavery was a divine institution, which would continue forever, and that the duty of every good servant was to stay at home and mind his master. Half of the enlightened Africans got up midway of the discourse and left; the rest were in doubt, and two or three black class leaders, whom the parson had wheedled over, prayed lustily that the Lord would keep Old Virginia from new ideas and all Yankee salvations; so that in the end the population were quite tangled up, as much so as if they had read the book of Revelations. We attended St. Paul's, the the fashionable Episcopalian church, where Lee, Davis, Memminger and the Doctor Managerode discourse. He was learned, fluent, and thoughtful, but speaks with a slight Teutonic accent. Jeff ly, and knelt at every requirement. This

excellent; a dark sexton gave us a pew, and there were some bandsome ladies present, dark Richmond beauties, haughty and thinly clothed, with only here and there a jockey feathered hat, or velvet mantilla, to tell of long siege and privation. We saw that those who dressed the shabbiest had yet preserved some little article of jewelry-a finger-ring, a brooch, a bracelet, showing how the last thing in woman to die is her vanity. Poor, proud souls! Last Sunday many of them were heiresses; now many of them could not pay the expenses of their own funerals. There were some Confederate officers in the house. They reminded me of the captive Jews holding worship in their gutted temple. Some ruffians broke into this church after the occupation, and wrote ribaldry in the Bible and hymn-book. Dr. Minegerode dared not pray for the Confederate States, and his sermon was trite, based upon the text of the eleventh chapter of the Acts- .- The deciples were first called Christians in Antioch." In the opening lesson, however, he aimed poison at the North, selecting the forty-fourth and following psalms, commencing, "We have heard with our ears, O God! our fathers have told us what work thou didst in their days, in the times of old." Thence it spoke of the heathen being driven out and the chosen people planted; afflicted by God's distavor, the forefathers yet held the territory, and the generation extant would yet rout its enemies. But now the old stock were put to shame, a reproach to their neighbors and those that dwelt

church is capable of "seating" fifteen

hundred persons, has galleries running en-

tirely around it, and is sustained at the

roof within by composte pilasters of plas-

ter, and at the pulpit by columns of men-

gel cocinthian, the tost ensemble is very

earth; we are killed all the day long and Let all who would drink the essence of sorrow and anguish read this wonderful tion the parson said aloud the thrilling

round about them. "Thou hast broken

us in the place of dragons, and covered

forth with our armies, bowing our souls

invocation: "Arise! for our help and redeem us for thy mercies' sake !"

ex A new definition of a Quartermaster: he is a man who gives the poor soldier one quarter and keeps the other three for himself.

Why is the devil a Gentleman ?the imp-o'-lite.

Oil Adventure.

to which we shall give fictitious names, his lucky escape from the hands of the

Some time since, Jones, a bachelor, who owns a farm near this city, invited his friend Brown to go on a sporting tour. The two proceeded and enjoyed a good day's sport hunting in the neighboring were strained upwards over an immense woods, and while wandering about they cushion, that sat like an incubus on her crossed Jones' farm on which there is a head, and plastered over with pomatum, spring of water. Brown, being very and then sprinkled over with a shower of thirsty, partook of a drink at the spring, white powder. The height of this tower but did not relish the water. He made was something over a foot. One single no complaints, however, but in day or two whate rose-had lay on its top like an eagle thereafter made a proposition to Jones to on a haystack. Over her neck and bosom purchase one-half of the farm on which was folded a lace handkerchief, fastened the spring was located. Jones, who had in front by a bosom-pin rather larger than no idea of selling the property, replied an a dollar, containing her grandmother's humorous strain that he would take miniature set in virgin gold. Her airy \$10,000 for the land. After partaking form was braced up in a satin dress, the of supper the two gentlemen separated sleeves as night as the natural skin of the and on the following day Brown went to arm, with a waist formed by a bedice, New York to attend to some matters of worn outside, from whence the skirt

his proposition to purchase Jones' farm, with peaked toes, and heels of two or and finally purelfased it for \$20,000 cash. three inches elevation, enclosed her feet, The necessary papers were made out, and and glittered with spangles, as her little a day or two since Brown became proprie- pedal members peered curiously out. tor of the coveted land. Now comes the Now for the swain: His hair was sequel. Brown, as soon as he had the sleeked back and plentifully bepowered, property in his own hands, began to wear while his one projected like the han lle a cheerful aspect, elapping and rubbing his of a skillet. His coat was a sky blue hands in great glee, much to the amuse- silk, fined vellow; his long vest of white ment of his friend. A dialogue, substan- satin embroidered with gold lace; his tially as follows ensued:

when you and I went gunning some time stockings, and pumps with faces, and ties

Jones-"I do."

and attempted to drink out of that spring our frill worked in correspondence, and on the farm, I discovered oil in large bearing the minature of his beloved, flaquantities there. In fact there was so ished his truly genteel appearance. much of it on the water that I could not

ter) -- "My dear fellow, the night before he would do in the case of a man being you drank out of that spring, my hostler blown up by gunnowder "I should cident broke a kerosene lamp, which fell cool reply. "True," rejoined Abstracthy, into the spring, and it was the oil from sand suppose I should kick you for such it that you tasted!

his ear. We may add that if any man tensors of my right arm," said the studesires to get a genuine milling, all he dent, "for I should floor you directly." has to do is to say "oil" to Brown-Detroit Tribune.

A Good Joke. man from the country, by name George develop rich things. Wells, entered tee gallery to have his picture taken, and as he was dressed in the photographer to lend him his suit jackasses while the picture was being taken. As the artist's taste, he locked the door of his gallery on the inside, leaving the key in the door, and, minus his clothing, he " sat" his simple friend for the picture. The latter was of course instantaneously his "dark room" to place the picture in the bath. While he was thus out of sight, the countryman, quite captivated change. with the new suit of clothes, unlocked the be found when the photographer returned. | friend to a other. exchange is no robbery " About an hour he's a haltered person." clapsed, when a friend made his appearance, was instantly despatched to the went in search of him, and had been gone | rejoined that he had them on already! some time when the countryman returned, saying that he only wanted to take a Please, Mr. Smith, papa want's to

cence of any attempt to act dishonestly in the matter, and asked a lady who was in Yesterday we met a gentleman in this the gallery at the same time, to plead city, who very recently launched out in with the photographer in his behalf. The what he supposed was a good speculation, woman's words seemed to soften the picbut, as the sequel will show, we got egre- ture-taker's heart, and the countryman giously sold. The story in reference to was dealt lemently with, paid for his pichis case, which is really true, in regard ture, and left the gallery, rejoicing over

Bride and Groom a Century

To begin with the lady. Her locks flowed off, and was distended at the top While in the latter place, he renewed by an ample hoop. Shoes of white kid,

breeches of the same meterial, and tied at Brown-"Do you remember Jones, the knee with pink ribbon White silk of the same line, completed the habiliments of his nether limbs. Lace ruffl s Brown-" Well, when I stooped down | clustered around his wrist, and a potent-

drink it. That being the case, I deter- The following anecdote is told of mined to keep the secret, purchase the the celebrated surgeon, Mr. Abernethy: land, and now I'm going to bore for oil. One day, during an examination of a class Jones-(Shaking all over with laugh- of students, he asked one of them what went there to water the horse, and by ac- wait till be came down again," was the on impertment reply, what muscles should Exit Brown, with a good sized fice in I put in motion?" 4 The flexors and ex-

es A singular case has just come to light in Boston. One Johnson, a staff officer in the United States service, stole The Toronto Globe is responsible for \$13,000 in government bonds, and forthe following: "A rather odd joke was warded them to his mother at South Bosperpetrated yesterday afternoon, on one ton for safe keeping. A daughter-in-law of our city photographers, by a young of the mother got wind of the money, and man from the country, who, notwithstand- stole it from the old lady, who had placed ing his rustic looks and smart country it between the bed and mattress on which sayings, which the man with the camera | she slept. Officers of the law here steplaughed at, played a trick which would ped in, and the money was found at last have done credit to a New York "conti- in the breast pads of the sly thicf. Quite dence" man, and left the photographer in a number of this interesting family have in a sad plight for a few hours. The been arrested, and the case is expected to

Some years ago there was a bill rather a seedy suit of clothes, and was introduced into the Georgia Legislature without collar or neck-tie, he requested to lay a tax of ten dollars a year on all Some appreciative member proposed to

this was a common usage with the pho- amend it so as to include lawyers and tographer when a country cousin patron- doctors. The amendment was accepted, ised him, he doffed his collar, neck-tie, and amidst much jocularity, the bill passcoat, vest and pants, for the use of his ed. Several efforts have since been made "subject," but as the countryman's suit, to reneal it, but in vain; and to this day which he was to don for the moment, all jackasses, lawvers and doctors are seemed rather too suspicious-looking for obliged to pay a yearly tax of ten dollars.

To START A BALKY HOUSE, -Fill his mouth with dirt or gravel from the road, and he'll go. Now, don't lough at this, but try it. The plain philosophy of the taken, and the photographer rushed into thing is, it gives him something else to thick of. We have seen it tried a bundred times, and it has never failed .- Ex-

ear "Poor Dick! how sadly he is aldoor of the gallery and was nowhere to tored since his marriage!" remarked one

This was certainly a queer situation to be "Why, yes, of cours," replied the left in, for the countryman had by no other; "directly after a mon's neck is in means acted up to the maxim that "fair the nuptial poose, every one must see that

A friend who was melanchely Police Office, and one of the detectives, about being strafted on being reminded armed with the countryman's picuture, that be would "soon get the blues on,"

walk round the city in a good suit of know if you wont lend him the model of clothes, and that he wanted "the pic- your hat?" "Certainly my son, what ture." He strongly protested his inno- for ?" "He want's to make a scare crow,"