A Day in Washington.

in company with a friend recently to ed than any other building in the spend a day in Washington City, country. We were told by a guide We boarded an early morning train that 4500 persons were employed at Hagerstown, on the Baltimore here. and Ohio railroad, and after a ride of eighty miles we found ourselves lery directly opposite the State, in the Capital city. The grandeur War and Navy Department. It and beauty of the scenery along the contains nearly two hundred paintway is world-renowned and has ings, most of them masterpieces, gained for this route the sobriquet and the finest collection of cast and of picturesque B. & O.

building in the Ionic style, erected Statue of Martin Luther. departments by an efficient guide Washington. and were impressed with the rapidity of the persons handling the money. The counting of the currency is done entirely by lady clerks, and the facility and accuracy with which they accomplish their work is marvelous. In this building is the redemption division, in which, the surrency unfit for circulation is reseived from all parts of country. it is put through a machine run by a cups as possible. turbine wheel. It comes out in the shape of pulp and is sold as souvenirs. It is estimated that an article to be "common." sosting twenty-five cents represents \$5000 in destroyed paper money.

The next point of interest we visited was the Washington Monument, the loftiest in the world, it being 555 feet high. The shaft at the base is 55 feet square and at the top it is about 30 feet square. The sost is reckoned at \$200,000. It has a nice elevator, which carries thirty persons, and makes trips ev- ful figures will be quite willing to ery half hours. There is also an adopt the revived fashion of lacing iron spiral staircase used for ascent the bodice as the back. and descent, and is illumined by well repays making the ascent.

It now being nearly time, twelve o'clock, for Congress to open we made a hurried visit to the Smithand other buildings along the Mall, and were much pleased with our short visit to these institutions. We reached the Capitol just in time to see Speaker Crisp take the gavel in has hand and call the House to orour Representatives, during which pretty gowns for semi-dress wear. time we heard Senator Breckenridge, ed to look over the building and silk and velvet ribbon to match. found that it, like Rome, was not built in a day. It has gradually grown with the country, and like the country, it was modeled upon a grand scale, and with an eye to future enlargements. The entire length is 751 feet and it is 396 feet above the level of the grounds, and the area covered is over there and one-half acres. The grounds surrounding the Capitol embrace about fifty acres and is a noble and commanding situation. The beautiful white dome of this structure springing so airily into the sky is visible for miles around, while from it a magnificent view of the surroundfag country may be obtained; amply rewarding the exertion of climbing the 376 steps to the top of dome. The entire amount appropriated by Congress from 1800 to date for the construction and preservation of the Capitol, is over \$15,000,000. The architecture is Corinthian, and style of finish exterior and interor, elaborate. This is said to be one of the finest buildwes in the world.

Our next visit was to the Executive Mansion, or White House, just next to the Treasury Department. The grounds comprise about eighty acres, of which twenty are euclosed as the President's private grounds, these are laid out and contain fountains and extensive conservatories. Just West of the White House is the War, State and Navy building. It is one of the most beautified structures in Washington and is 560 feet long by 342 feet wide. There are four facades and four entrances reached by broad flights of stone steps. The building is constructed of stone and iron, se that it is entirely fire-proof, and

all its parts are in perfect harmony. The interior is richly frescoed and adorned, and it is probably more It was the pleasure of the writer, handsomely and expensively finish-

Our guide led us to the Art Galmarble statuary in the country. This being our first visit to the After feasting our eyes on the grand at of our government we were, display, we boarded a street car and caturally, interested in the public soon found ourselves at the Navy buildings and proceeded at once Yards. Here are located two ship upon our arrival to see them. Tak- houses, foundaries, and shops for sig a cable car we soon reached the the manufacture of almost every-United States Treasury on the cor- thing necessary for fitting out a vesuer of 15th Street and Pennsylvania sel. Many other points of interest Avenue. This is a magnificent were visited, the last being the at a cost of \$6,000,000. This strue- ended our sight-seeing for the day ture contains two hundred rooms and we bade good-by to our friends, and is modeled after that of the and took a night train for Hagers-Temple of Minerva at Athens. We town, feeling tired, but knowing were shown through the various that the day had been well spent in

Fashion Notes.

Silk is, and will continue to be the favorite material for the light-colored waists.

Sealskin sacques are modernized by putting in enormous sleeves of other material.

At afternoon teas it is the fashion After being counted and cancelled to have as many different colored

Empire fans have the popularity at present. They are too expensive Too profuse floral decoration at

dinner parties is declared to be "questionable taste." An enormous bow, with a spray

of jets, does duty for one of the fashionable "bonnets. Velveteen is a very popular mate-

rial for gowns, long coats and capes. It is more durable than velvet and far less expensive. Women who have slender, grace-

Mousquetaire sleeves are in high

slectricity. The view from the top favor for soft clinging material, and are as graceful as possible. May their reign be a long one. A short-wristed, one button glove

> is the most desirable and certainly the most comfortable to be worn with the sleeves now in vogue. New bodices continue to reach the

> waist only, and most elaborate beltadornings are the natural outcome of these shortened corsages.

Short and flowered satin ribbons are largely used for rosettes, frills, der. We spent forty minutes with streamers, sashes : and bretelles on

Novelty goods showing a mixture from Kentucky, Cannon, from of fuschia and shaded green are ef-California, Robison, from Penn- tectively associated with fuschia silk sylvania and many other speak on and dark green velvet: a goldenthe Pension Act. We next proceed- drown cashmere is trimmed with



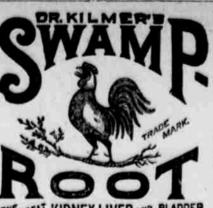
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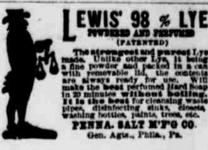
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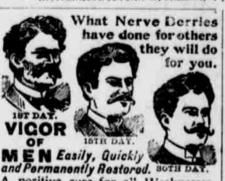
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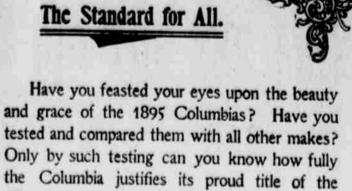
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