WASHINGTON LETTER

By CARL SCHOFIELD, Special Correspondent.

The District of Columbia claims to have the greatest collection of statues and monuments perpetuating the memory of the nation's great men. No other city can boast of such a valuable array of marble and bronze images of men who helped to make the United States the leading nation of the world.

The Capital's Statues.

The total amount of money expended for all the statues in the District is estimated at $5,000,000. While this sum is enormous, it does not adequately represent the value of the statues. Many of them were erected by acts of congress with money appropriated from the United States treasury, a large number are gifts of patriotic societies, but the greatest collection of all is that in the national hall of fame, in the capitol, which is composed of gifts from the various states. More than fifty statues are still to be added to the collection in the hall of fame by the states.

Gifts From Foreign Rulers.

Twice have presents made to the president and other officers of the United States by foreign rulers been the subjects of burglary, but each time they were recovered and are yet in the custody of the government. The provision of section 9, article 1, of the constitution of the United States, which precludes the acceptance by government officers without the consent of congress of "any present, emolument, office or title of any kind whatever from any king or prince of any foreign state," was an enigma to the rulers of foreign countries who sought to honor our country through its officers.

Many of the gifts referred to were proffered after the conclusion of treaties. They were sent to presidents, ministers, commissioners, consuls and officers of the navy, but the consent of congress was obtainable in but few instances, and they went to the custody of the state department, the patent office being the repository. From the latter some of the most valuable were stolen more than sixty years ago, but were recovered and hidden away in the treasury vaults for over thirty years.

Some of the Treasures.

Among the presents were two muskets presented to President Jefferson by the bey of Tunis, a cane sent to John Quincy Adams made of an elephant's tusk and gold mounted, a gold snuffbox with the initial A in diamonds presented to General Jackson by Emperor Alexander of Russia, a sword with gold scabbard and mountings presented to Commodore James Biddle by the viceroy of Peru, necklaces of diamonds and pearls, cashmere shawls, Persian rugs, other ornaments of pearls and a gold mounted sword presented to Commodore J. D. Elliot by the imaum of Muscat.

Presents From Muscat.

Later other presents were sent by the imaum to President Van Buren direct. On Christmas day, 1839, the ship Sultanee arrived at New York with two Arabian horses, a bottle of attar of roses, five demijohns of rosewater, a package of cashmere shawls, a bale of Persian rugs, a box of pearls, etc., most of them for the president, but a sword was for Commodore Elliot and a shawl each for the wives of Lieutenants W. F. Shields and A. H. Foote. The latter officer afterward became an admiral. The horses were sold, and the state department added the other articles to the collection in the patent office.

There was no day watchman, and Dec. 21, 1841, in broad daylight, the door was opened by means of a false key, and the thief carried off the snuffbox and gold scabbard. The loss was placed at over $15,000, and a reward of $1,000 was offered for their recovery. Little was heard of them for a few weeks, but they were recovered in some mysterious manner in Baltimore. Soon afterward the National institute was given charge of the articles as part of the museum, and they were placed in cases for exhibition.

Thieves Get Jewels.

As a precaution against any attempt to carry them off bells were attached, ingeniously hidden, but this did not prevent a successful raid. The night of Nov. 8, 1848, there was much excitement in the city, for the result of the election was not then known, and until a late hour there were large crowds upon the streets uncertain as to whether Taylor or Cass was elected president. The building in which the gifts were stored was in charge of two watchmen, and one, having made the rounds at 1 o'clock and found all safe, awoke his mate and turned in. The following morning a rope was found dangling from a window by which a thief had made his escape with the booty. The snuffbox and gold scabbard, the attar of roses, diamonds, pearls and over thirty gold and silver medals were carried off.

On Exhibition After Many Years.

The National institute the day following offered a reward of $1,500, and in a few weeks the arrest was made of John Hand near Philadelphia. Nearly if not all the property was recovered.

The authorities then took no chances and May 10, 1849, turned the articles over to the treasury for safe keeping.

Feb. 27, 1887, the secretary of the treasury directed the treasurer to deliver the articles to the Smithsonian institution.

Thus after thirty-eight years the valuables were put in charge of the Smithsonian and again placed on exhibition.

BURGLARS' TOOLS.

Most of Them Made by Supposedly Respectable Mechanics.

Every little while, said a detective recently, the police arrest a man with a set of burglar's tools in his possession, and one naturally wonders where they all come from.

It is easy to buy a gun of any description, and the most reputable person would not be ashamed to be seen purchasing the most wicked-looking knife ever made. But who would know where to get a "jimmy" or a device for drilling into a safe or any of the many tools used by the professional burglar in the pursuit of his calling?

There are places in the large cities where these things are made and sold to the users, but such places are exceedingly scarce. It may seem a little strange to learn that most of the tools used in burglaries are made by mechanics who are looked upon as respectable men in the community.

When a burglar wants any particular tool made he goes to a mechanic who can do the job and pays him perhaps five times what it is actually worth for making the tool and keeping quiet about it. Many detectives can recall cases of this kind that have come to light.

One in particular occurred some years ago, when an escaped convict named Williams went to a blacksmith and got him to make a lot of drills to be used in safe cracking. He personally superintended the tempering of the steel, but when the job was nearly completed it leaked out, and Williams was arrested. In this instance the blacksmith knew nothing of the use to which the tools were to be put. Most of the tools used by burglars are secured in the same way. —Philadelphia Inquirer.

Music-Loving Cows.

Music pleases man and beast. The author of the book of Job records the effects of the trumpet on the horse, and a writer in the American Naturalist tells of a herd of cows that was greatly moved by the music of a band. Twelve or thirteen cows in a herd were grazing in a large field opposite a dwelling house. One day a German band began playing on the road dividing the house from the field. No sooner did the cows hear the music than they came from the farther end of the field, and standing with their heads over the dividing stone fence quietly listened to the music. On the departure of the musicians, the cows followed them as far as they could on the other side of the wall. When they could go no farther, they stood lowing piteously. Some of them became so excited that they ran round and round the field, seeking to get out. Finding no outlet, they returned to the corner where they had lost sight of the band and remained there for a long time.

More Exclusive in Philadelphia.

The story is told of an elderly woman, a member of the "inner circle" of Philadelphia society, who was much affected by the news of the death of a man of social aspirations which had not, it is sad to relate, been aided by his well known benevolence.

"Mr. Blank was in many respects an admirable character," said the old lady, "and it was a real pity that his lowly origin made impossible our recognition of him. Poor, dear, vulgar creature! We could not know him in Philadelphia, but we shall meet him in heaven!"—Lippincott's.

Misery.

The neighbor's dog sits out on the front lawn and howls dismally. The man in the window looks out and yells: "Sh-h-h, you beast!" The dog continues to howl. The man again comes to the window and this time hurls a shoe at the dog. Still the animal howls. Another shoe follows. The next day the man's wife goes around in her stocking feet because she can't find her shoes. The man hasn't the price of another pair of shoes for her, and the next night the dog howls louder than ever.

Ready for the End.

The rector and a farmer were discussing the subject of pork one day and the rector displayed considerable interest in a pen of good-sized Berkshires. "Those pigs of yours are in fine condition, Tomkinson," he remarked. "Yes, sur; they be," replied the matter-of-fact farmer. "Ah, sur, if we was all of us only as fit to die as they be, sur, we'd do."—London News.

Historic Edifice Gone.

The courthouse at Washington, Mason county, Kentucky, in which Uncle Tom of "Uncle Tom's Cabin" fame was sold, was struck by lightning and destroyed on August 13. The building was erected in 1794. It was the sale of the aged negro at this place that gave Harriet Beecher Stowe the basis for her story.—Green Bag.

Olive Trees Live Long.

Olive trees have extraordinarily long lives. In Syria recently have been found some remarkably ancient olive trees whose ages are established beyond question. A trust deed exists which relates to an orchard covering 490 trees near Tripoli, Syria, the trust deed having been issued 490 years ago.

The Better Part of Courage.

"I admires courage," said Uncle Eben, "but I doesn't blame a man foh gittin' out'n de way when he ain't got no show. Dar wouldn't be no sense at all in a mouse tryin' to fight a cat."

Codfish and Flounder.

Some authorities say the flounder is only a codfish with a flattened head.

Notes and Comment

Of Interest to Women Readers

MASSAGE APPARATUS.

Can Be Attached to Electric Light Fixture for Power.

No, this is not a telephone, it is a massage apparatus designed by a New York man and it has many advantageous features not possessed by the ordinary massage machine. The instrument has a box-like compartment at the top which contains electro-magnets, armature plates, etc., and means for graduating the strength of

the current sent out. The whole is mounted on a long, hollow rubber handle through which run the wires by which the instrument can be connected with a battery of its own or with the electric light fixtures in the house.

The bell-shaped device which so closely resembles the receiver of a telephone is detachable, and it is that through which the electric current is transmitted. When this apparatus is hitched up to the source of power used, the vibratory mechanism inside is set into operation and the device is passed over the head or body to produce the tingling sensation which sets the blood into circulation and from which the benefits of massage are derived. Being so light and easily manipulated, the instrument can be used by the subject himself.

Dainty Table for Babies' Clothes.

If it has ever been your lot to dress and undress a small baby, you will already be acquainted with the fact that where to put its clothes you do not know. Truly, at your side there is the basket in which the garments may be folded neatly; but it is much easier to write about folding up tiny garments while the possessor is wriggling in your lap than to fold them. Besides, which it is certainly more hygienic to let the clothes remain open for a

A Baby's Dress Stand Made from a Plant Pedestal.

while to thoroughly air them. Hence the cute little dress stand about which I am going to tell you.

In its original state it was made of white wood. Without doubt its original mission in life was to support a pot of flowers, for its three straight legs supported a circular top about the size of a dinner plate, while, for greater strength, a triangular piece of wood connected the legs near the base, thus forming a tiny shelf. White, always, for babies; so first of all it was enamelled. Then a series of small hooks, such as are used for a dresser, were screwed in all round the edge of the table top, and tiny bags of lavender were introduced among the broad satin ribbon which wound about the legs and was tied in a huge bow at one side. To the shelf beneath a pretty enamelled powder box was secured with fish glue. And if you are a practical person you will make it your business to ascertain that the lid of such powder box can be easily removed with one hand.

For the Friend Who Travels.

If you have a woman friend who is planning to take a long trip, make her a silk hat bag and win her heartfelt gratitude. Most of the Pullman porters are ready to supply the traveler with paper bags for the protection of the hat, but these bags are stiff and unwieldly, and one of soft china silk, provided with a ribbon run through a casing at the top will be much more convenient. On the outside of the bag, near the lower edge, may be placed pockets, closed by snap buttons, for the accommodation of gloves and veil. Thus everything for a little jaunt away from the train is at hand when a stop is made for any length of time.

Pictures of Presidents.

In every department, and in fact in every bureau, are to be found the pictures of the former heads of those departments or bureaus. Pictures of all of the presidents are not in the White House, but many are to be found there.

Neither are the pictures of the wives of all the presidents, those who occupied the position of "first lady of the land," to be found in the White House, though a goodly number have been preserved. It is rather a notable fact that the pictures of nearly all the women who have graced the position of mistress of the White House are placed in the lower rooms and corridors. This region might be termed the basement, though it scarcely merits that position in architecture.

All of these corridors are used at the big functions at the White House, and no doubt more people see the pictures of the women than would be the case if they were hung in the upper rooms.

Literary Favorites.

The Paris Gaulois has been asking its readers to name the 25 greatest writers in the world up to the present day. The list which resulted from the voices given by 11,247 readers runs: Victor Hugo, Shakespeare, Racine, Corneille, Vergil, Moliere, Homer, Dante, Goethe, Bossuet La Fontaine, Lamartine, Chateaubriand, Voltaire, Cicero, Pascal, Musset, Raizac, Sophocles, Horace, Schiller, Plato, Cervantes, J. J. Rousseau and Milton. Votes were given for 432 other authors.

It will be noticed that the list contains the name of no living writer, and that 14 of the 25 are French, three Latin, two Greek, two English, two German, one Italian and one Spanish.

New England Pie.

Some poor dwelled in the benighted beyond of Chicago asks what a real New England pie is like. It probably will not help him to be told, but if he means apple, it is like an essay by Emerson liquified with the music of Massenet and spiced with the cynicism of Shaw; if he means pumpkin, it is like some of Gounod's music heard in a landscape all sun and flowers. It is too early yet to describe the mince pies of 1910, but last year's—and last year was not an extraordinary good year—were like an increase in salary, and a present from home arriving on the day when one's conscience was behaving itself.—Boston Globe.

The Baths of Old Rome.

At the end of the third century after Christ there were in Rome 11 large public baths and 926 smaller ones. The baths of Caracalla could accommodate at one time 1,600 people, those of Diocletian, 3,600. Taking 1,500 as the average of each of the public baths, and 50 as that of each of the private baths, it appears that at any minute bathing accommodations were possible for 62,000 people in ancient Rome. Counting on a population of 2,000,000, the figure generally given as the correct one, it would thus seem that ample privileges were afforded every day for every inhabitant of the Imperial City.

What, Indeed?

"James was always kind of morose," said Mrs. Page to her caller, "but now he's married again, seems as if he couldn't bear to have anybody smile. "There you go, he says to Almiry, the other day, 'always singing them secular songs in this vale of woe. What if you was took sudden,' says he, 'and called to your last account with the "Soldier's Tear" in your mouth?'"—Exchange

The Evolution of Booster Bill

III.—Bill Goes After New Industries

When old Bill Blue got a new view
The thing transformed him through and through.
He took a public spirit pill,
That made a BOOSTER out of Bill.

Said he, "To me 'tis very clear
WE NEED SOME NEW INDUSTRIES HERE."
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New factory stacks to meet the skies.
"As a town tonic, why, gee whiz,"
Says Bill, "PRINT INK'S THE BEST THAT IS."

THE TOAD AND THE SNAKE.

Wherein the Batrachian Shows Himself as Wise as Serpent.

The following snake story was told some time ago by a reputable citizen of Anson county, says the Charlottesville Observer:

Driving along the public road one day he saw a toad crossing the road at top speed—hitting only the high places, and few of them. As the frog disappeared in the bosky underbrush on one side a blacksnake in hot pursuit made its appearance on the other. The story teller followed the two into the bushes to see what the result would be. He had proceeded only a short distance when he found the frog at bay, facing the snake, and with the latter circling about in an effort to make an attack from the rear. His frogship kept turning all the time, always facing the enemy.

The reason of the snake's manoeuvre was that the frog had in its mouth, held crosswise and about the middle, a stick about the size and length of a lead pencil. The frog knew the snake could not swallow him so long as he presented such a front. The frog won as the snake quit cold.

Learning the Elements.

The editor of the Atlanta Constitution, Mr. Clark Howell, tells a good story about a former janitor of the Constitution office, who lost his place through overindulgence in liquor, and who afterward secured a position as an assistant in an automobile garage in that city.

"He had been working round the garage as a handy man for about six months," said Mr. Howell, "and happening to meet him on the street one day, I asked him how he was getting along in the automobile business.

"'Fine,' said he.

"'I suppose you know everything about an automobile now, Tom?" I said to him.

"'Yes, sir, Mr. Howell, I knows a lot about dem cars, for I's been working under dem and over dem and all around dem ever since I left de Constitution office. But dere is just one thing about dem automobiles dat puzzles me,' said Tom.

"'What's that?' I asked.

"'Well, sir, Mr. Howell, I can't get it into my head how they make 'em go without hitching a horse to 'em.'"

His Handicap.

Mack—How did she happen to marry a man with only one leg?

Wyld—He couldn't run away.

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