



THE DUST OF WASHINGTON

The tombs of England's honored dead
Are, like her annals, grand;
Leaning o'er Chatham's buried head,
Drooping by Nelson's trophied bed,
As if their hearts of marble bled,
Art's silent mourners stand.

But how, my country, hast thou shrined
Thy patriot-heroes' dust?
Hath he, in whose majestic mind
All human virtues were combined—
Hath he—the champion of mankind—
Carved urn or laurel bust?

No—from his tomb'th' unsculptured stones,
Mildewed, and broken, fall:
No marble warders guard his bones,
His grave nor state nor nation owns,
And he who started Europe's thrones
Neglected lies of all.

The monuments that Nature gave
Are melting fast away;
The branches that were wont to wave
Like banners, o'er the good and brave,
Torn rudely from his hallowed grave,
Are speculation's prey.

Conquered Cornwall rests in state,
So Howe and Clinton lie;
For Britain bars not glory's gate
Against e'en her defeated great,
While we to him, whose sword was fate,
A fitting tomb deny.

Sons of the soil—bears of the fame
Earth's purest patriot won,
Let not his memory be your shame,
The sordid ransom give, and claim
The dust of Washington!



Early Selected for High Honors

Although Col. Washington retired to a private station at Mount Vernon at the close of the frontier warfare, he did not neglect his duties to the public. In holding the office of adjutant-general of the militia, he circulated orders for them to assemble at certain times and places to be exercised and reviewed. So much were the inhabitants alarmed at the recent successes of the enemy, that their martial spirit received a new impulse, and volunteer companies began to be organized. Their ardor was stimulated from the pulpit and it was in a sermon to one of these companies that the accomplished and eloquent Samuel Davies pronounced the celebrated encomium in a single sentence, which has often been quoted as prophetic. After praising the seal and courage which has been shown by the Virginia troops, the preacher added: "As a remarkable instance of this, I may point out to the public that heroic youth, Col. Washington, whom I cannot but hope Providence has hitherto preserved in an signal manner for some important service to his country." This was but the echo of the general voice, and it is a proof of the high estimation in which the character of Washington was at that time held by his countrymen, and of the hopes it had raised.

Patrick Henry's Worthy Tribute

Mr. Wirt relates an anecdote of Washington which shows in what estimation he was held by the members of the first Congress. Soon after Patrick Henry returned home, being asked "whom he thought the greatest man in Congress," he replied, "If you speak of eloquence, Mr. Rutledge of South Carolina is by far the greatest orator; but if you speak of solid information and sound judgment, Colonel Washington is unquestionably the greatest man on that floor." This opinion was verified by every act of his life. His knowledge on the subjects to which he gave his attention, was most thorough and exact; and all the world has agreed that no other man has given such proofs of the soundness of his judgment.

Absolute Stranger to Physical Fear

An anecdote is related by an historian illustrative of Washington's resolution and courage. A person of lawless habits and reckless character had frequently entered upon the ground near Mount Vernon, and shot ducks and other game. More than once he had been warned to desist, and not to return. It was his custom to cross the Potomac in a canoe, and upon the crooks to some obscure place where he could be concealed. One day, hearing the discharge of a musket, Washington mounted his horse, and rode in the direction of the sound. The intruder perceived his approach, and endeavored to gain the canoe and escape to the shore, when Wash-

ton emerged from the bushes at the distance of a few yards. The man raised his gun, cocked it, pointed it at him, and took deliberate aim; but, without a moment's hesitation, Washington rode into the water, seized the prow of the canoe, drew it to land, disarmed his antagonist, and inflicted on him a chastisement, which he never again chose to run the hazard of encountering.

Mrs. Washington's Noble Character

In the course of the year following the French and Indian war, Col. Washington had paid his addresses successfully to Mrs. Martha Custis, to whom he was married on the 6th of January, 1759. This lady was three months younger than himself, widow of John Parke Custis, and distinguished alike for her beauty, accomplishments and wealth. She was the daughter of John Dandridge. At the time of her second marriage she had two children, a son and a daughter, the former six years old, the latter four. Mr. Custis had left large landed estates in New Kent County, and forty-five thousand pounds sterling in money. One-third part of this property she held in her own right, the other two-thirds being equally divided between her children.

By this marriage an accession of more than one hundred thousand dollars was made to Col. Washington's fortune, which was already considerable in the estate at Mount Vernon, and other lands which he had selected during his surveying expeditions and obtained at different times. To the management of his extensive private affairs his thoughts now turned. He also took upon himself the guardianship of Mrs. Washington's two children, and the care of their property.



ty, which trust he discharged with all the faithfulness and assiduity of a father, till the son became of age, and till the daughter died in her nineteenth year. This union was in every respect felicitous. It continued forty years. To her intimate acquaintances and to the nation, the character of Mrs. Washington was ever a theme of praise. Amiable and courteous, exemplary in her deportment, remarkable for her deeds of charity and piety, unostentatious and without vanity, she adorned by her domestic virtues the sphere of private life, and filled with dignity every station in which she

HAD A NICE STATEROOM.

The Young Woman in the Hotel Thought They Were Aboard Ship. The experiences of the hotel clerk are varied, but it is seldom that he has to deal with a proposition like that which befell Richard Munsche of the Republican house in Milwaukee during one of the foggy nights last fall. The atmosphere was so thick that the train on the Wisconsin Central railway was delayed some two hours. Among the passengers that arrived in Milwaukee were two women, who desired to take the Pere Marquette steamer for the other side of the lake. They announced their intention to the busman, climbed into his vehicle with the other passengers and were driven to the Republican house. The fog had settled down over the building and nothing but the "lower lights could be seen a-burning." They followed the other travelers into the house, were given rooms and went to them. Later, says the Milwaukee Sentinel, one of the women appeared on the stairway just back of the gentlemanly clerk and said:

"That is a real nice stateroom you have given us. It is by far the best I have ever had. But when does this boat leave for Manitowish?"

"When does this boat leave for Manitowish?" repeated the clerk. "This is not a steamboat, madam; this is a hotel."

"This is not a steamboat! Why we told the omnibus man to take us to the dock, and supposed he had done so. Have we time to catch the boat now?"

"No, it left half an hour ago."
"Well, this is a joke on us. We shall have to stay in our 'stateroom' on land until the boat leaves to-morrow night."

He Served a Good Purpose. Not one but many lives were saved at Savannah, Ga., three years ago, when the man who beat cymbals in the orchestra of Haverly's minstrels jumped before the footlights and told a ready lie in all earnestness and composure. The fire was in the wings, and the whole company had rushed from the stage. Smoke had not invaded the auditorium, however, and the cymbal player, seeing what would happen with the rush of the minstrels, jumped to the stage and clanged his cymbals for attention.

"There is a fire across the street," he said, clearly and calmly, "but it would be well enough for us to leave the theater. Will those at the back pass out first. There is plenty of time."

But even as he spoke he could feel the rush of hot air in his face, and ten seconds later a dash of flame and smoke swept on to the stage. However, all the exits were open by that time and the spectators, reassured by the liar's composure, were filing out with such a semblance of order that no one was injured.

A Kipling Manuscript.

There is now on exhibition in a small New York bookstore the original manuscript of Kipling's "Light that Failed." As it appears to the casual observer, there is little chirographical evidence at least of the mental torment authors are popularly supposed to undergo in their efforts to bring forth a volume. The "copy" is written in an even hand, of the long, swinging style affected by newspaper men, and in the entire manuscript there are scarcely a hundred lines that have been rewritten, and not one paragraph, the text of which has been wholly changed. To the compositors who set it up there must have been one grievous lament—their inability to "cuss the man who wrote it." In the editing of the copy—obviously done by the author—there is one noticeable feature, and that is the wholesale striking out of adjectives. It would seem that Mr. Kipling had gone through the manuscript with no other thought than to "kill" them. In very few instances have other words been substituted for those cut out.

Shadow's Advice to Business-Men.

Eugene Sandow, writing in the latest number of his magazine, gives some advice to business men: "I would recommend," he says, "every one to walk at least a part of the way to business, during which walk most of the problems of the day can be solved, thus leaving the mind free for detail work. The lunch should, in my opinion, be light and nourishing. The ordinary business lunch is heavy and unwholesome. In the evening, when the day's labor is over, the day's worries should be completely forgotten. Easy to say! you reply. Yes, and easy to do, if you stick to a healthy habit of life and regular business habit. Part of the way home, at least should be walked. Dinner should consist of at most three courses. The greatest mistake of the day lies in the heavy dinner in vogue. After sitting a while a walk should be taken, and so to bed."

Seeking a Job.

The belief that no man can be imprisoned because of debt is misplaced so far as New York city is concerned. There are many men under lock and key there simply because they have not paid small claims that have been lodged against them. The sheriff has appealed to the Central Labor union, asking that a movement may be set on foot for the release of these people and a modification of the law under which they are held. He declares that they are, almost without exception, the victims of the installment plan. Many are held for debts as small as \$1, and the cost of keeping them is seventy cents per head each day.

NO GOOD UNTIL HANGED.

Grim Humor of an English Judge When Importuned for Mercy. A recent allusion in a London journal to Mistress Quickly's remark, "Hang-hog is the Latin for bacon," has sent a correspondent on the search and he concludes that the late Ignatius Donnelly knew that Shakespeare was familiar with one of Sir Francis Bacon's jokes, which finds a curious echo in the quoted retort. Thus runs the witticism:

Sir Nicholas Bacon being appointed a judge for the northern circuit, was by one of the malefactors mightily importuned to save his life, which, when nothing he had said did avail, he at length desired his mercy on account of kindred.

"Prythee," said my lord judge, "how came that in?"
"Why, if it please you, my lord, your name is Bacon and mine is Hog, and in all ages Hog and Bacon have been so near kindred that they are not to be separated."

"Ay, but," replied Judge Bacon, "you and I cannot be kindred except you be hanged, for hog is not bacon until it be well hanged."

He Clinched It.

Erie, Kans., Feb. 17th.—In July of 1900, W. H. Ketchum of this place was suddenly seized with a violent pain in his back. He says he supposed it was a "stitch" and would soon pass away, but it lasted five months and caused him great soreness, so that he was barely able to get out of bed. He became alarmed and consulted a doctor which only increased his anxiety and did him no good.

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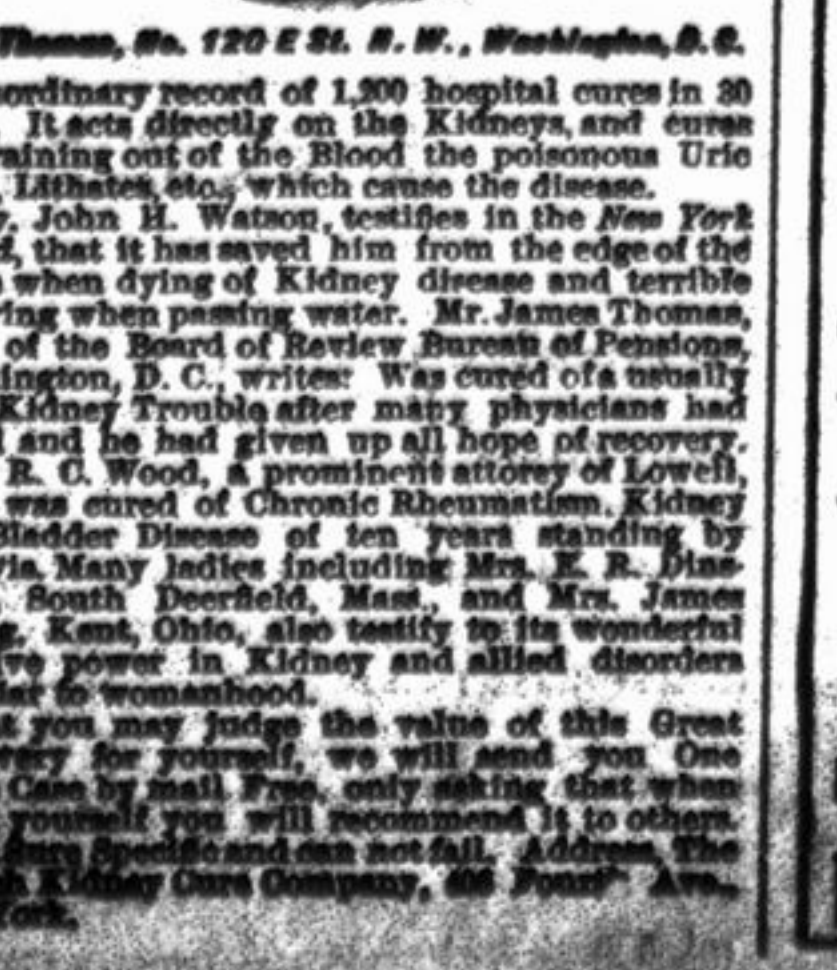
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