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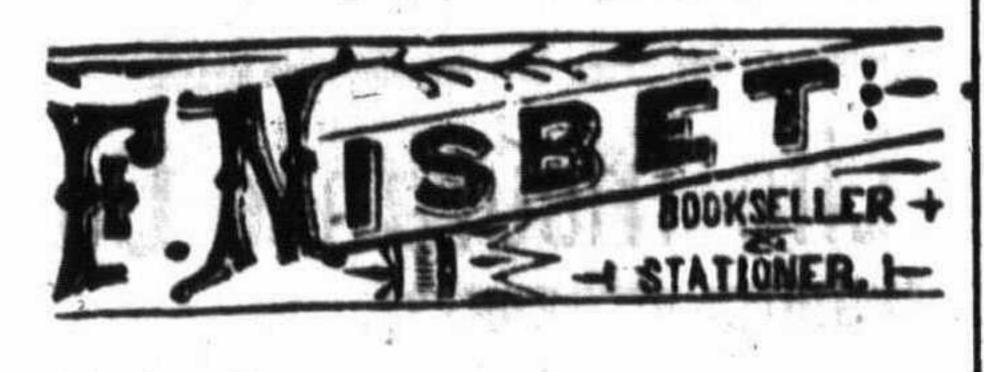
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WHITE HOUSE CHILDREN

LITTLE ONES WHO LIVED IN THE EXECUTIVE MANSION.

The First Were George Washington's Step
Grandchildren—Fortraits of Them All
Are Not to Be Had, but Such as Are
Available Are Here Given.

George Washington, first president of the United States, had no children of his own, but married a widow, Mrs. Custis, to whose children he was much attached. When Washington became president there were two children in his family, the son and daughter of Mrs. Washington's son, John Parke Custis. These were George Washington Parke Custis and Eleanor Parke the first children in the family of the president of the United States. Eleanor was 10 and George 8 when their step grandfather, Washington, was elected to the presidency. They had always lived at Mount Vernon. Their father at 19 had married Miss Eleanor Calvert, of Maryland, aged 16. He had died of camp fever at Yorktown, and had left his young widow with four childrenthe two who lived with the Washingtons and two others who lived with her.

Nelly Custis was a very pretty child and made a beautiful woman. She was a great favorite with Washington. She and her brother accompanied their grandmother from Mount Vernon to New York when Mrs. Washington went there as the wife of the



NELLIE CUSTIS. GEO. W. P. CUSTIS. BELLE PATTERSON.

ABIGAIL ADAMS. NELLIE GRANT. president and witnessed the demonstrations which took place along the route. At first they lived at No. 3 Franklin square, but afterwards moved to a more pretentious residence on Broadway near the Bowling Green. They were accustomed to drive out with their grandmother in the old fashioned, high yellow carriage, with a very small body compared with the big springs on which it rested; but they must have ridden on roads which are now streets, for then there was no Central Park, and besides, it would have been too far for a brief afternoon drive. Eleanor Custis married Washington's private secretary, Maj. Lewis, and her brother George married Miss Mary Fitzhugh. They lived at Arlington, since the home of Gen. Lee, who married their only daughter, Mary Custis Lewis.

President John Adams and his wife were grandparents when they went to live at the executive mansion in Philadelphia, and afterward at Washington. Their only daughter, Abigail Adams, was one of the most beautiful of any of the women who have occupied the White House. She married Col. W. S. Smith, an aide to Washington, and their little son was often at the White House. Their daughter, Carolina, married John Peter De Windt, of Fishkin, N. Y., and her daughters were celebrated beauties about the middle of this century.

President Jefferson had many grande dren, and one of them was born in the W House. His two daughters spent some there with their young children. They both there in the winter of 180% and ing that of 1805-06 the White House was ! ... of children. After this there were no children there till President Jackson's time. president had no children, but two of Mrs. Jackson's Inephews, Andrew Jackson Done son and Andrew Jackson, Jr., an adopted son of the president, lived there with their families, Mr. Donelson being the president's private secretary. Mrs. Donelson's intra children were all born at the White House The president was very fond of these dren, and spent much of his leisure time the family sitting room, where the children of Mrs. Donelson and of Andrew Jack Jr., were accustomed to play. The preside used to smoke a clay pipe with a long started and he would often use this stem as a water of authority by which to quiet the child when they became too noisy.

President Tyler was the first president bring his own children into the White House Mrs. Tyler was an invalid, and her daughter



SCOTT HAYES. FANNY HAYES.

THADDIE LINCOLN. ABRAM GARFIELD. in-law, Mrs. Robert Tyler, was the presiding lady of the White House, This Mrs. Robert Tyler had a little daughter-Mary Fairleewho was a great favorite and a musical prodigy. The president was very fond of her, and on one occasion was surprised by a visitor, rolling the child backward and forward in the hall of the White House. One day she was dressed to personate Mrs. Madison, and a messenger was sent to the president that Mrs. Madison was waiting to see him. left his work to go and receive her, and on entering the room was very much surprised and delighted to see the tiny representation of the stately woman whom be expected to

nd.
President Pierce had just lost his only son

by an accident before going to the White House. The boy was killed in a railroad accident. As President Buchanan was a bacheler and his unmarried niece, Miss Harriet Lane, was his presiding lady, there were no children then till the advent of Lincoln, who had three boys, Robert, Willie and Tad. Robert was at Harvard during four years of his father's presidency, but Willie and Tad were boys. Willie, aged 11, was taken sick during the dark war days of the winter of 1862, and died in two weeks. After his death Tad became more than ever a favorite with the president, who took him about with him a great deal, especially on his visits to the army in Virginia. Tad lived to be 18 years old, when he died in Chicago, about fifteen

Andrew Johnson brought five grandchildren to the White House, the children of his two daughters, Mrs. Patterson and Mrs. Stover. While they were all there together a children's party was given, during which the president's invalid wife came down into the drawing room for the first and only time during his occupancy of the White House.

President Grant brought a family of children into the executive mansion, the most marked of whom was Nellie, now Mrs. Sartoris. An incident occurred during her father's inauguration which must have had a pleasing effect on those who witnessed it. While her father was reading his address Nellie, alarmed at some shouting which occurred, left her mother, ran to her father's side, caught his hand and held it until a chair was placed for her beside him. Then she sat in it till the address was finished.

Nellie seems to be a fated name for the White House. There was Nellie Custis, Nellie Grant and then Nellie Arthur. But Nellie Arthur's home during her father's administration was chiefly with her aunt, Mrs. McElroy, at Albany, N. Y.

Both President Hayes and President Garfield were men of family. The Hayes boys are now grown, as are most of the sons of Garfield. In each case there were several boys and one girl. Mollie Garfield is now grown, and Fanny Hayes must be well along in her teens.

Of all the children who have dwelt with presidents the most engaging and beautiful was Nellie Custis; of all the sons of presidents the greatest was John Quincy Adams, and of all the daughters of presidents the most beautiful was Abigail Adams. To no other American family has such a rare eminence been accorded.

SOME THIRD PARTIES.

The "Bell-Evere: t-Whig-Union" Party of 1860.

American politics go with such a rush, and the campaign in progress at any time is fought with such fury, that most people soon forget all the minor issues. At the opening of each presidential campaign one may hear earnest partisans saying, "There is really no need for a third party, and there ought not to be any; we ought to have a square fight on the main issues, as we used to." And yet, ever since the revolutionary presidents passed away, we have had third parties, often more than now, and some of them extremely formidable, but they are easily forgotten.

How many young Americans know that an "Anti-Masonic party" once carried Vermont in a presidential election, and repeatedly carried various counties and districts, even the state of New York in a state election? William Wirt, the eminent writer and jurist, and Amos Ellmaker received the electoral vote of Vermont in 1833, and a large popular vote in some other states, on the ap-



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ently absurd platform that the Ma the a secret society and dangerous to entry. It was then Tourslow Weed:

and so the ticket was unit rmly pri and an amusing comments rather a satire.

ragueness of party platforms that while this party took the name of "Union," and professed to be organized especially to hold north and south in close friendship and discountenance "agitation," yet in six mouths after the election Mr. Everett was supporting the most extreme measures of the Lincoln administration, while Mr. Bell was ardently supporting Jesterson Davis. But those were days in which men moved and scenes shifted very rapidly.

John Bell was already an old man when the war began, having been born near Nashville, Feb. 18, 1797, but he had been for forty years a power in Tennessee politics. He was elected to the state senate when but 20 years old. In 1827 be defeated Felix Grundynext to Andrew Jackson the most popular Democrat in the state—and entered congress to stay many years. In 1834 he was chosen speaker against James E. Polk. In 1835 he turned the state against the Democrats for the first time. He afterward served in the United States senate, where he was denounced as that unusual being, "a southern man with northern pinciples." Edward Everett, on the other hand, was occasionally, but not so fiercely, denounced as yielding too much to the south. He was born in Dorchester, Mass., April 11, 1794, and was noted as a scholar at theearly age of 18. He was rated for years as the greatest orator of his time, and after an active official life his last political act was, as elector at large, to cast the vote of Massachusetts for Lincoln and Johnson, in 1865, and his last public appearance was in an address asking aid for the people of Savannal, Ga. He died just before the close of the war.

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