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CUSTIS WAS IN LOVE.

WASHINGTON WAS OBLIGED TO LET HIM MARRY.

The Charms of Nelly Calvert—They Were More Potent Than the Aged Hero's Wishes—Old Letters in Columbia's Archives Reveal Facts.

OLD letters, just unearthed from the archives of Columbia university, throw a new and charming light upon the character of George Washington. They show that he was a warm friend of the college and that he once journeyed thither from Virginia to place his adopted son, young Custis, under the care of the professors. Custis, however, did not graduate from King's college, as Columbia was then called. He had fallen in love with Nelly Calvert, daughter of Benedict Calvert, and ended his studies abruptly to marry the girl of his choice. The story of Washington's connection with the college, which incidentally reveals much about the father of his country as the father of a family and something of college life during the last century, is best told in his letters to the Rev. Dr. Cooper, president of King's college, and to Mr. Calvert. The first letter, dated April 3, 1773, is from Washington to Mr. Calvert, and reads as follows:

“I am now set down to write to you on a subject of importance and of no small embarrassment to me. My son-in-law and ward, Mr. Custis, has, as I have been informed, paid his addresses to your second daughter, and having made some progress in her affections, has solicited her in marriage. How far a union of this sort may be agreeable to you best can tell; but I should think myself wanting in candor were I not to confess that Miss Nelly's amiable qualities are acknowledged on all hands and that an alliance with your family will be pleasing to his.”

But the couple was very young, and the letter goes on to recommend a postponement for two or three years, in which time Mr. Custis “might prosecute his studies and render himself more deserving of the lady and useful to society.”

That Mr. Calvert acquiesced in this view is probable. In a letter of April 12, to Lord Dunmore, governor of Virginia, Washington bids him farewell in these words: “The design of my journey to New York is to take my son-in-law, Mr. Custis, to King's college. If your lordship, therefore, has any commands I shall think myself honored in being the bearer of them.”

By the end of the next month the young man was duly entered as a student, and Washington departed from New York, leaving a letter to Dr.

Virginia, and that I am with very great respect and esteem, your most obedient servant.”

“GEORGE WASHINGTON.

“To Rev. Dr. Cooper, president of King's college.”

Although this is not the kind of letter that President Cooper's successor of today would be likely to receive, it, nevertheless, shows the young man entering college with good prospects of staying.

But barely six months later love got the better of learning, and Dr. Cooper was addressed again in these terms: “Mount Vernon, 15 Dec., 1773.—Reverend Sir: The favorable account, which you were pleased to transmit to me, of Mr. Custis' good conduct at college, gave me very great satisfaction. I hoped to have felt an increase of it by his continuance at that place under a gentleman so capable of instructing him in every branch of useful knowledge. But this hope is at an end, and it has been against my wishes that he should quit college in order that he may soon enter into a new scene of life for which he would be much fitter some years hence. But having his own inclination, the desires of his mother and the acquiescence of almost all his relatives to encounter, I did not care, as he is the last of the family, to push my opposition too far, and I have therefore submitted to a kind of necessity.

“Not knowing how his expenses at college stand I shall be much obliged if you will render me an account of them. You will please to charge liberally for your own particular attention to Mr. Custis and sufficiently reward the other gentlemen who were engaged in the same good offices. If the money with you is insufficient to answer these purposes, please to advise me thereof and I will remit the deficiency.

“I am very sorry it was not in my power to see you whilst in these parts. I thank you very sincerely, sir, for your polite regard to Mr. Custis during his abode at college, and through you beg leave to offer my acknowledgments in like manner to the professors. With very great esteem and

incident expenses of his abode in this city.

Washington Takes His Step—Cooper behind him, which serves admirably to illustrate his paternal solicitude. A verbatim copy of this letter reads:

“New York, 31 May, 1773.—Reverend Sir: Inclosed you have a set of bills for \$100, which please to set at the prevailing exchange and retain the money in your own hands to answer Mr. Custis' expenses at college and such calls as he may have for cash to defray the

regard, reverend sir, I am your most obedient humble servant.

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Less than two months later the marriage of young Custis to Miss Nelly Calvert took place. This ended Washington's connection with King's college until the revolution, when his troops were quartered in the halls in which he had placed his stepson.

Knocked Washington Down.

Washington was an eminently fair man. He had a quick temper, but as a rule he kept it under control. Sometimes, however, it got the best of him. This was the case once in Alexandria. One of the county officers told me the story as we stood on the second floor of the market house in Alexandria and looked down at the open court within it, which is now filled with hundreds of booths where the farmers bring their products for sale on market days. “It was on that spot,” said the officer, “Washington was knocked down by Lieut. Payne. Payne was a candidate for the legislature against Fairfax of Alexandria. Washington supported Fairfax, and when he met Payne here, he made a remark that Payne considered an insult, and Payne knocked him down. The story went like lightning through the town that Col. Washington was killed, and some of his troops who were stationed at Alexandria rushed in and would have made short work of Payne had Washington not prevented them. He pointed to his black eye and told them that this was a personal matter and that he knew how to handle it. Every one thought that this meant a duel. The next day Payne got a note from Washington asking him to come to the hotel. He expected a duel, but went. Washington, however, was in an amiable mood. He felt that he had been in the wrong, and said, ‘Mr. Payne, I was wrong yesterday, but if you have had sufficient satisfaction, let us be friends.’ There was a de-canter of wine and two glasses on the table which Washington had ordered to smooth over the quarrel. The two drank together and became such strong friends after that that Payne was one of the pallbearers at Washington's funeral.”

DR. COOPER ESTABLISHES A CREDIT FOR MR. CUSTIS.

As the years went on Washington's lands increased in value, and when he died, he was one of the richest men of his time. He owned lands and stock and negroes, and his estates amounted to thousands of acres. He had houses in Alexandria and property in Washington. He had valuable lands near the present site of Pittsburg. He was throughout his life a money-maker, and I was told at Alexandria that when he was a boy he got \$5 a day and upward for his surveying. He put his surplus money into lands, and an advertisement in a Baltimore paper of 1773 states that he had 20,000 acres of land for sale on the Ohio river. His will, which is now kept about twenty miles from Washington, in the safe of the old court house at Fairfax, Va., gives a detailed statement of every article he possessed down to the calves and sheep. His personal estate was then put down at \$52,000, and this included a vast amount of tobacco, large numbers of cattle, sheep and horses, nearly all of which he willed to his wife. This will is now kept in a wooden box, the top of which is covered with glass.

Washington as a Drinking Man.

Every one drank in the days of Washington, and the father of his country always had wines upon his table. I have nowhere seen it stated that he ever drank to excess, although he usually consumed five glasses of Madeira wine at dessert. During his youth he was a very fair politician, and among the items of his election expenses when he was a candidate for the house of burgesses of Virginia were a hoghead and a barrel of whiskey, thirty-five gallons of wine and forty-three gallons of beer.

A wife should not expect her husband to be light-hearted if her biscuits are heavy.

Some colleagues of Congressman Mudd solemnly, declare that the Maryland man still wears the identical red necktie which encircled his throat when he first came to congress. Originally it was a flaming affair, absolutely sparkling with redness, but it now has lost much of its brightness, and wonder is being expressed when Mr. Mudd will get a new tie.

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“The Progress of the World,” the editorial department of the Review of Reviews, deals this month with the new problems of colonial administration now confronting the country, with the senatorial campaigns in the different states, with the political question, with the question of army beef in its bearings on the reorganization of the war department, with our recent industrial progress, protective tariffs, and the “trusts,” and with the month's developments in foreign politics.

Oil to calm the waves was used on an unusually large scale during the recent gales in the English channel. The water breaking over Folkestone pier made it difficult for steamers to enter the port till some one thought of pouring a few gallons of oil into the harbor, when the seas immediately became smooth.

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Iowa Patent Office Report.

A patent has been allowed upon appeal to the Board of Examiners-in-chief, to Mrs. E. J. Dunn of Humeston, Iowa, for a velocipede in which the body is in the form of a horse, and when the rider works treadles with the feet the jointed legs will be operated in imitation of the natural motions of a horse.

Our practice, established 20 years ago, of filing incomplete applications in place of caveats is justified by the following recent expressions upon the subject:

Ex-Chief Clerk Rogers, of the United States Patent Office is reported to have said he “was in favor of abolishing the caveat.”

W. D. Baldwin, vice-president of the Patent Law Association at Washington, said, “in a practice of 42 years he had never found it of any benefit to his clients.”

Ex-Commissioner Doolittle, approving Messrs. Rogers and Baldwin, gave his opinion that “caveats should be abolished.”

Consultation and advice free. THOMAS G. ORWIG, Solicitor of Patents, Des Moines, February 4, 1899.

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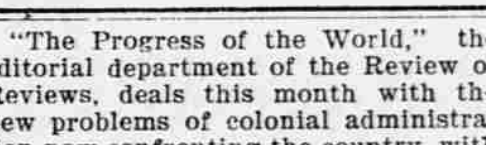
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The pains and suffering I experienced during those years are almost indescribable. The friends that came to see me bid me good-bye when they left me and I was given up. The doctors said nothing more could be done. My wife kept reading to me, articles about Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People. We finally decided to try them. The first bottle gave me relief. I continued to use them for about two years before I could get strength enough to walk. I am nearly seventy-five years old and there is not a man in this city that can kick higher or walk further than I can and today I owe my present good health to Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People for they saved my life.”—Detroit Evening News.

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Sir G. S. Clarke, K. C. M. G. F. R. S., contributes to the February number of the North American Review an exceedingly brilliant article entitled “Imperial Responsibilities a National Gain,” wherein he discusses the new position the United States will henceforth occupy among the nations of the world. The responsibilities will, he asserts, be great, but if it is approached with high aims, a single eye to the general good, and a reverence for just, incalculable moral gain will accrue to the country as its awards.

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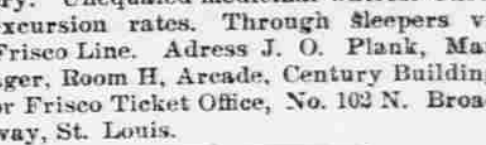
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