#### THE EXECUTIVE MANSION.

## History and Description of the President's Residence in

Washington. Philadelphia Telegraph. The president's house at Washington, which is officially termed the Ex-

ecutive Mansion, commonly called the White House, has a history that runs back nearly ninety years. Its corner-stone was laid under the superintendence of Captain James Hobon, as architect, on the 13th of October, 1792. Captain Hobon was an Irish architect, direct from Dublin, via Charleston, who took the award of \$500 for the design. He is buried in the Catholic the ground. To know when they are the background. Circumstances, which cemetery, at Washington, and his de-scendants still live in that city. The British destroyed the building in 1814. melon has a loud metalic ring, it is is, and, with the government of Rus-British destroyed the building in 1814. It was afterward rebuilt by Captain Hobon, and was first opened for the reception of visitors on January 1, 1818. The portico, of four lofty columns on the north side, was added in 1829, during the administration of President Jackson. It is a lofty building, two stories in height, having a frontage of 180 feet and a depth of 86 feet. The vestibule within the front. The vestibule within the front door is 50x40 feet in dimensions. The famous east room, which was finished only fifty years ago, is 80 feet long by 40 wide and 22 feet in height. Eight large mirrors and three chandelliers of crystal and silver adorn it. The walls are covered with a gray paper, and the trimming of the furniture is grey reps and maroon velvet. With the exception of our public halls, it is takes the rag off the bush. On Sunprobably the largest room in the country, and for its size is certainly the handsomest. It is the Mecca of all the bridge collector on the east end of

handsomest. It is the Mecca of all lady visitors to the capital. The president's office, which is in the second story, is also the cabinet room, and is not a very large apartment for the White House, although about thirty-five or forty feet in depth by perhaps thirty feet wide, and with a high ceiling. A long table is in the middle of the floor, with leather-seated chairs around it; the two windows chairs around it; the two windows your coat," said Cox. Snell, seeing there was no use trying to do anyof the United States is on the wall.

The carrect is a large map on his heel and walked back towards The carpet is of a red tint, with large figures. The general effect of the ing his journey east a few yards he room as one enters is that of a library without books. The White House is him the coat for a nickel. The surrounded immediately by twenty acres of garden and park. The lawn is still a naked plain, reaching on to walked upon the bridge again. This the Potomac, like a desert coming to the palace stairs. Like Versailles in the time of Louis XIV., Washington is a government creation, and the White House is memorable only for the people who have lived in it. Every one of our presidents, except Wash, washing a little way, sit down on a one of our presidents, except Washington, has lived in this great house, and he had poked his horse's head into its portals to look at the workmen plastering on the scafford. The original cost of the building in 1792 was about he climbed on to the bridge railing and \$333,000, and the total cost of the

Culture of the Melon.

has for years been a subject of com-

plaint.

Of all the delicacies in the summer peered over the railing and wondered the melon is more welcomed than any whether he would ever come up. As of the fruits indigenious to our climate, and deservedly so, not only on account of being a luxury, but for its beneficial effects on the system. We receive them by the thousands, and extra good ones command high prices, with quick sales. There are not receive the sales are not receive the sales. There are not receive the sales are not receive the sales. There are not receive the sales are not receive the sales. There are not receive the sales are not receive the sales. The sales are not receive the sales are not receive the sales. The sales are not receive the sales are not receive the sales are not receive the sales. The sales are not receive the sa

watermelon applies also to the musk and saw Little Joe on shore in his unand cantelope varieties. Strange to derclothing. He begged them to say, while melons are known to us as being almost entirely composed of boat and pilot him to this side. "How water, they prefer a very dry location, is it you were not drowned?" they will not thrive in wet situations, and asked Snell, when he told them he the vines endure drought to a great was the man who jumped from degree. They require plenty of room in which to grow, ten feet each way being better than a lesser distance. tell you. The minute I struck the or three times during the season, and seemed to me that I touched bottom the vines are gently removed or in the river, but the moment I got on turned over to facilitate the process. This is a great mistake, as the vines out for shore at first, but the current should on no condition be touched or war so swift I found I couldn't get removed. Not even are they to be there, and so I just floated down allowed to be turned over by the wind, and a clod of dirt here and there are they are all should be placed to the should be placed should be placed to prevent it. Noth- birth, 36 years of age, and lives with ing is more injurious to melons than his mother at 88 St. Charles street. the slightest disturbance of the vines, He says he had been drinking steadily and yet how often do we see thought-less gardeners walk at random over a venture, and thinks that if he had not the stand, and on the cross-examinafield or patch of melons, disarranging made the jump he would have had the the vines and doing damage that has jim-jams or something else.

In hoeing melons nover work any part of the hill that is covered by the vines, but work before them—that is, around the hill outside of the limit of months or two years ago, he was asked growth already made by them. If grass has secured a stand in them, gently pull it up, care being taken not to disturb the vines more than is necessary to clean them out, and all man-ure and fertilizers should be applied of me again." When the general was before they begin to "run." The best manure is that which has been thor-was thought that the post being a oughly and completed rooted, or, non-political one, there was no ground what is equally as good, plenty of rich for apprehension. But the position to mould from the forests. If fertili- which he has just been promoted sudmould from the forests. If fertilizers are used, a mixture of equal parts
of plaster, superphosphate, and murate of potash is the best. They need
but little nitrogen, such as guano, and
yet they should have that little.
Pinch back the ends of the shoots after the young melons are formed, and one to the man who, when governor if extra large ones are required, but of Nijni Novgorod, converted the two should be left on the vine.

the fiercest rays of the sun which are plined body of guardians of the dangerous to some plants, give the melon vines renewed vigor. While they need moisture and rain at certain intervals, too much of it is injurious to them. The hot sands seem to be accessave to their growth to a care. be necessary to their growth to a certain extent, which is no doubt owing more to a retention of heat by the sand than to what it receives during the day. The seed should not be put the transfer of the seed should not be put the transfer of the transfer

est point is to have the hills as rich as now, and his enemies, including Prince and been the mother of eleven chilthey can be made before putting in the Bismarck himself, does not underrate dren and not know what the botts are? seed, and the next is to let them take care of themselves. Just at the time the melons are half grown they seem to do well in hills where they are completely hidden and shaded by tall and Begiers, who played second fiddle pletely hidden and shaded by tall and Begiers, who played second fiddle drawn em out of his system by way grass and weeds, but this is due more to Prince Gortschakoff, are mere of his feet! Botts! Why, I know to the fact that they are not disturbed dwarfs compared to him. Twice I in such cases, as the grass keeps every have had the advantage of conversing leaf of the vine in its place.

With their broad, abundant leaves, specially adapted for the purpose, by deriving carbonic acid from the air, a me perfect sugar factory is constantly in operation, and the water is obtained by rootlets that penetrate not only The only ground for surprise is that downward but over a great surface of

"LITTLE JOE,"

Strange Adventures of a Man Who Jumped from the Big Bridge at St. Louis.

Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune Sr. Louis, June 7 .- Of all the adventures related, that of Joseph Snell East St. Louis again. After continu-

walking a little way, sit down on a bench, and in a deliberate way takeoff his shoes, then his pants and other clothing. There was nothing left upon his body but his underclothing, when stood there ready to take a long jump. As he remained in this position sevstructure to the present time, with reeral persons who had witnessed his furnishing, etc., has been about previous movements, and who im-\$1,750,000. The unhealthful character agined that he was disrobing on acof Washington in general, and of the count of the heat, ran towards him. As they reached him they heard him White House locality in particular, say, "Good-by, Lassie Jane," and then descend like an arrow into the rushing water below. Those on the bridge who saw him take the jnmp

with quick sales. They are not grown changed to darkness; and the dot in to perfection on heavy clay soils, but the water was lost sight of. No one on light sandy dry locations they of all the crowd on the bridge who saw reach immense proportions and ripen the man go down imagined he would early. But while melons are grown ever see earth again. But here they more or less on all classes of soils, and were mistaken, for last evening Little every one seems to be familiar with Joe Snell turned up safe and sound, their cultivation, yet like everything although hungry as a bear and a trifle else, there is a right way, and in sunburned. Two old men sailing order to have them of fair size and down the river in a skiff, when near

good quality it should be closely followed.

The same culture adapted to the from Arsenal island. They looked

Many persons give them a hoeing two water I realized what I had done. It top again I stopped there. I struck

Ignatioff.

Correspondence London Telegraph.
When Gen. Ignatieff passed through Vienna on the way to Italy, eighteen we should be left on the vine.

Melons delight in the hot days, and merchants at the fair, into a disci-

in the ground till all danger of frost or cool nights has passed.

Sometimes the plants, while growing, have the earth kept closely packed around the roots, but there is really no advantage in it. The great-

with him, and on both occasions I was deeply impressed by the powerful mind of the man who was addressing

over the czar need astonish nobody. he should have been left so long in

fenstein, who keeps a clothing and shoe store on Poydras street, is the

A few days ago a customer entered his establishment and inquired: "Have you got any low-quarter

gaiters? "Certainly, my frent. I haf any sdyle you wish, und someding dot vas neat und vill last all de summer dime out. Now, here vas a pair of gaiters vat is made uf Prussian ledder, de pest kind dat vas known, und I dinks dey vill suit you. Subbose you dry

"All right," replied the customer. "Vait, my frent, and I'll put a leedle bowder in. Now dry dem. Ah! vat petter shoe you vant dan dat? It vits shust as if somepody takes your

"It's too tight across the instep," said the customer, rubbing the spot with his fingers. "It vill sdretch, my dear sir," plied Hoffenstein, persuasively, "dat in their building the largest stock of edder vas made expressly for sdretch-

But the shoe pinches my toes

to buy a bair uf shoes more as dree sizes too big und go around de ladies mit your feet looking like a gouple uf railroad scrapers. It would be a shame, "What do you ask for the shoes?

"Only seex dollars." "Geursalem! that's too much." "Veil, my dear sir, you must regollect dat dem shoes vas made of Prussian ledder, and ledder dere vas scarce. My uncle vat lifs dere write me last veek und said dat ledder vas so scarce dey don't make harness mit it any longer. All de harness dere is now made of wool.'

"I tell you what I'll do," said the customer, examining the shoe closely, I'll give you four dollars."

"My g-r-r-acious! a Prussian ledder shoe for four dollars ven it cost me more as five dollars und fifty cents laid at de depot down, und de profit on dem don't pay for de gas. My g-r-r-acious! vat's de matter mit de beople? Do you know, my frent, dot my own fader vas in de redail shoe business, und he sold de same kind uf shoes for four dollars, und vat you

"I don't know," replied the cusselling dem Prussian ledder shoes for four dollars, undil he got so poor that

the hogs eat him."
"Well, I'm not going to give six
dollars for those shoes." said the customer, moving toward the door, "they are not worth it.

"Vell, my friend, take them along for four dollars, und call around again some other day.' The customer paid for the shoes and

taking his parcel left the store. "Herman," inquired Hoffenstein of his clerk," vot vas the cost brice of dem sblit horse-ledder shoes I shust sold de shentleman?"

"Von dollar and a half, sir." "My g-r-acious, Herman, dink how small de brofit vas. If pisness, you know, Herman, don't get better by de vinter it will preak all de store up."

#### "Botts."

Detroit Free Press. Some weeks since a citizen of Greenfield traded a mule to his neighbor for a horse, warranting the old brayer to be sound in wind and limb. Not ten days had clapsed when the mule brayed his last bray and kicked his last kick. The former owner refused to be responsible, and the result was a law suit which was concluded yesterday in Justice Alley. When the plain-tiff had told what heknew and thought and suspected, his wife was put on tion the defendant's lawyer said: "Mrs. Smith, what did that mule

"Botts," was her prompt reply. "Are you sure?"

"Yes, sir. "Wasn't the beast choked to death with some fish bones you gave him along with his slop? "No sir. We haven't had a fish in

the house for a year. "Wasn't it possible that he might have swallowed a hair pin?" "No, sir. I've counted my hair

pins and none are missing." "Do you ever buy poison to kill "Never. "Were you home when the mule

vas first taken?" "And you know that his ailment vas botts! "Yes, sir.

"And you told your husband so?" "Mrs. Smith, do you call yourself a orse or a mule doctor! No. Bir. "Well, how are you so certain that

this mule died of botts?" 'Because I am. "I want a plain answer. How are you so certain that the mule died of

"Well, I looked him all over, and he didn't have the measles, chickenpox, whooping-cough or dumb ague. My husband looked him all over, and he didn't have poll-evil, colic, sweeny

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