Washington Whisperings

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Interesting Bits of News Gathered at the National Capital.

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Capital Hostesses Fear the Election



WASHINGTON.—What will become of Mr. Roosevelt's "nice young men" if Mr. Bryan is elected? This problem is really giving serious concorn to the pleasant, and notably the dinner-giving aliens sojourning tempo-Washington is an odd sort of place, pects, and its residents, both permanent and flitting, have anxieties and dwellers where the social population is less transient and changing than it

Hostesses aver that a shortage exyoung men who can be called upon at short notice to fill vacancles at a icmand, Mr. Roosevelt has done much toward creating an available and visible supply.

taken most kindly to Mr. Roosevelt's to become once more a flower bed Importations. They are commonly for the display of geometrical figures spoken of as the president's "nice of early blooming crocuses or a playyoung men." The possibility of their ground for children.

departure for other fields of activity outside of Washington, and becoming actual, though obscure, workers in

the vineyard, is viewed with alarm. Toward the end of the winter apprehension was expressed at many dinner tables lest Mr. Bryan came to Washington, bringing with him in subordinate capacities youths from the corn and hog-raising states who might be addicted to the prudent usage of mashing their peas.

Over the imminence of this dire possibility there has been a sad shaking of heads. Active and persistent rarily "in our midst." It seems an dinner-givers in the diplomatic, cabodd sort of thing to worry about, but | inet and senatorial "sets," as well as among the merely rich people, who in unlike other cities in many of its as- increasing numbers are making Washington a place of resort in the winter months, have found Mr. Roosevelt's responsibilities unknown to urban "nice young men" almost a necessity in making their social plans for entertainment and amusement.

In any event, it is realized that the tennis cabinet, as such, is doomed. lets in Washington of presentable it will dissolve into its constituent elements and fade away from the scene of Washington activities, social, dinner table. In the face of an eager | political and sporting, after March 4 next.

Whether Mr. Taft or Mr. Bryan is elected, the tennis court in the rear Diplomatic and official society has of the executive offices seems certain

New Record in Timber Cut Established



FIGURES of the lumber cut in 1907, and the forest service, showed the

was a little over seven per cent., it porting increased.

might be thought that the amount actually manufactured must have been greater in the earlier year. This, however, would be a too hasty inference, for it is almost wholly among mills of small individual output that the gain in the number of establishments reporting has been made.

Before the year closed the general business depression was severely felt compiled by the bureau of census in the lumber industry. It was not, however, the most important cause largest total ever reported in the of a falling off in the production of United States, exceeding by over the year where a falling off occurred. seven per cent, the cut reported for For decline in production took place 1906, until then the record year. This only in certain regions. The south is does not necessarily show a larger the region of greatest activity in lumactual cut than in 1906, for the re- ber production, and yellow pine the turns obtained last year were more most important wood, forming 33 per complete than ever before. The fig- cent, of the entire cut of the country. ures disclose some interesting facts. The cut of yellow pine reported shows In 1907 28,850 mills made returns, an increase of 13 per cent. over that and their production was over forty of 1906. In the early part of the year billion feet of lumber. This is be- many of the southern mills cut so lieved to include 95 per cent. of the heavily that, in spite of the curtailed actual cut. In 1906 22,398 mills re- output which followed the business ported about thirty-seven and one-half disturbance later, the total was greatbillion feet. Since, according to these er than ever before. But in both the figures, nearly 29 per cent, more mills lake states and the northwest a reported last year than the year be smaller cut was reported than for fore, while the increase in production 1906, though the number of mills re-

Diplomatic Row Is Recalled by Death



THE recent death in London of Lionel Sackville Sackville-West, second Baron Sackville, recalls the diplomatic row which resulted in his dismissal as minister to this country.

Lord Sackville was born in 1827. He was British minister to the United States from 1881 to 1888, being dismissed by President Cleveland in October of the latter year.

Lord Sackville's dismissal by Cleveland practically ended his diplomatic career, for since 1888 he was never intrusted with any important diplomatic mission. He lived quietly the dom appeared in London society. He America and Americans, and it was travelers from this side.

A few years ago Lord Sackville created a sensation by publishing a pamphlet, for private circulation among his friends, in which he vindicated his diplomatic work in the United States. The newspapers obtained a copy of this publication. In it Lord Sackville explained with much picturesque detail that the trap into which he fell in this city was a Fenian conspiracy; that the Fenian organization harassed him during his residence in America, kept spies after him and plotted to assassinate him. Few of the diplomat's friends took this story seriously. Most of them regarded it as the imaginings of a disappointed old man who was brooding upon what he considered his wrongs.

The minister was given his passports by the president after his recall had been requested by the American government, which request was not acted upon by the British government. life of a country gentleman and sel- The occasion of the diplomat's disgrace was that he had been trapped always retained a grudge against into writing a letter, written as he supposed to an Englishman, favoring his custom to avoid any meetings with the re-election of Cleveland. This letter was used against the president.

Congress May Take Up Hazing Cases



RMY officers and at least one prom-A inent civilian official of the war department expect the disposition of creation of a jolly row in congress next winter. They base their belief upon the fact that the six cadets suspended for a year were never found for which the only penalty is expul-

The query has been going around among officers who think the six should have been dismissed as to what answer Secretary Wright will make when congress asks by what authority those cadets were suspended. Such an inquiry is firmly expected.

Assistant Secretary Oliver, it is him. Gen. Oliver took great pleasure fied in an accurate manner.

in announcing that the president had closed the case by approving the finding of guilty and directing their dismissal. He left Washington, thinking that the case had been closed and that the order dismissing the cadets would be issued as a mere matter of routine. He did all he considered necessary to bring about such an ending. When the papers came to him he forwarded them to the president. When they came back indorsed with the the cadet hazing cases to result in the president's approval, Gen. Oliver announced the fact. So did Secretary Loeb. Both were invited to join the Ananias club. Secretary Wright escaped by saying that when he spoke guilty of anything other than hazing, of the finding as having been approved he spoke without having personal knowledge simply assuming the reports given out by Acting Secretary Oliver and Secretary Loeb to have been accurate.

The understanding here is that Congressmen from the districts in which the cadets live will introduce bills authorizing the president to restore the dismissed cadets to the academy and well known at the war department, take the order of suspension from the does not agree with his superior as to six who were found guilty of one thing the wisdom of the action taken by and punished for something not speci-

New Modes for Those in Mourning By Julia Bottomley

flower, and might be termed Angel orchids very appropriately. The mourning millinery illustrated here shows the combinations of net and crape, silk and crape, and white crape alone. In the sailor hat the shape is covered with folds of crape. The ruche about the crown and the veil is short and full and the model one of the best, always in style and becoming to nearly every face. A very smart hat of white crape is shown. This is intended for a young woman. Bonnets and veils of this exquisite fabric are worn by women with white hair and the effect is very striking and charming. For a widow or mother in mourning the bonnet of black silk However indigrenadine trimmed viduals may feel on the subject of wearing mourning. the fact remains that people in the highest walks of life continue to

heavy fabrics have been supplanted by those of lighter weight, in rich, deep black. All white, or a liberal mixture of white with black, in suitable materials, is accepted as correct In millinery nothing surpasses the beautiful hats of white crape and the combination of this material, both in black and white, with other fabrics. in making up elegant mourning. Crape

however, modified materials used and

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is the insignia of mourning and by using it as a trimming, or finish, lightweight and elegant hats and bonnets are made. Mourning millinery is conceded to be the highest type of millinery art. Recently a medium large hat was shown in Paris, made of white silk with a wide border of white crape about the edge of the brim. A cluster of bows of white ribbon at the front, studded with white orchids, trailing off into a half wreath about the crown, was chosen for the trimming. As an example of beauty in itself, this hat created a sensation, even in the city of wonder-

fabrics are sometimes almost imperishable. There are varieties, however, that are easily ruined by mois-

effectively with folds of crape is serv-

iceable and very appropriate. The

veil, when worn in the summer, is

of net bordered with crape or silk

grenadine. For winter it is of

silk grenadine bordered with crape,

except when one is in deep

mourning, when it is entirely of

A word of caution to those buy-

ing crapes and grenadines. These

ture. Always test the material by immersing a piece of it in water. In the right kind the color will not elegance in millinery and exquisite run, nor the crimp come out. These fabrics may be successfully renovated and made to look like new ful millinery. The white orchids were by steaming them, when the moisalmost like shadows of that ethereal | ture-proof kind is bought.

FOR A BIG FAMILY.

Twirling Tray Does Much to Expedite Fine Mull in Thread Tucks Is Now Table Service.

There is a novelty extremely smart as well as sensible, that solves a those with none. This is a twirling top and bottom. tray to expedite table service.

To have the meals of a large family daintily, even comfortably, served re- silk buttons and cord loops. guires a skilled waitress. Even so there are apt to be long waits or shoving.

The English fashion of being more informal for breakfast and luncheon than for dinner, is gaining headway with us. While the side-table service, with each one helping his or herself, has by no means become general, it is being more and more adopted, especially in country homes.

A convenient substitute is found in one of these trays. They are made to match the table, either mahogany or oak, and are about 24 inches in diameter, though they can be made to suit any width table. Each tray has a rim and rests on a standard on which it slides easily.

The twirler is placed in the center of the table, in reach of all, and on it are placed, butter, preserves, bread and rolls, the molasses pitcher, and such relishes as radishes, celery, or cheese. As these are the things that are in constant demand, and keep the waitress busy, it is a great timesaver to have them reached by simply a twirl of the tray.

Ugly? Not all all; rather unusual looking at first, but the tray can be made very dainty with its snowy embroidered cover, a vase of flowers in the center, and the other dishes en-

circling it. If one cares to go to the expense there are sectional dishes made that just fit these trays. They are shallow and rimmed, and have a circular dish in the center, with six or eight triangular dishes radiating from it to form an outer circle.

When the family is extra large two trays are used, one at each end of the table.

While these trays are only considered "the thing" for breakfast and luncheon, and are generally used on the bare table; when there is no maid they can be used as convenience dictates.

Well-Spent Time.

Let a woman who has been working all the morning over the countless details of housekeeping put on her hat and go out for a brisk walk. If it is only for 15 minutes it will do her untold good-her head will be clearer and her heart lighter.

Time thus taken is not wasted, but the best kind of an investment, as she will find she can do much more in the long ruu.

MATERIAL FOR THE COLLAR.

Much Worn.

The new separate collar to attach to a thin white blouse is made of very problem of many a housekeeper, both fine mull in thread tucks, edged with those with plenty of servants and a tiny border of black silk muslin at

A line of this is also run up the back and it is fastened with tiny round

The little bow attached to the front is of plaited mull edged with the black, and in the center there is a

butterfly of Irish lace. This stock is especially effective with an all-white suit and carries out the color scheme if there are black pumps and stockings and a white hat

trimmed with black satin. It is quite the fashion to finish the center of the stiff little bows worn in front of stock with a motif of heavy lace. These can easily be picked up by the half dozen at sales.

Another pretty idea in neckwear is a large bow of messaline made with equal loops and ends finished with a heavy silk cord to match at all edges. These sell in some shops for \$1.50,

but if a girl has a bit of messaline in the house she can make one for the price of the cord. They are worn at the base of the

stock as well as with the thin turnover collar which is taking the place of the thick linen turnover.

Voile for Traveling.

Few women can afford to keep a gown entirely for traveling. It must be utilized for walking and for simple and informal occasions, and it should be a gown that can be worn in town in the fall. With all of these things pressing upon her mind the woman who goes out to buy a traveling dress has much with which to contend.

Volle makes a light traveling dress, and it is durable if one understands voile. A certain modiste displayed a lilac voile which she said had been worn two seasons by one of her customers. This year, after a little renovation, it was being treated to a nar-10w trimming of braid upon the collar and cuffs and to a braided design down the back. A coat of lilaccolored braid, three-quarter length and fastening loosely down the front, was to complete the renovation of the lilac costume. A black straw hat faced with lilac silk and trimmed with lilac flowers makes the costume one of harmony.

Making Essence of Lemon.

Do not throw away the rind of lemons, for it can be utilized nicely. Fill a bottle with rectified spirits and when using lemons cut away the yellow part from the lemon and place in the spirits. You will find this quite as good as the essence of lemon which you buy. Essence of orange can be made in the same manner.



MEMORIES OF A WAR.

A Bit of Humorous Reflection by One of the Young Vets.

The weary pilgrim entered the office and slid into the softest chair. "I hev accomplished th' fust sane Fourth of July in my experience," said he, "an' it was owin' to my livin' so far from any neighbor thet only th' highest rockets showed above th' horizon.

"About th' insanest day o' independence I ever had was ten years ago, when I was with th' army of invasion bearin' down on Cuby. Th' two transports that hed our gallant regiment aboard laid up at Key West, waitin' fur further orders.

"Shore leave? Nuthin' doin'. But th' mornin' o' th' Fourth erlong come a staff officer an' ast fer a volunteer boat's crew to row him over to th' other transport. Th' whole shipload o' sogers stepped forrard an' everybody swore he cud row a boat. So th' lieutenant picked out me an' Buck an' West an' my brother's son Bill as oaramen, with Bart, who had ben a sailor, to steer. He picked us out because we was th' biggest men in th' reg'ment an' he figgered on puttin' up a awful swell front with his four-oared galley before th' admirin' reg'ment. Th' on'y thing th' ship captain wud give us was a old jolly boat, which fer gracefulness wud hev made a river scow look like a eight-oared racer.

"We all got into th' ol' punt an' th' sailors lowered us into the water. Then we cast loose th' tackle an' was afloat on th' wide an' lonesome sea. 'Port stroke ahead,' says Bart.

"'Meanin' me?' asts West. Then he made a dab at a passin' wave, missed it by three foot an' laid down on his back an' stuck his new leggin's into th' air.

"'Private West,' sez th' lleutenant 'you sed you cud pull a good oar.' "'I kin,' sez West, 'but this don't seem to be a good oar.'

'Wot's th' matter weth it?' 'Th' blame thing wan't long enough to reach thet wave,' sez West.

'Well,' sez th' lieutenant, 'th' next wave you want to hook to, p'int it out an' we'll hold it fer you.' "Jes' then Buck's oar disappeared

under th' boat an' come up on th' other side in a mos' astonishin' manner. "Bill, who hed ben a caution to snakes at paddlin' on th' park lagoons,

seemed to be tryin' to sound th' depth o' th' Gulf o' Mexico weth his oar,

meanwhile swearin' fit to be tied. "I hedn't had no accident fer th' reason thet I didn't want to wet my nice, dry oar.

"We finally got goin', ev'ry feller fer hisself, our oars makin' a sound like a single-footer horse sprintin' through

"W'en th' lieutenant got where he wanted to go, he tol' us to row round fer a spell an' practice up, so we cud take him back in kind o' decent style. "We thought it would be good practice to row to th' shore, wich was only about three mile away. So we

started. Th' wind an' tide was in thet direction, so we'd have gone there anyway. Half way to th' shore we got among a fleet o' battleships in war paint, but no feathers. Jes' ez we was in th' center o' th' fleet th' whole bunch ov 'em turned loose weth all their biggest cannon all to once.

"Ez soon ez I cud pick myself up I got on a thwart an' tuk off my hat weth my best bow. 'This is a most onexpected honor,' sez I.

Git down, you loon,' sez Bart. 'It's 12 o'clock an' they're firin' th' national s'lute.'

"'Jes' then th' fleet fired again an' got down. I mos furgit wot th' national s'lute is composed of. I think it's one volley fer each state, two fer each president an' three fer George Washington. Then they fire one apiece fer each o' th' president's cabinet an' th' senators an' congressmen sep'rately, weth a few extry fer th' also-rans who didn't get no nomination. Then they finish up by settin' fire to their surplus supply o' powder. At least thet's wot it sounded like to us.

"On shore we tuk in th' town an' ez many o' th' inhabitants ez was easy. "W'en we wanted to go back to th' transport we found our hands was so sore weth rowin' thet we cudn't make a start. So we hitched onter a outward-bound tug an' th' smarty thet was ruuin' it pulled us through them big waves at about a mile a minute. We went to th' ship where we hed left th' lieutenant, but they tol' us he had

walked home. "We got to our own transport about dark an' found th' maddest staff officer in th' service. We tol' him thet we hed lost our way an' was blowed ashore an' he said it wud hev ben a great thing fer th' army ef we hed ben blowed too far to git back."-G. A. Thompson, in Chicago Daily News.

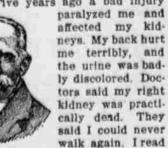
Found Buried War Flour. While the grading of Main street,

Manassas, Virginia, was in progress recently the workmen discovered that their picks went to a depth that indicated a subterraneous cavity. Upon invesigation it was discovered that a trench to the depth of three feet had been dug, and a number of barrels of flour put therein and concealed from the enemy on the evacuation of Manassas by the confederate troops. A large quantity of barrel staves and a white substance resembling decayed flour were exhumed.



But Cured After Doctors Said There Was No Hope.

Sylvanus O. Verrill, Milford, Me., says: "Five years ago a bad injury



said I could never walk again. I read of Doan's Kidney Pills and began using them. One box made me stronger and freer from pain. I kept on using them and in three months was able to get out on crutches, and the kidneys were acting better. I improved rapidly, discarded the crutches and to the wonder of my friends was soon

completely cured. Sold by all dealers. 50 cents a box. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y.



Artist (who has been bothered by rustles breathing on him all the morning)-My good fellow, I assure you that you can see the sketch with more advantage from a little distance!

DEEP CRACKS FROM ECZEMA

Could Lay State-Pencil in One-Hands in Dreadful State-Permanent Cure in Cuticura.

"I had eczema on my hands for about seven years and during that time I had used several so-called remedies, together with physicians' and druggists' prescriptions. The disease was so bad on my hands that I could lay a slate-pencil in one of the cracks and a rule placed across the hand would not touch the pencil. I kept using remedy after remedy, and while some gave partial relief, none relieved as much as did the first box of Cuticura Ointment. I made a purchase of Cuticura Soap and Ointment and my hands were perfectly cured after two boxes of Cuticura Ointment and one cake of Cuticura Soap were used. W. H. Dean, Newark, Del., Mar. 28, 1907."

Microscopic Writing.

A remarkable machine made by a lately deceased member of the Royal Microscopical society for writing with a diamond seems to have been broken up by its inventor. A specimen of its works is the Lord's prayer of 227 letters, written in the 1,237,000 of a square inch, which is at the rate of 53,880,090 letters or 15 complete Bibles, to a single square inch. To decipher the writing it is necessary to use a 1-12-inch objective, which is the high power lens physicians employ for studying the most minute bacteria.

Popultus China.

The population of the Chinese empire is largely a matter of estimate. There has never been such census of the empire as that which is taken every decade in this country. But the estimate of the Almanach de Gotha for 1900 may be taken as fairly reliable. According to that estimate, the population of the empire is, in round numbers, about 400,000,000. It is probably safe to say that if the human beings on earth were stood up in line every fourth one would be a Chinaman.

Wanted to Go the Same Way.

We were taking a little trip into the country. The only vacant seats in the train were turned so as to face each other. I told my little girl, four years old, to take the seat in front of me, as riding backward would not make her sick. She hesitated, and

"I know it won't make me sick, but if I ride backward will I go to the same place you are going to?"

AFRAID TO EAT.

Girl Starving on III-Selected Food. "Several years ago I was actually

starving," writes a Me. girl, "yet dared not eat for fear of the consequences. "I had suffered from indigestion from overwork, irregular meals and improper food, until at last my stomach became so weak I could eat scarcely any food without great dis-

"Many kinds of food were tried, all with the same discouraging effects. I steadily lost health and strength until was but a wreck of my former self. "Having heard of Grape-Nuts and

its great merits, I purchased a package, but with little hope that it would help me-I was so discouraged.

"I found it not only appetizing but that I could eat it as I liked and that it satisfied the craving for food without causing distress, and if I may use the expression, 'it filled the bill.'

"For months Grape-Nuts was my principal article of diet. I felt from the ver, first that I had found the right way to health and happinesa, and my anticipations were fully re-

alized. "With its continued use I regained my usual health and strength. To-day I am well and can eat anything I like, yet Grape-Nuts food forms a part of

my bill of fare." "There's a Reason." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich. Read "The Read to Wellville," in pkgs.

Ever read the above letter? A new one appears from time to time. They are genuine, true, and full of human