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# WHITE HOUSE BRIDES



NELLIE GRANT SARTORIS



ALICE ROOSEVELT LONGWORTH



FRANCES FOLSOM CLEVELAND

HAT has become of the White House brides? There have been twelve of them. Miss Jessie Woodrow Wilson will be No. 13. But she feels no superstitious alarm on that score, 13 being the luckiest of numbers in the Wilson family.

It is interesting to consider the fact that three of the round dozen of White House brides, including the first one, Lucy Payne, and the last one, Alice Roosevelt, married congressmen. Also that two, Della Lewis and Nellie Grant, became the wives of foreigners. Only one president, Mr. Cleveland, was married in the White House, although another, Mr. Tyler, took to himself a spouse during his term of office.

In earlier days White House weddings were always celebrated in the circular room, the state department, oval in shape, which is now called the blue room. But of late years Washington society has expanded to such an extent, numerically speaking, that, with perhaps 1,000 guests to be invited, the east room is none too large for the staging of so important a spectacle as a marriage in the White House.

At the wedding of Alice Roosevelt, which occurred Feb. 17, 1906, the east room was almost uncomfortably crowded.

The bridal pair were wed on a raised platform before an extemporized altar. The ceremony was performed by the Rt. Rev. Henry Y. Satterlee, bishop of Washington, and breakfast for sixty persons was served in the state dining room, a buffet lunch for the other guests being furnished in the green room.

Nick Longworth, at that time a member of congress from Cincinnati, is exceedingly popular. He can do amusing things with the piano, is a first-class baseball player and has other accomplishments. At the date of his marriage he was nearly forty. Though not rich, he will eventually inherit a considerable fortune from his mother. His wife has spent most of her time since her marriage in Washington, where she is a leader of the young married women's set. She has no children.

There was a gap of nearly twenty years between the Roosevelt wedding and that of Frances Folsom, who was married in the White House June 2, 1886, to President Cleveland. She was only twenty years old at the time and was the daughter of Mr. Cleveland's former law partner. On this occasion the ceremony was semi-private and the blue room was plenty big enough for the bridal party and a small number of invited guests.

When her husband died, five years ago, Mrs. Cleveland was left very well off. In addition, congress voted her the customary \$5,000 a year as the pension of a president's widow. A few months ago she was married to Thomas J. Preston.

When Rutherford B. Hayes was colonel of the Third Ohio Volunteers the lieutenant colonel of the regiment was Russell Hastings. Whence it came about that Colonel Hastings, in later years, made the acquaintance of Emily Platt, a niece of President Hayes. Miss Platt was a member of the White House family through the Hayes administration, being regarded almost as a daughter. When she became engaged to Colonel Hastings it was arranged that she should be married in the White House, and the ceremony was performed there on June 19, 1878, at 7 o'clock in the evening. It was wholly a family affair.

Four years earlier took place the wedding of Nellie Grant, the third daughter of a president to be married in the White House. On this occasion the spectacle was staged in the east room, then used for the purpose for the first time. The date was May 21, 1874, and the bridegroom was Algeron Charles Frederick Sartoris, an Englishman.

Elton Wrenshall Grant was a handsome girl of eighteen, with brown hair and eyes, rosy cheeks and a plump figure. Sartoris, who was the son of a member of parliament and was said to have an income of \$60,000 a year, met her for the first time on a steamer coming back from Europe. The wooing was rapid, but General Grant disapproved of the match and did not give his consent for more than a year.

There are plenty of people living today who

well remember the popular excitement caused by this international marriage. It was estimated that the wedding presents represented a value of more than \$100,000.

Certainly no marriage ever started out with a fairer outlook. But unfortunately the prospect was not realized. Sartoris, who was an idler, like many Englishmen of his class, did not make a satisfactory husband, and Mrs. Sartoris was eventually compelled to divorce him. Her son, named Algernon after his father, recently married a French girl, Cecile Moulard, and is now residing in France. Two daughters are married.

A little over a year ago—Mr. Sartoris having meanwhile died—Mrs. Sartoris took a second husband, Frank Hatch Jones, being married to him on July 4, 1912, at Cobourg, Canada.

On the evening of Jan. 31, 1842, Elizabeth Tyler, third daughter of President Tyler, then a girl of eighteen, was married in the blue room of the White House to William Waller, a member of congress from Williamsburg, Va.

It is not possible in all instances to trace the subsequent history of the White House brides, some of whom, indeed, such as those of the Jackson administration, were persons of no prominence apart from the fact that they were married in the White House.

Soon after this marriage Mrs. Tyler died, and within a short time the widowed president took to himself a second wife, whose name was Julia Gardiner. She was a New York girl.

Returning from abroad with her father, Miss Gardiner visited Washington and met President Tyler.

Soon afterward President Tyler became engaged to Miss Gardiner, and they were married in New York, the bridal party returning immediately to the White House, where the wedding reception was held.

Mr. Tyler was fifty-six and his bride only twenty. John Quincy Adams, then in congress and a bitter enemy of the president, spoke of the marriage as a "union of January and May."

Young Mrs. Tyler did the honors of the White House for eight months, until the close of the administration. Then she and her husband went to their Virginia home, where they lived seventeen years. When Mr. Tyler died his widow took her children to her mother's home at Carleton Hill, Staten Island, and there spent the rest of her life.

When Van Buren was president Dolly Madison was still the leader of Washington society, and it was she who introduced to him the beautiful Angelica Singleton, daughter of a distinguished South Carolina family. Miss Singleton became a frequent guest at the White House, and the president's son, Major Abram Van Buren, fell in love with her. He married her in November, 1833, at her home in South Carolina, but the wedding reception was held at the White House, where young Mrs. Van Buren immediately took charge of affairs as mistress of the establishment, the president being a widower.

Andrew Jackson was remarkably devoid of relatives. Perhaps it was on this account and because he was fond of young people that he made so much of his wife's relations. Two of the latter were married in the White House at his request during his administration. A third young woman who enjoyed the same distinction was Della Lewis of Nashville, the daughter of an intimate friend of the president.

The second marriage at the White House during the Jackson regime was that of Mary Easton, another Tennessee girl, who was a niece of Mrs. Jackson. In this instance the bridegroom was Lucien B. Polk, likewise of Tennessee. The pair went to live at Columbia, Tenn., where they spent the rest of their lives very happily.

Elizabeth Martin was a relative of Mrs. Jackson's. She was married in the White House to a young clerk, Lewis Randolph, a son of Martha Jefferson Randolph, who was the eldest daughter of Thomas Jefferson.

Adams, a graduate of Harvard, notoriously hot tempered and inheriting the arrogance of his grandfather, after whom he was named.

At that time a young man named Hellen, from Philadelphia, was employed in the White House in a secretarial capacity. He had a very pretty sister named Mary, and John Adams fell in love with her, finally obtaining the consent of his parents to their marriage, notwithstanding some opposition to start with.

The ceremony was performed in the circular room, and there was dancing afterward, the president and his wife taking part in the Virginia reel.

It has been said of the Monroes that they made fewer friends in Washington than any presidential family before or since. They were very exclusive and so formal that Mr. Monroe once refused to see a near relative who called at the White House because the visitor was not attired in the small clothes appropriate to full dress. Mrs. Hay, the eldest daughter, would not visit the wives of the diplomats because they did not call first upon her. Thus it came about that when the youngest daughter, Maria Hester Monroe, married her cousin, Samuel Laurence Gouverneur, then secretary to the president, nobody was at the wedding except members of the families of the bride and bridegroom. It took place in the circular room at noon on March 9, 1820, and the clergyman, the Rev. Dr. Hawley of St. John's church, wore knee breeches with silver buckles on his low shoes.

The couple spent their summers at Oak Hill, Loudon county, Va. They lived in New York in winter. Ex-President Monroe died in the New York house while on a visit to his daughter. They had three children, two of them boys.

Maria Monroe Gouverneur died at Oak Hill at the age of forty-nine and was buried there.

Anna Todd of Philadelphia was married at the White House in 1812 to John G. Jackson, a member of congress from Virginia and a grandnephew of Stonewall Jackson.

History is unfortunately silent in regard to subsequent events in the life of Anna Todd, but it is known that she went to Virginia with her husband and lived there the rest of her life.

Dolly Madison had two sisters. One of them, Anna, became the wife of Congressman Cutts of Maine. The other and younger sister, Lucy, was married at fifteen years of age to George Steptoe Washington, a nephew of the Father of His Country. He died and she went to live with the Madisons.

All of which merely leads up to the fact that on the evening of March 11, 1811, Lucy, the widow aforementioned, was married at the White House to a Kentucky widower named Todd, who was an associate justice of the Supreme court. This was the first White House wedding and was celebrated with all the éclat possible in those comparatively simple days.

It will be noticed that only four of the twelve White House brides have been daughters of Presidents. The first of these was Maria Monroe, the second Elizabeth Tyler, the third Nellie Grant and the fourth Alice Roosevelt. Jessie Woodrow Wilson will be the fifth.

### HARD TO REALIZE.

"We quickly accept conditions as they are. It's hard to realize that a bald-headed man ever had hair."  
"That's true."  
"Yet some of them not only had hair, but long, crinkly curls."

### A DILEMMA.

"I suppose Mrs. Smith is much distressed about her husband's death."  
"I don't know about that. He was so mean and cranky that in one way, it is a relief. But then black is so horribly unbecoming to her."

### THE BOSS SPEAKS.

"Young man," said the boss, "I like to see you arrive in the morning feeling fresh."  
"Yes, sir."  
"But let it end there. You have a habit of keeping your freshness up all day."

### NOTHING SERIOUS.

"Was I full when you saw me last night?"  
"I wouldn't like to say that."  
"Come on. What was I doing?"  
"Well, you were challenging a lamp-post to race."

## CHICKENS DUCKS and TURKEYS

### CARING FOR MOULTING HENS

To Hurry Fowls Along They Must Be Fed Liberally—Feed Them Mash and Plenty of Grain.

Some people make a dreadful fuss about the poor moulting hen, while this moulting process is just as natural as it is for a hen to live and breathe and no more critical than the laying stunt, provided the hens are fed enough to keep up the waste of the body and at the same time manufacture the new feathers, says the Field and Farm. The sooner the feathers are grown the sooner the eggs will come and to hurry them along as fast as possible the fowls should be fed liberally. Give them all the mash they will eat and a good feeding of grain at night.

To many folks it looks like throwing away money to practice heavy feeding while no eggs are coming in, but this is one of the secrets of getting winter eggs. The moulting season is the most critical period in the life of a hen. Growth of new feathers is a heavy strain on vitality. As the hen is fed on the average ranch it requires from two to four months to recover from the effects of it.

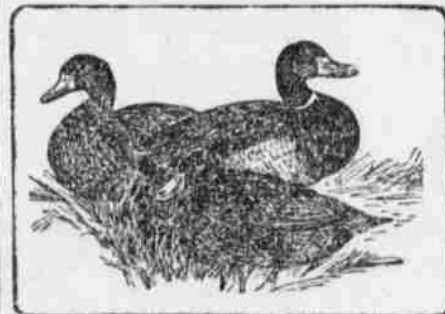
By giving the necessary materials with which to make the feathers so that a hen will not have to take them from the tissues of her body, she will be ready for work as soon as she has her new plumage and often before. Pullets should be handled in the same way. They are not yet fully developed and will not begin to lay until the amount of food they consume is enough to support growth with a surplus to go into something else.

### SECURE PROFIT FROM DUCKS

Eggs Can Be Sold at High Prices and There Is Always Good Demand for Their Feathers.

A nice flock of ducks increases the profits on the farm every year. The eggs can be sold in the spring at good prices, for setting, and there is always a good sale for feathers.

They are much less trouble than chickens or turkeys because they seldom die from any kind of disease. Ducks will always take care of themselves after they have been hatched a short time. As soon as the ducks are large enough to eat, sprinkle thick curd in their boxes. Shallow vessels should be used for watering. A good plan is to fill a flat pan



Trio of Colored Rouen Ducks.

nearly full of pebbles, and pour in water. They will drink in the little pools between the pebbles and be kept from getting too wet. After they are three to four weeks old water will not hurt them.

The Pekins, Rouens and Indian Runners are the three most popular breeds, the latter being a perfect egg machine, but small in size. The Pekins lay well and are excellent table ducks, making a very desirable market duck. They weigh: Adult drakes, 8 pounds; young drakes, 7; ducks, 7, and young ducks, 6. In all there are ten varieties of standard bred ducks.

### HEAD LOUSE ATTACKS CHICKS

Poulterer Must Look Closely for Injurious Little Insects in Order to Get Healthy Birds.

(By A. C. SMITH, Professor of Poultry Husbandry, University Farm, St. Paul, Minn.)

The head louse attacks young chicks generally before they are feathered out, and is first found on the head with its claws or feeders sunk into the skin of the head. As they become more numerous, they attack the throat and neck as well. The remedy is simple, but it takes a little time. Each chick must have its head greased with lard, cottonseed oil or olive oil. You will have to look closely to see these insects. They are very destructive to chickens and must be controlled or exterminated if the chick is to be healthy.

### Setting a Turkey.

In nearly all cases it will be best to allow the turkey hen to hatch out her second laying of eggs. The weather is usually warm and settled, and she will raise them with very little trouble.

### Singer Is Layer.

The singing hen is the layer and if there is not song among your flock something is wrong and you should immediately ascertain what it is and remedy it.

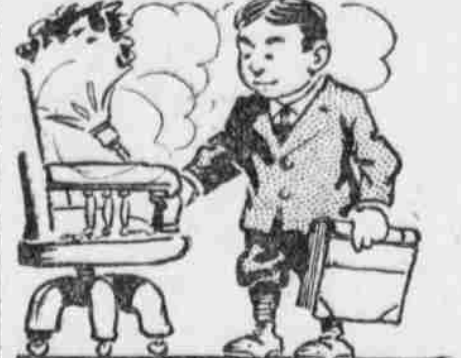
## The ONLOOKER

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### STRANGER THAN FICTION

He started in an office boy,  
He dusted off the chairs;  
He put things in their places, and  
He brightened up affairs;  
He never monkeyed in the hall,  
He never tried to shirk;  
He always answered every call  
And dithely did his work.

He never cared to read about  
The deeds of Deadwood Dick;  
His parents never sent word that  
Their darling son was sick;  
His grandma never died, and so  
He worked day after day;  
He went where he was told to go,  
Nor interloped on the way.



He had no taste for playing jokes,  
Around the busy place;  
It was a pleasure to behold  
His bright and happy face;  
He never hummed a ragtime air  
Nor puffed a cigarette,  
And when they left things to his care  
They knew he'd not forget.

He never practiced dancing jig,  
Nor spoke till spoken to;  
He never sneaked away at night  
While there was work to do—  
Yet of that good boy there is a  
Surprising thing to learn;  
The fact is that he's not today  
The head of that concern.



Politics and Filial Affection.  
"Yes, mother," said the rising politician, "you must come to the convention. I have reserved a seat for you on the stage. And try to look as old and pathetic as possible."

"Why, John, you know I never took any interest in politics. I should be altogether out of place at such a gathering. And I can't see why you should want me to look old and pathetic."

"I am going to be nominated, mother, and a committee will find me at my hotel and persuade me to go before the delegates and tell them how proud I am of the honor they have thrust upon me. I want you there so I can make a hit by turning and kissing you when everybody is looking. The older and more frail you can appear the better it will be for me."

### By the Sea.

It was down by the sea that I saw her,  
By the sea, with its spray and its roar,  
I watched her plunge into the breakers  
And boldly strike out from the shore.  
She came from the ocean all dripping,  
And lovingly looking at me,  
But I had no wish to be near her  
On the beach sloping down to the sea.

It was down by the sea that I saw her  
Run playfully up the wide shore;  
Perhaps she was glad that I noticed  
The happy expression she wore;  
But I had no wish to be near her  
As, dripping, she came from the sea;  
She was only a collier that wanted  
To strike herself all over me.

### ALAS!

"How happy you must be, Mrs. Scaddsworth. They say your husband made several million dollars by selling short before the stringency began."

"No, I'm awfully miserable. Of course, it's nice to be rich, but our daughters, as you know, had all become the wives of mere Americans before we got our money."

### Foolish Worn.

De ehly bud he catch de wuhm—  
Leah' says dat what I head—  
Which show de wuhm kin' got no head  
Foh if he had he'd stay in bed  
En fool de eahly bud.

### Too Good to Spoil.

"When I was here several years ago you were having a lively political campaign, the main issue of which was the erection of a new city hall. The opponents of the scheme must have been successful."

"No. The ones who favored it were successful; but it has been one of the best political issues we've ever had here, hence the new city hall is still a thing of the future."

### Scandal.

"What are those women talking about so excitedly?"  
"One of them claims to have seen one of her neighbors sitting in a ham cock with an arm around his own wife."