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THEIR ACQUAINTANCE BEGAN IN REMARKABLE LAWSUIT.

Let Us Turn From the News of the Day for a Few Minutes and Dip Into the Past - Here Are Some Unpublished Reminiscences of Great Men.

[Special Correspondence.] NEW YORK, Aug. 27.—The methods of Providence in shaping the destinies of men and nations are among the unveiled mysteries. Who, living in 1856, would have supposed that even then two of the principal chiefs who were to stand at the belm of the government, the future president and his war secretary, were being brought together and prepared by their associations to become leaders in the struggle that was to ensue? Who would

develop such a force as that represented

by Edwin M. Stanton? Yet it was even so. For years prior to 1856 fierce legal batand reasonable prices" is our tles had taken place between the then two great rival manufacturers of reap-ing machines, Cyrus W. McCormick, of Chicago, and John H. Manny, of Rockford, fils. The question was one of infringement in the use of the cutter and certain other devices. Finally the case reached the supreme court of the United States, and there the giants among the lawyers met in final battle. Manny had secured the services of Mr. Peter H. Watson, the leading patent counselor in Washington, a man of marvelous ability and splendid executive power, and intrusted to him the entire management of his case. First paying him a retaining fee of \$25,000, he authorized a further expenditure of a very large amount for the employment of such additional legal

aid as Mr. Watson might select. McCormick was represented by Edward N. Dickerson, one of New York's most famous lawyers, James H. Gifford, and other distinguished counsel. With Mr. Watson were associated Mr. James H. Renwick, now a distinguished architect in New York, at that time Mr. Watson's partner; George Harding, of Philadelphia, Edwin M. Stanton and Abraham Lincoln Messrs. Watson and Renwick assumed the task of the preparation of the case, including the hundreds of models and other exhibits. To Mr. Harding was assigned the duty of de-scribing these and presenting the historical phases of the case to the court; on Mr. Stanton was imposed the burden of review and argument, while Mr. Lincoln was to hold up the Illinois end of the line, as the ablest man who could be selected to represent the vast interests at stake there. Whether he was present in the supreme court on this occasion I do not remember, but his shrewd counsel is still preserved among the records of the case.

It is unnecessary to pursue these de-tails further. They are only mentioned for the purpose of introducing the fact that Mr. Stanton then made one of the strongest and ablest arguments of his NOW IN NEW QUARTERS! In the supreme court and eliciting their praise, but producing a pro-

> ington in 1859 as one of the counsel to defend Daniel E. Sickles, then a member of congress from New York, for the shooting of Philip Barton Key. His speech on that occasion was again a masterpiece of eloquence and no one who heard him will ever forget the manner or the man. His associates were James T. Brady and John Graham, the most distinguished criminal lawyers of the day, Messrs. Chilton, Magruder, Ratcliffe and Thomas Francis Meagher, the Irish patriot. As in the McCormick and Manny ase, to each was assigned his respective part, and on Mr. Stanton devolved the most important duty, that of crystallizing and solidifying the work of the brilliant men around him. If it had been but the one speech of his life that speech would have made him famous: and Abraham Lincoln knew all about

> it in his far away Illinois home. When the verdict of "not guilty" was returned, the emotions of the counsel illustrated their several characteristics, and none of them more strikingly than those of Mr. Stanton. James T. Brady, in spite of all his experience as a criminal lawyer, became pale, nervous and agi-tated. Stanton, unable to repress the feelings that swayed him, almost rivaled David when he danced before the ark of the tabernacle. He literally jumped up and down, waved his handkerchief, shouted, cried and joined in the general hullabaloo of the moment. People in war times never saw anything of this sort. The usual stolidity of Radcliffe and Chilton gave way and both wept like children, while the warmhearted Irishman, Thomas Francis Meagher, in the exuberance of his feelings, clapped people on the back, and with tears streaming from his eyes asked if it "was not glorions." The only passive and undemon-strative lawyer in the group was John Graham, though he was one of the first

to welcome his client back to freedom. And now comes the crowning point in Edwin M. Stanton's career-his selection by Abraham Lincoln as a member of his cabinet and secretary of war. But he was not Mr. Lincoln's first choice. The man on whose executive ability in that department he pinned faith and whose admirable qualities of head and heart he greatly admired was Peter H. Watson, the organizer of the great Manny-McCormick suit, in which they had been associated four years before. Mr. Watson, however, with a farseeing vision, discerned in the near future the necessity of a man who would grasp the sword hilt with a sternness of which he was incapable, and he declined the honor. Lincoln then offered him any place within his gift that would keep him near his person as an adviser, and this was also declined. But Mr. Watson suggested the name of Edwin M. Stanton as a man above all others adapted to cope with the dangers of the crisis. No name could have suited Lincoln better,

for he easily recalled the great lawyer's achievements

How Stanton accepted the portfolio of war secretary and performed his duties to the end, all the world knows. History will take care of his memory. Like Mr. Lincoln, however, he wanted by his side the man in whom he recognized the genius of organization and work, and he insisted that Mr. Wat-son should accept an office where, in the great emergency, his counsel could be of avail. Thus appealed to, both as a friend and a patriot, he at last consented to serve as an assistant secretary of war, and entered upon the performance of his duties. When the secret history of Lincoln's administration is written, it will doubtless be found that the confidence reposed in him was not misplaced. Some years after the war it will be remembered that Mr. Watson was chosen by the stockholders of the Erie Railway company to reorganize its affairs, at a

time when they seemed to be in an utterly hopeless condition, and he was elected its president, but the task killed him. After extricating the road from its pending troubles he retired from the office, sick and weary and went home to The object of these memoranda, how-

ever, is not to write the history of men, but to illustrate, as in the instances of Lincoln, Stanton and Watson, the truth

There's a divinity that shapes our ends. Rough hew them how we will.

F. G. DE FONTAINE.

HE LOOKS LIKE LINCOLN.

Some Gossip About Senator Cullom, of Illinois.

[Special Correspondence.] have been thought by their friends to ten rooms, modern improvements, nine-resemble in their physical appearance teen closets, regular boudoir, see straight President Lincoln. Senator Platt, of Connecticut, is one, and Senator Cullom is another. Cullom, however, resembles Mr. Lincoln more in his mental traits and in his absolutely democratic manner than he does physically. When Mr. Lincoln was in the height of his fame, in fact, when he was beginning to gain a national reputation, Cullom was just beginning the practice of law in Mr. Lincoln's old home in Springfield. Something in the young man attracted Lin-coln very greatly, and a friendship sprang up between them which is one of Mr. Cullom's most precious recollections. Even then Mr. Lincoln predicted a promising political career for young Cullom, had he lived he would have seen that promise become fact. There are many who think that Mr. Cullom's career may not end with his service as United States senator.

rapid. While still a young man he was elected to congress, and there, while making no brilliant display, he won the

confidence of his associates because of his sound common sense, forecasting political events and

judging public opinions with accuracy. He also popularity in Illinois as one of the plain people who

SENATOR CULLOM. dowed with fine intellectual gifts. He was easily elected governor, and on the retirement of David Davis from the senate took his seat and has since been a member of that body. Mr. Cullom's striking characteristic in public life has been his earnestness, sincerity and contempt for sham and conventional di-play. He was known as one of the industrials, and not one of the showy members of the senate.

A few years ago, being impressed by what he regarded as certain evils, or dif-ficulties is perhaps the better word, in discover a remedy if possible. Laboring sympathetically with Mr. Reagan, then a member of the house, and afterward associated with him is the ward associated with him in the senate, he brought up for discussion and finally secured the passage of what is known as the interstate commerce law. It was one of the most important pieces of legislation that congress has enacted for many years. It carried on to the statute books an affirmation that congress could control the railway commerce between the states to some extent, at least, just as the supreme court had years before declared that the government could control commerce on navigable waters. As to the effect or the operation of this law there is some difference of opinion. But in securing it Mr. Culom accomplished what many more showy senators than he have never been able to accomplish, and that was the securing of legislation of radical importance and tremendous possibilities. Mr. Cullom is still in the vigor of his days and he is frank enough to admit that there might be contingencies which would make him an available candidate for the presidency.

Mrs. Phelps Ward.

New York, Aug. 27.—Mrs. Elizabeth Stuart Phelps Ward is in better health this summer than she has been in years. Since her marriage she has by herself and in collaboration with her husband accomplished an extremely large quantity of literary production. A book has very lately been announced from her pen to be published simultaneously in this

country and in England. The author is at Gloucester, Mass., in the cottage which she made the scene of "An Old Maid's Paradise," and also of "Burglars in Paradise." Both these books, although entirely different from the author's previously published works, were very successful. Mr. and Mrs. Ward are contemplating a trip to England the coming fall. This will be Mrs. Ward's first experience of foreign travel, but her husband is thoroughly conversant with the historic places of Great Britain and the continent, having before his marriage been a great trav

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Narrow Escape of a Young Man Who Came Near Getting Left. Yale street, Englewood.

In this recherche, a la mode, and comme faut Rue de Style of Chicago's intramural southern suburb no ragweed, dog fennel or mullen stalk ever obtrudes its plebeian personality No upstart dandelion rears its feathery head on the irreproachable lawns of this distingue highway of sub-urban fashion and blows about it afterward. The sun pauses decorously as it passes over Yale street and then hurries reluctantly on to fill unavoidable engage ments elsewhere. The banana peddler speaks with a modulated voice and a more ronounced Italian accent when he inrades its ballowed confines, and the nomadic fish merchant announces his coming by using a silver plated born with an amber mouthpiece instead of the soul destroying squawker he employs when his wagon wobbles and rattles along Sixtythird.

A pale lemon tinted parlor with vivid ermanganate of potash stencilings on the apper borders of the walls. A chandelier of gorgeous and intricate architecture do-ing its best to illuminate the surroundings, but hampered by having nothing but a shelf worn article of Town of Lake gas on band to use withal. A young woman of elaborate bangs and haughty demeanor, and a youth of dejected mien who had received a blow and was endeavoring to grin and bear it, but found himself unable to grin.

Such was the general tout ensemble. "If this is all the answer you have to give me, Thuringia de Hote," he said, "I don't see any use in continuing the conversa-

"None at all, Mr. Kershock." "And I might as well call it a water haul and go."

"As you choose, Mr. Kershock."
"It's a pretty ending to all my dreams," SPRINGFIELD, Aug. 27.—There have been several men of distinction who self. "House over here on Harvard street,

> through dining room of north and south neighbors' houses, and plan all fixed for tennis court on shady side." The young woman smiled a cold, glassy smile, and Mr. Kershock drew on a glove.
> "I see it now," he continued. "I might have known it. It was folly in me to think could win the affections of an iceberg."

hat, shook his head and went on with in creasing sadness "I had taken such satisfaction, too, in making a collection of souvenir spoons that I hoped some day"—

He pulled on his other glove, took his

"Of souvenir spoons, Mr. Kershock?" "Yes Been two years getting them to-gether. What good will they do me now?" he asked drearily. "There's the Landing-of-the-Pilgrim-Father spoon, the Brooklyn bridge spoon, Stockyards spoon, the Alhambra-by-Moonlight spoon, the Eiffel tower spoon and a whole raft of others. Got sixty-seven of them in all and"—

"Sixty-seven souvenir spoons?" ex-claimed Miss De Hote as she rose up, quiv-Mr. Cullom's political career was very ering and panting. "Say it again, Clar-"Yes. Sixty-seven," he replied in the same dejected way, "and I was going

> "Oh, Clarence!" The proud beauty threw herself in his arms, pillowed her classic Yale street head on his robust Stewart avenue shoulder, his industry and and the flickering glare of the consump-a singular gift of tive gaslight fell dimly on a rapturous forecasting politi- maiden whispering ecstatic nothings in the ear of a wildly astonished youth who wondered if he wasn't going crazy.-Chicago Tribune.

Consideration.

A certain farmer gave evidence of h belief in his cattle's appreciation of scenery not long since when showing a visitor over his estate. After a long tramp through the woods the two men climbed a steep bill, on the summit of which was an inclosure were several cows were standing.
"Isn't this a grand place for pasture?" asked the farmer.

The visitor looked out over the beautiful sheet of water which lay at the foot of the hill, more than a mile away, and agreed that it was a grand place.

"But," he said after a little, "there isn't much grass here for your cows to feed upon.

"No, that's true," the farmer admitted. 'But it's a grand good place for them." "There doesn't seem to be any water handy, either," remarked the visitor.

"No, but they drink just before they are

"Well, no!" replied the farmer. "But good land, man! Just think of the magificent view!"-Youth's Companion.

Latest Thing in Spoons.



"Ethel Goodbell brought home a lovely souvenir spoon with her from England.' "I know it; I saw her with him on the avenue Sunday morning."-Life.

The Summer Hotel Bill. "By the way," remarked a guest to the andlord of a summer resort as he paid his bill and started away, "do you permit your

help to accept tips?"
"Why, n-o-n-o," he said with nervous
anxiety, as he glanced back over the account; "you haven't got any money left, have you?"—Detroit Free Press.

She-Is that friend of yours whom you are expecting a tall man? He-About 6 feet 2 inches. Why do you

She-Because in that case I shall have to dust the ornaments on the top shelf.—Der

Something in a Name.

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