

### UNCLE SAM'S GREAT DANCE

Inaugural Ball and Some Interesting Features Attending It.

#### CUSTOM BEGAN WITH WASHINGTON

Unpleasant Episodes in Connection with the Affairs in Times Gone By. Especially the Grant Overcoat Ball.

Once in four years Uncle Sam puts on his long-tailed coat and officially dances. This is at the inaugural ball, the only really national dancing event that this country indulges in. This ball is the most dignified American feature of the inauguration ceremony. It is the only one that has a quadrilateral occurrence in our nation's history, and, as befits a democratic country, any reputable person in a condition of reasonable sobriety may attend upon purchase of a ticket. The modest sum of \$5 is in charge of a ticket. The modest sum of \$5 is in charge of a ticket. The modest sum of \$5 is in charge of a ticket.

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John Quincy Adams' ball was held at Caru's, which occupied the southeast corner of Eleventh street and Pennsylvania avenue. So were Van Buren's and Polk's and Jackson's first inaugural. The second Jackson ball was held in Central Masonic in honor of William Henry Harrison a theater, in the same thoroughfare, was purchased and completely refitted. At this inauguration there were two other dancing assemblages. One, known as the "People's Tippecanoe inauguration ball" was held at Caru's, and the other, the "Native American inauguration ball," was held in Masonic ball. There was also an opposition ball at the incoming of President Polk.

The first inaugural ball held in Judiciary square, which is now the site of the permanent site for such affairs, was that of President Taylor. For this a temporary wooden building was erected in the rear of the court house, with which it was connected by covered passages. The decorations were gorgeous and the music was furnished by a celebrated Austrian band then touring the country. Two other inauguration balls were given the same night, and the new president found time to honor all three by his presence for a brief period.

The merry assemblage in honor of Pierce, the splendid event that marked the incoming of Buchanan, and the first Lincoln ball were all held in temporary buildings in Judiciary square. The last named was arranged on a magnificent scale, but the war spirit was already abroad in the land, and many persons socially and politically prominent failed to appear. The second Lincoln ball was held in the model room of the patent office, which was so crowded, and in all respects so unsatisfactory, that the affair was very unpopular.

Equally inappropriate and inconvenient was the place chosen for the first Grant ball. It was held in the north wing of the Treasury building. The cash room, just then completed, was utilized as a dancing room. The crush of humanity in the corridors and on the stairways made dancing and promenading almost impossible. At the second inauguration of President Grant a temporary building 350x150 feet was erected in Judiciary square. The ball room, 30,000 square feet in extent, contained 2,500 gas burners, and several hundreds of canary birds in cages were a feature of the superb decorations, but the night was so cold that the dancers were compelled to wear their cloaks and overcoats, and hot drinks were at a premium.

No ball followed the inauguration of President Hayes, as the decision of the electoral commission was rendered so late that there was no time for the necessary preparations. Garfield's inaugural ball was held in the National museum, which was then nearly completed. General Hancock, the defeated candidate, was one of the guests. In 1855 Judiciary square was covered by a colossal brick edifice for the use of the pension bureau. The pension building in form resembles the great Italian palaces. It is of fine pressed brick, with terra cotta moldings. Its ground floor is 80,000 square feet in extent, and its walls are seventy-five feet in height. The walls surround an immense courtyard with a roof of iron and glass. There is a large fountain in the center of the court, around which extends two tiers of galleries, giving access to the many rooms of the building. It is the best building in the national capital for the nation's great ball. During one week every four years the enormous business of this office ceases, and the employees, numbering about 1,800, are temporarily relieved from duty. Then desks, chairs, file cases, etc., are hurried out of sight, while the unadorned court, under the hands of artist decorators, becomes a veritable fairyland. It costs between \$50,000 and \$60,000 to make the transformation.

Cleveland's inaugural ball. At the first inauguration of President Cleveland the building was still unfinished, but it was roofed with wood and felt and a fine dancing floor was laid. The pillars were covered with white cloth and draped with chains of evergreens, from which hung pennants and flags. Deep crimson tapestry, gaily decorated with vines, enclosed the balconies, and the ceilings were completely hidden by flags and banners, from which ran streamers in every direction. For the balls of 1889 and 1893 the building was furnished and was found to be well suited to the event. The decorations of the ball of 1897 exceeded in splendor those of any similar occasion in the past. White and gold formed the color scheme and there was a whisper of mingled humor and malice, that it commemorated the issues of the campaign of 1896. However, the white and gold simply a novel feature of decoration, as well as a pleasing foil for the national colors, and here no reference to either the victors or the vanquished. The suite of rooms known as the private

office of the commissioner of pensions is always set apart for the presidential party. On such occasions these rooms are entirely divested of their official paraphernalia and refurbished with fitting elegance. The flowers used for decorating them include many rare and costly varieties of orchids and roses. It is customary for the president and his party to arrive about 10 o'clock. After a brief greeting to the few old and new friends permitted to enter these rooms, the president and his wife, accompanied by their party, pass down the entire length of the ball room, the vast concourse of people being massed, sometimes twenty deep, on either side of the room, the whole 300 feet of its length. At Benjamin Harrison's ball fully 12,000 persons were so congregated. Supper for 6,000 to 7,000 is usually provided and the president and his party are always the first to partake of it. They are served in rooms set apart for the purpose and immediately afterward depart for the White House.

For those who remain the festivities have only begun. Dancing is always an impossibility until after midnight. Despite the vast throng of humanity crowded into a space much too small for it, there is rarely any accident, ill-feeling or disorder. Every precaution is provided for by the admirable management of the executive committee and its subcommittees. Even a hospital, with a doctor and one or two nurses and aids, is provided, with a view to caring for the sudden illnesses which are liable to occur in a crush. The unflinching good humor characteristic of Washington crowds makes light of the little mishaps and annoyances incident to such a crush and even bears with becoming fortitude the pangs of hunger, for no means has yet been devised whereby that vast crowd can be adequately fed in a reasonable time and many must go home hungry from the hospitality of the greatest nation on earth.

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#### TABLE AND KITCHEN.

Practical Suggestions About Food and the Preparations of It.

Daily Menu. MONDAY. BREAKFAST. Grano. Sliced Peaches. Cream. Fried Dried Beef. Hashed Potatoes. Toasted Muffins. Coffee. LUNCH. Cold Chicken. Stewed Potatoes. Deep Apple Pie. Whipped Cream. DINNER. Escalloped Tomatoes. Stewed Onions. Egg Salad. Chilled Melon. Coffee.

TUESDAY. BREAKFAST. Cream Toast. Sliced Bananas. Broiled White Fish. Stewed Potatoes. Waffles. Syrup. Coffee. LUNCH. Veal Salad. Sliced Tomatoes. Rolls. Iced Tea. DINNER. Boiled Tongue. Spinach Parsie. Baked Sweet Potatoes. Creamed Cauliflower. Lettuce Salad. Peach Gateau. Coffee.

WEDNESDAY. BREAKFAST. Molded Farina. Stewed Fruit. Mutton Chop. Grilled Tomatoes. Milk. Biscuit. Coffee. LUNCH. Cold Tongue. Potato Salad. Thin Slices Bread and Butter. Iced Tea. DINNER. Smothered Chicken with Rice. Vegetable Soup. Junket with Whipped Cream. Coffee.

#### THE BREAKFAST TABLE.

A Great Promoter of Good Temper and Harmony. For professional men and all who are engaged in brain work the question of breakfast is a very important one. The standard American breakfast consists of beefsteak, potatoes, coffee and griddle-

cakes. The monotony of this bill of fare soon has its effect, and lack of appetite is sure to result. While the flavor of hotel cooking cannot be compared to that of good homemade dishes, it gives one the advantage of variety and choice, and one is sure to find something in the long and varied list of dishes to tempt the palate and satisfy demands. One scarcely realizes how much of the enjoyment derived from partaking of a good breakfast is due to the taste and nicety with which the table and dishes are arranged. The coffee may be delicious and the steak done to a turn, but if the sense of nicety and refinement be offended by soiled linen, dull silver and careless arrangement there is lack of good digestion as well as appetite. On the other hand, if the table is arranged with taste and everything delicately served, the appetite is stimulated and one enjoys the most homely viands.

#### Have Frequent Variations.

As the early morning meal is to prepare the household for the work of the day, the chief aim must be to provide sufficient nourishment to meet the demands upon the strength of mind or body. The refined home calls for frequent variations. When one has unlimited and varied supplies at their demand it would seem an easy matter to cater to the most pampered appetite. Where resources are somewhat limited, then it is necessary to study frequent variations on the same thing, and depend on little accessories in the form of crisp salad of lettuce and cream, a dish of fresh garden radishes or whole tomatoes, peeled, chilled and served half hidden in the tender green of lettuce. This gives color and a suggestion of coolness that is most refreshing and inviting on a close, sultry morning.

Whenever it is possible have some bit of brightness from out of doors and let the flowers be freshly gathered, if from your own garden. Nothing warms the eye more than flowers that have lost their freshness, especially when they greet you at the early morning meal. They kill too strongly of lassitude to promote cheer at a well-ordered breakfast table.

The first essential is promptness. Haste and friction of any kind must be avoided if the meal is to be successful. The housekeeper who looks well after the needs of her household will not leave the choice preparation of her breakfast dishes until morning and then, with a hasty survey of her resources, prepare "anything" that can be cooked hastily, to the destruction of her own peace of mind and the temper of her family. But she will make a careful selection of materials and have everything in readiness on the night before. To the woman who manages well it is not a difficult task to serve a dainty home breakfast, even when the wage-earner must be "on time" for an early morning train.

#### A Dainty Breakfast.

There is a peculiar pleasantness in the thought of a home breakfast of fresh fruit, fresh eggs daintily cooked and served, a juicy chop or bit of delicately broiled fish or ham, a baked potato that turns out like white, glistening snow, freshly-made coffee, with its delightful aroma, to surprise you at the table, and not tantalize your nostrils while still at your toilet. To most people, during hot weather, a well-cooked cereal, molded in individual shapes and served ice cold with rich cold cream is much more inviting and enjoyable than the hot mush served steaming from the fire. Even hot rolls, muffins and biscuit are not impossible for an early breakfast, and are often preferred by many, instead of a steady diet of hot meats.

The use of eggs is generally acceptable to even delicate eaters, and can be prepared in so many tempting ways. They are found on the table all the year round. The long list of omelets give variety. Tomatoes and eggs make many delightful combinations that are not only appetizing, but nourishing as well.

#### UNCLE SAM'S CURE.

##### The Hot Springs of Arkansas.

The United States government owns the Hot Springs and says they will cure rheumatism, grippe, neuralgia and scores of others. Hotels for all classes. Write Bureau of Information for illustrated books.

##### Where He Got Off.

Salt Lake Herald: As he entered the car he saw at a glance that there was one seat with a young lady in it, and he marched straight down the aisle, deposited his overcoat, sat down and familiarly observed: "I entirely forgot to ask your permission." "That's of no consequence," she replied. "Thanks. Just arrived in the city, I presume," he ventured to remark as he glanced at the bundles and grips on the floor near by. "Not exactly."

##### "You're all alone, eh?"

"Almost, but not quite. My husband is the conductor on this car, the motorman is my cousin and my father and a brother are in the seat back of us." "Aw! Aw! I see," gasped the man, and the floor of the car suddenly became so red-hot that he lit out without another word.

# March Winds

The winds of March are the last gasps of a dying Winter. They breathe the breath of death. Who does not know some sad story brought to a fatal ending by the uncertain winds of March? Women are so susceptible to weather changes. All Winter they protect themselves, but with the first indication of Spring they lose caution and take a sudden cold. Latent weakness is developed into acute attack by such a cold, and a hard struggle for health follows. Many times the fight is unsuccessful and the evil effects endure for years.

Many women do not know how weak they are until a March wind finds them unprepared. This is a treacherous month. Don't take chances. Dr. Greene's great medicine will guard you against sudden exposure by building up the entire system. It fortifies the weak points in the armor and turns weakness into strength. New life is taken in with every breath. Every pulsation of the blood is health-giving. All the action of the nervous system is strengthened and brought into control by healthy, well circulated blood. Health shows itself in the quickened step, the clear eye and the active brain.

Mrs. H. H. WAKEFIELD, of Montpelier, Vermont, says:—



USE Dr. Greene's NERVURA In the Spring.

"About a year ago my health was very poor. I was very nervous, with a bad feeling in my head and at the base of my brain, extending down the back of my neck. I was thin in flesh, and pale, weak and tired, and unable to sleep nights. I had a terrible deathly feeling which I should describe as a falling sensation, and many times I should have fallen if I had not taken hold of something. This condition continued for about three months before I found help. I heard of Dr. Greene's Nervura blood and nerve remedy and commenced using it. Before I had taken one bottle I felt the good results of it, and before I had used the second I was entirely cured of all my troubles."

## THE SAFEGUARD. Against Spring Changes is DR. GREENE'S NERVURA BLOOD AND NERVE REMEDY

A practical instance of the curative power of Dr. Greene's Nervura is that of Mrs. William Fish, of So. Florence, Pa., who writes the following letter:

"I have read so many testimonials that I feel as if I wanted some one to read mine in regard to Dr. Greene's Nervura blood and nerve remedy. I have had nervous trouble for over two years; it came upon me suddenly, without warning. In the night I awoke and found myself getting helpless after doing all my family could. I finally was myself again, but the effects lasted me the whole of the next day. I was so weak I could hardly walk; that was only the beginning; more followed, sometimes two or three spells in one night, and night after night not a wink of sleep did I get.

"I employed one doctor, then another, until I had tried three. Well, I got some relief, as long as my medicine lasted, but no cure. I was discouraged and took my case in my own hands, saying nothing to anyone, and began using Dr. Greene's Nervura blood and nerve remedy.

I am on the third bottle of Nervura and have not been so well in years as I am at the present time. Besides helping my nervous system, I have received help in abundance for other troubles I had for several years, weakness, etc. I can now sleep from the time I go to bed until morning; have a splendid appetite, where I hated food before. Any one of my family will tell you the truth of what I say.

"I feel I can never say enough in praise of Dr. Greene's Nervura blood and nerve remedy. It seems as though my troubles were a complication of every trouble one could name, and I feel like a different person in every way."

## Dr. Greene's NERVURA Blood and Nerve Remedy

Protects Women Against the Sudden Changes of Spring.

The counsel of Dr. Greene, Nervura's Discoverer, is at the free disposal of every woman who asks it, either by personal call at his office, 35 West 14th St., New York City, or by letter through the mails.

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Thoughtful, home-making women are giving more attention to healthful food every day. That is why they have with open arms welcomed

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