tures show two rooms character-istic of the way interior decoration is carried out today. No amount of money is too great to be expended, and no amount of labor excossive when there is a particular end in

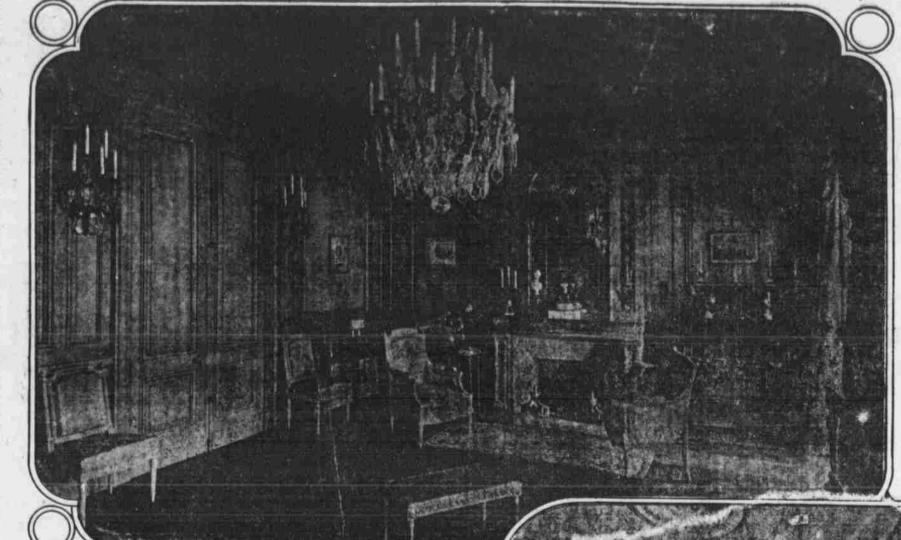
These labors are usually devoted to reproducing as perfectly as possible the work of some famous artist or decorator of former years. In this case there are shown an example of the work of a decorator and the specimen of a period which impressed itself on the decorative art of all succeedng generations. One room follows the style known as Louis XVI, while the other as near a reproduction as possible of a com decorated by the brothers Adam. The period of the Adams' popularity in England followed shortly after the school of Louis XVI, although the periods are very searly contemporaneous.

The two Adams brothers, after they had studied in Italy and Greece, wanted to free the prevalling style of Louis XV from the ornamentation that came to degrade 4t. Robert Adam returned to Engand, taking with him an Italian artist, and began to create the style of decoration nown by his name. He and his brother not only designed such houses as Adelphi Terrace in London, but would even go into such detail as the decoration of a sewing table or a pair of candlesticks to fit into the decorative scheme of a house.

At the present time there has been, both here and in England, such a renaissance of Adam furniture and decoration as has not been known in years. The taste for this period has naturally brought much of the finest Adam furniture from England to this country. No other antique furniture brings such high prices fust now.

The example of an Adam room illustrated

here is in the country home of J. R. Steers at Port Chester. It serves as a formal reception room. The walls and ceiling are of plaster. The latter is ornamented with elaborate applied designs in modeled work, consisting of festoons and garlands. The ceiling is painted a delicate cream color, while the walls and woodwork are in a very light creamy brown, with the panels in a soft water green. These shades carry out the tones of the furniture covering, which is of satin, in green, and ornamented in cream colored designs of the colored veinings. The floor is of oak, laid fixtures, which are of carved wood, with Adam style. The mantel, an antique im- in a herringbone design.



acteristic Adam style. The hearth and fa- Georgian manner and of the exact shade intended originally to hold candles. cings are of light green marble with cream of the furniture coverings. The electric The furniture is rare, set in the pure

ported from England, is of wood, carved The window draperies are of plain green house in England and date from the first mirrors inlaid, were brought from an old with elaborate ornamentation of the char- satin, hung with the strictest regard to the Georgian period. They were of course

TYPICAL LOUIS XVI ROOM.

the large living room, which adjoins this the brass locks on the doors. the builders of Faircroft, which is the name material. of this country home, were Blake & Butler

of this city. colonial cottage in East Seventy-third Mr. Potter is shown by the bunches of from original designs in a French palace, which they belong.

The furniture of the room was brought

Adam style. It is of light birdseys maple, intact from a French chateau in which it painted in graceful scroll designs, with had rested since the day the cabinetmaker applied panels of blue and white Wedg- delivered it there. The Chinese percelain wood. The grate is of iron and burnished vase altting on the side table has the brass steel and a genuine product of the Adam mountings of the period, while the pictures period. The graceful chairs are finished are not reproductions, but engravings with straw bottoms. The ornaments in made in the time of Louis XVI. and enthe room are all in accordance with the closed in the original frames. The French Adam models. In spite of its elegance porcelain ornaments are Sevres and bronze the room has an effect of simplicity. It of the period of the room. The andirons is somewhat longer than it is broad and is of brass came from a French chanteau, lighted by two windows. There are doors while the gray and white marble mantel is leading to the main entrance hall and to also an original piece. Characteristic are

formal Adam room. The only feature The furniture, which is covered with pale of the decoration not in the Adam period rose damask, has also the proceeded designs is the rug of eastern origin, which is in the so popular in this period. The principal tones of the decorations of the hangings motive is a cupid with a bow surrounded and the walls. The architects, as well as by garlands. The curtains are of similar

These two rooms, fliustrating periods separated by only a few years in time, The Louis XVI. drawing room is in the show a recent tendency in household decohome of Robert B. Potter, the architect ration founded on a very sound theory of who designed and decorated the unique taste. These rooms look almost empty in comparison with what was regarded as an street. The care for detail exercised by attractive apartment only a few years ago. If these rooms were crowded they ostrich feathers that ornament each end would be as unfaithful to the period they the cornice. These were an invariable are supposed to represent as if they were feature of the sixteenth Louis and as in- furnished with Eastlake and decorated evitable as they later became in England. with art nouveau wall paper. The present The walls are hung in pale rose damask, demand for uncrowded rooms is undoubtwhile the woodwork is of pale gray. The edly the result of a desire to make houses ornamentation of the woodwork is copied conform to the model of the period to

The fixtures that hang from the ceiling as It was not thought an anachronism sevwell as those on the walls are meant to eral years ago to jam a room full of Emreceive only candles. Neither gas nor pire furniture, although rooms of the Emelectric light is used in illuminating the pire days held only a few of the heavy ornate pieces.

## Mark Twain and Cleveland

During the time that we were living in Buffalo in '70-'71, relates Mark Twain in his autobiography, Mr. Cleveland was aheriff, but I never happened to make his acquaintance, or even see him. In fact, I suppose I was not even aware of his existence. Fourteen years later he became the greatest man in the state. I was not living in the state at the time. He was governor and was about to step into the post of president of the United Stafes. At that time I was on the public highway in company with another bandit, George W. Cable. We were robbing the public with readings from our works during four months, and in the course of time we went to Albany to levy tribute, and I said: "We ought to go and pay our respects to the governor."

So Cable and I went to that majestic capitol building and stated our errand. We were shown into the governor's private office, and I saw Mr. Cleveland for the first time. We three stood chatting together. I was born lazy and I comforted myself by turning the corner of a table into a sort of seat. Presently the governor said:

"Mr. Clemens, I was a fellow citizen of rours in Buffulo a good many months, a good while ago, and during those months you burst suddenly into a mighty fame, out of a previous long-continued and no doubt proper obscurity-but I was nobody, and you wouldn't notice me nor have anything to do with me. But now that I have become somebody you have changed your style and you come here to shake hands with me and be sociable. How do you explain this kind of conduct?"

"O," I said, "it is very simple, your excellency. In Buffalo you were nothing b ford to associate with sheriffs. But you are a governor now and you are on your way to the presidency. It is a great difference and it makes you worth while."

## Sherburn M. Becker Milwaukee's Mayor

called "kid" mayor of Milwaukee, there is to it." manager William F. Hooker, a newspaper affairs. man, who is now his tax commissioner. When Becker first broke into politics After Becker had landed the nomination and won the election Mr. Hooker was invertising line and that the campaign cost something like \$4,000. "And now," said Mr. Hooker, "nine months after the election, the magazines are keeping he busy.

As mayor he has fought for the estab-

pertain. When an Omaha newspaper man went to call on Mayor Becker last August in Milwaukee he found the young mayor with his coat off and his sleeves rolled up,

"I have to do it," he said by way of me little or no leisure. This job is no until next April, but his life has been

is to be the principal speaker at At that time Mayor Becker was "dated" the way things are done in Europe, On the annual banquet of the Mo- far ahead for addresses before commercial his return he went into his father's bank Kinley club of Omaha at the Mil- and political organizations in many cities. In Milwaukee and gained a good general hard hotel next Tuesday evening. January He comes to Omaha after appearing before knowledge of the banking business. Later 29. He is not only somewhat unique as the the Board of Trade of Louisville, Ky., on he went west and like Roosevelt, became youngest mayor of a city of the first class, Saturday, the 26th. In the meantime he saturated with the spirit of the country. but he is a forceful character in many will have raced back to Milwaukes to He is an athletic individual, and became ways. His campaign for mayor of Mil- keep in touch with his "job," as he calls not only a fine rifle shot, but acquired such wankee was made through the newspapers it. His dynamic energy and capacity for eleverness with the lariat and as a horsealmost entirely-by advertising. When he hard work is a strong characteristic; but man that he took part in a noted roping determined to seek the nomination he was he is a thoroughly educated man, from an contest at Cheyenne. This, too, despite the an alderman. He hired as advertising academic standpoint as well as in civic fact that he has been raised in the lap of

some years ago it was as a member of the of one dollar of his money for anything board of supervisors of Milwaukee county. vited to address the Agate club, the leading organization of advertising men in fore he started a series of investigations bought their space freely, but his treat-Chicago. He told them that Mr. Becker that uncovered so much fraud that \$50,000 ment of moochers and whispering politiwas saved to the county in a single year. He is truly of the Roosevelt type, and since was widely published during his campaign. a visit to the president at Sagamore Hill last summer the two are great friends.

The Sunday papers are still chasing me lishment of a municipal electric lighting for stuff, and I doubt if the end will ever plant, and within the last month a site has been purchased by Milwaukee on which That the end has not come yet seems such a plant is to be built. He now has a movement under way in the Wisconsin legislature to make public service corporations and contractors responsible for pavements they may want to tear up and rehair mussed, and working away for dear quiring them to deposit a sufficient sum, before getting a permit, to make the pavement as good as it was before destruction.

HERBURN M. BECKER, the so- snap, and I want to be conversant with all crowded full of work and experience. After leaving Harvard he went abroad to observe

luxury, literally.

Becker would not tolerate the spending that had even the seeming of underhand cians is illustrated by an incident that "I have 500 votes that I can turn over to

you," whispered an old-style politician in his headquarters. "Glad to hear it," said Becker, out loud. "But it will take a little money to hold was S. S. Merrill, for many years the 500 votes.

"Better let them break ranks then" re- boss by his own ability.

the fellows in line," persisted the man with executive head of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railroad, who rose from section

torted Becker, and turned to the next in- Mayor Becker is married and has two terviewer. Becker has the reputation of children. His wife is a daughter of former never hesitating. He refuses to get lost. Governor William E. Smith of Wisconsin. The young mayor of Milwaukee comes The Milwaukee executive will arrive in by his executive ability naturally. His Omaha Tuesday morning and will hold a father, Washington Becker, is president of seance with Mayor Dahlman, after which

the Marine National bank of Milwaukee, he will be shown the city by members of young in years, Mr. Solomon is really one Farnam. The family then moved to a county tax department, was deputy county apology, "for my outside engagements leave Mayor Becker will not be 30 years of age and his grandfather on the maternal side the McKinley club reception committee.

OSCAT II.

Oscar King of Sweden

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appreciation of the urgent need of certain As a patron of art, the Swedish monreforms, completely won the people's arch's name will be coupled by posterity Prince Gustavus is an inveterate if not an

The progress of the country in com- artistic delight to wander through the enters open tournaments, and though he merce, industry, agriculture, education, halls and corridors of Drottningholm castle, does not always prove a winner, there etc., during his reign, has been gradual where the monarch spends most of the are but three or four men in all Sweden and sure. In 1875, for instance, Sweden summer. Since the elaborate renovation who may be called his superiors. had 2,516 factories, employing altogether and reconstruction of its interior, begun passion for sport Gustavus inherited doubt-52,307 hands and producing material to the in 1885, and carried out under the king's less from his father. From time to time, value of 143,000,000 crowns. In 1895 the personal supervision and measurably at his throughout a long span number of factories had increased to 5,003, own expense, it has become one King Oscar has distinguished himself as that of the employes to 140,776, and the of the most beautiful royal residences a follower of many branches of outdoor value of the output to 418,000,000 crowns, in the world. Every object be- pastime. As recently as 1855, at the army Since his coming into power over 109 new speaks fastidious selection. The ar- maneuvers at Nerike, he surprised every Since his coming into power over 100 new speaks fastidious selection. The arrailways have been constructed and thrown rangement of the paintings, the architectone by his daring expert horsemanship. open for traffic. In 1875 about 6,400,000 acres tural effects, the form of the furniof soil were under cultivation; in 1896 almost ture, the floors, ceilings, windows, all add Yacht club, he personally sailed one of 9,000,000. All the institutions of learning essentially to the general harmonious the competing boats to victory. He is a owe much of their present prosperity di- beauty of the place. To see it is to be con- patient, lucky fisherman, a sure shot, a rectly to the king's interest. The splendid vinced of King Oscar's intelligent appre-reliable bowler and curler, and was not so International exposition held at Stockholm ciation of art, especially when you know very long ago a "rattling" sky-jumper and ten years ago testified eloquently to that the work hears the marks of his hand, a first-rate swimmer. tional efficiency.

the summer of 1964. Norway had again have appeared in Stockholm without being Gustavus Wasa, Gustavus Adolphus, or made the consular question a crucial issue, honored by an invitation to meet the king. Charles XII, will be the place of Oscar II, The attitude of the heads of its govern- Some years ago, actuated by his love of the round whose name no lustrous historical ment. Berner, Loviand, Michelsen, was stage, he established a new order, or roll glories can ever cluster. His was a reign almost aggressively defant. A now-or- of honor, entitled "Litteris et Artibua." of peace. The mention of his name will never spirit of determination marked their He himself makes the awards; and though have no echo of cannon-thunder or battle-Oscar at last sign the bill (unani- worthy representatives of the histrioric with truth, that he served his country well. mously passed by the Storthing) giv- profession, literary men, scientists and It shall be said of him that never did he ing the Norwegians the right to ap- musicians are. I believe, also eligible, stand unmoved, haughtly, cold, before any point consuls of their own and cease Among the famous theatrical folk who have prayer of his people. He has striven to recognize those named by Sweden? received it are Sarah Bernhardt, Eleonora conscientiously and to the utmost extent There were many days of suspense. Then Duse, and Christine Nilsson. war was narrowly averted. Had the Nor- trated wildernesses and traversed deserts times. - Paul Horboe in The Outlook.

kingdom of Sweden. It may be mentioned arch meets old friends, classmates at col- Omaha to Lincoln on a bike, May 15, 1882. that the people were slow to approach the lege, fellow officers of the navy; he particinew king. They mourned the loss of his sea memories, swims, sails and mingles brother very much, as the Danes had freely with the hardy inhabitants. For never hitherto trod by a white man's foot, grieved over the death of their Frederick him it has become a place of reunions, a the venerable king embraced him like a VII about ten years previously. For quite treasure room of fond reminiscences. It is father, calling him "my son." Sven Hedin a long time the nation showed either a not too much to say that in its welcome is again in Asia, and a large fraction of lack of inclination, or sheer inability, to embodies the heart of the entire nation. expedition was likewise contributed by reconcile itself to the change. At least a Those sojourns in the historic town, decade was to pass before Oscar II, thanks through whose quaint streets sometimes in large measure to his wise dealing with blow the winds of the near North sea, public questions, his patriotism, his keen have contributed largely to disseminate a sympathies with national ideals and prompt sonal attributes among his people.

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with that of Gustavus III. It is a rare invincible tennis player. Every season he

Sweden's eminance in the matter of na-tional efficiency. The matter of na-voted theater-goer and admirer of good act-of Sweden; and more efficient rulers, too, The gravest period of his reign came in ing. Few foreign players of distinction perhaps, and stronger men. modus, operandi. Would King the decoration is intended chiefly for field horror. But it shall be said of him,

suddenly the "extras" announced that the No one could testify with greater author- ficial but the human duties of his exalted sovereign's answer was a veto. From that ity to King Oscar's interest in science than position. Sincerity of purpose, unselfish-moment events moved with great celerity. Dr. Sven Hedin, author of "Through Asia." ness, energetic pursuit of the intellectual and on June ? Oscar II was king of Swe- It is a matter of simple fact that Hedin's ideal-by such virtues shall posterity den only. A less peace-loving monarch first great journey of exploration was very recognize the moral greatness of Oscar II, than he would never have gone through materially backed by his royal patron, one of the most human, most intellectual, that crisis without bloodshel. As it was, When the scientist returned, having pene- most lovable royal personages of modern

Emmett G. Solomon County Commissioner MMET G. Solomon, the newly This trip was notable enough to win news- four children in the family, two boys and

elected chairman of the Board of paper mention in both cities. of the old settlers of Nebraska. Born in stock farm the elder Solomon established auditor one year, and previous to that was Steubenville, O., he came with his parents and Emmet G. went into the rasing of pure cashier two years for F. E. Sanborn. He to Omaha in 1868. After, arrival his first bred trottting stock. He has had some has also had an architectural training, notable undertaking was as carrier for good track performers at different times; having worked on the plans of the city The Bee, and some small modicum of the but the horse that won the most fame for hall and the Omaha club. This training wegians been dealing with Crown Prince success of the paper since must, perhaps, the Solomon farm was a 2-year-old pacing developed naturally out of an apprentice-Gustavus the result would probably have be attributed to the faithfulness with which stallion, Ed Rosewater. On November 1, ship served at the carpenter's bench when young Solomon carried his route. Like 1888, Mr. Solomon drove Rosewater to a a young man. He has traveled exten-Returning to the personal side of the most normal boys he worked through record of 2:20% in a race at Council Biuffs. sively as a horseman and otherwise, having haunts of private life to the inviolate halls king, mention should be made of his school with success, and like other normal This mark stood as the record for 2-year- visited thirty-one of the states of the of sovereignty. In the beginning, extreme annual summer excursions to Marstrand, boys, too, he became interested in the old stallions for the next two years and union, from the Atlantic to the Pacific. caution characterized his official acts. He on the western coast. For at least a bicycle. The machine of those days was two months. The Solomons brought some On the county board he has been deeply spared no effort to continue as nearly as generation Oscar II has spent a month of the sky scraper type, but being some very fine stock from Kentucky during their interested in bettering the roads, and his or more of each year at that resort, tall himself, Solomon tackled the con- connection with the horse breeding busi- wide observation in other states has given possible the administrative policy of his Naturally, the little place is crowded to trivance without fear. In company with ness, Ed Rosewater winning the greatest him some very practical ideas. He lives predecessor, Carl XV, than whom there overflowing during his visits-the fair sex John G. Hitchcock, since dead, Mr. Solomon fame. never was a more popular regent in the predominating. At Marstrand the mon- made the first trip that was made from Mr. Solomon is married and there are the Omaha Country club in Benson.

It is not generally known here that the

monarch's youngest son, Prince Eugene,

the not uninteresting fact that Crown

In 1890, at the races of the Royal Swedish

MODEL ADAM ROOM,

two girls, all attending the public schools. County Commissioners, is serving In a business way Mr. Solomon was for While the county commissionership is the his second year as a member of several years associated with his father in first elective position he has held, he has the board. Though domparatively the paint, oil and glass business at 1204 filled the position of chief clerk of the with his family on a fruit farm north of



METT E SOLOMON, CHAIRMAN BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF



SHERBURN M. BECKER, MAYOR OF MILWAUKEE, IN HIS CAMPAIGN UNI-