

White House Functions.

When the president receives,
There's a pretty group of Eves
On parade, "behind the line,"
Just to stand and smile and shine;
Not a blessed thing to do
In the way of greeting you—
Not a handshake to bestow;
Just a feature of the show.

When the president receives,
Not a single soul believes
He is "glad to see you here"
(If he were, it would be queer);
It is just an awful bore,
Standing by the blue room door,
Hearing Bingham bawl the names
Of inconsequential dames,
Beaus bedecked with shoulder straps,
Politicians—crooks, perhaps.

When the president receives,
Arms that should be clothed with sleeves,
Necks that need the highest yoke,
Tempt the looker-on to joke;
Men wear ties in reds and blues,
Men appear in russet shoes—
Everything that's wrong in dress;
It's a sorry, mixed-up mess;
I have even seen, by chance,
Mary Walker in her pants.

When the president receives,
In a crowd that shoves and heaves,
He is stared at by a mob
That knows how to do the job;
And his lady and her gown
Are the targets of the clown.
No one ever manifests
That he knows the other "guests,"
But he doesn't seem to care,
So he has a chance to stare.

When the president receives,
You might think his guests were thieves,
For the "cops" are there to see
No one carves the tapes'ry,
Lifts the chairs or swipes the flowers;
So it goes for hours and hours,
And the president shakes hands,
And there's music by the bands,
And the mob is put to rout
Only when the lights go out!

An Echo of the Transvaal.

Chappie—My deah boy, what is the
mattah?
Cholly—Just went out and got into a
row, so as to get licked.
Chappie—Why did you want to do
that?
Cholly—Because it is so English just
now to get licked.—Town Topics.

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Hunting for New Writers.

Eight thousand manuscripts were received by the Ladies' Home Journal during the year just closed. Each was given a careful reading, but out of the entire number only eighty were found worthy of publication. The manuscript bureau of the Ladies' Home Journal is operated at a large expense, but the hope of discovering new writers or some aspirants with undeveloped talent warrants the outlay. It can be seen that the articles secured by such a careful winnowing process brings the cost of each up to and above the remuneration paid our best writers.

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