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When in the grasp of Tyranny Our country prostrate bowed, When Wrong held sway on land and sea, The latent fires in patriot hearts To mighty flame burst forth, And lo! the call for freeman all To rise and prove their worth. Scarce had the echoes died away, Ere legions sought the fields of fray. In that great hour of need, the Lord, In mighty wisdom, raised A man to wield the leader's sword, Where fires of battle blazed A man of valor, in whose breast Was throned a loyal heart. A man whose war was never to end The gallant chains apart, And hurl the hosts of royalty Back in defeat across the sea.

WASHINGTON AT PRINCETON.

How He Rode to the Front, Rallied the Troops and Won the Day. Cornwallis had left all his stores at Brunswick, and three regiments of foot and three companies of horse at Princeton. Thither then Washington was marching that winter night. He meant to strike his superior enemy another blow at a weak point. By daybreak he was near Princeton, and moved with the main army straight from the town. Mercer was detached with three hundred men to destroy the bridge which gave the most direct connection with Cornwallis. The enemy had started at sunrise, and one regiment was already over the bridge when they saw the Americans. Col. Mawhood at once recrossed the bridge, and both Americans and English made for some high commanding ground. The Americans reached the desired point first, and a sharp fight ensued. The American rifles did great execution, but without bayonets they could not stand the charge. Mercer was mortally wounded, and his men began to retreat. As Mawhood advanced, he came upon the main American army, marching rapidly to the scene of action. The new Pennsylvania militia in the van wavered under the British fire and began to give way. Washington forgetting, as he was too apt to do, his position, his importance, and everything but the fight, rode rapidly to the front, reined his horse within thirty yards of the enemy and called to his men to stand firm. The wavering ceased, the Americans advanced, the British halted and then gave way. The Seventeenth regiment was badly cut up, broken and dispersed. The other two fled into the town, made a brief stand, gave way again and were driven in rout to Brunswick. Washington broke down the bridges and, leaving Cornwallis, who had discovered that he had been outgeneraled, to gaze at him from the other side of the Millstone and of Stony Brook, moved off to the Somerset Court House, where he stopped to rest his men, who had been marching and fighting for eighteen hours. It was too late to reach the magazine at Brunswick, but the work was done—H. C. Large, in Scribner's.

Washington a Practical Man. Washington was not, even according to the standards of his day, a highly educated man. In his youth he did not seem destined to high honors. He began life as a surveyor at 16, and his college was the forest; his tutors in war were red Indians. He was eminently a practical man. Patrick Henry wrote of Washington during the First Congress, "If you speak of solid information and sound judgment, Col. Washington is unquestionably the greatest man upon the floor."

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THE WASHINGTON PORTRAIT.

One of the most interesting bits of old pottery in existence is a rare piece of Chinese porcelain in the New York Metropolitan Museum. It was made by a Chinese artist more than a century ago and bears a quaint portrait of George Washington, also the work of Chinese hands. The vase shows that the fame of the father of his country had traveled far even in those early days. The Chinese touch will be recognized in the slanting eyes and eyebrows and in the semi-Chinese, semi-European dress, but the likeness is very good, and the work, all in all, is esthetic as well as curious.

Washington on Marriage.

In several letters Washington expressed his views upon the institution of marriage. To the French ally, Count Chastellux, who served in America as a major general, he wrote: "In reading your very friendly and acceptable letter I was, as you may well suppose, not less delighted than surprised to meet the plain American words 'my wife.' A wife! Well, my dear marquis, I can hardly refrain from smiling to find you are caught at last. I saw by the eulogium you often made upon the happiness of domestic life in America that you had swallowed the bait and that you would as surely be taken one day or other as that you were a philosopher and a soldier. So your day has at last come. I am glad of it with all my heart and soul. It is quite good enough for you. Now you are well served for coming to fight in favor of the American rebels all the way across the Atlantic ocean by catching that terrible contagion, domestic felicity, which same, like the smallpox or the plague, a man can have only once in his life, because it commonly lasts him (at least with us in America; I don't know how you manage these matters in France) for his whole lifetime. And yet, after all the maledictions you so richly merit on the subject, the worst wish I can find in my heart against you is that you may neither of you ever get the better of this domestic felicity during the entire course of your mortal existence."

Once when asked to give advice to a widow in the Custis circle as to a new matrimonial venture, he replied: "I never did nor do I believe I ever shall give advice to a woman who is setting out on a matrimonial voyage—first, because I never could advise one to marry without her own consent, and, secondly, because I know it is to no purpose to advise her to refrain when she has obtained it. A woman very rarely asks an opinion or requires advice on such an occasion till her resolution is formed, and then it is with the hope and expectation of obtaining a sanction that she applies."

Maxims and Precepts by Washington.

Be courteous to all, but intimate with few, and let those few be well tried before you give them your confidence. The company on which you improve most will be least expensive to you. It is easy to make acquaintances, but difficult to shake off, however irksome and unprofitable they are found, after we have once committed ourselves to them. It is a maxim with me not to ask what, under similar circumstances, I would not grant. In my estimation, more permanent and genuine happiness is to be found in the sequestered walks of connubial life than in the giddy rounds of promiscuous pleasure or the more tumultuous and imposing scenes of successful ambition. Without virtue and without integrity, the finest talents and the most brilliant accomplishments can never gain the respect and conciliate the esteem of the truly valuable part of mankind. I shall never attempt to palliate my own foibles by exposing the error of another. Nothing would give me more real satisfaction than to know the sentiments which are entertained of men by the public, whether they be favorable or otherwise.

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