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CAPTAIN DENSMORE'S PECULIAR CHARGE AT THE CAPITOL.

He Guards the President—The Man Who Stands Between the Chief Executive and the Weapons of Dangerous and Fanatical Cranks—His History.

Of the thousands who weekly visit the executive mansion not one fails to ask who the tall, heavily built man is standing either close by the president's side or hovering near him, and few forget, when once told, that "he's Captain Densmore." It is a Massachusetts citizen that has in his keeping the safety of President Harrison and of the White House family.

E. S. Densmore, the "captain," as he is oftener called, is an important personage in the White House economy. The charge committed to him is no light one. The life of the president of the United States, while not as thorny as that of the Russian czar, wouldn't be worth a row of frost bitten peach trees if one or two of the people who think they have grudges against him could get within range of the president. Hardly a week passes but threatening letters are received from cranks and persons who breathe out intimidations and promise swift vengeance. These are at once made Captain Densmore's property. If the crank is from Washington he generally knows him; if not, he soon makes himself acquainted with the needed information. Densmore seems to know cranks by instinct, and none get further than the door or the vestibules. Then he coaxes and manages till the crank or the bitter person with a wrong in his eyes leaves, sends in a card or writes a note, which never reaches the president, who is thus left with but little knowledge of the annoyances and dangers attending him daily.

WHITE HOUSE GUARDS.

The White House, during Hayes' administration, found its guard demoralized. Densmore, who was a marked man by this time, was sent for. He resigned from the police force and went to assist in guarding the lives of presidents. From that time on he has been at the mansion almost continually. During Cleveland's administration he resigned and went to Massachusetts to look after the interests of a Fitchburg firm. During that time he took up a residence in the Bay State, where he is still a voter.

When Harrison came to Washington before the inauguration Mr. Densmore was sent for and requested to assume charge of President Harrison, just as he had of Cleveland at his inauguration. Although still in the employ of the Fitchburg house, he consented to remain till the inauguration was over. Prior to March 4 the life of the president-elect is a matter of solicitude, and every danger is guarded against. None, not even the hotel servants, is allowed to enter the president's apartments until Densmore has looked him over and pronounced him harmless. After the inauguration the captain remained as guest and guide for a few days, and later, at the urgent request of the family, he assumed his old position as chief guardian of the president's life and the rampart between the family and an envious public.

When the president leaves his office for a public reception in the East room the tall man is close at his side. He has looked over all the people, and satisfied himself there is no suspicious characters in the house. Then he fills up one pocket with a beautiful pistol, and the crowd files singly either between him and the president, to whom he performs the introductions, or by him first, and then the president, as they stand side by side.

A CONSTANT WATCH.

Densmore has his eye on every one; on hands for suspicious movements, and on faces for any token of danger, while on the other side of the line is another guard who keeps his eyes open also, and the president takes it all without a wink.

Sometimes queer things happen at receptions, and people seem to think Captain Densmore must be some relative or at least a high official. One old man got out the door after seeing the president, came back, and insisted on shaking the vice president's hand.

Immediately after inauguration, and during the first two years of an administration, a president's life is always held to be in greatest danger.

Captain Densmore himself is not on station at night at the house, but is in charge of all arrangements, and is particular that the most muscular men shall be at the door. For the man who sees that the president's sleep is undisturbed he has picked out the strongest and finest specimen of manhood on the Washington police force.

In the grounds the watchmen are under his eye, and the night men have learned that it doesn't do to neglect duty or run chances by taking a nap, for Captain Densmore is as likely to be standing under the shadow of a tree at midnight or to walk into the little guardhouse at 2 o'clock a. m., as he is to be on hand promptly at 9 the next morning for the first caller.

Outside the grounds he is not supposed to attend the president unless requested. It has been his custom, however, to act as escorts to trains and be on hand for the president's arrival. Since Garfield's death the captain has never failed in this, because he feels that if, as had been his habit previously, he had only gone to the station with Garfield Guiteau could never have shot the president.—Boston Globe.

Sawdust for Generating Electricity.

In parts of the country where coal is dear electric light and power companies are looking for the cheapest substitute they can find. An electric corporation in Oregon has the good fortune to be near the sawmills of a great lumber company, and has promptly seized the opportunity offered of securing an economical fuel for its power plant. The refuse of the sawmills is taken direct from the saws and conveyed directly to the boilers of the electric company without any handling whatever.—Pittsburg Dispatch.

AT FIRST.

If I should fall asleep one day,
All overworn,
And should my spirit, from the clay,
Go dreaming out the heavenward way,
Or thence be softly borne,

I pray you, angels, do not first
Assail mine ear
With that blest anthem, oft rehearsed,
"Behold the bonds of Death are burst!"
Lest I should faint with fear.

But let some happy bird, at hand,
The silence break;
So shall I dimly understand
That dawn has touched a blossoming land,
And sigh myself awake.

From that deep rest emerging so,
To lift the head
And see the bath flower's bell of snow,
The pink arbutus, and the low
Spring beauty streaked with red,

Will all suffice. No otherwhere
Impelled to roam,
Till some blithe wanderer, passing fair,
Will, smiling, pause—of me aware—
And murmur, "Welcome home!"

So sweetly greeted I shall rise
To kiss her cheek;
Then lightly soar in lovely guise,
As one familiar with the skies,
Who finds and need not seek.

—Amanda T. Jones in Century.

Declined the Passes.

The presentation by Sir Edwin Arnold of the manuscript of a meritorious and intrinsically valuable poem to the Lotos club recalls an incident that marked the visit of Henry Irving to this city in 1889. Like Sir Edwin, Mr. Irving had been an honored guest at a Lotos club banquet. The enthusiasm of the lotos eaters is boundless and their hospitality is proverbial. Sir Edwin, in the enthusiasm of the moment, presented the club with the manuscript of a poem for which he had been offered a large sum of money. Mr. Irving, after enjoying the hospitality of the club, insisted on presenting each member with an annual pass to the Lyceum theater, in London. The limitless possibilities of such a presentation impressed certain members of the club to such an extent that they undertook the task of prevailing upon each member to send a note declining the proffered favor. Mr. Irving's impulsive generosity was thereby saved from very expensive consequences.—New York Times.

The Length of Your Talk.

The latest achievement of the pedometer is to measure the amount of space one's chin travels over in the course of a day. It was reported that a New York woman recently tied a pedometer to her chin and found to her great surprise that she had talked twenty-five miles between breakfast and lunch. She was so embarrassed over the result of the reading of the pedometer that she would not tell what she had been talking about. It might have been the children, it might have been the servants, but more than likely it was a talk with some dear friend on what to wear this season.—New York Advertiser.

The Danger of Overeating.

When more food is taken into the stomach than can be appropriated for the purpose of growth, repair and functional activity, all the organs of digestion, assimilation and excretion are overtaxed to dispose of this superfluity. Additional labor is put upon the kidneys, lungs and other excretory organs, to eliminate unused material which has served no end in the human economy.

And this strain long continued leads to an impairment of vigor, and not infrequently to chronic disorders which puzzle the best of physicians to overcome.—Hall's Journal of Health.

An Odd Place for a Will.

The ingenious novelist could not invent a queerer hiding place for a will than one reported from real life by the Maine Farmer. The will was tacked up on the partition of a wood shed, a piece of brown paper tacked over it, and there it remained for years, no one but the author surmising its identity. After the testator died, in clearing out the shed the brown paper was removed and the precious document found.

Life History in Hair.

A single hair is a sort of history of the physical condition of an individual during the time it has been growing, if one could read closely enough. Take a hair from the beard or from the head and scrutinize it and you will see that it shows some attenuated places, indicating that at some period of its growth the blood supply was deficient from overwork, anxiety or underfeeding.—National Barter.

The Cab Was Ready.

Small girl on showing younger brothers "Pilgrim's Progress" comes to a picture of Faithful at the stake, and, in the corner, chariot and horses are depicted. The little ones express their anxiety as to Faithful and the fate awaiting him. Small girl replies, "Oh, he's all right, they've sent a fly for him."—London Truth.

Sunday belongs to every one. That is, no unnecessary labor should be required on Sunday. This is pretty well understood in America and in some parts of Europe. Of late, the subject has had unusual attention in France, Germany and Spain.

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The largest animal known to exist in the world at the present time is the rorqual, which averages 100 feet in length; the smallest is the monad, which is only 1-12,000 of an inch in length.

The late Archbishop Magee used to divide speakers into three classes: The speaker you cannot listen to, the speaker you can listen to and the speaker you cannot help listening to.

Why Many Shoes Are Not Mates.

"I wish there was a law to compel manufacturers to tie each member of a pair of shoes to its mate," said a well known jobber to the writer a few days ago. "I do not believe there is a shoe dealer in the country but that has lost customers, patience and money through the vexatious mismating of shoes.

"Years ago all shoes were tied in pairs and tied together they remained until they were sold to the wearer. Then cartons came in and tying went out.

"The old way was not as neat as the new, and it was supposed that the carton plan obviated the necessity of tying; but if you could see the amount of bother and trouble which comes from mismating in a store you would not wonder at my dissatisfaction. It frequently happens that goods become misplaced—a case is overturned or several cartons are indiscriminately tumbled together. Then the matching and mating are hurriedly done, with the natural consequence of separating the mates.

"These goods go to our customers, and when the mismating is discovered the carton is sent back, often hundreds of miles, at our expense, and allowances demanded. I tell you the manufacturer ought to be obliged to tie each pair together, carton or no carton, and I am thinking seriously of demanding this of every manufacturer who makes goods for us.

"The tying can be neatly and quickly done by machine nowadays, and the benefit is so great that there is no reason why it should not become universal."—Boot and Shoe Reporter.

Old Actors' Stage Fright.

One of the queer things in the dramatic profession is the nervousness that occasionally affects an entire company. A friend of mine who has been on the stage several years and on the road in the same piece for the last two years played last week in a Broadway theater. It was the first appearance of the company in New York, though most of its individual members had played here before.

"With one or two exceptions," said the actor, "they were scared to death. Every person had played his or her part hundreds of nights. As soon as the curtain went up on a Broadway audience they acted like a lot of amateurs. Some of them actually had stage fever and lost their lines. They were nervous. They wanted to make a good impression. They never played worse. It is the experience of many of the oldest members of the profession. It is as humiliating to them as getting seasick is to an old sailor, but it is true and can't be helped."—New York Herald.

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