A President's Widow.

Washington Corr. Syracuse Courier.

The widow of John Tyler, tenth President of the United States, was among the ladies who looked down upon the House of Representatives from the gallery during yesterday's session. She was in company with the wife of Hon. Goode, of the Norfolk, Virginia, district, whose constituent she now is. Mrs. Tyler, who is still apparently on the sunny side of 60, has by no means lost those traces of beauty which thirty years ago made her the belle of Washington. She is trying to dispose of her Gardiner's Island property, having purchased a beautiful place near Norfolk. The lady enjoys the distinction of being the only woman who ever married a President of the United States, Mr. Tyler being the occupant of the White House at the time of their marriage. Those whose memories of public events go back to 1843 will recall the mixture of love and tragedy which were associated with the widower President's wooing of the rich and beautiful Miss Gardiner. One day, while he was courting the lady, he was invited, together with the Cabinet and others to take a sail down the Potomac a little way and witness the testing of a new cannon. Previous to the test the party had a social glass of wine in the cabin below. Miss Gardiner was along, and by her bewitching conversation so enchanted her Presidential suitor that he lingered in the cabin after the rest of the party had gone above. Word was brought him that the gun was about to be fired, and it was gently suggested that he should come on deck. But still he lingered, fascinated. They got tired waiting for His Excellency, and touched off the gun. It was a fatal experiment. The cannon burst, and spread death among the invited guests who had come to witness its triumph. Two members of the President's Cabinet, and Mr. Gardiner, father of the beautiful lady in the cabin below, were killed by the explosion. The President and Miss Gardiner by their failure to go on deck, escaped all injury. Of course the tragedy horrified the nation. One day, a few months later, John Tyler packed his valise at the White House, and ran over to New York and made Miss Gardiner his bride. The engagement had been kept a secret, and the marriage came upon the New Yorkers as a surprise. A hundred guns were fired in honor of the event, and it was the social sensation of the day. The bride was taken to the White House, and dispensed its hospitalities in a queenly manner. She became a widow in 1862, and is, as I have intimated, a very well preserved one to day.

A Hebrew gentleman had a legacy left to him, but it was hampered with an unfortunate condition, which he hastened to announce to a sympathizing friend. The sum was £10,000, but half the sum, according to the testator's wishes, was to be placed in the coffin and buried with him. Was there ever such a waste of good money? But the sympathizer was equal to the occasion. "Where is the money now?" he asked, and was told "In the bank." "All right," he said; you write out a check for £5,000, and put it in the old boy's coffin, drawn to order." That young man ought to get on in the world.

Ancient Chronology.

An interesting discovery has recently been made in ancient chronology. The earliest date that could be fixed with precision was, until lately, in the year 1200 B. C.; but now scholars can go back with confidence to 3014 B. C. It is well known that the Egyptian priests paid much attention to the Sothic Period or the interval of many centuries that elapses between the occasions when the star Sirious and the sun rise together. Several months since, an Egyptologist, in an ancient papyrus, found a statement that in the seventh year of the reign of Menkeres, Sirious rose with the sun. It is known that he reigned long before the time of Moses. Astronomical calculations put the first heliacal rising of Sirious before Moses in 3007 B. C.; so his reign begun in 3014 B. C. This Menkeres built one of the pyramids of Gizth—his name is recorded on it as the builder—and it has been regarded as the latest of the pyramids at that place.

It is said that when those tools of Radicalism, Col. Avery and General McDonald—good "loil" Union soldiers, by the way—were about to start for the penitentiary, Avery remarked unto his companion in grief, "My God, McDonald, this is an outrage! It is an infernal shame to crush an innocent man this way. I have always been a religious man; I am a Christian, and am going to pray to God Almighty to set this thing right." McDonald replied, "Avery, if you expect to keep out of the penitentiary by praying, you had better get at it quick, for we will be on the way in less than twenty minutes." They are both "Christian statesmen" of the most approved Radical type, but this is the last we shall hear of them.

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