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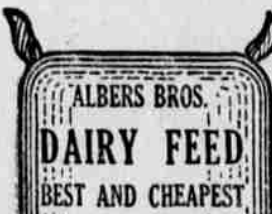


Mrs. Lynch Also Avoided Operation.

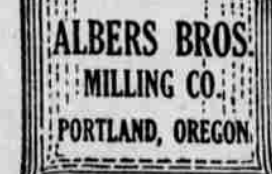
Jessup, Pa.—"After the birth of my fourth child, I had severe organic inflammation. I would have such terrible pains that it did not seem as though I could stand it. This kept up for three long months, until two doctors decided that an operation was needed.

"Then one of my friends recommended Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and after taking it for two months I was a well woman."—Mrs. JOSEPH A. LYNCH, Jessup, Pa.

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GEORGE WASHINGTON'S CHURCH



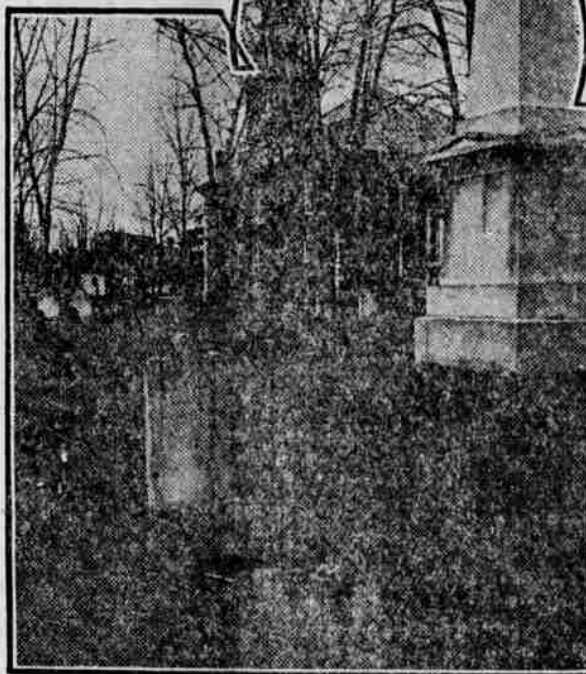
HE first president of the United States was a church-goer in the true sense of the word. There have been public men in the history of the nation who went to church far more regularly after they were elected to high official positions—or at least after they were nominated for such places of distinction—than they ever did before. However, it would seem that no such fluctuation in church devotion can be charged against George Washington. He was naturally and instinctively a religious man and he made every effort to attend divine worship every Sunday, no matter where he might happen to be. This was the case even in the trying days of the War for Independence.

However, Washington was enabled to be most regular in attendance at church when in his home state of Virginia. And yet, even in the Old Dominion, church-going required much more of an effort on his part than is exacted of the average public man today. Washington made his home, as is well known, on the vast estate known as Mount Vernon, and there was no church on the estate or in the immediate vicinity. Attendance at divine worship involved, therefore, a journey of greater or less length by coach, and this was not always pleasant, as any person may readily surmise who has had experience with the "red mud" of old Virginia in the winter or following heavy rains. That he was as persistent as he was in church-going under such circumstances casts an interesting sidelight upon the character of Washington.

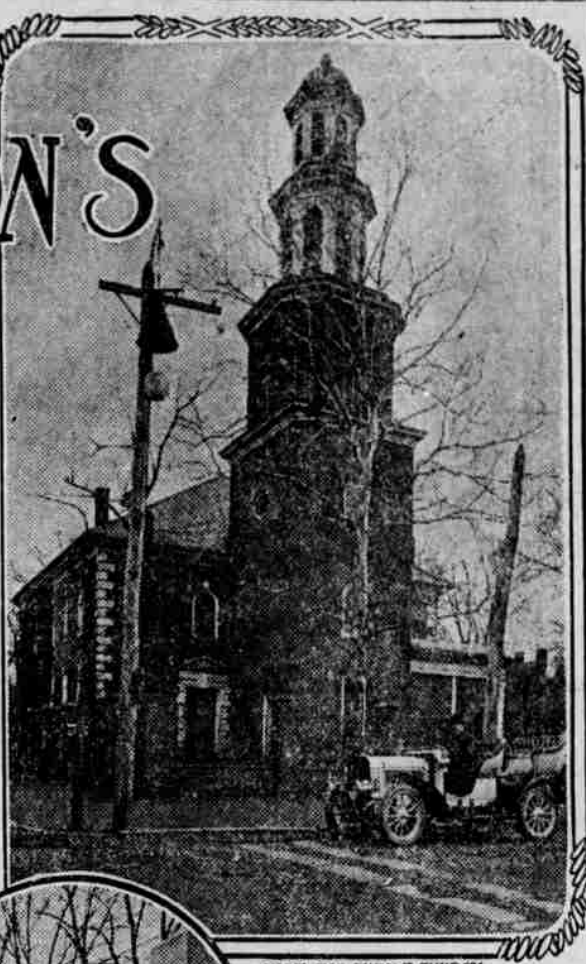
George Washington attended, from time to time, various churches located within driving distance of his home at Mount Vernon, but the place of worship to which he most frequently repaired was and is located in the town of Alexandria—for, he it explained, the historic edifice stands to this day in a perfect state of preservation. This structure, Christ church, to give it its proper title, has for more than a century been known as "George Washington's church," not only because he attended its services more regularly than those at any other church, but because he was a member and a pew-holder at this church. It was, indeed, while Washington was a member that the congregation in the year 1767 built the stately house of worship which has not only defied all the ravages of time but is in regular use to this day and has been, even within very recent years, the scene of many interesting religious ceremonies. Something of George Washington's interest in the new church may be surmised from the fact that when it came to assigning pews in the new edifice he outbid all other members in the competition to win first choice of location and subscribed the record-breaking price of nearly \$180 for the pew upon which his fancy had fallen and which he regularly occupied on almost every Sunday thereafter. This pew is marked with a silver plate bearing a fac-simile of Washington's autograph, and it is interesting to note that just across the aisle is the pew long held by the Lees of Virginia and which was occupied prior to the Civil War by Gen. Robert E. Lee, the military leader of the Confederacy.

The pew which George Washington bespoke when Christ church was first opened and for which he agreed to pay a yearly rental of five pounds sterling (equivalent to nearly \$25) in addition to the thirty-six pounds, ten shillings which he subscribed for it at the outset is now reserved for the use of strangers, and this is a much appreciated courtesy on the part of the present congregation, for, of course, every stranger who visits Alexandria longs to sit in the great square pew which was once occupied by "His Excellency, the General," and to gaze up at the high pulpit from exactly the viewpoint of the Father of His Country in the days when he was the most conspicuous participant in the church services.

George Washington's pew in the old church remains to this day exactly as it was when he occupied it each Sunday morning, and this preservation is a matter of congratulation inasmuch as all the other pews in the church were somewhat changed in style in the year 1860. The Washington pew is in reality a double pew, or two pews, bearing the numbers 59 and 60. This pew, which is located on the left side of the church, has two seats, one facing the other, and there is a third cross seat against the wall, so that there was supposedly ample room



THE OLD GRAVEYARD SURROUNDING GEORGE WASHINGTON'S CHURCH



HISTORIC CHRIST CHURCH AT ALEXANDRIA, VA.



AN UNUSUAL BUT AUTHENTIC PORTRAIT OF GEORGE WASHINGTON

Bible having been printed in Edinburgh in the year 1767. Of the latter-day contributions to the contents of the historic edifice there may be mentioned the silver plate

bearing a representation of the autograph signature of Robert E. Lee and the twin mural tablets set in place in 1870 which are inscribed in memory of George Washington and Robert Edward Lee. These various objects are of sufficient interest to attract a continual stream of visitors to the old church, and while (unlike historic churches abroad) the edifice is not officially open on week days, the sexton can usually be found on the premises and will obligingly open the doors on request and without demanding the inevitable "tip" which is besought by caretakers of similar institutions abroad.

Quite as interesting as old Christ church itself or any of its historic contents is the graveyard which well nigh surrounds the edifice and is enclosed by a quaint wall and fence. Here are buried many of the close personal friends and neighbors of General Washington—men and women whose names are well known to history—and the inscriptions on the ancient tombstones seem decidedly odd in the eyes of modern visitors. Christ church is not located in the most frequented section of the ancient town of Alexandria, but its lofty spire, or rather tower, renders it easy for the stranger to identify and find his way to the time-honored brick edifice and on Washington's Birthday anniversary he has, indeed, but to "follow the crowd."

To Join Black and Caspian.

Swiss engineers have convinced the Russian government that it is perfectly feasible to bore a tunnel through the Caucasian mountains near Tiflis, in order to join the Black and Caspian seas. This will be a tremendous undertaking, as the tunnel will be about sixteen miles in length, and the Russian government had practically decided that it was beyond the limit of reality. However, the Swiss experts have reported that the tunnel could be built within seven years without much difficulty, but at a great expense. A Paris firm of bankers, it is understood, is supporting the enterprise which will be put into execution about the early part of 1913.

Valuable Dog—Some Day.

Brother Jimpson says he owns a dog that not only points and retrieves, but he has taught him to spin on his tail like a top when he smells gasoline. Brother Jimpson says he's trying to develop a breed of dogs that will be invaluable in warfare, to point fighting aeroplanes trying to sneak over camp at night.

STONE THAT BURNS ITSELF

East of the Jordan Lime is Made From Rock That Contains Its Own Fuel.

While making a trip through the Hauran district recently the writer's attention was attracted to a curious stone which might be described as a "self-burning limestone." Our party came upon some natives burning it and was enabled to see the operation.

This district is south of Damascus, east of the upper Jordan. At this place the rock lay in a stratum between ordinary limestone; it was of grayish black color, and when freshly broken had an odor of petroleum. Near by were outcrops of what looked like the same material many rods long and 20 to 30 feet thick.

Quarrying is easily done with primitive picks and other tools, as the rock is quite soft and full of seams. The stone is broken into small pieces with hammers and piled up against the bank of rock.

A wall of the same material about two feet high is roughly laid up around the pile on three sides, making a pile of small stone eight to ten feet long and nearly as wide, and two feet at the front, rising to nearly three times that height at the back, where it lies against the bank.

In building the wall around the pile small holes are left for draft and in which to start the fire. When the kiln is ready to burn a few small bunches of straw are placed in the holes mentioned, lit with a flint and steel and in a short time the whole pile has ignited. The men then begin working on a new kiln while the other burns and cools.

After about two hours of burning the stone has all become converted into lime, except the stones in the wall and the very top layer, which are only about half burned. When cool the lime is air-slacked and sifted to remove any pieces not thoroughly burned, which are thrown into a new pile to be fired again.

The workmen told us that it made a very black smoke with a bad odor like kerosene burning. The lime is white and said to make a very strong plaster, superior to the ordinary lime burned with brush. This stone is so located that, should it prove to be of commercial value, it could be easily transported.—Consular Reports.

Mothers will find Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup the best remedy to use for their children during the teething period.

Novelty Brings Profits.

A New York grocer has combined an advertising novelty and a source of profit in a butter churn, which is in almost constant operation in his store. The churn is driven by a small electric motor and the scheme is to sell a patron a quantity of cream and then, for a small charge, churn it into butter. The operation takes but a few minutes.

Revolutionary General's Uniform.

A Continental uniform more than 100 years old, which was once the property of General Christie of Revolutionary war fame, was one of the interesting relics of the estate of the late Margaret C. Benjamin of Ithaca, N. Y. The uniform is of white broadcloth, with silk and satin waist, knee breeches and satin stockings.

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Evils of Underwear.

An Ohio citizen, eighty years old, claims that he never has worn any underwear. Many a citizen of Africa has done the same thing and yet failed to get his name in the papers.

Selfishness Universal.

A Kansas City judge announces as an original discovery that selfishness is the chief cause of divorce. Of course it is. It is also the cause of most of the other troubles of humanity. Eliminate selfishness from the nature of man and the millennium would be with us.

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Two small city boys, visiting the country, were afraid of a horse which was quietly grazing near. They made no movement toward driving the horse away, but it was evident that they desired its absence. At last another boy hove in sight. "Oh, Billy," one of the waiting boys called to him, "just throw a stone at that horse, will you? We're Band of Mercy, and we can't."