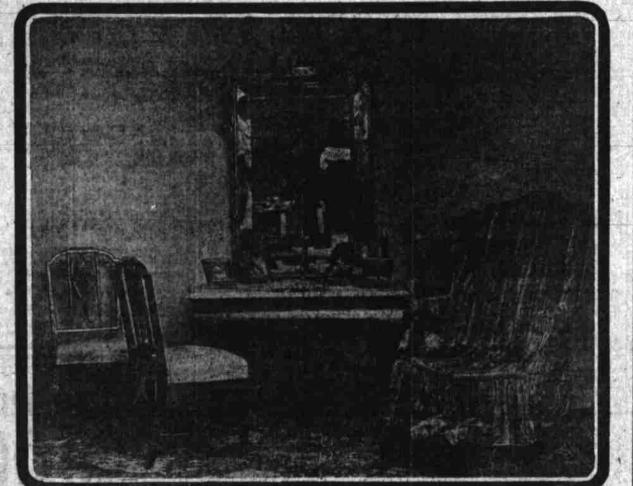


ALDON FAWCETI FURNITURE MURICAL DISTRUMENTS ELC. L'BOM MT. VERNON which Louis XVI of France had made oval mirrors. Finally, Mrs. Kennon has Martha Washington's writing table and several autograph letters penned. by General and Mrs. Washington, as well as an unequaled collection of miniatures of the various members of the Wash-ington family. TILADQUARTER TENTS OF Ington family. If, as it now seems probable, the Na-thenal Mussum is to, in time, become the permanent depository of all the most interesting reminders of the great-set Amorican, it is indeed matter for congratulation that this institution is benefitied to have a new home encoded and WASHINGTON D.C. ESPECIALLY FOR THIS PHOTO UNIFORM WORN BY WASTINGTON WHEN COMMANDED IN CHIEF United States Capitol as the largest of our public buildings. The new structure—the largest mus-sum building in the world—is 562 feek in length and 369 feet in width, exclu-sive of projections. The floor space will aggregate 10 screes and more than half of this will be devoted to exhibi-tion purposes. The Washington relics; have the place of honor in the present museum, and it is expected that corres-ponding prominence will be given to them in the new structure. It is ob-viously important that the glass cases containing the Washington relics shall be so placed that they can ever be under the watchful eyes of armed guards. OF THE CONTINENTAL ADM <text><text><text> ruards. USED ROUND THE WORLD CAMP CHEST USED ALL THEOUGH THE REVOLUTION BEDSTEAD AND CHAIDS OF WALDON FAWOETS

the history of the new world. The fact that this reverential regard was mani-fested from the very date of Washington relices ton's death is presumably responsible for the fact that the Washington relices were never exattered, as were the be-were never exattered, as were the be-was fully appreciated only by posterity. Almost all of the really import at relics of the military career and pri-vate life of General George Washington are now included in one or another of three general collections. One of these is, of course, the cherished accoundia-tion now in the possession of Miss Mary Lee by right of descent. The second collection of rare Washington. The third is to be found at Mount Vernon the home of Washington. The third is to be found at Mount Vernon the home of Washington on the Poto-mad, and is to a considerable extern made up of relice donated of loaned by persons residing in various parts of the country. apandoned by the confederate chieftain. When Arilington was converted into a federal army samp the captured relics were sont to the patent office at Wash-ington for safekeeping. A few years after the close of the war Mrs. R. E. Lee petitioned that the Washington relics be returned to her, and President tobucon after a consultation with his country. It is a matter of congratulation that the objects that once belonged to Wash-ington which are of the greatest popular interest are already in the possession of Uncle Sam, and as has been explained, are on exhibition at the United States National Museum, where they may be seen by all visitors to the national capi-tal. This collection includes that most interesting of all Washington trophies, the famous camp chest which was used by Washington ail through the revolu-tion; his headquarters tent, used con-tinuously during the war, from Lexing-The second shift of the secretary defined a state of the secretary during the war from Lexing-ton to Yorktown; his haptimmi robe and the last chair in which he sat prop-ton to Yorktown; his haptimmi robe and the last chair in which he sat prop-ton to Yorktown; his haptimmi robe and the last chair in which he sat prop-ton his death, and, finally, the conti-nental uniform worn by General Wash-ington during the war for independ-ence.

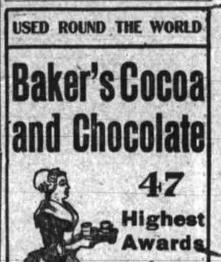


for General Washington. Owing to the law which prohibits our presidents from receiving gifts from foreign powers the American leader never came into possession of the carpet. It was bought at auction by a man whose granddaughter, years after, sent it to Mount Vernon, so that by a strange twist of fate it finally came to grace the spot for which it was originally intended.

In the dining-room is a handsome sideboard which belonged to Washing-ton, and in the south bedroom of the house, the room in which Washington died, is much of the furniture that was used by the greatest rebel of all time. Here is the bedstead upon which he died and the chair upon which lay the open Bible from which Mrs. Washington read to him almost up to the minute of his death. In almost every room are chairs or other articles of furniture which belonged to Washington, and such personal relics as his spectacles, read-ing glass, dressing case, holsters, ink-stand, silver snuffers, etc. In the quaint old town of Alexandria, the community nearest to Mount Vernon, is a supplemental collection of Washington relics which are usually spoken of in conjunction with those at the manor house. Hore in Alexandria is the Washington Masonic lodge, where the father of his country presided as worshipful master, and there is shown to visitors the chair in which he sat when presiding at lodge meetings and the apron and collar made for him by the nuns of Nantes. Here also may be seen the cherry wood clock which was ticking away the minutes in Washing-ton's bedroom on the right he died and which as the great man breathed his last, was reverintially stopped by Dr. Dick with the hands registering fi min-utes past 10, the hour they have ever non, is a supplemental collection utes past 10, the hour they have ever since recorded. since recorded. It will be seen from the above re-sume that almost all the important relics of George Washington have grad-ually been gathered together in the city to which he gave his name or in the territory within a dozen miles of the seat of government. Almost the only important relic not to be found in the neighborhood of Washington's old home are the books which belonged to the first gentleman of America. Nearly the whole of the original Washington library is now in the Boston Athenaeum which institution also owns the Stuage portraits of George and Martha Wash-ington, painted from life in the year WOMAN A SPECIALTY

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