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It was to be expected that young Hay would die early. He smoked cigarettes and wore pajamas. These are enough to threaten the life of any man, young or old.

The new United States mint in Philadelphia has a storage capacity for \$100,000,000 silver dollars. Why build mints in which to coin and store silver dollars, when "silver is a dead issue."

The new woman's hotel in New York is said to be fireproof. It would be well to make it mouse proof, also, and possibly it should also be man proof, but it is not reasonable to hope for the unattainable.

Three circuses and two dog shows are visiting Oregon this year. What has Oregon done that it is to be so pursued? It has already gone to the dogs—or, it had better be explained, to the two dog shows.

Reports come of short crops in Europe. Somebody is preparing for something "spectacular" in wheat. Recently reports have come of short wheat crops in England, Prussia and France, and in the face of these reports it looks suspicious that the price of wheat should fall instead of rise. The speculators may turn to wheat now that dealing in stocks have become dry and uninteresting.

The school management committee of the board of education of Chicago has followed the example set by Omaha and other educational centers and recommended a partial proscription against married women teachers. If this thing keeps on it will be difficult for a woman to support her husband in any kind of decency. It simply discourages a man from marrying an able bodied school teacher of position.

W. J. Bryan, over his signature in print, says he is "not a candidate for any office" nor has he "in mind any candidate for any office" and any interest he has "centers in principles, and men are important as they aid in carrying out these principles". This declaration should put an end to all reports and rumors concerning him and the presidency in 1904. Bryan's capacity to take care of himself has not suffered very much in his two defeats for the presidency.

A Virginia editor is finding fault because General Joe Wheeler refuses to stay in retirement, but must "hop up on all occasions, whether secular or spiritual, with the agility of a supple jack." This criticism is a righteous one. Joe Wheeler has made himself ridiculous since he got patted on the back for climbing that tree in Cuba. It is high time that he retired to cover and stayed there. The people were influenced to think more of him than he deserved. He has developed into the only living human flea and if Mr. Kinley cannot furnish him a dog to get on he is out of luck if not out of sight.

Mark Hanna is said to be still the boss in Ohio politics in spite of the partial smashing of his state by the state convention, in session in Columbus a few days ago. Hanna is entitled to be boss. Has he not been successful as boss, unscrupulous and irresponsible as he may be in the use of money in politics? Hanna is as good as his party and he knows it, and that is why he is as thick skinned as a rhinoceros and as sure of his mastery as an ignoramus.

The manufacturing club of Philadelphia deprecates any revival of political agitation over the tariff, because it is perfectly satisfied as things in that line are. The club is enjoying the 53 per cent average duty, which gives it and its friends a monopoly of the home market and enables them to sell at lower prices abroad than they get at home, which is a privilege with a decided advantage, although their countrymen who consume their goods may not see it in that light.

A young man lost his money at a gambling table in Pendleton and now he is attempting to get his money back with one hundred per cent profit, with the aid of lawyers and the statute. Wonder what the young man would have thought, in the case he had won and his opponents had lost, if they had attempted to recover their losses and one hundred per cent additional? To see ourselves, it is well to put ourselves in others' places. This young man attempted to win the money of others and lost. He is a

lawbreaker, in short, a criminal, and no better than the gamblers from whom he seeks redress. Between the fool and knave it is ever hard to distinguish. If there were no fools there would be no knaves. The best medicine in the world for a fool is to be had by their associating with knaves. It is the medicine of natural law.

#### STORIES OF WASHINGTON AND JEFFERSON.

It was in Williamsburg, Va., that George Washington and Thomas Jefferson found their wives, and both married widows named Martha. These eminent statesmen and patriots were not lovers. That seems to have been a characteristic of Virginians then as now. Both were in love several times and proposed to more than one dame. Both were jilted. Several grand matrons in after years were able to boast that they had refused the hands of these two most famous men in all the country. Washington was "thrown down very hard" on at least two occasions, and Jefferson's heart was broken and his pride wounded by a girl named Belinda. He was "awfully" in love with her, and her name appears on almost every page written by him when he was a student at William and Mary college and had the privilege of dining at the table of Governor Fairfax, the Chesterfield of the colonial magistrates. Jefferson was a gay young spark. Washington was more sedate, serene and sentimental, but his affections, like those of Jefferson, had great recuperative powers, and both of them were no sooner off with an old love than they were on with a new.

When Jefferson was playful he used to spell his sweetheart's name "Belinda"; sometimes he wrote it backward—"Adilieb"; sometimes he described it in Greek characters, and often used a combination of French words meaning Bell-in-Day. Not long after Belinda threw him over he took up with another young woman named Rebecca, and we know she was sensible by the way she treated an extraordinary proposition from her lover. Jefferson was a very conceited young man. He was inclined to think himself of great importance because the governor and the other colonial officials, the faculty of William and Mary college and other people around the place, made much of him. He told Rebecca that he loved her and offered her his heart and hand with a string to them. He explained that it would not be advisable for them to enter into a formal engagement at that moment, because he was expecting to make a visit to Europe and it might interfere with his social prospects over there. When he returned, if he still felt the same, he would formally ask her to marry him and announce the fact to their friends. Rebecca scorned this practical proposal and sent the vain young student about his business. He was building a boat at that time on the James river, and the next thing he did was to paint the name Rebecca on the stern. His literary and artistic daughter of a prosperous planter named Wayless, who had a handsome place called "The Forest," a mile and a half from the center of Williamsburg. She was the widow of John Skelton and one of the greatest beauties in Georgia, bringing her husband over 40,000 acres of land and several hundred slaves.

The residence of Martha Custis at Williamsburg, called "The Six Chimney House," was one of the finest mansions in the city. The state insane asylum occupies its site, for it was burned several years ago. All there is left of it is a cookhouse, where we can imagine portly "old mammy," with bright purple turbans of scarlet and yellow and purple, frying chicken and making "pone" for the returned Major George Washington came down to court the widow. Her first husband, Daniel Parke Custis, had a fine plantation in the neighborhood of the city, and when he died at the age of 28, she buried him in the dooryard. John Dandridge, her father, lived up in New Kent county and cultivated a vast estate in tobacco with several hundred slaves. Both father and husband were rich, and Widow Custis was without a peer for beauty and graces and accomplishments in all the colony.

When Washington returned from the Braddock campaign he went to Williamsburg in military dress, attended by an orderly. While crossing Williams' ferry on the Pamunkey river, a branch of the York, he was accosted by a venerable gentleman named Chamberlayne, who, learning his identity, invited him to rest for a while on his journey at his house in the neighborhood. Washington declined because his business was urgent, but finally consented to stop for dinner and feed his horse. At the hospitable mansion he was introduced to the family and to a beautiful widow of 20, who was a guest. Instead of departing immediately after dinner, Washington remained through the afternoon and over night and on the morning proceeded to Williamsburg. Having transacted his business with the governor, he returned to a white iron house, the pleasant home and remained a week.

It was a case of love at first sight, but Martha Custis had been a widow only six months, and she made Washington wait until her sense of propriety was satisfied. Whether she kept him dangling all this time we do not know, but while he was attending the house of a burgess at Williamsburg she always remained there, occupying the "Six Chimney House" and making

it the center of hospitality. The day after she accepted Washington she planted in the garden a yew tree, which is a symbol of constancy, and has stood there as a mute witness of the widow's devotion all these years. The wedding took place on the 17th of January, 1759, at St. Peter's church at New Kent, followed by a reception at the Dandridge mansion. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Mr. Lang, who preached there for over forty years, and was one of the finest types of a Virginia parson. The old church is standing, and is still used for public worship, although it was built in 1753, nearly two centuries ago, and cost only 14,000 pounds of tobacco.

At the time of the marriage Washington was attending a session of the house of burgesses, and upon adjournment took his wife and her two little children to Mount Vernon. In the following September, in declining an invitation from his cousin Richard to visit England, he said: "I am fixed in this seat with an agreeable consort for life, and hope to find more happiness in retirement than I ever experienced amidst a wild, bustling world." But the great desire of his heart was unsatisfied, and in letters to friends and in the confidences of his diary he expressed frequently his profound disappointment that he had no children of his own.

Two of the young women who jilted Washington lived in Williamsburg after their marriage, and both of them, from their windows, watched the triumphal progress of the continental army as it followed him into town after the surrender of Cornwallis, when he was the greatest man in America, and one of the conspicuous figures of the world. Washington rode a beautiful, thoroughbred chestnut, and was surrounded by a glittering staff of French and American officers, Lafayette riding at his left and Rochambeau at his right. He carried his hat in his hand and bowed in a dignified, stiff and grave manner to the enthusiastic people.

As the procession passed down Tazewell avenue to Duke-of-Gloucester street, on its way to the palace, we are told that "a pale and slender woman came to the door of a house with her hands pressed close above her bosom and her tears blurring the wistful eyes bent so eagerly upon the noble, bareheaded figure sitting so masterly upon the shining chestnut. Washington saw and knew her in one glance above the heads of the shouting crowds, and, checking his impatient animal, he bowed until his powdered hair mingled with his horse's mane. The woman attempted a courtesy, but nature could bear no more, and with a gasping sigh she fainted and was borne within, a hopeless, nervous wreck; while the man whom her father had scornfully turned out of doors rode on to his destiny, his victorious army at his back, the cheering multitude at his feet.

This was the wife of Thomas Adams of Williamsburg, formerly Herfauntleroy, who married for money instead of love, and was sorry for it. Her father was rich and proud and had a fine plantation at Naylor's Hole on the Rappahannock river, about fifteen miles from Wakefield, where Washington was born and spent his boyhood. It is believed that she loved him, but was persuaded by her parents that she could do better than marry a poor surveyor. After Washington returned from Barbadoes, where he had attended his brother Lawrence, who was in feeble health, he wrote Mr. Fauntleroy a letter, which has been preserved in the family, asking permission to renew his attentions to Miss Betsy. "In the hope," he says, "of a revocation of a former cruel sentence, and see if I cannot find an alteration in my favor." The reply to this appeal has not been preserved, but was evidently unfavorable.

The other woman who might have been Washington's wife and probably regretted it when she witnessed his reception at Williamsburg was Mrs. Edward Amherst, formerly Miss Mary Carey, a sister of Lady Fairfax and a daughter of Colonel Wilson Carey, for thirty-four years collector of customs at Hampton, Va. He was a man of great wealth and aristocratic connections, and was quite indignant that a penniless young surveyor, working for wages on the estate of Lord Fairfax, should have the audacity to aspire to the hand of his daughter. Bishop Masade, in his "Old Churches and Families of Virginia," tells the story of how Colonel Cary turned the young man down with scorn and resentment and informed him that his daughter was in the habit of going in a coach.

The young lady afterward married Edward Amherst, who was a great swell among the colonial aristocracy, being a graduate of Cambridge (England) University and the owner of a large estate near Jamestown. He died in 1708 at the age of 35 and the widow who survived to see her rejected lover president of the United States was an intimate friend of Mrs. Washington and a frequent visitor at Mount Vernon. It is a singular coincidence that Belinda, Jefferson's faithless sweetheart, married a brother of Edward Amherst.

"Lowland Beauty" to whom Washington so tenderly refers is supposed to have been Miss Lucy Grymes of Westmoreland county who married Henry Lee of Stratford Hall and became the mother of the famous Lee brothers who played such a conspicuous part in the revolution and the grandmother of General Robert E. Lee. Very little is known of Washington's attentions to her although it is a legend in the family that he was her lover.

After the Braddock Indian campaign Major Washington accompanied Captain Roger Morris, a companion at arms, to New York, and visited the stately home of Frederick P. Phillips on the banks of the Hudson, near West Point, where he became enamored of Miss Mary, the daughter of his host. He passed on to Boston, returned to New York, and then revisited the Phillipses, where he proposed marriage to Miss Mary and was frankly informed that she was engaged to his friend Captain Morris. It was at this house that Benedict Arnold was residing when he betrayed his country, and from these grounds he took the boat which carried him to the British schooner that lay in the Hudson when his treachery was discovered.

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