

# WOMEN OF ARMY AND THE PRESIDENT'S WIFE

WOMEN WHO LEAD IN MRS. TAFT'S SOCIAL LIFE.

Wives of Generals Bell and Edwards Chief Among Social Leaders at White House.

GOLD LACE HAS GREAT HEYDAY

Presidential Affairs Made Gay Through Presence of Land and Sea Fighters of Nation.

Washington correspondence:

When Mrs. Taft, in her official role as first lady of the land, surrounded herself with a coterie of the cleverest and brightest officers of the twin branches of the service, everybody in Washington society recognized that the era of the army and navy set had arrived. In brave array the military men form a moving background at Mrs. Taft's at home, and in their immaculate dress the officers of the land and sea forces are a splendid attribute at Mrs. Taft's fascinating garden parties.

At the White House entertainments scarcely has the line of guests passed until Mrs. Taft is surrounded by a group of officers and their wives, daughters and sweethearts, whose persiflage and laughter instantly dissipate any indication of an oppressive or a "military" pertinaciousness.

Replacing Col. Bromwell, who with Mrs. Bromwell were dominant factors in the social life of the capital in the last administration, is Col. Spencer Cosby, whose career has been marked with distinction. Col. Cosby is the first of the administration bachelors to announce his engagement, and in the fall Miss Yvonne Shepard, daughter of Mrs. Charles R. Shepard of New York and Washington, will fall heir to the position vacated by the withdrawal of Mrs. Bromwell.

Miss Shepard is tall and svelter, her well-carried head is graced with quantities of silky, fair-brown hair, and her pretty complexion is set off by the taste Miss Shepard displays in the selection of the color of her gowns. She wears large hats, flower trimmed, and long, sweeping gowns, which accentuate the graceful slenderness of her figure.

As the wife of the President's aid and constant attendant, Miss Shepard will be thrown constantly in association with the White House family, and heradroitness and social graces will be put to a severe test in the carrying of a role not less influential than difficult.

Gen. Bell's Wife a Power. As wife of the chief of staff, Mrs. J. Franklin Bell will have a high position in the full tide of the official season.

Not content with standing at the head of the serried ranks of armydom, Mrs. Bell is no less popular with the diplomatic as well as the congressional and president set. As a great friend of Mrs. Edson Bradley of New York, she is in touch with the smart life of the little coterie of the rich and important who come to Washington each winter to enjoy its season.

Gen. and Mrs. Bell last winter took possession of a commodious home at Fort Myer and there throughout the season Mrs. Bell challenged the admiration of society by the conduct of a series of delightful entertainments, her guests including the grizzled veterans who surround the chief of staff, the young officers eager for an opportunity to display their mettle, the debutantes, the foreign "guests" of the nation and the general everyday-man and woman who goes in for Washington's social good times.

Associated with Mrs. Bell in the social life of the army set is Mrs. Wetherston, the attractive wife of Gen. Bell's first assistant, Mrs. Bell's sister, Mrs. Ernest Garlington, wife of Gen. Garlington, is another army matron whose power in society has to be reckoned with. Mrs. Garlington is a pretty, fair-haired woman, endowed with a liberal share of the good fellowship and good humor Mrs. Bell displays in such a marked degree.

In the childless home of the chief of staff Miss Sally Garlington, Mrs. Bell's jolly, good-natured and good-looking young niece, has a large and important



Mrs. J. FRANKLIN BELL



Mrs. CLARENCE EDWARDS

Mrs. Edwards is a slender, delicate-looking woman, whose chief beauty lies in her sweetness of expression, her well-bred air and her lovable manners. She looks at life through two jolly, twinkling eyes and she has sympathy with everybody and with everything that lives, without regard to place or position. Her servants adore her and pay her the sovereign compliment of remaining in her service two decades or more.

A very great-granddaughter of the first white man that settled in the western part of New York, Mrs. Edwards' family, the Porters of Niagara, N. Y., held the original grant of the immense tract of land which included the falls until the taking over of the property by the State government.

Gen. Peter B. Porter, Mrs. Edwards' great-grandfather, served as secretary of war in the cabinet of President John Quincy Adams.

Gen. and Mrs. Edwards' daughter Bessie is a pretty little woman of 10 years, who is a chum of her father and the boon companion of her mother. The Edwards home is a reflex of the character of its owners. Beginning with the general's office on the first floor photographs of familiar friends—men, women and small children—run riot and overflow into the attractive drawing room on the second floor, gay in its dress of summery English chintz and filled with fine old mahogany and interesting things picked up in the out of the way corners of the army officers' world.

The Edwardses keep open house in and out of season and aside from dispensing a hospitality as smart as the smartest, Gen. and Mrs. Edwards delight in having friends to lunch or dine en famille.

The Miracle of Polite Persistence.

Says Orison Sweet Marden, writing in Success Magazine: When genius has failed in what it attempted, and talent says impossible; when every other faculty gives up; when tact retreats and diplomacy has fled; when logic and argument and influence and "pull" have all done their best and retired from the field, gritty persistence, bulldog tenacity, steps in, and by sheer force of holding on wins, gets the order, closes the contract, does the impossible. Ah, what miracles tenacity of purpose has performed! The last to leave the field, the last to turn back, it persists when all other forces have surrendered and fled. It has won many a battle even after hope has left the field.

Confederate commanders in the Civil War said that the trouble with General Grant was that "he never knew when he was beaten." When Grant's generals thought that his army, with only two transports, would be trapped at Vicksburg, they asked him how he expected to get his men out, urging that in case of defeat he could get only a small part of his army upon two transports. He told them that two would be plenty for all the men that he would have left when he surrendered.

It is the man in the business world who will not surrender, who will not take no for an answer, and who stands his ground with such suavity of manner, such politeness, that you cannot take offense, cannot turn him down, that gets the order; that closes the contract; that gets the subscription; that gets the credit or the loan.

He is a very fortunate man who combines a gracious manner, suavity, cordiality, cheerfulness, with that dogged persistence which never gives up.

Before a woman has returned from her wedding trip she has all her plans laid for freezing out his kin, and making a home for her own.

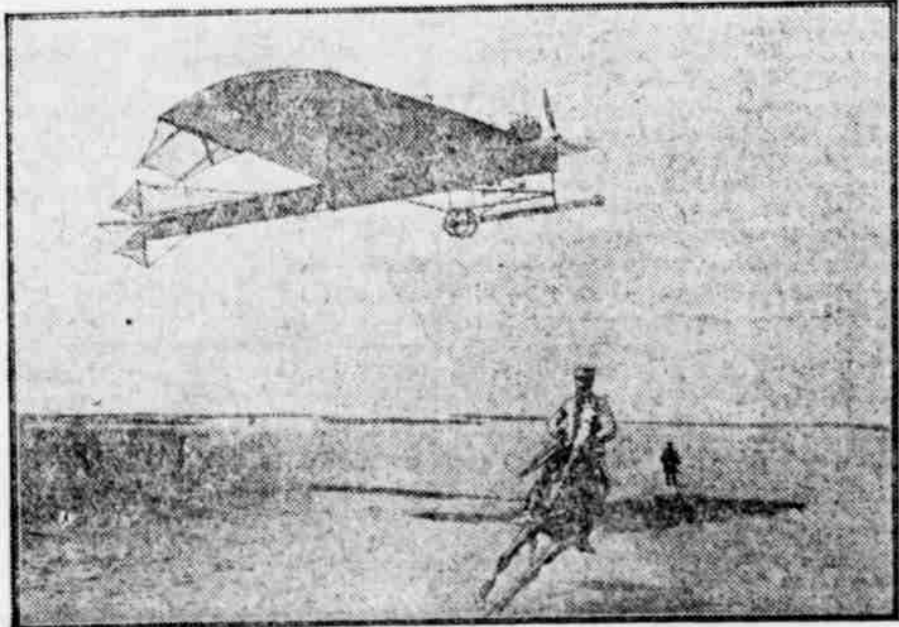
ant role to carry. Miss Sally is a dancer who has won acclaim at the amateur dramatic productions which have been features of Washington's smart life for the last few years, while her skill as a horsewoman gives her a forward place in the gay little company of "paperchasers" who gallop over the hills two or three times a week.

Mrs. Aleshire, wife of Gen. Aleshire, is one of the army matrons whose wit and poise count in the proper equipment of an army officer's wife. She is large and nice-looking, noticeable chiefly for the sweetness of her expression and her general air of extreme good breeding. She is the mother of a debutante daughter, who has the distinction of being one of Miss Helen Taft's best chums.

Mrs. Edwards Wins Laurels. One of the handsome homes of the army set established in Washington is presided over by Mrs. Clarence Edwards, wife of Gen. Clarence Edwards, chum to the President and general good fellow. Gen. Edwards, who is one of the most generally liked officers of the service, has his honors to look to when it comes to a discussion of his wife's popularity. Everybody likes Mrs. Edwards and her place in the favor of the community waxes as the years increase.

In girlhood, as pretty and vivacious Bessie Porter, she made her first appearance in Washington, coming over to visit her great-aunt, Mrs. Saunders Irving, widow of Washington Irving's nephew. Mrs. Irving maintained a menage second only to the White House in point of social importance, its gentle mistress, who was an invalid, being one of the few women upon whom the wives of the Presidents felt it incumbent to leave cards.

## ARMIES AND THE AEROPLANE.

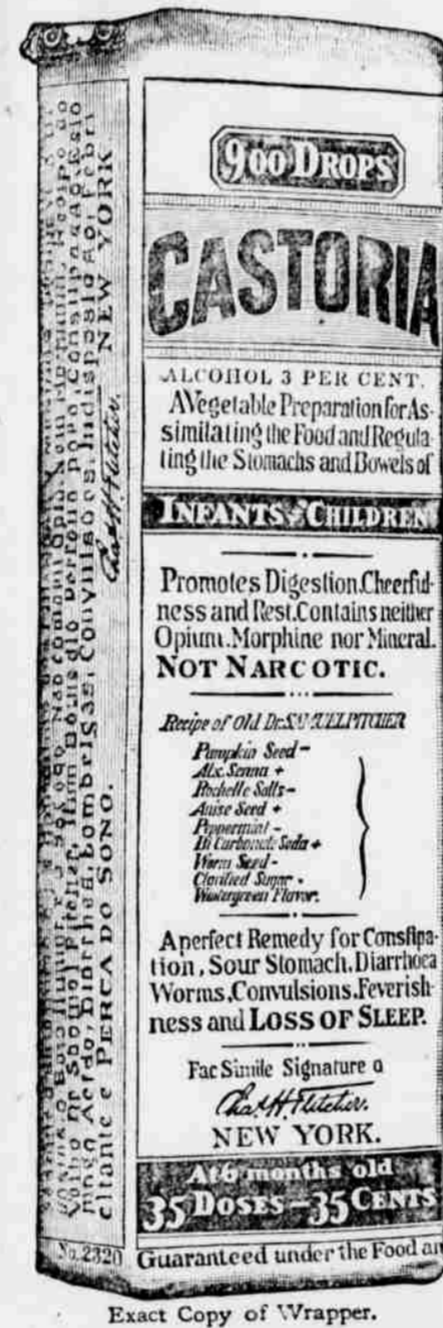


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"The ministry? Why—O, I see. That's what he really wants, but he intends to try for a consulship first."—Chicago Tribune.

**His Speedometer.**  
Inquisitive Person—How do you tell how fast you are going?  
Chauffeur—I watch the expression of the faces of the policemen as I whiz past them.

**Averages All Right.**  
Tenant (of flat)—One of the radiators in that large room of mine is always cold, winter and summer.  
Janitor (with a scowl)—Well, I've heard you say that the other one is always hot, winter and summer. Ain't it a standoff?

**His Usual Way.**  
The new waitress sipped up to a dapper young man at the breakfast table, who, after glancing at the bill, opened his mouth, and a noise issued forth that sounded like the ripping off of all of the cogs on one of the wheels in the power house. The new waitress made her escape to the kitchen. "Fellow out there insulted me," she said. The head waiter looked at him. "I'll get it," he said. "That's just the train caller ordering his breakfast."—Argonaut.

**A Little Fool.**  
"Jones says that he always gets to the bottom of anything he undertakes."  
"Don't doubt it. At school he was always at the foot of the class."—Baltimore American.

**A Purist at Large.**  
"Let me see—the census gives your town about 6,000 doesn't it?"  
"No, sir; our town gives the census 5,000."

**Innocent.**  
"Clifford," asked the teacher, "who wrote the Junius letters?"  
"I—I don't know, ma'am," answered the terrified little boy. "I didn't!"

**Where They Don't Muzzle 'Em.**  
Suburbanite—You are half an hour late this morning.  
Letter Carrier—Yes, ma'am; the sections of stovepipe I have to wear inside my trousers legs on account of the dogs you keep along this street hamper my movements, ma'am.—Chicago Tribune.

**Escaping by a Technicality.**  
Teacher—Tommy, what is an improper fraction?  
Tommy—You don't 'spect me to mention it 'fore all these people, do you?

**There Are Others.**  
"Blings is afraid that he may be prosecuted for polygamy."  
"Why, he is married to only one person, ain't he?"  
"That is what he thought for a while, but now it appears that he married her whole family, and there are seven of them."—California Weekly.

**Mercy Friendly.**  
Elderly Relative—Mortimer, what are your intentions in regard to Miss Lullion?  
Scapgrace Nephew—Strictly honorable and praiseworthy, uncle.  
Elderly Relative—I am glad to hear that, Mortimer. I was afraid you were going to try to persuade her to marry you.—Chicago Tribune.

**Bad BLOOD**  
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