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TUESDAY...............APRIL 1, 1879
-Dom Pedro of Brazil has given an eight-ton stone to the Wash-
ington monument; but the prin ington monument; but the prin-
cipal trouble with that structure just now is that it has been sinking under the weight it already has The gift of Dom Pedro may, however, be useful seme years hence swap the monument for Englands Egyptian obelisk. Washirsotos, March 21 . - "Abroad to see wonders, the traveller goes, and
neglects the fine things which lie under his nose"-so said Pliny, so say we of this day. A prolonged
residenee in this lovely "city of mag. nificent distances," remind one c
tinually of how mnch there is interest and beauty to meet and search
into. On the face of the round carth is there a city to surpass, aye equal

In beauty, cleanlines broad streets, with its charming way so carefully kept, yet so perfectly ily, also to his friends. Every few ing places" of the city, inviting alike to rest the weary sons and danghter gay playful children, on the comfort the lirds, and the musieal drip and splash of the fountains 'neath the
shadow of large old trees, while the eye feasts upon the profusion of bean-
tifiol flowers. Here and there the space is broken by an equestrian
statue of some one of our many heroes, as in Lafayettes quare opposite
the "White House," in the enter of a the "White House, in the center of
space of some acres, cast from the brass guns and mortar captured by
the old hero of New Orleans, onethe old hero of New Orleans, one-
third larger than life, the position that of a horse rearing, while his rider sits gracefully with hat raised in upon his hind feet, the balance is preserved and position retained by not bolts, and bars, but by nature own laws; the tail and hind parts of
the horse are cast solid, thus they balance pefect. Clark Mills, the artist, cost only $\$ 50,000$. There are est and worth which require mor time and space, but they will keep fo

## W. the 22d of rebreary

 camnon, which as one opened theieyes from the interrupted "fort winks" which are so delicious of arival of fourth of July, bat the di ferent temperature of an exrly FebruHis excellency, our precident, ordere the elosing of governmest department thus enabing the clefks to wander what this holiday would bring forth "Young Americans" as ever anxions and stir inciient to the holidaj rested not, until "Old America" and rattling on at a brisk rate, up to the capitol which promised to be the stood

## the century safe.

The ceremony of closing to tal hundred years hence"-we, perchlance may not witness the epening which tory than that of a box of cheese remember to have witnessed when chilit. Old cheese was a toothsome welve years stay in the box, was no to see the light, and to be enjoyed with great care was the cover remove only dust! What if closed up with those pondersome books, and picture faces, should be something-insect who, with the industry of their race sill improve not "the shining hour bat the long dark night of the hun
 course. Then the bells were strack, of
they galloped making the most of both men and horses. Upon leaving the capitol grounds the depart-
ment repaired to the city hall where they were dismissed to their several had been reviewed at the White Honse by the president and cabinet, city-blessings on the firemen. That part of our community we can least
dispense with. Retracing our steps down one flight of stairs, turning to the right we found ourselves under As the ceiling of the Retunda called, with upturned faces gazing a esenting a defication of Washington, with Freedom and Victory, while the
thirteen female figures on the foreground represent the thirteen original states. At the base six groups alle
gorically represent scenes of the revolution. A son of Erin, handing us take a chair, and make yoursel comfortable like," which kind advice we
at once followed. Turning to look at once followed. Turning to look
about, lo! an apple stand eaught the the ground, for the guide brok say drom the ground to the punnacle of the less than St. Peter's. The close view here obtained of all this
wozleerpul wote of ar Amply repays the energetic climber but want of space, as well as of ar cription. A glance over the railing to Rotunda, dwarfed by the great distance, and the thought of the result of a fall to the marble floor, ma the outside view From the dome is the erent of a life hes Washington, with her broad ave nues, and intersecting streets, distinguished by letter and number, those running north and south are num-
bered, while those running east an west are lettered. The avenues ont the streets at right angles and connect the most prominent parts of the city
these avenues are not only name fter, but are located so as to corre pond with the different states of the Union; they are from 130 to 160 fee wide, while the streets vary from 90 to 110 feet. All the streets and ave nues find at the capitol a center. The
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