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WASHINGTON LETTER.

[From our Regular Correspondent.]
WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 3, 1882.
The New Year was ushered in at the Capital with the usual ceremonial of official receptions, though in a general way the custom of calling and "receiving" appears to be somewhat on the decline. The ceremonial of New Year's receptions at the Executive Mansion has always been a conspicuous feature of Washington social and political life. George Washington first inaugurated them when the Presidential residence was located in New York City, and in those days they were called "levees," a name that is still given to them in some circles. But the receptions of the present day are very different affairs from those of the early period of our National history. The "Royal Airs" which came down from European courts have gradually disappeared. In Washington's time the strictest rules of social etiquette and decorum prevailed. No motley crowd could approach the powdered and be-wigged presence. The President of the United States was an august personage. His receptions were not for the vulgar. None came who had not the right to come by official station, or who were not entitled to special privileges by reason of established merit and character; and one could no more venture into the presence of George and Martha Washington on that day in any other than full dress, than one could now in plain clothes obtain an audience with the Queen of England.

But these affairs have become thoroughly Americanized, beginning with the time of General Jackson, who, to emphasize his Democracy, served a great cheese in the east room of the White House on New Year's day, fragments of which were trampled upon the floor to the ruin of the carpet and disgust of those aristocrats who dislike "the rabble." And in those days, too, there was cider in the cellar. In our day "citizens generally" are admitted to the White House, and one can not only see prominent business men and society leaders from all parts of the country, but side by side with them, and sandwiched in among them, are the colored men who open the doors at the departments, and the still humbler class of persons who attend the stalls at the market. The threadbare and tattered waterproof of the laboring woman brushes roughly against the silk of the modern belle. No distinctions are made at the President's door. The only discrimination as to incomers within the people's hours is that which prevails in horse-cars—"Drunk and disorderly not admitted." It is doubtful if the founders of our Government, who still cling to some of the ceremonies and dignities of aristocratic Europe, ever contemplated establishing such a thorough Democracy as our American republic has come to be.

The official part of the reception at the White House is stately enough, however, and this year was no exception to the rule. There was first the grand panorama of foreign diplomats, army officers, cabinet officers, supreme court judges, and officials generally, marching in to the music of the Marine band, always stationed in the main vestibule on such occasions. The diplomatic corps is a prominent feature in the social life of Washington, and a central figure on all state occasions is made conspicuous by its tinsel and flummery. The showy uniforms of foreign courts parade the parlors of the White House with as

much ostentation as may be seen in official presence of Kaiser William or the Czar of Russia. President Arthur passed through his first reception with the same quiet grace with which he does everything. His manner was dignified though agreeable and easy, and to well known persons or his own particular friends he was very cordial. He impressed every one with the polish of his manners, but as if the cares of state weighed heavily. The household being still in mourning, the occasion was not given the usual festive nature, hence the gas was not lighted, the blinds being thrown open to admit the sunlight. The floral decorations were the simplest I have ever seen on such occasions.

Congress will not do much for a week yet. Among the first things it ought to do is to provide for the payment of the census clerks who have been in the hands of the ten per cent. sharks for six months. Most of them have been obliged to get their certificates of time cashed at a heavy discount, because they could not live without the money, but a few still hold them. There is a disposition on the part of some Congressmen to criticize the financial management of the census bureau, and to charge that General Walker, the late superintendent, was too liberal in expending the funds for unnecessary clerks; but if anybody is to blame for this it is Congressmen themselves, who urged the appointment of most of the incompetents. A part of Forepaugh's circus is in town, traveling as a Humpty Dumpty theatrical show. But the circus the people of Washington are waiting for is Guiteau's "hemp matinee." And it is surely coming. The trial will soon end, and those who have watched its progress are fully convinced that there is no longer any danger of a "hung" jury. The miserable scoundrel who has been playing such a desperate part is the one who will surely be hung. DOM PEDRO.

Morning Work.

Perhaps, on the whole, moderately early rising is now a commoner practice in cities than it was forty years ago. It seems strange that the habit of lying in bed hours after the sun is up should ever have obtained a hold on the multitude of brain-workers, as undoubtedly it has in times past. Hour for hour, the intellectual work done in the early morning, when the atmosphere is as yet unpoisoned by the breath of myriads of actively-moving creatures, must be, and, as a matter of experience, is incomparably better than that done at night. The habit of writing and reading late in the day and far into the night, "for the sake of quiet," is one of the most mischievous to which a man of mind can addict himself. When the body is jaded the spirit may seem to be at rest, and not so easily distracted by the surroundings which we think less obtrusive than in the day; but this seeming is a snare.

When the body is weary, the brain, which is an integral part of the body, and the mind, which is simply brain function, are weary too. If we persist in working one part of the system because some other part is too tired to trouble us, that cannot be wise management of self. The feeling of tranquility which comes over the busy and active man about half-past ten or eleven o'clock ought not to be regarded as an incentive to work. It is in fact the effect of a lowering of the vitality consequent on the exhaustion of physical sense. Nature wants and calls for physi-

ological rest. Instead of complying with her reasonable demand, the night-worker hails the "feeling" of mental quiescence, mistakes it for clearness and acuteness, and whips the jaded organism with the will until it goes on working. What is the result? Immediately, the accomplishment of a task fairly well, but not half so well as if it had been performed with the vigor of a refreshed brain working in health from proper sleep.

Remotely, or later on comes the penalty to be paid for unnatural exertion—that is, energy wrung from exhausted or weary nerve-centers under pressure. This penalty takes the form of "nervousness," perhaps sleeplessness, almost certainly some loss or depreciation of function in one or more of the great organs concerned in nutrition. To relieve these maladies—springing from this unsuspected cause—the brain worker very likely has the recourse to the use of stimulants, possibly alcohol, or it may be simply tea or coffee. The sequel needs not be followed. Night work during student life and in after years is the fruitful cause of much unexplained, though by no means inexplicable, suffering for which it is difficult if not impossible to find a remedy. Surely morning is the time for work, when the whole body is rested, the brain relieved from its tension, and mind-power at its best.—Lancet.

Public Lands.

A person having a homestead entry has the right, under the act of June 15, 1880, to purchase the land covered by his entry at any time prior to his final cancellation at the local land office.

Section 2261, revised statutes, does not prohibit the filing of a second declaratory statement for the same land when, by reason of defects, or any other reason, the first declaratory statement has become unavailing, and there have intervened no rights of a third party.

Whatever is recognized as mineral by the standard authorities on the subject, where it is found in quantity or quality sufficient to render the land sought to be patented more valuable on this account than for agricultural purposes, should be treated as coming within the provisions of the mining act of June 15, 1872.

A quit-claim deed executed by an occupant of public land will not operate to estop the grantor from asserting his own subsequently acquired title. It is not therefore within the meaning of section 2262, revised statutes, and will not defeat the right of entry under the pre-emption law. The converse of this proposition is true in respect of a warranty deed.

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