

NEW WHITE HOUSE.

REVERSION TO ORIGINAL PLANS IN ITS RESTORATION.

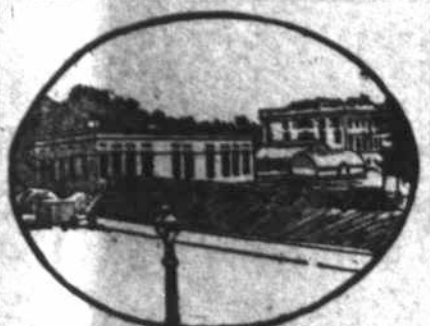
Nearly Every President or President's Wife Since Adams' Time Has Had a Try at "Improving" the Executive Mansion.

Washington Correspondence.

It is a speaking commentary on the state of architecture as an art to-day that in the restoration of the White House now progressing the original architectural plans are being followed in almost every particular. In the first place, there has been a turning about, so to speak, of the White House itself, so that what we have for so many years regarded as the front is relegated to the rear and comparative obscurity and what has been looked upon as the rear portion of the executive mansion is now restored to its place of honor, as primarily intended. James Hoban, the architect, with whom President Washington consulted long and seriously, was a master of his art, as this tribute to his genius now shows.

In 110 years since Washington laid the cornerstone and 102 since John Adams went to the White House to reside, or, rather, to camp, the mansion being so cold and damp that a literal house-warming was going on all the time. Up to that time, its cost had been about \$250,000, but up to the present the total expenditure including the

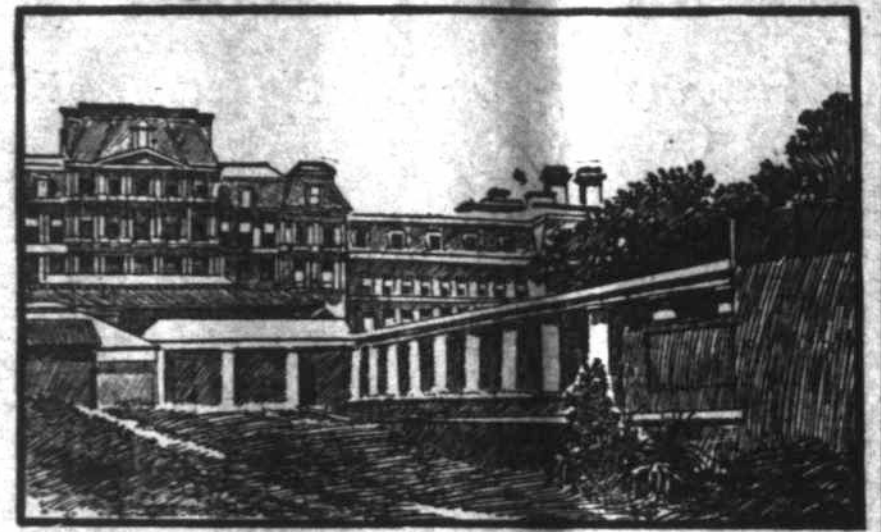
divided the great corridor and made the space so limited at receptions. Half a million dollars is a goodly sum to be spent in the renovation of a single structure even if it be the executive mansion of a big nation like ours, but it is hoped that this last overturning will suffice and that the next incumbents of the White House will accept the art and architectural decisions as final—at least for another decade or so. The conservatory has been taken bodily away, the state banquet room has been changed so that no former visitor to the mansion would know it, and as to the east room it has never had such an overhauling since the virtuous Abigail Adams hung up



LITTLE WHITE HOUSE, OLD WHITE HOUSE

her "weekly wash" to dry within its walls. The red, the blue and the green rooms still preserve their prevailing tints; this in violation—no pun intended—but otherwise they have undergone radical changes. Even the furnishings—chairs once set out by Abraham Lincoln, mahogany benches which a dozen Presidential occupants of the White House have bent their knees and china that erstwhile adorned the tables at many a festive board—are to be replaced by modern articles.

While the original plan of the structure has been adhered to—with its front facing Potomacward and its colonnaded wings stretching out east



COLONNADE CONNECTING THE TWO "WHITE HOUSES."

last appropriation of \$500,000, will not fall short of \$2,000,000. Nearly every President or President's wife since Adams' time has had a try at "improving" the White House, and the last to have this privilege is Mrs. Roosevelt, who shows herself more radical and far-reaching than any of her predecessors.

Talented Thomas Jefferson's influence was apparent in the White House restoration after it was burned by the British in 1814, and he was especially in favor of the colonnaded wings projecting east and west, which are the chief features of this latter day renovation. By means of these extensions and by the rehabilitation of the base-



ment, hitherto devoted to ignoble uses in the domestic economy, the White House will be made to face about toward the Potomac, as projected by Hoban, and will present its back to Pennsylvania avenue. All the bigwigs of Washington, the ambassadors, Supreme Court Justices and diplomats in general, will be driven to the renovated east entrance and enter the basement before being admitted to the grand reception room in the second story. And this reception room, like the grand east room, will be so thoroughly changed as to be hardly recognizable.

I confess to a feeling of amazement as well as of bewilderment when I entered the executive mansion the other day and gazed about me. In common with the rest of the world, diplomats, princes, servants and the public generally had previously been admitted at the entrance underneath the great north portico; but now all this is changed. Instead of elbowing your way through the crowds assembled at the public receptions and fighting your way out through the doorway which at the same time afforded ingress and egress you will be ushered in at one entrance and shown out at another. One will feel rather lonesome, of course, not to have his ribs punched and his toes trodden on, but the heaviest has gone forth, and the flat is said to be final. Prestige will count for nothing with the committee of abolitionism, and relics hitherto regarded as somewhat sacred from association with Lincoln, Grant, Arthur, Hayes, Harrison, et al., have been ruthlessly swept away, even the opalescent screen that

ar west—there has been erected one building which is in every sense an innovation. I refer to the "little White House," already amply described in the columns of the press. It will be devoted exclusively to the President's executive business. By means of this building all business can be transacted without the confines of the White House proper, and the latter be reserved, according to the original intention, as a private dwelling place for the executive and his family, with an occasional throwing open of its doors to diplomats and the public at great receptions. It will be preserved as a show piece, of course, as heretofore, but the sanctity of the President's domestic circle need not be invaded, nor need there be any repetition of the jams and mobs that the mansion has witnessed many a time in the past. The modernized White House will appeal to all lovers of the beautiful, but the future visitor, say at the President's public reception in January next, will need a guide, even if he be well acquainted with the mansion of old, in order to find his way about.

TWINS 86 YEARS OLD.
Jonas and Joel Hungerford, Active New England Farmers.
Watertown, Conn., prides itself upon having as residents the two oldest twins of all New England. They are Jonas and Joel Hungerford, 86 years old, and still hale and hearty. They are tillers of the soil and still occupy themselves with the daily tasks of the farm. The Hungerford twins are of the same height and have the same slight stoop of the shoulders. They are both married and live about a mile and a half apart. Although they have always lived in Watertown, and the postmaster is a life-long resident of the town also, when one of the twins goes to the postoffice for his mail the old postmaster invariably hesitates and asks, "Jonas or Joel?" The postmaster's perplexity is fully shared by all the other residents of the town.

Twenty years ago Jonas and Joel, with their families, made a trip to New York, going from Bridgeport by steamer. In the evening before boarding the boat they separated, agreeing to meet



HUNGERFORD BROTHERS.

aboard. Joel reached the steamer first, Jonas having lost his way. Joel waited until a few minutes before leaving time, and then went aboard to look after his baggage. As he walked through the saloon deck he came upon a big mirror, and, advancing toward it with outstretched hands, exclaimed, "Jonas, how in the world did you get on the boat?" Joel is still fond of relating this little incident, even though the laugh was on himself.

"We are the oldest twins in Connecticut," says Jonas, "and we hope to claim that title for a long time to come, for neither of us has been ill in nearly forty years."

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A PRETTY POSTMISTRESS NARROWLY ESCAPES DEATH

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ALMA L. COX

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Blotbs—Why was the engagement between Haridup and Miss Gotrox broken off?
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Mint Drops.
"Well," remarked the scales at the mint, getting off the time worn joke, "you're worth your weight in gold, sure enough, aren't you?"
"Yes," replied the bullion ingot, "and yet I suppose pretty soon I'll be hard pressed for coin."—Philadelphia Press.

His Favorite Kind.
Rimer—And who is your favorite poet, Mr. Koetigue?
Koetigue—Chatterton.
Rimer—What do you find to admire in him?
Koetigue—He committed suicide.—Philadelphia Record.

The Smallest University.
The university at Four Bay, Sierra Leone, is said to be the smallest in the world. A few years ago it had but 12 students and five professors.

Rheumatism

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