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The Truth About the Hatchet

By William E. Barton The George Washington hatchet story has become a joke. One rarely hears it referred to except in terms of hilarity. But it is one of a very few stories that have come down to us concerning the youth of Washing-

ton, and it is not in all respects un-

worthy either of credence or respect The original little hatchet story comes to us from the pen of Rev. Masin . Weems, a friend of Washington, and for a time rector of Pohick Church, where Washington attended. He wrote several books, the most famous of which is his "Life of Washington." The first edition was a pamphlet of \$2 pages, which appeared in 1800, very shortly after the death of Washington, It grew into a sizable little book of 244 pages. It ran through 40 or more editions.

Lee Praises Book

Weems was the friend not only of the Washington family, but also of the Lees and other noted Virginia people. The title-page of his book bears this testimonial from General Lee: "Light Horse Harry" of the Revolutionary army, the Intimate friend of Washington

The author has treated this great subject with admirable success in a new way. He turns all the actions of Washington to the encouragement of virtue, by a careful application of numerous exemplifications drawn from the renduct of the founder of our republic from his earliest life."

That is virtually to say that General Lee and other intimate friends of Washington admired this stilted old biography for the very qualities which have caused us to ridicule it.

It is interesting to peruse the story of the little hatchet precisely as Parhow the father of George was very careful to train him in habits of truthfulness, with classic parallel references to Utysses and Telemachus. he says:

Sowing Good Seed

This, you'll say, was sowing good times sparingly, and sometimes libseed!—Yes, it was; and the crop, thank God, was as I believe it ever written in 1794, by Washington will be, where a man acts the true while he was away from home carrywill be, where a man acts the true while he was away from home carrying on his duties as president:

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point it is too valuable to be lost. has given out four dozen and eight I am sure the Allwise disposer of Arthur E. Lederle, head of the Sec. 27; Sty SW 14. Section 23. and too true to be doubted; for it bottles of wine events knows better than we do, what attendance division of the local Township 37S, Range 13E, Willamwas communicated to me by the

wealthy master of a hatchet, of which think it ought to be given: like most little boys, he was immoderately fond, and was constantly going about chopping everything that came in his way.

often amused himself backing his some particular acquaintances. mother's pea-sticks, he unluckily tried the edge of his hatchet on the body of a beautiful young English cherry tree, which he barked so terribly that I don't believe the tree. ever got the better of it. The next came into the house; and with much warmth, asked for the mischievous guineas for it.

A Tough Question

Presently George and his hatchet made their appearance. "George." yonder in the garden?

self; and looking at his father with and as leaning toward monarchy. the sweet face of youth, brightened with the inexpressible charm of allconquering truth, he bravely cried out I can't tell a lie, pa; you honors the memory of George Washknow I can't tell a lie. I did cut it lington. with my hatchet."

"Run to my arms, you dearest paid me a thousand fold. Such an act feeling thus: of heroism in my son is worth more than a thousand trees, though blossomed with silver, and their fruits of purest gold."

Parson Weems obtained this story from an old lady, whose life-long acquaintance with Washington gave her access to facts of his early life and whose reputation for truthfulness was unchallenged.

Weems did not invent the story. and neither did his informant. The story rested on some basis of fact. If is not likely that it came down without exaggeration, but when you have made all possible deduction, what have you left? A father, training his boy to be truthful, and the boy, having done a wrong act and being tempted to seek refuge in falsehood, bravely telling the truth, and his father commending his truthfulness instead of punishing the boy.

So, after we have had our little laugh at Parson Weems and his highly colored narrative, I am disposed to say that the little hatchet story is still a good one to tell to American boys.

Meet me at the Nat at 8 p. m.

IF HIS DAD COULD ONLY SEE HIM NOW





SOR Weems wrote it. Having related SOME UNUSUAL AND LITTLE KNOWN STORIES ABOUT GEORGE WASHINGTON

Mt. Vernon home entertained—some- to personal friends. These were spon- card indexed.

The following anecdote is a case in Washington she mentions that she' dential acts. I never repine because school system,

sam excellent lady to whim I am given to everyone who may incline to make a convenience of the house who may same was not designed by the All-wise cation Officials, is spensoring the tory, known as the "Timber and the about six years old, he was made the descriptions of people to whom I prepare for the worst that can hap-

"One day, in the garden, where he down or introduced by letter from

"Third: To persons of some distinction, such as members of Congress, etc.

"Unless some caution of this sort governs I should be run to an exmorning, the old gentleman finding pense as improper as it would be conout what had befallen his tree, which, siderable—for the duty on Madeira by the way, was a great favorite, wine makes it one of the most expensive liquors that is now used.

"I would rather you would provide printing as a word indecorous for the author, declaring at the same time, claret or other wine, on which the that he would not have taken five duty is not so high, unless it be on very extraordinary occasions." .

18TH CENTURY

On Feb. 22, 1792, Congress was said his father, 'do you know who sitting in Philadelphia. To many came killed that beautiful little cherry tree the impulse to congratulate President George Washington on his 61st birth-This was a tough question; and day. Hence motion was made to ad-George staggered under it for a mo- journ for half an hour This was bitment; but quickly recovering him- terly opposed as smacking of idolatry leaves the institution. An exhaus-

20TH CENTURY

The whole United States, for a day,

boy, cried his father in transports, ful, as a boy, is indicated by a bit of school will begin on the day the That George Washington was bash-'run to my arms; glad am I, George, verse which he wrote to a girl, while that you killed my tree; for you have attending school. He expressed his

> Oh, ye gods, why should my poor restless heart

Stand to oppose thy might power? In deluding sleepings let my eyelids

That in my enraptured dreams may

in a raft lulling sleep and gentle re Possess those joys denied by day.

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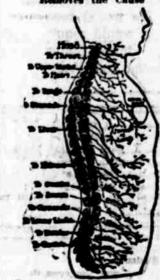
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