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"He was never much inclined, I believe, to take an active part in athletics, though his simple, normal habits of life kept him always in excellent condition physically and mentally. He proved the enduring sturdiness of his frame by his efficient service in the civil war, and by the tremendous amount of labor which he afterward put into the study and presentation of public questions. He was, of course, interested in the notable athletic contests that the college boys held, but it was not until 1894 that he and I witnessed together our first game of football—the Princeton-Yale game at New York.

HOME SMOKE CHATS.

"I got the closest revelations of William McKinley's character, I think, in our quiet hours of smoking and chatting, when all the rest had retired. Far past midnight we have had many times talking over those matters which friends always discuss—and the closer I came to the man the more lovable his character appeared. Every time we met there was revealed the gentle, growing greatness of a man who knew men, respected them and loved them, and who had the personal interests of William McKinley that he discussed, but those of friends, or his own, above all others of the people. His clear cut conscientiousness was pronounced. In these heart to heart talks—friends' friends in the calm serenity of the night's quiet hours, we felt the ties of our life's friendship growing stronger as we simply sat and talked and looked in each other's faces.

FOND OF PLAYS AND ACTORS.

The late President was particularly fond of a good play, and when he would come to the city he would spend the evening, he would always inquire: "Is there anything good at your opera house to-night, Mark?" We enjoyed many pleasant evenings together. He delighted in meeting the prominent actors and was very fond of Joseph Jefferson. Many an hour have they sat together, and he would call on him in Washington. Sol Smith Russell was another friend. The drama of high society was to him a source of worm thoughts of the day and thoroughly enjoyed as a relaxation. He delighted to discuss with the study young collegians, read of whom remarked to his companion as they passed by us: "Who is that distinguished-looking man—the one that looks like Napoleon?"

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"A man of more generous impulses than William McKinley never lived. When cases were presented to him for relief that were beyond his ability to meet, he would apply to me or some of his friends for assistance in aiding worthy persons, and his friends were always glad to respond to these appeals. He was liberal without stint. It leaves him almost no money when he is suffering or in distress, and on such occasions showed his great faith in friends. He never brought in a penny to me in an appeal for others. Whatever he had in his pocket, whether it was 10 cents or \$10, he was always ready to give it to relieve distress. If the applicant only required 50 cents and the major had \$10 in his pocket, he would give the 50 cents and did not know such a thing as taking change from a friend.

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"Though he had no special training in music, no person was more partial to it than William McKinley. And his tastes were as catholic as a child's. Anything from a hardy-gurdy to grand opera pleased him. He would keep his hands or feet beating whenever there was music about him. I recall many Sunday evenings when our cats. Everyone was singing, and he would lead the choir. He loved to hear the Lead King Light. The radiance on his face when he sang those old favorite hymns, as if his whole soul was in it, is to me a sacred memory picture of William McKinley. He would urge me to try singing and insisted I had a sweet tenor voice, but the pleasant charm of the music, and the fact that he was never marred by my vocal efforts. I knew I could not sing, but I listened; the echoes of his voice in my ears were as sweet to me as long as I live. The little singing parties in our parlor after dinner were always his delight.

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