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Le. Staunton	1 30	12.45	6.45
Ar. Charlottesville	3.45	2.50	A 9.50
			P. M.
" Gordonsville	B 5.00	B 3.45	12.00
			P. M.
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Ar. Goshen	E 4.27	E 3.17	10.35
" Millboro	4.52	3.37	11.20
			A. M.
" Williamson's	5.55	4.25	12.45
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Arrive		
Harrisonburg		4.55 "
Leave—		
Harrisonburg	12.40 p. m.	
New Market	1.32 "	
Arrive—		
Mt. Jackson	1.34 "	
Leave—		
Mt. Jackson	2.14 "	
Woodstock	2.47 "	
Strasburg	3.18 "	
Winchester	4.12 "	
Arrive—		
Harper's Ferry	5.35 "	
Washington	8.00 "	
Baltimore	9.10 "	

WEST.

Leave—	Mail.	Accom.
Baltimore	7.10 a. m.	
Washington	8.35 "	
Harper's Ferry	11.00 "	
Winchester	12.04 p. m.	
Strasburg	1.08 "	
Woodstock	1.41 "	
Mt. Jackson	2.35 "	
New Market	2.54 "	
Harrisonburg	3.44 "	8.00 a. m.
Weyer's Cave	4.12 "	8.47 "
Arrive—		
Staunton	4.45 "	9.40 "

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COME IN BEAUTIFUL DREAMS.

BY GEORGE D. PRENTICE.

Come, in beautiful dreams, love,
Oh! come to me oft,
When the light wings of sleep
On my bosom lie soft;
Oh! come when the sea
In the moon's gentle light,
Beats soft on the air,
Like the pulse of the night—
When the sky and the wave
Wear their loftiest blue,
When the dew's on the flower,
And the star's on the dew.

Come, in beautiful dreams, love,
Oh! come and we'll stray
Where the whole year is crowned
With the blossoms of May—
Where each sound is as sweet
As the coos of a dove,
And the gales are as soft
As the breathings of love;
Where the beams kiss the waves,
And the waves kiss the beach,
And our warm lips may catch
The sweet lessons they teach.

Come, in beautiful dreams, love,
Oh! come and we'll fly,
Like two winged spirits
Of love, through the sky;
With hand clasped in hand,
On our dream-wings we'll go
Where the starlight and moonlight
Are blending their glow;
And on the bright clouds we'll linger,
Of purple and gold,
'Til the angels shall envy
The bliss they behold.

LOVE'S LIGHT.

On western hills the day declines,
The sun sinks low beneath the pines,
And where the last ray lingering shines,
'Tis softly fading into night.
The tender gloaming, shade on shade,
Comes darkling down, on glen and glade
What time, in beauty bright array'd,
The stars bloom into night;
Then love takes up the evening song,
And memory, kindling warm and strong,
Recalls dead hopes in thickening throng
And paints the past in mellow light.

On eastern slopes the sunbeams wake,
The soft rays, lighting lawn and lake,
On kindling earth and heaven break,
In radiance touched with morning's dew;
The dawn's young beauties, fresh and sweet,
In blissful union, move and meet,
What time the passing shadows fleet,
Of night depart from view.
And love sings soft the matin song,
And hope surveys, on pinions strong,
The future's blessings rich and long,
And paints their dawn with prescience true.

Morning and noon and set of sun,
Through all the hours of day that run,
The light from heaven, at dawn begun,
The waiting earth with beauty fills.
And nature smiles, in all her moods,
Through lawn and lake, and wilds and woods,
What time the heavenly lustre floods,
And all her pulses thrills;
And love takes up her joyous song,
And hope and memory, true and strong,
Present and past with raptures throng,
And light which heaven's own love distills!

E. S. GREGORY.

An Historical Tragedy.

THE TRAGEDY OF THE PRINCETON—INVOLVING THE FORTUNES OF AN ADMINISTRATION.

A Washington correspondent of the Philadelphia *Times*, Saul Wright, contributes to that paper the following account of the terrible disaster on the ill-fated Princeton many years ago:

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THE PARTY.

"Wednesday, the 28th day of February, was, I remember, one of the most charming of a long series of bright winter days that were celebrated for many years later as extraordinary and exceptional. The river bed had been frozen the better part of the month, and among the many lauded possibilities of the Princeton were the facility with which she plowed her way through the ice on her trips down the river, leaving behind her a track as clear and even as a canal. The company gathered on board the ship as she lay off Alexandria was the largest and most brilliant imaginable, numbering not less than four hundred of the most fashionable and distinguished of the nation, of both sexes and every age, and I am certain that so far as the toilettes of the ladies were concerned they were quite as elegant and decidedly more sensible than any you may witness at the present day. However, I am not going to argue that point with you. There were on board, among others, the President and Mr. Southard, of New Jersey, then the acting Vice President; Mr. Webster, Mr. Spencer, the Secretary of War; Generals Scott, Jessup, Eaton, Commodore Shubrick, Mr. Gilmer, the Secretary of the Navy; Senator Mason, Mangum, Choate, John Quincy Adams, Senators Rives and Benton, Mr. Upshur, the Secretary of State, most of the foreign legations, including, I believe, Mr. Packenham, from England—but I am not certain about that—and, in short, everybody that was anybody in Washington at that time, together with their families and many distinguished visitors from every section of the country.

"We had proceeded down the river to some distance below Fort Washington amid the utmost enjoyment and glee on the part of the immense company, and the day had been spent in feasting, romping, dancing and singing, with music that was almost unceasing, and mirth that was infectious and uncontrollable. During the passage down, one of those large guns—the two hundred and twenty-five pounders that Stockton speaks of in his report to Gilmer—was frequently fired, to the great enjoyment of all aboard, whose surprise at its wonderful power and capacity and its formidability as a weapon of war, was merely equaled by its apparent harmlessness and the ease and rapidity of its loading and discharge. It was a monster that mingled our pride and wonder, our patriotism and admiration, and, in fact, our every sentiment but fear.

THE EXPLOSION OF THE GUN.

"It was about half past four in the afternoon, and on our return to the city, when nearly opposite Fort Washington, Captain Stockton consented, at some one's request, to fire another shot from the monster gun. The ladies had been invited below to partake of a sumptuous repast. The gentlemen had succeeded them at the table. Some of them had left it, and with the ladies were lounging about the saloon. I think the majority of the latter were between the decks, and that the crowd about the gun to witness the loading, which Stockton was explaining, though quite large, did not contain any ladies whatever. The loading completed, Captain Stockton gave the word and the gun was fired. Following the detonation, and almost instantaneous with it, shrieks were heard from the midst of the smoke that enveloped the gun and the crowd about it. The monster had burst at a point some three or four feet from the breech and scattered death and destruction on every side! Five bad met their fate without an interval of pain, undoubtedly. Seventeen seamen were wounded and mangled, and almost every one within sight of the piece had been severely stunned by the concussion. The scene in a moment was one of confusion and unexampled and indescribable agony. Women and children came hurrying on deck, mingling their cries and shrieks with the horrors of exclamation from the men who had hurried to the scene from every quarter of ship. Wives were there widowed in an instant; children orphaned in the midst of their play. In the midst of the piteous grief of the spectators and the wailing of agonized females the wounded seamen were borne below and the dead removed from the scene of their fate.

"Those instantly killed were the Secretary of State, Mr. Abel P. Upshur, of Virginia; the Secretary of the Navy, Thomas W. Gilmer, also of Virginia; Captain Beverly Kennon, of the Navy, then on duty as chief of the Bureau of Construction and Equipment; Mr. Virgil Maxey, of Maryland, but lately returned from Belgium, where he was charge d'affaires, and the Hon. David Gardiner, from Suffolk county, Long Island, formerly a member of the Senate of the State of New York. Captain Stockton was seriously stunned by the concussion, as were also Lieut. Hunt, of the Princeton, Senator Benton, of Missouri, and many others. Although the scene had changed in a moment from mirth and festivity to woe and mourning, although all hearts were appalled with the horror of the situation, many found themselves unconsciously observing the perfect discipline of the ship. No seaman stirred from his post: officers continued to give orders and men to obey them with the same regularity and calm precision as had accompanied the whole trip, while some, happening to look upward in the confusion immediately following the explosion, beheld every flag flying at half mast, as though the horrid disaster had been anticipated.

"Many were the wonderful escapes that were narrated by the survivors when time had enabled them to control their thoughts. I find a number of them here with my collected accounts of the disaster, and here is one, for example, from one William Strickland, Esq., of Philadelphia. I will read you a portion;

"'If I had been one foot further to the right or left,' says he, 'I would have been killed. Captain Stockton had all his hair burnt off and was otherwise injured. I was immediately behind him while he was explaining the construction of the lock of the gun and when he ordered her to be fired, and the first sensation which I had was that I was prostrate on the deck, without the power of hearing.'

"'The mental suffering of Captain Stockton must have been piteous in the extreme,' says another 'Though not seriously injured he was so stunned by the explosion as to be incapable of hearing the anguish about him, and was as one alone with his bitter thoughts. He had given the word which struck down those for whose safety he would have peril'd his own life.'

THE NEWS REACHES THE CITY.

"It was not until the morning of the 29th that the news of the disaster had become generally known in Washington, the excursionists reaching home late in the evening and the bodies of the unfortunates remaining on board the Princeton. On Thursday morning they were brought ashore, and, at the particular request of the President, taken to the White House, where they were placed in the East room, which was hung in the deepest mourning, and from this moment until the hour of burial crowded with sympathizing visitors. Both houses of Congress having met at the usual hour a message was received and read from the President, after which both houses adjourned until after the funeral obsequies. I believe I have a copy of the message—and here it is:

"*To the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States:* I have to perform the melancholy duty of announcing to the two houses of Congress the death of the Honorable Abel P. Upshur, late Secretary of State, and the Honorable Thomas W. Gilmer, late Secretary of the Navy.

"This most lamentable occurrence transpired on board the United States ship of war, the Princeton, on yesterday, at about half past four in the evening, and proceeded from the explosion of one of the large guns of that ship.

"The loss which the government and the country has sustained by this deplorable event is heightened by the death at the same time, and by the same cause, of several distinguished persons and valuable citizens.

"I shall be permitted to express my great grief at an occurrence which has thus so suddenly stricken from my side two gentlemen upon whose advice I so confidently relied in the discharge of my arduous task of administering the office of the Executive department, and whose services at this interesting period were of such vast importance.

"In some relief of the public sorrow which must necessarily accompany this most painful event, it affords me much satisfaction to say that it was produced by no carelessness or inattention on the part of the officers and crew of the Princeton, but must be set down as one of those casualties which to a greater or less degree attend upon every service and which are invariably incident to the temporal affairs of mankind. I will also add that it in no measure detracts from the value of the improvement contemplated in the construction of the Princeton or from the merits of her distinguished commander and projector.

"JOHN TYLER.

"*Washington, February 29, 1844.*

"As a particular mark of the public respect and sympathy all the courts then sitting within the District then adjourned, public meetings, receptions, theatres and all projected public gatherings were postponed until after the funeral, and every mail from all sections of the country brought announcements of similar action upon the part of legislative and municipal bodies and resolutions of condolence from public and private quarters.

THE FUNERAL.

"Saturday, March 2, was designated as the day for the rendering of the last tribute of respect to the bodies of the victims, and the Capital, with its near recollection of the death and burial of General Harrison, has seldom witnessed so melancholy an hour. The funeral services were held at the White House, which was thronged to its utmost capacity, as were the grounds and approaches crowded to suffocation. The procession, which moved about noon, reached the entire length of the avenue, and was grand and imposing. Following the military escort, commanded by General Winfield Scott, came the hearses (Mr. Maxey's remains having been taken home by his family on Friday), each preceded by twelve pall bearers and followed by carriages containing the friends and relatives of the deceased. The Senate and House committee on foreign relations, headed by Senator Archer of Virginia and the House committee by Charles J. Ingersoll, of Pennsylvania, acted as guard of honor to the body of the Secretary of State; the Senate and House committee on naval affairs to the Secretary of the Navy; the officers of the army and navy to Captain Kennon, and the Senators and Members from the State of New York to that of Mr. Gardiner.

"These were followed by the President and Cabinet, the Supreme Court, both houses of Congress and municipal bodies, civic societies and the public generally by thousands. Minute guns were fired from several points along the route, the church bells tolled and manifestations of sympathy shown by the mournful decorations hung from every house in the city. Several batteries of artillery from Fort McHenry, under the command of Major Ringgold, accompanied the procession, which moved slowly along the avenues to the Congressional Cemetery, where were laid to rest all that was mortal of the victims of the Princeton.

THE ROMANCE OF THE RING.

"I presume you are waiting for the romance I promised you, and you must admit that the preliminaries for a romance are not promising, eh? Well, Congress adjourned about the 20th of June, 1844. On the 24th, I think, the Washington papers announced in a mere line or so of their local columns that his Excellency, the President, had left the city for a visit of a day or so in New York. About the 28th came a line from a correspondent of the National Intelligencer in New York city:—

"MARRIED.—In this city on the 26th instant, John Tyler, President of the United States, to Julia, eldest daughter of the late Hon. David Gardiner, of New York, who lost his life at the explosion on the Princeton, near Alexandria, Va., in February of this year.

"Miss Gardiner had been present on board the Princeton at the time of the explosion, and at the immediate moment of the disaster was conversing with Mr. Tyler, whose attentions to her and her younger sister during the wretched days that followed their orphanage were unremitting. It is claimed, I believe, that he had solicited her hand and been refused prior to the unfortunate event; also that the fatal excursion was planned by Mr. Tyler in compliment to Miss Gardiner, and, in fact, all sorts of stories concerning the pair were immediately circulated and every conceivable romance woven about their heads. How much of them all were true I know not, but a few things are certain and have not been questioned. And these are, that the marriage grew out of the tragedy on board the Princeton, and that despite the argus eyed press and the keen servility of Mrs. Grundy a President of the United States carried on a courtship before their face and eyes, wooed, won, and had actually married his bride before one of them had the least suspicion of his intentions.

Special to the SPECTATOR.

The New Church and Dedication at Harrisonburg.

COMMONWEALTH OFFICE,
October 20th, 1879, 2 P. M.

The new Methodist Church at this place recently completed is a handsome brick edifice 45x80; will seat comfortably 700 persons, and is situated on German street, a very desirable portion of the town. The basement is an exceedingly pleasant room; every requisite for convenience and comfort; instead of pews, 240 pretty chairs are used; these were purchased by the efforts of the children. As eve enter the walnut paneled doors winding mat-covered steps led us to the main audience room, which is of dazzling beauty, no description can equal its exquisite loveliness. The floor is supported by 8 cast iron pillows, six inches in diameter, resting upon a brick foundation, and is covered with soft rose carpet of blushing red and a small vine figure; cost $400. The walls are frescoed a very light brown, the ceiling is also frescoed in various appropriate colors, and correspond with the walls; a neat blue bell flowered border trims the edge of the ceiling. Five large windows of 27, 13x20 glass upon either side; 18 are frosted a light pink, the lower ones with white paint; buff Japanese figured glass form a window upon each side of the stand, between each window a large figure representing pillows contrast finely with the walls. The front windows, of which there are three—2, 3½x16 feet, 1, 4½x20 feet, are of various sized smoked glass, set in iron frames. A large gilt edge Bible and hymn book ornament the small walnut stand. Three different sized marble top stands, and five brown cushioned chairs constitute the furniture. Three of the chairs fill the position of a sofa.

The pews, of which there are 90, are of walnut with drab cushings, which cost $800, they are of a half circle and form a neat aisle around the alter railing. Four costly chandeliers of six lights each, two stand, and two double lamps in the gallery, illuminate and clothe it in a grandeur beyond the power of a pen to paint, a mind to conceive, a tongue to tell. A fine $500 organ ornaments the panneled gallery, which is but one end of the building in length. Its entire appearance attests the impression that every thing was done in neatness and order, and now they have the satisfaction of knowing that they have the largest and finest church in this town, if not one to equal those in other places of a larger and more affluent population. The dedication took place yesterday, at 10 50 A. M., the ministers entered, a death like silence prevailed, and then the beautiful organ, presided over by Prof. H. T. Wartman, sounded forth in sweet plaintive solemn tones: "Before Jehovah's awful throne," after which Mr. Eggleston requested the gentlemen, by wish of the ladies, not to spit on the floor. At 11 o'clock, Dr. McFerrin, a venerable and aged worker in the master's cause, arose and commenced the exercises by the use of the hymn: