The Avant Courier.

THURSDAY, : : : : MAY 30, 1878.

Washington Letter.

The President's Daughter and Other Girls Take Part in a Concert—Music—New Silver Dollars—Portraits, Etc.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 8, 1878.

To the Editor of the Avant Courier:

Easter week gave us but one entertainment in which high life was in any way represented. That was a concert given in the interest of the Soldiers and Sailors Orphan's Home, and musical performances were rendered by little Fannie Hayes, two of the younger Evarts girls, Senator Matthews' daughter, one of Don Cameron's little girls, and others, none of whom are yet "out" in society. Of course their parents were all present, thus making the assemblage very notable. Fannie Hayes is not yet eleven. She was dressed in white lawn with rose-colored sash. She always wears white in public. She is light complexioned with light brown hair and brown eyes—not specially pretty nor remarkable looking in any way. Although an only daughter, she is said to be unspoiled and lovable. She has an accomplished governess and is occupied with regular hours of study and piano practice, and, to prevent interruption, a piano stands in her sleeping apartment. The President's family seem very fond of music.

The Hess Opera Troupe called at the White House one afternoon during its last engagement here. The singers were received in the library by Mr. and Mrs. Hayes, and gave some of their finest selections.

It is getting to be the proper thing for every musical artist of note to go to the President's and sing a song or two. The Hutchinson Family favored them (or themselves) during a call while in Washington a few weeks ago, and frequently whole schools or institutions, coming to the Capital from neighboring counties on excursions call at the White House. And invariably when this occurs, school songs are sung to the apparent delight of the thus favored (?) Executive family.

The Hayes children, Fannie and Scott, are learning to ride horseback this season. They have their ponies, but as yet ride only with a groom holding the bridle.

Our new silver dollars—which are getting common enough here now but which only a month or so ago were being purchased and sent to distant friends as keepsakes or laid by as *souvenirs*—are being subjected to all sorts of criticism. That funny Bob Burdette, of the Burlington *Hawkeye*, tells how it makes his blood boil to think of the man who has evidently chucked the Goddess of Liberty under the chin—as seen on the new dollars; and, far and wide, the press decries the design, which is, in reality, very neat and pretty. A few days ago 20 of these coins were sent to the U. S. Treasury from the Chicago sub-Treasury, on the supposition that they were counterfeit. The dollars had the genuine look, ring and proper weight, but as 19 of them laid one above the other formed a pile as high as did 20 of those received direct from the Treasury here, they were suspected and sent here for examination. It was found, however, that the extra thickness was caused by slight irregularities in the working of the dies before they were properly adjusted for uniform pressure, these being among the very first dollars that were coined.

One of the families that are intimate at the White House is that of Mr. Andrews, the Ohio artist, who is a brother-in-law of Mr. Hayes' private secretary. Mr. Andrews has lately finished a full length portrait of Mrs. Hayes, which is now on exhibition at the National Art Gallery here, and which is considered the reverse of flattering to its original. One lady, who is no mean judge of portrait painting, remarked that nothing was natural or lifelike about the picture save the hair—smooth, shiny and purple black.

Mr. Andrews has also recently finished a most beautiful painting of Martha Washington, representing her in all the splendor of the high breeding and courtly grandeur that belonged to the wife of our first President. It is a rare production and very valuable. Where it shall be permanently placed is not decided.

ADAMS.

ABOUT BURYING OUR DEAD.—THE PRESIDENT'S TITLE.—MRS. HAYES RENOUNCED BY A TEMPERANCE ASSOCIATION, AND DECLARED "AS COMPLETE A FRAUD AS HER HUSBAND.

A very apt sermon was preached last Sunday in one of our city churches on the subject. "How shall we bury our dead?" I say it was apt, for custom and fashion are demanding so much in this direction of late, and are becoming so arbitrary regarding it, that it is high time both pulpit and press cried out against it for the sake of the living. The dead, for whom all the show and parade now customary at burials is made, are in no way helped or benefitted thereby, and beyond doubt the living who are left, oftentimes suffer much because of expenses incurred for stylish burial of friends. I recall an instance—a little child of poor parents. An expensive casket and robe and flowers were procured, a long line of hired hacks was in attendance, and the bereaved father and mother had scarcely decent clothing to wear to the funeral. The debt incurred for that ceremony so harassed and wore upon the father that he was actually hurried himself to his grave as a result.

The mock funeral of Victor Emanuel, as it was celebrated here, was a wicked thing, viewing it from our standpoint. Thousands of dollars were expended—even a rich and costly casket and pall were secured, and floral decorations enough paid for to have fed hundreds of hungry mouths for weeks. I cannot think but that the Lord above would be better pleased at seeing money spent for the feeding and clothing of His hungry and naked *living* poor than in throwing it away to make a show for those who need nothing further here.

To most minds the idea of burning the remains of a loved one is revolting in the extreme; and yet it cannot be denied that cremation or burial, the process of consumption, is precisely the same, the one simply being speedy and simple—the other gradual and disgusting in detail.

Congressmen walk about the Capitol with seeming indifference these days, never mentioning the subject of the President's title unless quizzed by reporters concerning it, and then they treat the matter with such ready levity or contempt as to show it to be assumed. The fact is, there is very much of deep feeling on the subject. The Republicans do not like their President, and they do not quite relish throwing him overboard altogether. What will be done to the poor man does not yet appear, but whatever it is, he will scarcely be disturbed by it—judging from his easy way of taking things in general. The reception of his party in Philadelphia last week was another grand affair—so like any of the many trips he has taken in the past year as to need no description in detail. The cheering and responding, speechifying and palavering, visiting and receiving, dinners, banquets and serenades—the same old story.

Mrs. Hayes, too, was received with much pomp, paraded about the city, and presented with flowers and a book by three or four-year old children, whom she thanked with kisses. People appear to like to bring little children to Mrs. Hayes' notice, particularly because she makes a point of kissing them and giving them a pansy, if she chances to be holding flowers—which she usually does when in public. Somebody has at last said something unpleasant about Mrs. Hayes, and it is quite refreshing, after a whole year crammed full of praises and compliments without a word of criticism or fault-finding. When she first came to Washington and so much was said and written about her strict temperance principles, a temperance division just springing up here took for itself the name, "The Mrs. R. B. Hayes Temperance Association;" and because Mrs. Hayes drank punch at Philadelphia, and asserted that she had never said wines should not be used at State dinners in the White House, but that she wished people to enjoy themselves in their own way, this association has published a card of whereases and resolves, which ends in renouncing the name and by declaring Mrs. Hayes "as complete a fraud as her husband."

ADAMS.

About the House.

Bad cooking spoils good food.

Apply common baking soda to burns.

There is no dignity in work half done.

Bottom heat is not good to raise bread.

Eat what your appetite craves if you can get it.

Do not entertain visitors with your own domestic troubles.

Husbands must not expect their wives to make good, white bread from poor flour.

The Germans test the purity of milk by dipping a well-polished knitting-needle in the fluid. If the milk is pure, some of it will adhere to the needle, but if water has been added, it will not.

"The most perilous hour of a person's life is when he is tempted to despond," is one of the gems of thought we clip from a floating column of wisdom. True to a dot, every word of it, and that dread crisis never comes so near overtaking a man as it does just after he gets married and wakes up to the fact that "nobody can cook like mother."

Summer will be here soon, and those who wish to preserve health should have their premises cleared of all refuse matter engendering miasmatic poisons or emitting stench. The rubbish should be carted away or burned, and disinfectants freely used where there is bad odor or sewarage. Sinks especially need attention and the free use of disinfectants. Ordinary lime, chloride of lime, carbolic acid diluted, or solutions of vitriol or copperas, in the proportion of one pound to a gallon of water, are among the cheapest and most easily obtained of efficient disinfectants. Houses and bedding should be well aired and sunned. Cleanliness in person and surroundings is one of the best safeguards from infection and malignant diseases.

THINGS WORTH KNOWING.

What neat housekeeper is not annoyed when she sees on the spotless woodwork of her doors or windows those long, dark scratches which reveal that some one has tried to light a match by drawing it across the paint? Now this is sometimes our experience, for servants will be forgetful or careless, and the tell-tale scratches greet our eyes in most un-looked-for quarters. But we have found a remedy for the marks which, as every one knows, quite defy soap and water. Cut a sour orange or lemon in half; apply the cut half to the marks, rubbing for a moment quite hard; then wash off with a clean rag, dipped first in water to moisten it, and then in whiting. Rub well with this rag, dry thoroughly, and nine times out of ten the ugly marks will vanish. Of course, sometimes they are buried in so deeply that they cannot be quite eradicated. All finger-marks on painted walls, etc., should be rubbed off with a little damp whiting in the same way, and never washed with soap-suds, which destroy the paint.—*Golden Rule.*

Life.

We talk of human life as a journey, but how variously is that journey performed. There are those who come forth girt and shod and mantled, to walk on velvet lawns and smooth terraces, where every gale is arrested, and every beam is tempered. There are others who walk on the Alpine paths of life, against driving misery, and through stormy sorrows, over sharp afflictions; walk with bare feet and naked breast, jaded, mangled, and chilled.—*Sidney Smith.*

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A Hawk Among Hens.

Scribner's Monthly.

Gilbert White tells a most dramatic story of a neighbor who had lost most of his chickens by a sparrow-hawk that came down between a faggot pile and the end of his house, to the place where his coops stood. The owner, vexed to see his flock diminishing, hung a net between the pile and the house, into which the bird dashed and was entangled. The gentleman's resentment suggested a fit retaliation; he therefore clipped the hawk's wings, cut off his talons, and, fixing a cork on his bill, threw him down among the brood-hens. "Imagination," says Mr. White, "cannot paint the scene that ensued; the expression that fear, rage and revenge inspired were new, or at least, such as had been unnoticed before; the exasperated matrons upbraided, they execrated, they insulted, they triumphed. In a word, they never desisted from buffeting their adversary till they had torn him in a hundred pieces."

Difference in Beds.

Every nation has its own opinion and customs concerning beds, and their fitness for the comfortable repose of the occupant, very much depends upon that occupant's idea of what constitutes comfort. A Persian ambassador was once shown into a bed-room where a grand canopied state bed had been prepared for him. He supposed it was a throne in his audience camber, receiving his visitors seated on it, and retired to sleep on the carpet in the corner of the room, in accordance with the Eastern custom. In taking a furnished house in Russia, on enquiring for the servants' bed-rooms and beds, it came out that the Russian servants are in the habit of lying anywhere—in the passage, on the floors, on the mats at the room doors, or even on the carpets in the sitting-rooms—generally as near as possible to the stoves in the winter season. Beds have been stuffed with all sorts of commodities—feathers, wool, horsehair, what is called flock, which is an omnium gatherum of all sorts of productions, shavings, hay, straw—and in the south of Europe with the soft and elastic dried leaves of maize; dried seaweed has also been used, but is apt to become moist with use, and is therefore not desirable. In one of the seasons when hops were abundant in England it is related of a farmer that he sold the feathers from all the beds in his house and replaced them with hops. In another year or two, when the hops crop failed, and the price became very high, the same hops were disinterred from their bed and fetched a considerable sum, far more than sufficient to replace the former feathers.

A Cool Mother.

A few days ago a lady in the Sixth Ward was making molasses candy for her children. While removing the melted liquid from the stove, her little boy in his haste to obtain his portion, stumbled against his mother's elbow, upsetting the dish over her hand, burning her in a frightful manner. She immediately wrapped her hand up in a cotton handkerchief and saturated it with a bottle of Wolcott's Pain Paint, keeping it constantly wet with the remedy. The result was more than wonderful; it not only stopped all pain in a very short time, but her hand did not even blister, and the next day was apparently as well as ever, with the exception of two small places where the skin was actually burned off at the time of the accident. She says that with this remedy, she never fails in removing headache, toothache and neuralgia within a very few minutes by an outward application; besides curing rheumatism, healing ulcers and sores of long standing, without causing any pain in its direct application; on the contrary, producing a very cooling and soothing effect to all inflamed surfaces.

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The Antecedents of Disease.

Among the antecedents of disease are inertness in the circulation of the blood, an unnaturally attenuated condition of the physique, indicating that the life current is deficient in nutritive properties, a wan, haggard look, inability to digest the food, loss of appetite, sleep and strength, and a sensation of unnatural languor. All these may be regarded as among the indicia of approaching disease, which will eventually attack the system and overwhelm it, if it is not built up and fortified in advance. Invigorate, then, without loss of time, making choice of the greatest vitalizing agent extant, Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, an elixir which has given health and vigor to myriads of the sick and debilitated, which is avouched by physicians and analysts to be pure as well as effective, which is immensely popular in this country, and extensively used abroad, and which has been for years past one of the leading medicinal staples of America. 24-4t

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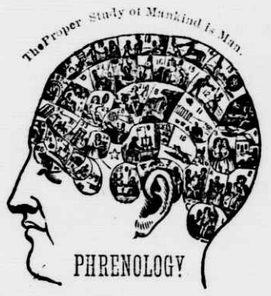

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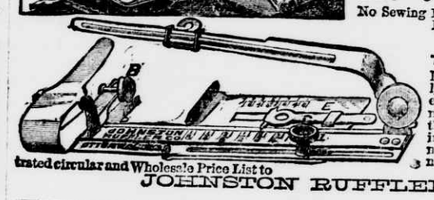

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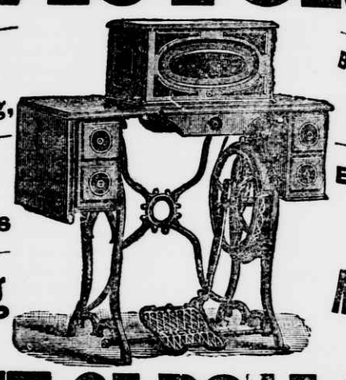

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