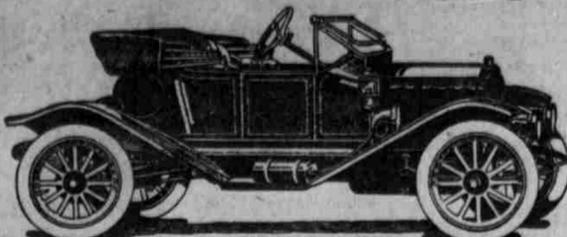


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PASSING OF THE OLD TIMERS

Absence of Brilliant Group of Statesmen, Wits and Bon Vivants Is Recalled.

"Whenever I play in Washington nowadays I am saddened by the absence of that brilliant and congenial group of statesmen, wits and bon-vivants who of yore made their headquarters at John Chamberlin's," said a well-known actor recently.

"During my last week's engagement in the capital I lived at the Shoreham, which is in the same block as was Chamberlin's, and from force of habit I would stroll down to the corner for a near view of the old rendezvous. Strangers who know nothing of its past glories and traditions now occupy it, and most of the joyous spirits who gathered there are gone to the undiscovered country. The place itself was never much to look at, three or four ordinary brick structures alongside each other connected by narrow passages, but it was the entertainment and the personnel of the habitues that gave it fame.

"John Chamberlin never catered to the common crowd," he continued. "He held forth for a special clientele. It didn't matter a straw to him as to whether his guests were rich men or not, but it was imperative that they must be distinguished in some way. He was especially fond of senators, congressmen, actors, newspaper men and epicures, and they in turn were devoted to him. Roscoe Conkling and Grover Cleveland hadn't much in common and yet both of them dearly loved a quiet session with Chamberlin, whose only knowledge had been gained from contact with men. He never went to school more than a year and of books his mind was a blank.

"Senator Plumb, Senator Bill Stewart of Nevada, Don Cameron of Pennsylvania, Senator Sharp of Idaho, were his regular patrons, and so were Major Handy, Col. John Cockrell, Beriah Wilkins, Tom Ochiltree and others of equal renown.

"One thing that this extraordinary man prided himself on was in operating a place that demanded higher prices than any hotel or restaurant in America. As a matter of fact, his tariff was a shade more lofty than any of his contemporaries. It is related of John that when a customer who was new to the house complained because he had been charged 60 cents for a glass of buttermilk, Chamberlin sent for the waiter and peremptorily dismissed him for failure to exact 80 cents, explaining to the astounded tenderfoot that buttermilk was out of season."

GAY DANCING SEASON ENDS

Bachelor's Cotillon Was the Last of Many Brilliant Affairs at the Capital.

With the the third Bachelors' cotillon recently in the New Willard the formal dancing season was brought to a close. The Bachelors never have to give thought to the success of their series, three cotillons in all, for they are the most exclusive dances arranged for society in the national capital and there is not a debutante or seasoned leader of society who will make a scratch in her date book for the evenings selected by the Bachelors until their card is safely in hand.

Congress and its wives and daughters had a happy time of it at the White House on Tuesday night, and although social history of many years has failed to include the congressional reception in the really brilliant gatherings of the season the reception was a genuine surprise. There were as many pretty gowns and as many pretty women present as at the diplomatic reception, the first of the year, and, contrary to the custom of other years, there was not a hat to be seen. Whether the well disciplined maids downstairs had their instructions to give a hint to any woman visitor who might happen to wear a hat that such was not desirable has not been made known, but none was seen at the reception.

Light Horse Harry Lee's Grave Found.

The Daughters of the American Revolution, in hunting up graves to honor, have found that in which the body of Light Horse Harry Lee, one of the Revolutionary heroes, rests in a quiet graveyard on Cumberland Island. It was their desire to have the dust of this soldier nearer and moved to Lexington, Va., the old home of the Lee family, where it will be reinterred in the Lee tomb.

At the time of his death, which occurred in 1818, Light Horse Harry Lee was on a visit to Gen. Nathaniel Green at his homestead on Cumberland Island. General Lee had been on a visit to Cuba, thinking the trip would benefit his health. He stopped off in Georgia to visit General Green on his return. His health still continued to fail, and he died shortly afterward.

Had a Good Time.

Vice-President Sherman tells this story about former Speaker Reed: "Lucius Littauer gave a party on a boat down the river, and Reed was invited. At the last moment something intervened to prevent him from going. But he came around the day after to learn about it.

"Have a good time?" he asked. "Fine," I replied; "but we missed you. There was a little game and only five of us. You would have made a sixth. We had a fine dinner, just the kind Lit knows how to order, and eighteen cold bottles."

"Five men and eighteen bottles," drawled Reed. "Pints or quarts? Pints, I hope; quarts, I fear."

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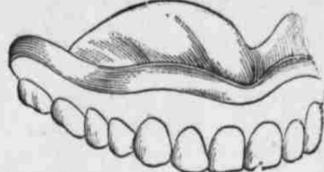
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Scotch Dog's Business Instinct.
Left one night on Wagonfire mountain with 3,085 sheep by the death of John Sagoday, her master, one female shepherd dog two weeks later delivered to Manuel Saunders, owner of the sheep, 3,085 of the animals, having lost only one during two weeks of privation. The dog's achievement was carried out despite the fact that she was the mother of puppies only a few days old when her master died.—From Our Dumb Animals.

Neglected Point.
Shakespeare says that we are creatures that look before and after. The more surprising that we do not look around a little, and see what is passing under our very eyes.—Carlyle.

Metals in New Caledonia.
Nickel mining is active in New-Caledonia. European firms are investing largely in it and other mining. Some fair gold discoveries have been made recently.

Desired the Dog to Desist.
Judge Stevens had a slight hesitation in his speech, but that affliction did not prevent his using long words. One mornin' his dog Snip got into a fight with a other dog. Tapping him with his cane, Judge Stevens exclaimed: "D-d-d-dis-con-t-t-t-t-inue!"—Sue 33.

Holly Four Centuries Old.
Germany has a specimen of holly 410 years old.

An Expensive Chautauqua Attraction.



FROM "IL TROVATORE"



FROM "MARTHA"

THE Le Brun Grand Opera company, which is to appear here Chautauqua week as one of the chief attractions, has over \$5,000 invested in costumes and scenery. One of the gowns which Madame Le Brun wears is completely covered with solid silver spangles and cost \$500. The costume used by Mr. Huttman in Manrico in "Il Trovatore" weighs forty pounds. Every piece of metal is gold washed including the helmet and the sword scabbard. The cloth in this costume is a heavy quality of satin, embroidered with gold lace. The hauberk, outside of its gold metal trimming, is made of solid cloth of gold. One of Mr. Deane's costumes is in velvet and satin, embroidered in gold. The boots for this suit are made of suede leather and dyed the color of the costume by Capozzi, noted theatrical shoemaker. The swords used were made especially for this company of real Damascus steel. Mr. Deane and Mr. Huttman are both proud of these swords and often double them together to the delight of sword experts. The scenery used for "Cavalleria Rusticana" depicts a typical Italian country village scene. There are six people in this company, although the accompanying cuts show but four.

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