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THE GRANT BOYS.
A Celebrated Running Sailor.

The "Grant boys," as the sons of the General are familiarly called on Wall street, have been the subject of so much talk since the failure of Grant & Ward, that it will be of interest to the general reader to know just who and what they are. They are Colonel Frederick Grant, Ulysses S. Grant, Jr., and Jesse R. Grant. Col. Frederick Grant is the eldest son. He is about 35 years of age. He graduated from West Point in 1857, and married Miss Honore of Chicago, a thoroughly accomplished young lady, conversant to a far greater extent than the average of educated ladies, with the languages, and a charming musician. She is also possessed of great personal beauty. Her sister married Potter Palmer of the Palmer House, Chicago. Frederick Grant's wife and their two children, a boy and a girl, are at present residing in Morris town, N. J. After leaving West Point Colonel Grant went upon the staff of General Phil Sheridan, from which, in 1877, he secured a leave of absence to accompany his father on his tour around the world. When he returned from this trip he went back for awhile to his position upon the staff of General Sheridan, when, resigning, he became vice president of the Texas narrow gauge railroad, spending his time between Texas and New York. He resigned his position as vice president of the railroad company to become connected with the firm now defunct. Aside from this, however, he was engaged in other business. He is regarded as cautious and conservative in his business transactions, and was thought to be very "well-to-do" up to the day when Grant & Ward failed.

Ulysses S. Grant, Jr., Gen. Grant's second son, is a graduate of Harvard college, most of his education there having been received during his father's first presidential term. While at college he devoted his attention particularly to the law, and stood very well in his class. During General Grant's second term as president the young man served his father as private secretary. When his father left the presidential chair the son came to this city and became assistant United States district attorney under Steward L. Woodford. When he relinquished this office he went into Wall street alone as a broker and was very successful. In November, 1879, he was married to Miss Fannie Chaffee, the daughter of the ex-United States Senator Jerome Chaffee. Miss Chaffee had a large property in her own right, but young Grant never used a dollar of his wife's fortune in his business. As a wedding present Miss Chaffee's father gave her a house in Forty-eighth street near Fifth avenue, which the young couple occupied for a while. This house was recently sold, and during last winter U. S. Grant, Jr., his wife and two children occupied apartments in Harper street, corner of Madison and Fifth-eighth streets. Mrs. Grant is in feeble health, and very rarely goes out. She is a lady of great refinement and amiability.

Jesse R. Grant is the youngest son of Gen. Grant. He was educated at Cornell University, and early manifested evidence of inventive genius. He has invented numerous things which show great ingenuity; but have never been brought to public attention. In 1879 he married a young lady then residing in California. He has been largely interested in an electric light company in this city.—*N. Y. Herald.*

The first in the field. The Republicans are first to have their presidential ticket in the field this year. Whether it can be made of advantage to them is something to be yet discovered. They will have more time in which to do definite work before the election, and more time in which to commit campaign blunders. They will not, probably, do anything of consequence to advance the prospects of their chosen leaders, whoever they may be, until their Democratic antagonists shall have inscribed their party leaders on their banners. There will be no ratification meetings to be sure, and torch-light processions, and any number of congratulatory speeches; but these will be but the preliminary gushings of a political contest that bids fair to be conducted with all the wonted animation of preceding elections of such great national interest. The first ticket presented to the consideration of voters here, however, but a qualified advance. The line between the contending forces will not be drawn with exactness until some little time after the second ticket is presented for popular suffrage. Fixed partisans, who go for party, right or wrong, may be definitely set down on each side. Independent voters will take their choice as inclination leads when they study the respective platforms of the opposing organizations and note the distinctive caliber and worthiness of the ambitious candidates. These are the ones who are influential in carrying, one way or the other, almost all of our recent national and state elections.

The pedestrian feats of the present day are cast into the shade by the recorded exploits of Ernst Mennen, a Norwegian sailor in the English navy early in the present century. Mennen first attracted attention by running from London to Portsmouth in nine hours, and soon after he ran from London to Liverpool in thirty-two hours, having distinguished himself in the battle of Navarino, in 1827, he left the navy and became a professional runner. After winning a number of matches, he undertook the feat of running from Paris to Moscow. Starting from the Place Vendome at 4 o'clock in the afternoon of June 11, 1831, he entered the Kremlin at 10 o'clock A. M., on June 25, having accomplished the distance of 1,700 miles in thirteen days and eighteen hours. The employment of Mennen as a courier extraordinary became a popular amusement in European courts. He ran from country to country, bearing messages of congratulation, condolence or dispatches, and always had mounted couriers when matched against them.

He never walked but invariably ran, his refreshments being biscuit and resperry syrup. He took two short rests only in twenty-four hours. These rests he took standing, and leaning against some support; at such times he covered his face with a handkerchief and slept. In 1839, while in the employ of the East India Company, Mennen was charged with the conveying of dispatches from Calcutta to Constantinople through Central Asia. The distance is 5,615 miles in fifty-nine days, or in one-third of the time taken by the swiftest caravan. At last he was employed to discover the source of the Nile. Setting out from Silesia on May 11, 1843, he ran to Jerusalem, and thence to Cairo, and up the western bank of the river into Upper Egypt. Here, just outside the village of Syang, he was seen to stop and rest, leaning against a palm tree, his face covered with a handkerchief. He rested so long that some people tried to wake him; but they tried in vain, for he was dead. He was buried at the foot of the tree, and it was years before his friends in Europe knew what fate had befallen him.

"Objector" Holman in the Barber Shop. The other day some Michigan men who wanted to get all through the house appropriating \$300,000 more for one of those never built public buildings planned a scheme by which they thought to circumvent the vigilant objector. They gave the barber in the little barber shop under the gallery next to the Democratic cloak room \$1 upon his promise that he would detain Holman as long as possible, that the judge's hair was entirely too long, that the judge thought not; and, besides, he was in a hurry. But before he could get out of the chair the barber had snipped off a generous lock of hair, so he had to submit to a prolonged hair cut. Then the barber suggested a shampoo. The judge didn't have time. But the judge needed it so much. "There, and the cool liquid spurted over his head. So his head was shampooed. Altogether that ingenious barber used up forty-five minutes in earning that dollar. Meanwhile the Michigan man had been hard at work "catching the speaker's eye." He had to be first told what his eye was wanted for, and then followed the long race for it. At last it was caught. "Mr. Speaker," said the eager Michigan man excitedly, with one eye on the door of the barber shop, "I move—" But he never got any further, for at that instant Holman emerged from the barber shop, and there was nothing for the Michigan man to do but to retreat as gracefully as possible.

In an interview with the Washington correspondent of the *Troy Times* a naval officer declares that it has been a common trick with masters of crafts that had ceased to be profitable to place their vessels in the way of ships of the navy, sure, in case they were run down, of recovering damages from the government, as well as the insurance, if they had any.

"Doctor," said the grateful patient, seizing the physician's hand. "I shall never forget that to you I owe my life." "You exaggerate," said the doctor mildly. "You really owe me for fifteen visits; that is the point which I hope you will not fail to remember."

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