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### STEPHEN GIRARD'S WIFE.

Why No Clergymen are Permitted to Enter Girard College.

"Gath" recently contributed an article to the Cincinnati Enquirer on "Aristocratic Marriages." A correspondent of the St. Louis Republican, in which paper the article was reproduced, writes as follows from Philadelphia: "I was struck with astonishment at the reference therein contained to the domestic relations of Stephen Girard. It is confessedly strange that the world knows little respecting the private life of this distinguished philanthropist, especially since in these latter days, the domestic concerns of all public men seem to be regarded as public property. How many thousands have wondered why Girard established a princely college with such queer provisions left in his last will and for its government? Every one is presumed to know that Girard college—the finest educational institution in the world, with a property the assessed value of which is \$32,000,000—admits none but orphans, and that no minister or minister's son is permitted to enter any of its buildings or grounds. But why? Gath's correspondence, which conveys some unjust insinuations against Girard, prompts me to give the following information which I obtained while visiting the college in the early part of November last.

"Having several hours of leisure while in Philadelphia, upon the occasion referred to, in company with a resident of the place I drove over to that renowned philanthropic memorial and after inspecting the eight white granite buildings on the ample grounds, instituted an inquiry among old Philadelphians to ascertain, if possible, the motives which prompted Girard in founding the institution, and the cause of his enmity toward all churches. The story, as I obtained it from unquestionably correct sources, is as follows: Girard was formerly a devout Catholic, whose contributions to the churches at times were almost princely.

"He did not marry until many years of old bachelorhood had tinged his hair with gray, and but for a strange meeting would doubtless have remained a celibate. Being the largest ship-owner in the world, his business led him to nearly all parts of the globe, and his name was familiar in every merchant port. On a public occasion, when a large body of merchants welcomed him home after a long cruise, the festivities of the reception turned from speech-making to a grand ball, at which Girard saw and was introduced to the daughter of a prominent gentleman in Philadelphia, and this meeting, which had many singular features about it not necessary to be related, culminated in marriage. It is said by all those with whom I conversed on the subject that Girard's young wife was exquisitely beautiful and a lady of rare polish and education. His treatment of her, instead of being austere, as Gath declares, was that of a proud lover, ever anxious to excite her favors by a bestowal of elegant gifts, and a constant exhibition of loving tenderness. One year after his marriage, business called Girard to South America, where he remained nearly eighteen months, and upon his return he was greeted affectionately by his young wife, but her caresses were poison to his lips, for there were unmistakable evidences, readily apparent, that she was about to become a mother. I could add nothing to the facts of this sad story by dwelling upon the scene that followed. Girard's reproach was succeeded by a frank confession from his wife, who named her favorite pastor as her guilty companion. I am not prepared to say of what denomination Mrs. Girard was a member, but my impression now is that Girard had some time previously withdrawn from the Catholic church for some reason, and that both he and his wife had united with some Protestant sect.

"Girard could not forgive his wife, and she, being a keenly sensitive woman, was so conscience-stricken by her great crime that two months after the revelation she became insane and was carried to a mad house. Here she languished for nearly two years, when death delivered her of her malady. The church of which she was a member took charge of her remains and gave them burial in a manner commensurate with the great wealth of her husband. A bill of the funeral expenses was afterwards presented to Girard, but he peremptorily refused payment, and the matter was about to go to the courts. Discovering the attitude in which such a legal contest would place him, Girard paid the bill under protest, and then, feeling as though the church had stabbed him twice, he withdrew from active life, and, realizing \$18,000,000 from his shipping interests, he concluded to spend \$8,000,000 of that sum in founding a college, which he intended should be a perpetual reproach to all churches and the followers thereof. His respect for society and his relations prevented him from exposing the secret, which crushed his life, and thus speculation has been left to write the history of his domestic sorrows. In the front centre of the main building of Girard college is a large picture of the philanthropist's faithful housekeeper, but no portrait of his wife was ever suffered to come inside the precincts which his will has sought to protect from ministerial eyes, and by which he has secured an intellectual inheritance to many poor but deserving orphan boys. Girard survived his wife fifteen years, and now lies under a marble sarcophagus in the main college building. I have not written this for the purpose of resurrecting a scandal, but to relieve the memory of a noble man from dishonest aspersions and to answer a question asked by thousands."

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### A Sly Old Coon.

Washington Special Cincinnati Commercial. An afternoon paper has this to say to-day of a great and good engineer, James H. Eads, commonly called Captain Eads, who has for a long time been an object of admiration with us. "We have admired him for extreme modesty and his mild way of capturing and convincing the average congressman and for his skill in engineering money out of the treasury. James is in town again and may be seen almost any day, accompanied by his trusty lieutenants, doing guard duty in the lobbies of the capitol. James is a mild mannered man and his outward appearance might be taken for a deacon in good standing of the Methodist church. Indeed, his face fairly beams with benevolence, and he is the very last man (in appearance, we mean) you would suspect of having dishonest designs on the treasury. And yet James under stands the art better, perhaps, than any man in this country ever produced. James has varied his tactics somewhat this session. In other words he has brought his engineering skill to bear on the stomachs of congressmen—an evidence of remarkable shrewdness. You can reach a congressman through his stomach when every other means fails. Sam Ward can tell what convincing power a good dinner and plenty of rare old wine have on a congressman. The late lamented George Peabody (we know from experience) gained the world wide celebrity for the magnificence of his dinners, rather than he did for his great wealth. On one occasion he had the Duke of Wellington for a guest, which was worth a million dollars to George, and made him as proud as a peacock for a year. He had resolved to follow in the footsteps of illustrious men like Sam Ward and George Peabody. Captain Eads gave one of the most sumptuous dinners of the season at Welcker's, a few nights ago. The wines were abundant. The guests, too, were a choice but somewhat varied assortment. Senators and members of Congress were there. So were one, if not two, members of the Supreme Court, and one member of the Cabinet. Sandwiched between these were three of the most notorious lobbyists known to Washington. Captain Eads proposes to take an outfit out of the Pacific Ocean, carry them on cradles over the mountains of Tehuantepec, and no accidents occurring on the way, drop them safe and sound into the Atlantic.

"Impracticable as we believe the scheme to be, there are a dozen or more congressmen who have (or rather affect to have) great faith in it. We have had considerable experience with ships, and do not believe one of these congressmen could be induced to cross the mountains of Tehuantepec in the style James Eads proposes. And yet James Eads modestly proposes that congress shall vote him fifty millions of the people's money just to make a beginning. It is entirely safe to say that before James had taken a single ship out of the Pacific and dropped her in the Atlantic, he would make the government responsible for \$200,000,000.

"The people of St. Louis understand James Eads' engineering thoroughly. His bridge across the Mississippi cost more than double his estimates. The government, too, has had a sad and very costly experience of his engineering at the mouth of the Mississippi. He began by contracting to give us a certain width and depth of water by his so-called jetty system, and all for less than \$2,000,000. Many of our best engineers declare the whole thing a fraud. Now let us see how many millions Eads has engineered out of the government for this equivocal job. We have been at some pains to get figures and dates. Here they are:

January 20, 1877.....	\$500,000 00
January 19, 1878.....	500,000 00
June 21, 1878.....	500,000 00
Between October 5, 1878, and	
February 17, 1879.....	216,882 10
March 7, 1879.....	750,000 00
Between March 8 and May	
15, 1879.....	214,251 27
May 29, 1879.....	50,000 00
June 26, 1879.....	68,866 67
July 13, 1879.....	500,000 00
July 23, 1879.....	500,000 00
December 4, 1879.....	25,000 00
February 22, 1880.....	50,000 00
Total.....	\$4,322,000 00

"It will be observed that the annual interest on this amount at six per cent. is \$259,500. This ponderous display of figures affords pretty strong proof that Captain Eads understands how to engineer money out of congress. In addition to the above, we are informed that Eads has drawn about \$200,000, and, according to the secretary of war's report, contends that there is \$1,000,000 more due him and in the treasury, upon which he manages to draw interest. Modest Mr. Eads!"

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"Make the frames of planks set on edge and higher in the rear than at the front to gain the desired slant for the glass. As hot beds depend for their heat upon fermenting horse manure, this must be put in process of heating for a few days to get a uniform temperature before it is beaten down in a shallow bed, put dug for the purpose or in form of a bed some three feet deep. If the manure is obtained fresh from the stable yard and found to be too dry, it should be well watered and thrown lightly together to ferment. This will take place in the course of a few days, when the mass requires to be completely turned and mixed. The manure can now be trodden down firmly in layers to the required depth—two and one-half feet. Next the sash is put on and kept close while the heat rises. In two or three days the fire rich soil may be spread in to a depth of six to eight inches. With hot-beds caution is called for to guard against

the danger of burning from heat, which is to be prevented by judicious ventilation. Water with tepid—not warm—water whenever necessary, and during cold nights and storms keep covered with straw mats or board shutters; the former are to be preferred. When hot-beds are made on the surface of the ground, the manure should be spread at least a foot wider on all sides than the frame. For a cold frame select glass sashes of convenient size if regular hot-bed sashes is not at hand. A frame to rest the sash upon is the next requirement and is easily formed by nailing together four-wise four planks, from six to eight inches wide, securing them on the underside by means of corner-pieces. Place the frame thus fashioned slightly inclined to the south and raised a little at the rear. Dig out the earth inside the frame to a depth of two or three feet. Re-fill with good soil enriched with well-rotted manure up to within about half a foot from the glass sash at the front side. Let the earth be thoroughly pulverized and incorporated with the manure and smoothly raked over before putting in the seed. The earth should be packed closely around the frame and cleats nailed to the frame about the edges of the sashes to keep out the wind. Cold frames, like hot-beds, must be shaded with mats from the hot sun during the middle of the day and from extreme cold during the night.

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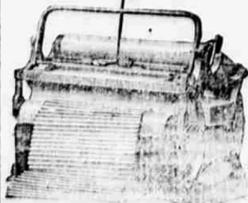
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