

THE GRANT-SARTORIS WEDDING

The marriage of the President's daughter and Mr. Algernon C. F. Sartoris, took place at the White House on Thursday, the 21st ult., the ceremony being performed by the Rev. Dr. Telford, pastor of the Metropolitan Methodist Episcopal Church. The bridegroom is a son of Mr. Edward Sartoris, of Litchfield, and of Adelaide, sister of the celebrated Fanny Kemble. His uncle is the well-known Mr. Sumner, M.P., one of the largest ship-builders on the Thames. This is the third marriage that has taken place at the White House, daughters of Presidents Monroe and Tyler having been married there, the wedding of the latter over thirty years ago.

Writing on the subject of this marriage the Washington correspondent of the *Journal of Commerce* says:—

"People who know the modest and pretty young lady who was Miss Nellie Grant appreciate her. Few girls of her age—she is only eighteen—would have been born with such admirable temper and discretion the flattery and attentions 'at beset a President's daughter. She quits single life with the esteem of everybody here. She deserves a good husband, and naturally, then, the inquiry is made as to whether she has got one. Mr. Sartoris came here with English dress, address, and manners. He parts his hair in the middle and wears a 'swallow-tail' in the middle. He wore white about his hotel a 'swallow-tail' coat and slippers with bows on; and in short his minor ways were so un-American that he was looked upon as a 'snob.' But the young man grew rather fond of him, for although he is only twenty-three years of age and acts young, he was found to be made of manly stuff, and even capable of teaching older people gentlemanly traits. Many were amused at a diversion of his at the gymnasium, where, to the surprise of all, he punned the burly tutor of boxing till that personage was satisfied; and to the further surprise of the young men he plays a good game of billiards or whist. Mr. Sartoris is a descendant of the Huguenot refugees. His father, a Conservative, and one of the best known members of the Carlton Club, is a prominent merchant and does a large East India business. It is not generally known that Queen Victoria, as soon as she heard of the proposed marriage, made inquiries regarding Mr. Sartoris and wrote a letter to the President in which she con-

cently indorsed him. This letter probably arose from the sincere personal attachment which the Queen felt towards Mrs. Grant, and the esteem she felt for the President of this Republic in his official capacity. It is hinted by those cognizant of the situation that the royal heart will be moved to some special mark of approbation in connection with this marriage. It is believed among Englishmen who know, or affect to know, a little about the court, that the Queen will invite the couple to visit Windsor Castle and confer some title of nobility upon the bridegroom. There is a confident belief that President Grant will visit Europe after his Presidential term; and the idea of tendering him the freedom of the city in such event is already favorably talked over in the London clubs. As to temper, Mr. Sartoris succeeds to more money than he can easily spend. The bride's father is estimated to own perhaps half a million dollars worth of property. To sum it all up, the agreeable announcement may be truthfully made that the bride has a good husband, Mr. Sartoris has a good wife, and the union assumes—at least in Washingtonian eyes—the significance of a national affair, which cannot fail to cement more strongly the bonds of friendship that now exist between Great Britain and the United States. Mr. and Mrs. Sartoris will probably be residents of Europe for a year or so, and then become permanent residents of this country."

Thus writes the Washington correspondent. His information, however, seems to need being taken *cum grano*. The story about the Queen's letter to the President, and the possibility of the Royal heart being moved to some special mark of approbation, in the way of an invitation to Windsor and the conferring of a peerage, is just what might be expected from a sensational American correspondent's acquaintance with English manners and customs. The comment on the union, assuming "the significance of a national affair, which cannot fail to cement more strongly the bonds of friendship that now exist between Great Britain and the United States," and the surmise as to the probability of the pair taking up their residence permanently in this kind from such a source.

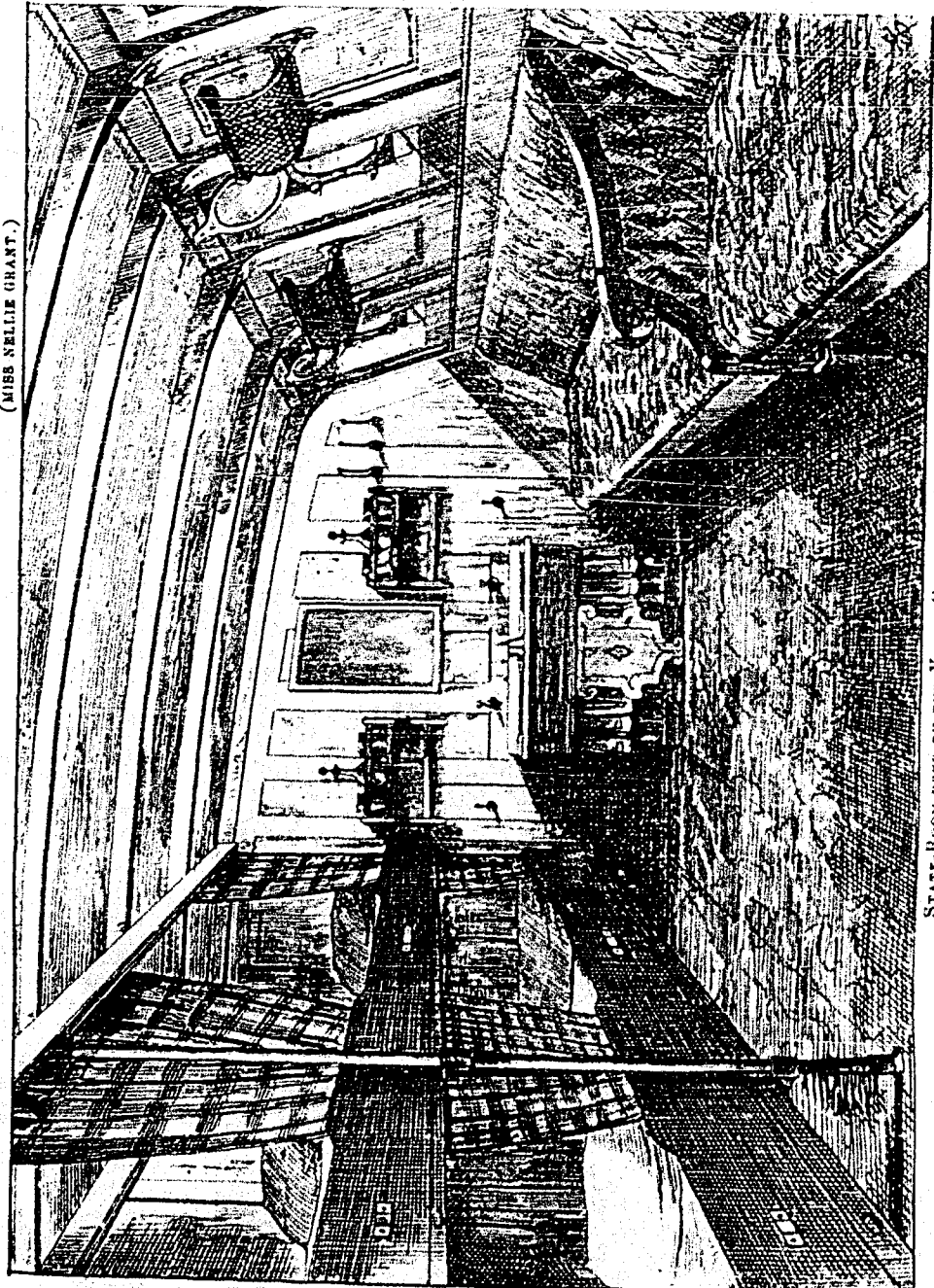
The newly-married couple left New York on the 23rd by the "Baltic," in which a special suite of state-rooms had been engaged, and arrived at Liverpool on Sunday last, after a voyage of twelve days.



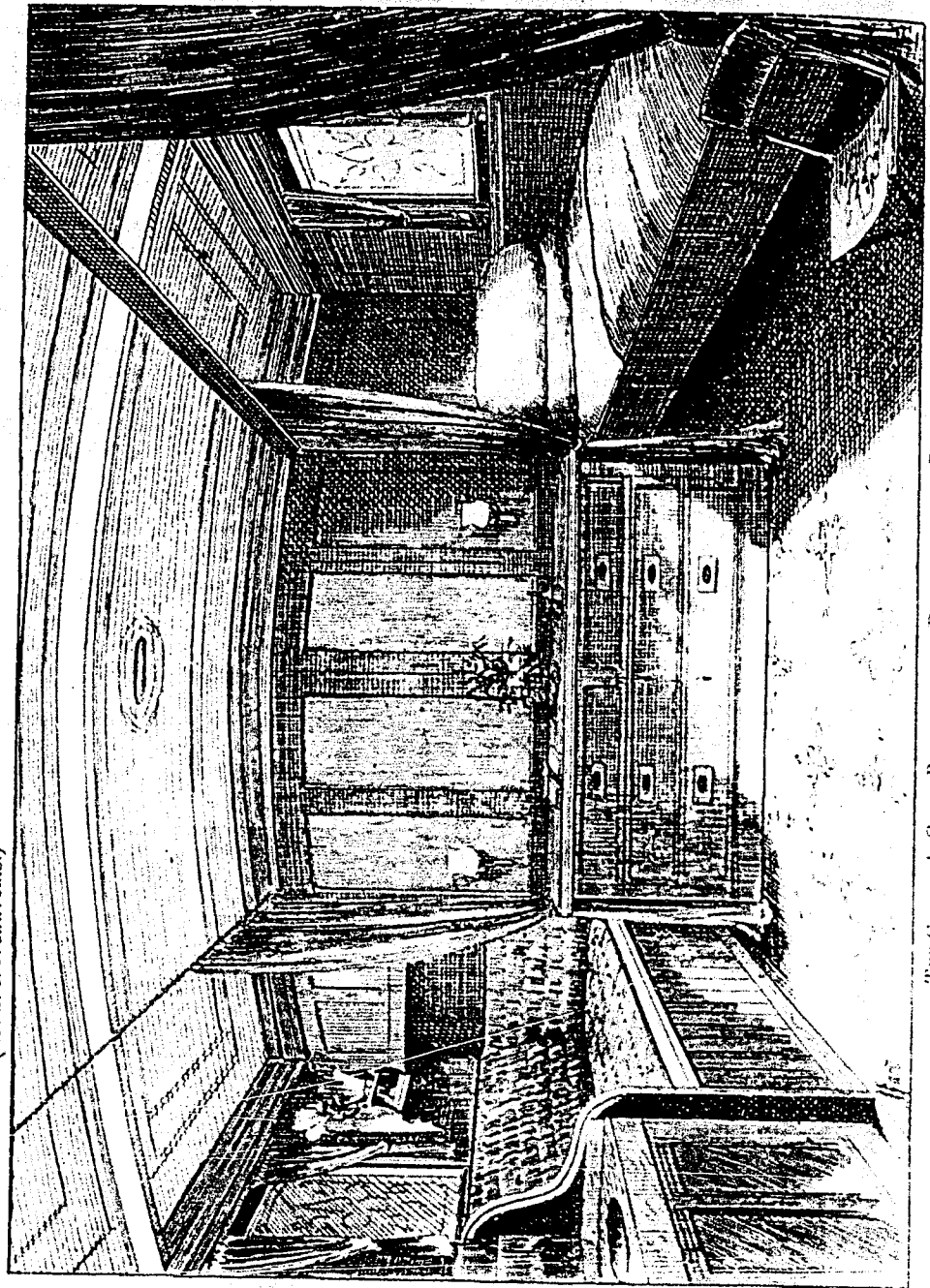
THE BRIDEGROOM.
(MR. A. C. F. SARTORIS.)



THE BRIDE.
(MISS NELLIE GRANT.)



STATE-ROOM USED BY THE YOUNG COUPLE AS SITTING ROOM.



THE CAPTAIN'S CABIN PLACED AT THE DISPOSAL OF THE BRIDAL PARTY.