## Their Allowances by the Nation and the Demand Upon Them.

The Conditions of a Quarter of a Century Compared With the Present-A Ples for the Poor Men Who Hold Office.

Mrs. Jefferson Davis, a regular contributor to the New York World, discusses the position of Cabinet officers at Washington in regard to the demands upon the allowances made to them by the nation. She says :

There is no subject upon which men are so inclined to speak ex cathedra as the salaries which should be paid to office holders, and in a varied experience of salaries paid to different officials I have never encountered a gentleman. with the exception of the President of the United States, whose official income paid his expenses while he held the office. Perhaps it is not advisable for a Government to pay salaries which, as a matter of emolument, would induce men to seek the place; yet it seems to me equally inadvisable for riches to be a necessary qualification for a high of-

There are so many patriotic, intellectual men whose fortunes are at low ebb that it would be unjust to debar them from serving their country because their investiments had not been fortu-

pate. The President of the United States has many perquisites-for instance, servants paid by the Government, a furnished house, a greenhouse maintained by the Government, and lesser advantages,which makes his salary something more than he needs per annum, and it is right it should be so, as the usage of ex-Presidents has hitherto been to do nothing more professionally after they have lest the august position to which they have been raised by the esteem of their countrymen.

But a glance at the condition of his Cabinet shows a different state of affairs entirely. I do not now recall any Cibinet officer since the organization of the Government who, before he was appointed, was a citizen of Washington. He generally comes from a distance, and he has to establish his lares and penates upon a strange and constructively a peutral bearth. In my day a moderately tine house and stables could be leased for \$2500, unfurnished. Two thousand five hundred dollars would turnish it prettily, but not handsomely. Two thousand dollars would pay the expenses of a good carriage and horses, with a coachman, but not a footman. The liveries were like Mrs. Gregg's spelling—" matters of private judgment"-and wonderful and original achievements they were sometimes. These, if not pretentious, cost \$100 more. The gas and water rates must be added, and the former were quite an item of expense when the house was lit up once or twice a week. Say the gas was \$20 a month.

Out of the \$8 000 salary paid to the officers of the Cubinet very little would much a Cabinet officer's duty to enter tain as it is the President's. Then, in what a position an impecunious proud and honest man finds himself! He must either live in a manner beneath the dignity of his office, go hopelessly in debt to maintain it, or expend the savings of years of labor, which have been his dependence for his time of need, upon feeding and conciliating the multitude.

I will not touch upon all the temptations to a dishonest administration of his trust which assail him at every turn when a bint of the President's unspoken policy may pour half a million into the empty coffers of the Secretary; for I trust there are very few who replenish them by treachery to a great trust like

If this was the case thirty-five years ago, when people lived in a comparatively simple fashion, what must it be now when bric-a-brac costs more than was required in that time for sofas, chairs and table furniture—when \$5,000 silk rugs flash their varied sheen before the eyes of the uninitiated, priceless china in the faience of every civilized country decks the same board, embroidered roses and lilies and daffodowndillies' garnish every tablecloth which is not ornamented with a filmy lace covering, when the silver is not the simply chased metal of the old days, but is moulded into forms and chiselled by artists not very inferior to Callini until chey look like flowers preserved in ice crystals. Even the spoons and forks are cunningly enamelled, and many of them are brought from Russia and other countries where starvation has stimulated the invention of artisans. This duxurious standard is set up by men who have private fortunes which they conelder well spent in ministering to personal aggrandizement. There are very few less fortunate men who have the strength of mind to keep within the compass of a small income and narrow salary when placed in sharp contrast to their millionaire colleagues.

The standards of dress, living and expenditures of all kinds have increased immeasurably, and what was once so hare a provision for an office-holder in Washington as to be described by Mr. Crittenden as a place where the candle ends must be saved is now but a drop in means of the poor and even straitens of what it does. It assists digestion by the circumstances of the rich.

old importance in the congress of nations. The number of its State and offi cial representatives is almost doubled, but the salaries of its representative men remain pretty much the same, and the difficulty of fitting the Progrusteen mes sure has become insurmountable to those ol moderate means.

conquering unit diden wilds and tilling the ground so developet. We possess unfold wealth of precious metals, an hands to compel our neighbors to see with our eyes, and have convinced them of the justice of our cause through the cogent reasons set forth by the thunder of great guns, the keen swords, the splendid valor of our soldiery and our invincible navy, and shall be forced of necessity to increase both arms of the service to maintain the glory won for us by them, the scale of our expenses must increase with the high seat we have won among astions.

Shall the motive power of all this national aggrandizement be the only one which, so long as it preserves its rectitude inviolate, will be permitted to waste its energies in sordid cares? If we do not want to limit the administra tion of the Government to the rich men. we must give the poor men who hold office enough pay to free them from the Carking care which, like the Lacedenion-ian's fox, is eating out their lives while they are too proud to complain.

If it were possible to "retrace the river of our years" and re-establish theold republican simplicity of living, it would be a hetter state than our present gorgeous affluence of luxury. But travel in old countries, and a riper scholarship, have cultivated the aesthetic tastes of our people, and household bread seems meagre fare after the cakes furnished by the treasure holders of the Old World.

V. EFFERSON DAVIS.

## HIS TRAINED NURSE.

JOU will find the case rather tedious, I am airaid, Miss Thornten," the old doctor was saying, for there will not be as much hard

you've been working hard now for some | j w in his tone that she alm at lost contime, so a little quietness and inactivity | trol of herself. 'Margaret, my own, will do you good. You understand about the medicines? Well, I think you may enter upon your new duties at once. I can't very well introduce you since the patient wouldn't be able to reply, therefore you may make yourself acquainted after he recovers from the effect of the sleeping powder."

With a few more fussy, hurriedly ut tered commands, the busy doctor hasten ed away, leaving Nurse Thornton standing in the parlor adjoining her patient's aick room.

Months ago, Margaret Thornton had been a charming society girl, the belle of every gathering; happy, blithe, and altogether bewitching Spending a part of the summer in a quiet mountain retreat, she had met, among some uninteresting people, with-but not of themher fate, as she believed. Richard Grey was a man of fine family, well known in literary coteries, cultured and person ally attractive. From the first day of their meeting he had devoted himself to Margaret and both, before long, acknowl edged the deepest pleasure in each friends and strangers, which is the raison diere of the establishment. It is as ness won her hear. Before the summer ended a mutual understanding bound them, and in the fall, when she returned to her home, he was soon to follow, to

formally ask her hand. But he never came. Mistoriune, the loss of her home and wealth came by some foolish speculation of her guardian and then, half stunned by the events crowding upon her, she anxiously awaited her lover. She felt sure, in her own loyalty and largeness of love, that he would not forsake her when she needed him so much. But gradually the truth forced itself upon her, and first reluctantly, and then with burning pride, she felt he had been unworthy of her caring; had never truly loved her

A noble character unfolded in Margaret Thornton when she realized this. Patiently she went to work in hospital training, and by her brave diligence was quickly able to take her place among competent nurses. A doctor in a distant city who had known her all her life. took her under his kindly, protecting care, and she soon found lucrative positions in plenty. The harder her work the happier was she, since there was then no time for remembering the past. I will forget it all,' she said resolutely, but in attempting it she was slowly wearing herself out.

The wild rose color had crept slowly out of her face, and the dark curring hair and dusky lashes swept brow and cheek of almost marble whiteness. The sparkle had died out of the blue eyes, but the hand was white and soft as ever, and her dainty presence and sweet low voice had brightened many a sick

She glanced wearily around the room, ooting the refined taste in furnishings,

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wherein everything harmonized, and then, taking up a book, strove to lose herself in it until her patient should awake. She suddenly remembered, with AT WASHINGTON almost boundless reservoir of wealth, awake. She suddenly remembered, with and now that we have stretched out our a little annued smile, that she did not even know his name. How should she address him when he awoke. She turn ed to the first leaf of the book she held, idly wondering if there was any name therein, then clung to the arms of the chair frantically, while the room seemed to whirl about her. Through misty eyes she read the name 'Richard Grey, in his handwriting.

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She recovered herself in an instant. Where could she go? What could she do! This was his house, and she had not known it. Oh, what foolish indifference had possessed her that she had not inquired where she was coming. She was ill; she must leave at once, now, before she might encounter him. The doctor would not come until the next day. She might telephone to him that she was not able to take this case; to send another nume. But Richard was, must be, near. Perhaps it was he him self lying unconscious in that other room. A jealous feeling took postession of her. Could she leave him to the care of that other nurse whom the doctor might send? She could not. A little sob rose in her throat; then she walked falteringly to the inner room and crept suftly to the patient's brd. It was he. All thoughts of his indifference, carelessness; yes, cruelty to her, let her. In its place, drowning her wounded pride, a wave of her weman's love. mighty, all covering, swept. I will stay, she said, below her breath. It cannot hurt me. It will be at least a joy to be near and help him, and when he awakens, if the sight of me seems to displease him, I will go.'

The setting sun brightened the room to glory and a ray or two touched the dark browed head gently, comfortingly. As the light died out Richard Grey awoke. He stirred uneasily and the nurse went to the bedside, with white, serene face. She had suffered deeply as she sat there, but the struggle was over. She could do her duty unfalteringly now. Her lips quivered slightly as she locked at the pain drawn face on the pillow, but before she could speak he tried with work as your en rgetic soul craves. But garet!' he cried, with such namistakable have I, indeed, found you?"

She pushed him gently back on the pillow. 'Hush,' she said, in the au theritative, professional tone, 'you must take this now,' reaching for the medicine near at hand. 'I am the trained nurse whom Dr. Addison sent.'

kind to treat me as you did. I came to y us house, after a really severe itlness, among the villagers. ouring which I could get no wird to you, and found it closed, sold. I made in quiries, but no one seemed to know let me known of your trouble. I have sought for you patiently enough to claim some reward. On, my love, don't

Margaret listened nervelossly. Could The report comes from Dallas, Tex., what he was saving be true? Looking that a reign of terror exists all over norat the eager face, with the honest brown thern Texas among the negroes. They eyes searching hers, she knew she had are flocking to Dallas for protection. been wrong; had misjudged him all along.

when she answered softly: When you and shooting negroes for various crimare better, Richard, we will talk of this. | inal offences and blowing up of half a OW reat

'Not till you say you will never leave me again,' he retorted, in the old boyshly insistent fashion that she knew so well. 'I will not go to sleep until you have promised to be my wife. I have waited so long, and then, how do I know but that, when I awake, you may have vanished again? I must have your pledge. Say 'Yes' and let me kies you,

Bring a good nurse, as has been inplied, it was her duty to prevent overexcitement in a patient. Therefore, how resist this appeal?

Mr. Grey is recovering rapidly, so much so that the date of his wedding is set, and society is saying, 'His trained nuise! Is it possible?"

## COULD NOT DRESS ALONE.

Nova Scotian Farmer Tells of His Intense Suffering From Rheumatism and How He Found Relief. From the Bridgewater, N.S., Enterprise.

Such suffering as rheumatism causes the victim upon whom it fastens itself is almost unendurable. Only those who writhe under its pange can imagine the joy of one who has been freed from its terrors. Mr. J. W. Folkenham, of New Elm, N. S. is one of those who have been released from pain, and who beheves it his duty to let others know how a cure can be found. Mr. Folkenham is a farmer, and like all who follow this arduous but honorable calling, is subject to much exposure. It was this exposure that brought on his trouble and caused

him so much suffering before hewas rid of it. He says: - In the spring of 1897 I contracted rheumatism. Foroughout the whole summer I suffered from it and about the first of October it became so bad that I could not get out of the house. The pains were located in my hip and back, and what I suffered can hardly be expressed. I became so helpless I could not dress myself without aid. Eventually the trouble spread to my hands and arms, and at times these would lose all feeling and become useless. In November I began using Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and after taking four boxes began to improve. After using six boxes the pains and soreness had all gone and I was able to do a hard day's work. I jutend using a few more boxes as a precautionary measure, and I would earnestly advise those suffering from this painful trouble to give Dr. Williams' Pink Pills a fair trial and be made well.

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## BRIEF NOTES OF INTEREST.

Some idea of the vastness of the tobacco industry of the neighboring it:-Republic may be inferred from the following statistics :--

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period by the same report, the amount of imported tobocco was 10,000,000 pounds, and of foreign cigars and cigar ettes 350 (kH) pounds. The value of American exportations of tobacco was \$25 000 000 and of tobacco importations into the United States \$10,000,000.

Not withstanding all reports regarding the hardship associated with gold-hunting in the Klondike, it is said that the United States Mint at Philadelphia has received from Seattle in the last two weeks \$1477,271 of Klondike gold. A single shipment was received of \$377 000. The gold is lighter in color than that received from Colorado, containing more silver and less copper. The Klondike gold assays 790 parts of gold, 204 parts of silver and 6 parts of baser metals.

The report comes from London that the Prince of Wales made his first He caught her hand and held it with all his teeble strength. 'Margaret, do in a month, going ashore at Mount Edgyon no longer care for me? It was unlanding from the royal yacht Osborne drove through the streets: arations, amid a flurry of excitement

The London press are busy just now discussing a new sphere for the operawhere you had gone. You might have tions of American millionaries in disposing of their daughters. The question put by the English journals is: an American girl eventually sit on the

The report comes from Dallas, Tex., The Whitecaps in many counties are to blame. Outrages have been perpetrated The cool professional tone was gone in numerous places, including whipping lozen or more houses with dynamite. The negro districts and suburbs of Dallas

are crowded with strangers. The police and Sheriff's departments find this race problem a difficult situation to solve. Robberies are increasing, but the officers believe most of them are the work of white thieves, who reason that the crimes will be charged to the strange negroes.

Some say that many of the Whitecap notices are posted by designing negroes who desire to create a panic among their race so as to make a scarcity of cotton pickers, and thus advance the price of

A new figure has sprung into the political arena of the world's nations—the figure of a little Jap, with one leg. He e Count Spigenobu Okuma, the new Premier of Japan. He is very popular among his people.

The War Department at Washington has been overwhelmed with evidence of the terrible conditions at the various military camps. It is manifest, however, that much of the truth was known by the officials some days ago, when orders were given to abandon nearly all the camps for healthier localities.

The Roman correspondent of the New York World writes: It is estimated that during his pontificate Leo XIII, has amassed \$20 000,000, including presents of precious stones, gold and silver to the value of \$10,000,000.

President Kruger, of the Transvaal Republic, is said to have presented the Pope with the largest diamond in the world. It is valued at \$4,000,000.

A despatch from Berlin says: Prince Bismarck's memoirs are now in Barlin. Privy Councillor Kroner, of the Stuttgart publishing firm, received a special hint from the Government and bought the bulky manuscript, which is now undergoing examination.

There is, however a duplicate manuscript at Friedrichsruh, and, as the text was dictated by Bismarck, the family will not submit to any considerable changes or abbreviations.

A medical officer of health is the latest addition to the primary schools of Ger many. He examines the new pupils, and gives each his health certificate. It is nis duty to see that the school is well aired, well lighted, and properly warmed in winter. Every five days he gives a medical lesson to each class.



### HIS EPITAPH.

THE following humorous story is related of the Marquees of Anglesey, who lost his leg at Waterloo. The owner of the inn where the operation took place had the leg interred in the garden with the following epitaph, written in French, above

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of the illustrious and valiant Lord Uxbridge
Lieutenant General of His Britannic Majesty.
Commander-in-Chief of the English, Belgian
and Butch cavalry
Wounded Isth June, 1815,
at the memorable Bartle of Waterloo;
who by his heroism has contributed to the
triumph of the cause of his fellow men,
gloriously decided by a brilliant victory on
that day.

It is doubtful whether the noble Marquess had anything more to do with the affair than having his leg there.

The Marquess was a brave man, and it is unfortunate for him to have had all this foolery about his leg, in which he bore no share. When he was for the second time Lord Lieutenant of Ireland he became very unpopular, and O'Con nell quoted the lines:

God takes the good, too good on earth to stay. And leaves the bad, too had to take away. And, continued the great orator, with an addition of his own :

This couplet's truth in Paget's case we find : tied took his leg and left himself behind,

Nor could the Dublin rabble be behind their leader in attacking the infirmity of the Lord Lieutenant, for they unfeelingly sang, under the windows of the Castle or whenever the Marquess

He has one leg in Dublin, the other in Cork : And you know very well what I mean O!

The Marquess of Anglessey was not the only general who had a monument to a limb; there exists at Sebustopol, in the British burial ground, a monument lovingly erected to the memory of an English general's arm.

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