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Editorial

GEORGE WASHINGTON, THE WELL-ROUNDED MAN

Napoleon is worshipped by the French for his military skill; his skill as a statesman made William Pitt the idol of Great Britain. However, no single attribute, but a combination of many admirable traits, go to make up the man who is affectionately termed the "Father of his country."

Washington possessed *Athletic Skill*, it is a bit difficult to conceive of this aristocratic gentleman, this politician and president as an athlete; yet he was said to be the only man who could throw a stone across the Potomac, and was never more at home than when in the saddle.

Washington considered *Punctuality* of prime importance. It was one of his strongest points, and he practiced it in trival matters as well as in matters of great moment. When company was invited to dinner, he made an allowance of only five minutes for variation in watches. If the guests came late he would say: "We are too punctual for you. I have a cook who does not ask whether the company has come, but if the hour has come."

In no portrait or sketch of Washington is he represented as *Smiling*, and in no description of his appearance is the word "jovial" applied to him. For this reason, often one conceived the very erroneous idea that he never smiled or laughed. Senator Maclay tells of his smiling at a state dinner, and even toying with his fork.

MARTHA WASHINGTON

Laughing eyes and merry glance
Yet quite demure and proper, slow,
In the quaint old minuet
Tripped a lady long ago.

With powdered hair and full hoop skirt
She was a charming sight to see.
How graciously she bent her head
How daintily she sipped her tea.

Sympathetic, helpful, kind
Quite sedate was she, yet gay.
Loving, laughing, flirting some
In the dear old fashioned way.

The First Lady of Our Land,
Lady Martha Washington.
Gracious in place, and true in war
Serious, yet liking fun.

GEORGE WASHINGTON

Brave and stern and quite severe,
Are some the things they say of him.
They say he never told a lie
And always looked so neat and trim.

About him they have woven a maze
Of fancies, legends, most untrue;
Yet in it all he stands heroic,
Steadfast, honest, one of few.

Firm in purpose, clean in aim,
High in ideals, gallant, right,
Good humored and seen of wit,
Dealing fairly in the fight.

Loyal to his God, his land,
Striving to set his people free,
"First in War and First in Peace,
And Father of his Country!"

Perhaps no adjective was so descriptive of Washington as *Thoughtful*. This great man never formed as large a circle of acquaintances or accumulated so many duties that he was forced to be inconsiderate of those around him. To all of his associates he was always the considerate, thoughtful Washington who reigned as the ideal host at Mt. Vernon.

The traditional Washington, wearing the black velvet suit, yellow gloves on his hands with powdered hair and holding a cocked hat, has given us the impression that Washington was a dandy. However, rather than being a dandy instead he was merely *particular about his dress*. To his nephew he wrote: "Do not conceive that fine feathers make fine birds. A plain, gentle dress is more admired than

SOCIAL NEWS

Miss Katherine Maddry spent the week-end at her home in town.

Miss Charlotte Curtis spent the week-end in Greensboro.

Every one will be interested in the following announcement:

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Edwards of Scotland Neck announce the Marriage of their daughter Elizabeth on Thursday February 9, 1928 to Mr. Brevard Hennessee of Shelby.

Miss Helen Price and Miss Martha Salt gave Miss Mary Graydon a surprise party at Miss Galt's apartment in Wilmont last Friday night. The occasion being Miss Grayson's Birthday.

Miss Ida Poteat spent last week-end in Greensboro.

"A BIT OF O' JOY"

Just a Bit-a-Fellar,
Lookin' mighty wise,
Stubby nose all wrinkled up,
Starry bits o' eyes.

Just a Bit-a-Fellar,
Hair a bit o' down
Kind o' crinkled up a bit,
Corn silk turnin' brown.

Just a Bit-a-Fellar,
Chubby velvet cheek,
Dimples chasin' in and out,
Playin' hide and seek.

Just a Bit-a-Fellar,
Lips a bit o' rose,
Puckered sort o' puzzled like,
Wonder if he knows—

How a Bit-a-Baby Boy,
Fingers clingin' tight,
An' that bit o' twisted smile,
Keeps our hearts alight.
—Betty Warner in *Good Housekeeping*.

lace or embroidery in the eyes of the wise."

Washington was athletic, he was Punctual, he possessed ability to Smile, he was Thoughtful and tasteful in his Dress; but despite all these accomplishments he was extremely *modest*. Upon one occasion when the speaker of the Assembly returned thanks in glowing terms to Colonel Washington for his services, he rose to express his acknowledgements, but was too embarrassed to utter a word. "Sit down, Mr. Washington," said the speaker, "your modesty equals your valor, and that surpasses the power of any language which I possess."

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