

[Special Correspondence.]

Visitors to the capitol who admire the beautiful decorative work to be seen in the rotunda and in the corridors, especially in the senate end of the building, will find additional interest in the work of the artist when they learn the source of his inspiration for many of the female figures that appear in the designs. The aged artist Brumidi, whose brush did most of the most beautiful of the decorative work of the capitol, married in this city Miss Jennie German, a young lady well known for her beauty, which has been perpetuated in many of the paintings executed by her husband. Features a little too well rounded to be thoroughly classic, black hair, a fair complexion and blue eyes, together with a shapely form, were the characteristics of Mrs. Brumidi. She was the third wife of the celebrated Italian artist. She was greatly admired not only for her beauty of person, but for her qualities of mind, which made her a general favorite here. One of the figures in the ceiling of the rotunda is said to be an exact likeness of the artist's beautiful wife, while most of the figures he painted in the capitol portray some of her characteristics.

**The President's New Team.**

President Roosevelt, who has been scouring the country for a pair of high steppers suited to the needs of the executive mansion, has found what he wanted in Baltimore. They are Admiral and General, cherry bay geldings, five and six years old, sixteen hands high and weighing about 2,350 pounds. They are full brothers and were sired by Abdullah Belmont, by Lakeland Abdullah, 351, by Hambletonian, 10. Their dam was by Red Archie, Jr., by Red Archie. The geldings were bred and reared in Michigan. They make an extra high class pair, with fine heads and necks and a bold, resolute way of going. They are beautifully mannered, and it is safe to say that no handsomer pair will be seen in Washington. The sale was conducted through A. G. Hupfy, foreman of the executive mansion stables. The horses were inspected by United States Veterinary Inspector Brown.

**Reception For Coleridge-Taylor.**

Mr. S. Coleridge-Taylor, the young Anglo-African musical composer of London, has written to friends in Washington of his purpose to make a visit to this country during the winter, and plans are on foot by the colored people to entertain him. One of the purposes in view, it is said, is to form a large chorus of 200 or 300 voices, have the singers thoroughly drilled in the production of his masterpiece of choral music, "Hiawatha," and to give a public presentation under his direction. It is known among musicians that the colored people of Washington have among their number very many good singers and that they have already done considerable chorus work.

Acting upon the suggestion of Mr. Taylor's coming and the desire to honor him as one of their race, the leading colored musicians and citizens generally have formed a choral society and have named it in Mr. Coleridge-Taylor's honor.

**Repairs to White House.**

In his last monthly report to the war department Colonel Bingham, the engineer officer in charge of public buildings and grounds, showed that in order to provide accommodations for the servants in the White House it became necessary to utilize a portion of the attic which had never before been used for living purposes. Two new rooms were constructed in that part of the building, and to light and ventilate them it was found necessary to put dormer windows in the roof. For heating purposes gas stoves will be used, and gas pipes were run into the rooms on that account. The rooms were provided with electric lights and were furnished with beds and other necessary furniture.

**President a Good Narrator.**

The cabinet has a new rule of procedure. It used to be the law that when that illustrious body assembled at 11 o'clock on Tuesday and Friday mornings business should be taken up at once. But that is not the practice now. Instead of getting to work at once on the supposedly great questions of state the president takes from fifteen to twenty-five minutes to tell his advisers the experience he has had with the gentlemen who have been giving him "hot air" about offices and schemes they want him to recommend to congress.

The president is a good narrator, and therefore the first half hour is unusually interesting. He doesn't tell stories to illustrate a point he is making, as Lincoln did, but tells everything that has happened that has impressed itself upon his mind. His sense of humor is good, and the humorous side of the pictures that pass before him is not overlooked.

**High Priced Real Estate.**

A lot at the corner of F and Tenth streets, which is in the heart of the best business center, has lately been sold for what is said to be the highest rate ever realized on land in this city—namely, \$52 a square foot, equivalent to \$2,265,120 an acre or to \$10,400 a front foot for Main street lots running back 200 feet to Washington street. The big price was paid by a saloon keeper. Hardly any other business could stand such a rate.

**Divorces in the District.**

The District of Columbia is rapidly becoming the most popular place in the United States for mismatched couples to seek separation. Scarcely a day passes that the courts of Washington are not asked to grant anywhere from three to six divorces, and in nine cases out of ten the applicants are accommodated. This is a rather sad commentary upon the morality of the nation's capital. But it is a fact, nevertheless.

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**Mr. Cleveland's Test.**

In a speech at Norwich, Conn., the home of his grandfather, delivered during a recent visit, ex-President Cleveland told the following anecdote: "When I lived in Buffalo, a good many years ago, a man also lived there whose occupation was largely the collection of bad debts. He was so persistent and followed a debtor in a manner so destructive of peace and comfort that he was quite commonly known as 'Pestilence.' He originated in Norwich, and I determined that if I ever had an opportunity I would test his Norwich pride of nativity. One day he called on me, and since he was not on a collecting errand we began a pleasant chat. He soon remarked that he had often wondered if I was in any way related to Deacon Cleveland, who used to live in Norwich. With the opportunity I had awaited so fairly presented me and anxious to make the test as thorough as possible I replied that I was somewhat related to the deacon as a grandson and casually indicated my doubts as to his fair dealing in his business as a watchmaker and repairer. The test was most effective, but the explosion was terrific. For an instant I feared physical harm, and before the door was slammed behind a raging figure I was told with vigorous emphasis that I was a disgrace to my name and that if I ever became a man one-half as honest and respectable as my grandfather who lived in Norwich I would be more lucky than I deserved to be and more of the same sort. Now, of course I knew it was wrong as an ordinary proposition to speak in the way I did about my grandfather, but in aid of an important research and for the purpose of testing a most interesting theory I sacrificed my sense of propriety. I have fully made up my mind that under no stress of temptation will I ever again even appear to scandalize or speak lightly of my own or any one else's grandfather if he was born in Norwich."

**She Knew From Experience.**

"Seems to me that the rising generation is rising very fast," said the bachelor who expects soon to become a benedict after his friends had given him up as hopeless. "I was out walking with my intended the other day, and her small niece, a girl not over seven years of age, accompanied us. Natural-



"OH, DON'T MIND ME!"

ly the conversation, owing to the near approach of our wedding day, took a turn that was interesting to two of us, but not to the third.

"Finally I turned to the young lady who is soon to be my bride and said, with a smile:

"I suppose all this talk is over the little one's head?"

"Before she could reply the nose of the 'little one' went up several degrees, and she answered icily, her words falling like so many hailstones on a tin roof:

"Oh, don't mind me! I know what it is! I've been in love myself!"

"It was several minutes before I succeeded in catching my breath."—Detroit Free Press.

**Pretty Sure Indications.**

A story is told of a conscientious ministerial golfer who had been offered another pastorate, much better than the one he held and with an ideal golf course attached. The family were all enthusiastic players. Happening to call one day at the minister's dwelling a friend of the family and a golfer himself met the daughter in the hall and asked her, "Is your father going to accept the offer?" "Well," the girl replied demurely, "papa is praying for guidance in the library, and mamma is up stairs packing."

**Only One and Little of It.**

Colonel Dutasse, an officer of volunteers during the civil war, was sent to Sing Sing by sentence of court martial for too free indulgence in a variety of peccadillos. "I am Count Dutasse," he said to the keeper of the prison by way of introduction. "I speak five languages"— He got no further, for the keeper broke in upon him with the explanation, "We speak but one language here, and we want mighty little of that."

**Older Than That Himself.**

One of the last letters written by W. S. Gilbert, the comic opera librettist, before his recent sickness was addressed to Clement Scott on the occasion of Mr. Scott's sixtieth birthday. Mr. Gilbert's note was enigmatic. "Nor do I think," he wrote, "that the fact that you will have achieved sixty years on Oct. 6 is a reason for general jubilation. I am sixty-five, and nobody seems to care."

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