

all the country round.

suitors for her hand and heart.

On her nineteenth birthday the old man invited all the youth of the village to a grand haymaking frolic, and some young fellows who were known leap. to retain a tender regard for the, fair girl, whose natal day they had come to celebrate.

By noon the barns were filled with the fragrant hay, and all were ready for the feast of good things that had been spread under the shady branches.

"Now, my lads," said the old man after the banquet was some time over. "I've got something to say to you. It seems that a good many of you have been casting sheep's eyes on my Annette. Now, boys, I don't care anything about money or talents, book larning or soldier larning. I can do as well by my girl as any man in the man of my own grit.

youngster I could heat anyone in all "Yonder she stands." Virginia in the way of leaping, Look hero!"

He held up as he spoke three hand. looked admiration. some medals.

"And all of them won in fair fight," asked. he went on, "besides which I got my old woman by beating the smartest father, with interest, his youthful man on the eastern shore.

that no man shall marry my daughter stranger. without jumping for it. There you have it, boys; yonder's the green, and off his coat, drew his each tighter here's Annette. The one who jumps around his waist and etepped forward. farthest on a dead level shall marry Annette looked anxiously at Harry, her this very evening."

Soon all was in readiness for the and angry eye, and then she cast upon contest. The signal was given, and the stranger a glance of pitcons enthe young competitors, stripped of treaty. All hearts stood still as the their coats, stapped forward.

"Edward Grayson, seventeen feet !" cried one of the judges. With a longing glance at the prize he could not with murmurs of surprise and wonder. win, he left the grounds.

"Dick Boin len, nineieen feet!" poor Harry, all crowded around the Dick, with a little laugh of satisfac- new victor, offering him their contion, replaced his soat, and joined the gratulations. The old farmer apoplookers.

"Harry Preston, nineteen feet, man's hand exultingly, called him his three inches!"

"Charlie Simms, fifteen and one- than if he were a prince. half feet !'

"Hooray for Charlie! Charlie sought with his eyes the prize he had,

The beantiful Annette was eighteen Mr. Claypool it was purchased, with the original manuscript of the Address up to the Alexander house. They had years of age, and, of course, had many (which Mr. Claypool by Washington's permission had retained), by James Lenox, and is in the collection founded by him in the city of New York.

who had at that moment arrived on the permission of this worthy assemhorseback before the inn. He was bly, you receive from my hands the they came, among them a dozen hand- just in time to witness Carroll's great prize you have so well and honorably won.'

> The first burst of applause over, the The youth sprang forward and spectators awoke to the stranger's grasped the stranger's hand with gratpresence. The man's handsome face itude, and the next moment Annette

> and easy address attracted the eyes of was weeping from joy upon his the maidens, while his manly and breast.

> The place rang with the acclamasinewy frame called forth the admirations of the delighted people, and tion of the young men.

> "Mayhap, sir stranger, you think amid the excitement the newcomer you can beat that," said Charlie withdrew, remounted his horse and Simms, remarking the manner in rode briskly out of the village. which the newcomer scanned the Passing on several years, we find arena. "If you can outleap Harry that Harry Carroll has become Colonel

Carroll you beat the best man in the Harry Carroll, of the Revolutionary Army. One evening the Colonel, after colonies." "Is it for amusement you are pur. just returning from a hard campaign, sning this pastime?" inquired the was sitting with his family on the country; but I want her to marry a youthtul stranger, "or is there a prize piazza of his handsome country house, for the winner?" when an advance guard rode up and

"Now, perhaps you know it, and "The sweetest prize man ever strove announced the approach of General perhaps you don't, but when I was a for," answered one of the judges. Washington and suite, who would crave the Colonel's hospitality for the The stranger cast a respectful glance night.

That evening at the table, Annette, at the blushing maiden and his eyes now the dignified, matronly and still "Are the lists open to all?" he handsome Mrs. Carroll, could not keep her eyes from the face of her il-

"All, young sir," replied Annette's lustrious visitor. Every moment or two she would ardor rising as he surveyed the pro- steal a glance at his commanding feat-"Now listen; I've taken an oath portions of the straight limbed young ures, and half-doubtingly, half-assuredly, shake her head and look

> again, to be still more puzzled. With a smile the newcomer threw Her absence of mind and embarrassment at last became evident to her husband, who inquired affectionately if she were ill. who stood near with troubled brow

"I suspect, Colonel," said the General, who had been some time with a quiet meaning smile observing the lady's curious and puzzled scrutiny of

his features, "that Mrs. Carroll thinks she recognizes in me an old acquaint.

The Colonel started and a faint mem-Not without a feeling of pity for ory of the past seemed to be revived as he gazed, while the lady rose impulsively from her chair and bending eagerly forward over the tea urn, with proached, and grasping the young clasped hands, stood for a moment, with her lips parted, as if she would son, and said he felt prouder of him speak.

"Pardon me, my dear madam-par-Resuming his coat, the strange. don me, Colonel-I must put an end to this scene. I have become, by dint of

the tace serene and dignified, the costume truly rendered. At the death of they saw Lord Howe and his staff ride ordered their breakfast here, and Washington and Lafayette had eaten it! Their chagrin, and the astonishment of their hostess, who supposed that she had already served Lord Hows to a very hearty meal, will have to be imagined by the world, for no record is left of their remarks .--Youth's Companion.

FORTRAITS OF WASHINGTON.

Scarely Two of His Likenesses Resemble Each Other.

When General Grant died it was noticed that as many portraits of him were placed on sale as there were nationalities in New York. In Hebrew quarters he was represented with an aquiline nose. Pictures for sale in Little Italy showed him slender faced and with pointed beard, while the great majority of his portraits in German quarters had something of a Teutonic look.

This was not fanciful. Something of the same sort may be noticed in the case of Washington. Many of his portraits bear absolutely no resemblance to each other. In early portraits he appears as a rough, burly cheeked young Englishman. In the Revolutionary period French art ideas dominated, and almost all the portraits

Terror to Be Ready by March 1 Ad. miral Walker to Command a Squadron.

NEW YORK, February 12, -Naval officers duty in this city and Brooklyn, declare that it is the intention of the Government to place the Navy on as comp'ete a war footing as is possible in time of peace, and demonstrate what the United States can do in the way of commissioning, not a flying squadron, for which they say the United States has no need at this time, but a coast defense fleet to guard our shores, both on the Pacific and the Atlantic. Commodore Montgomery Sleard, Com-

mandant of the Brooklyn Navy Yarl, got orders to have the new monitor Terror ready to go in commission March 1. The ship has been under construction for years, and it will tax the capacity of the yard to finish her in time. The orders are, however, imperative.

The coast defense squadron which the Government is about to place in commission will be composed of the new ram Katabdin,



(Ordered to have the new monitor Terror ready at the Brook yn Navy Yard March 1.)

doub e-surreted monitor Amphitrite, now at Key West.

cently returned from a visit to Washington, Salisbury's policy, but every speech breathed

now confined in a French prison under conment of the Boundary Question Assured viction of treason. Secretary Olney says -Harcourt's Friendly Speech. that Waller was unquestionab.y guilty oftas The regular session of the British Parlia-

ment was opened at London. At 2 o'clock

the Royal Commission entered the House of

Lords, and at that hour the House of Com-

mons was summoned. The members of the

House of Commons, headed by the Speaker.

at once porceeded to the House of Lords.

and after they had assembled at the bar of

the House the speech from the throne was

read by the Lord High Chancellor, Lord

In reference to the Venezuelan, the

Armenian and the Transvani questions the

he Unifed States of America has expressed a

wish to co-operate in the termination of the

lifferences which have existed for many

years between my Government and the Re-

public of Venezuela upon the question of the

boundary between that country and the

colony of British Guiana. I have expressed

my sympathy with the desire to come to an

equitable arrrangement, and trust that further negotiations will lead to a satisfac-

The Sultan of Turkey has sanctioned the principal reforms in the government of the

Armenian provinces for which, jointly with

the Emperor of Russia and the President of

the French Republic, I have felt it to be my duity to press. I deeply regret the functional outbre is on the part of a section of the Tur-

kish population, which has resulted in a

series of massacres which have caused the

A sudden incursion into the South African

Republic by an armed force from the terri-

tory under the control of the British South

Africa Company resulted in adeplorab ecol-

lision with the Burgher forces. My Ministers.

at the earliest possible moment, intervened

to prohibit, through the Governor, this hos-

tile action and to warn all my subjects in

South Africa against taking part in

these proceedings will be made the

President of the South African Republic.

place in the debate, and Lor! Salisbury ex-

plained the reason for the intimation in the

and, as Lord Salisbury expressed it, "with a

Lord Rosebery vigorously attacked Lord

confident hope that the Venezuela dispute

will end happily. Mr. Balfour said our

Harcourt and Balfour, all

kindest words for the Monroe

Sir William

Government had asked for all the informa-

prospect of ultimate settiement."

subject of a searching inquiry.

The origin and circumstances of

The

deepest indignation in this country.

Queen's address said: The Government of

Haisbury.

tory se tlement

offense charged and that the penalty inflict-ei would be considered exceedingly moderate, but the French Government made an



offer to release Waller from further imprison ment and to par ion his offense on condition that the affair be thereby terminuted as between the two Governments, and that the United States should make no claim for damages in behalt of the accused ex-Consul based on his arrest, conviction and imprisonment.

Ambassalor Eustis, it appears from the correspondence, has been instructed to give notice to the French Government of the acceptance by the United States of these conditions and to exchange the notes necessary to carry out the arrangement. Waller may, however, sue in the French courts for damages for ill-treatment.

Waller, however, acting under the advice of his wife and his brother-in-law, has not consented to the arrangement, and still insists that he shall receive compensation from France. He charges that he had received Illtreatment while being taken from Malagascarto France, and demands indemnity.

WEYLER'S PROCLAMATION.

Cuba's New Captain-General Promises to Crash the Revolution.

General Weyler had been in Caba but a few hours when he issued a series of proclamations and a idresses which c early demonstrated the policy he is determined to follow

in his dealings with the revolutioniste, He states in uumistakable language that he will tolerate no interference with his pur-pose on the part of enybody, out that he has gone to Cuba to protect all loyal citizens and to punish all enemies of Spain and sympathizers with the insurraction.

The most significant part of his proc'amation, which he entities "a circular," is addressed to the military chiefs. He calls upon them to arrest, and in all cases to ho'd for his disposal, or to hand over to the proper tr bunal, all persons who in any way give aid to or display sympathy tow rds the rebels, and that his poley will be guided en-tirely by the conduct of the insurgents them-

He announces frankly and squarely that it is his decided purpose to make use of all the means necessary to conquer this insurred-- tion.

An officer at the Navy Yard, who had re-"It is the intention," said the officer, "to

place every available ship of the Navy in tion England could give to help our commission as soon as possible. The United | Commission, and it was announced that States has not as big a reserve list of ships to it would be forthcoming. Salisbury, draw on as Great Britain has, out enough Rosebery, shins can be placed in commission to make a had the good showing and demonstrate that the Na- | doctrine and arbitration. tion is not so delenseless as might be im- V. Harcourt claimed that there can be no agined by all the talk whenever there is a possible objection to referring the Venezuewar scare.

"The regular oruising squadron, of which

now at Brooklyn Navy Yard; the doubleturreted monitor Terror, also at this station; to be pulled out of the mulat League Island Navy Yard, near Philadelphia, and recomsister ship of the Terror, n aring completion the Venezuela boundary had a prominent

All these ships are to be put in active service and furnished with officirs and Queen's speech that a settlement, probably, creas within the next three weeks. The would soon be reached. The great obstacle other ships of this fron-clad squadron, al- to the adjustment of the trouble, which had ready in commission, are to be the first-class been created by Venezuela's breaking off battleship Indiana, the second-class battle- negotiations, had, he said, been removed. ship Maine, now at Hampton Roads, and the Direct negotiations are about to be resumed.

told of the plan of the Administration as he had heard it at the Navy D-partment.

painted at this time give Washington the retreating forehead then fashion. able-there is no other word for it-

lan boundary question to a third Power for "I heard it said in Washington that one of arbitration, and he was greeted with cheers, the Admirals of the service, presumably Balfour declared that the Government will tures of Lafayette. Houdon's statue Rear-Admiral John G. Walker, was to be as- not be preven ed by diplomatic punctillos or in Richmond gives something of this signed to the command of the fleet of iron- false pride from trying to effect a settlement. elads on the North Atlantic, which is to be and will help the American Commission with known as the Home Guard Equadron, or all the information at its disposal. something of that kin !.

cognizes the importance of redressing the legitimate grievances of which complaint has been made by a majority of the persons inthe double-turreted Mian ono noh, which is habiting the Transvaal, The de ate in both Houses was confined almost exclusively to the grave disturbances missioned; the new monitor Monainocz, in the country's foreign reations, The dispute with the United States over

at the Mare Island Navy Yard, near San Francisco.

acting in this matter with moderation and wisdom, has agreed to place the prisoners in the hands of my Governor, and I have undertaken to bring to trial the leaders of the COMMANDANT SICARD, expedition. The conduct of the President of the South African Republic upon this occasion and the assurances which he has voluntarily given lead me to believe that he re-

wins!" cried the crowd with good although nameless and unknown, so natured sarcasm. Charley grinned, fairly won. She leaned upon her fathrew off his disappointment with a ther's arm, pale and distressed. elight uplift of his shoulders, and was "Annette, my pretty prize," said soon creating roars of laughter with the victor, taking her passive hand, his wit, which was far more nimble "I have won you fairly." than his legs.

"Now for Harry Carroll !" shouted marble, she trembled and clung closer the spectators, and Harry stepped for- to her father, while her drooping eye ward amid great applause. Carroll sought the form of her lover. At the was the athlete of the village, and he words of the stranger Carroll's face was so general a favorite that every. grew dark and determined. one wished as well as anticipated his "I have won you, my pretty flower, success. Moreover, he was a hand- to make you a bride-tremble not so come youth, and it was well known violently-I mean not myself, however that between him and the beautiful proud I might be," he added, with Annette there existed a strong mutual | gallantry; "to wear so fair a gem next attachment.

"Iwenty-one feet and a half. A youth among the competitors who has msgnificent leap!" cried the judge. a higher claim than mine. wins!"

tered the throng unperceived.

He was a tall, gentlemanly young sport in which I saw you engaged. Landing, Maryland, in 1824. man, in a military undress frock coat, You are the victor, and as such, with When the British under Lord Howe New York Recorder.

camp fare and hard usage, too un. wieldly to leap again twenty-two feet one inch, even for so fair a bride as one I wot of." George Washington was indeed the handsome young athlete whose mys-

young man bounded forward.

"Iwenty-two feet and an inch!"

The judges' words were received

Annette's sheek became paler than terious appearance and disappearance in the native village of the lovers is still traditionary; and whose claim to a substantial boly of bona fide flesh and bone was stontly contested by the village story-tellers until the happy denonement which took place at the hospitable mansion of Colonel Carroll. -Boston Globe.

my heart. I think there is a favored A bit of traditional lore concerning Washington and Laf_yette has lately

come into print which seems to be "Boorsy for Harry Carroll! Harry "Young sir," he continued, turning better founded and more distinctly

Now, just before Harry had leaped, you were the victor in the lists before case with traditions. It is related by and while everyone's attention was me-I strove not for the maiden, J. F. Blandy, and came to him with fixed upon him, a stranger had en- though one could not well strive for a but one intermediate telling from Lafairer, but from love of the manly fayette himself, who told it at Elk

Washington and Lafayette.

in France, and familiar in most picimpression.

THE YOUNG WASHINGTON.

(After a painting by C. W. Peele.)

Later on there was a strong return to the English method, to which belongs the full length military portrait by 'frumbull, perhaps the best in existence. This shows a handsome, sary. frank, manly and thoroughly English face

Most familiar of all Washington's likenesses is that made by Gilbert Stuart. It is also, probably, one of the worst. Washington himself was much quarters of officers and men. pleased with the Tramball picture above referred to, and with two portraits by J. Wright. One of the latter shows a slender man of middle age, with long, somewhat curved nose and slightly sloping torehead, and a pleas. to the surprised Harry, "methinks traceable to fact than is usually the ant smile; the other a fat-stomached, beavy-jowled and solemn-visaged Englishman.

There are scarcely two portraits of Washington which closely resembles each other. The fact is, we do not know how the man really looked. -

Daring Bank Robbery.

the New York is the flagship, would then be Robbers effected an entrance into the free to sail a out from port to port from Leesburg (Ohio) Bank safe by the use of Halifax to Port-of-Spain, as its commander explosives. The vault door was first blown pleased or the necessity of protecting American citizens or property might make necesopen and then the burglar proof sale was blown to ple es. All the money, amounting

The Terror will be a formidable ship. She to about \$6000, was taken. is of the c ass of double-turreted coast de-

fense monitors, with sides armor-plated their Shot His Wite's Parents and Self. entire length. The side-plating is seven inches thick and is of the best Harveyized At Newton, Iowa, Charles Phares, a barnickel steel. It extends from the deck ber, shot and killed his mother-in-law, Mrs. twenty-seven inches above the water line R. T. Smith, fatally shot his father-in-law. downward six feet, protecting not on y tae and then put a bullet into his own brain, dymachinery and magizines, but the living ingunstantly. He was out of work and de-

spondent

French Kill Three Thousand. Information comes from Madagascar saying that 4000 Hovas atta ked the French in Antananarivo, but were repulsed with the loss of 3000 men.

Mrs. James McWade, of Omaha, Neb., who has been unable to speak above a whisper for twenty-iour years, suddenly recovered the use of her vocal organs the other cay, and attr butes her recovery to a handkerchief blessed by Schlatter.

T. P. Williams, a white man, who murdered a harmless o'd colored man near morphine. Williams feared lynching.

A roustabout on a Mississippi steamboat was killed by the breaking of a hawser a few days ago. The boat was manœuvring to get away from a landing when the rope, which had been pulled very taut, snapped, and the end struck the colored man and broke his neck, killing him instantiy.

Lodz, Russia, which thirty years ago was a small village is rapidly absorbing all the business from Moscow. Its woolen and cotton mills manufacture about \$50,000,000 worth of goods a year.

The peat bogs of Great Britain and Ireland Mariana, Ars., committed suicide by taking are estimated to be the best equivalent of nearby 4,000,000,000 tous of coal.

Minor Mention.

Mayor Lyn'e, of Greenfield, Mo., bad, himself brought to trial and fined \$1 for violating a city ord nance.

A hole 159 feet long, ten fest wide and invisibly deep has appeared upon the farm of E. H. Ott, of Washington, Mo. .-

A Leavenworth (Ind.) woman is suing a man there for \$50 for the loss of her pet cat, which, she avers, his horse ate.

Newel Perry, a student in the California University, though totally blind, takes long trips about the country on his bleyele.

Professor Fischer recently climbed the Finsieranhora in the Alps. It is the first winter ascent of the mountain on record.

The detective armed with a small camera is the latest spotter on Eastern rai roads. Several employes of a New England. road have re entry lost their jobs as a result of its activity. and the funnit

A farmer named Christ Bennecke arrived in Princeton, Ky., a short time since, in a prairie schooner with his family and most of his household goods, having driven all the way from Chadron, Neb., a distance of About 1400 miles.

Everything is white just how. It is white deer, white blacsbirds, white crows, white squirrels, and one excited observer claims he saw a white weaged - But the Minuesora field hatchery now has the lead with a family of several hundred white brook trout.

A coop without a hair to cover himself with was caught in a trap at James Cowan's camp on Noria Coos- Hiver. Oregon, the other day. Among the many theories advanced to explain his bars condition is one that he was singed by a stroke of lightning,