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Colonial Tea.

Appropriate to the day, Mrs. Jos. F. Tayloe, yesterday afternoon, received her friends at a Colonial Tea. Unique invitations, in the shape of small hatchets, handpainted in cherries, had been issued last week

The garish light of day was carefully excluded from the residence and the rooms were illuminated to the point of brilliancy by numerous candles in silver candle-sticks and candelabra, whose lights were reflected and multiplied by many mirrors. The decorations were of carnations and evergreens

Mrs. Tayloe was assisted in receiving by Misses Ella Tayloe, Frances Satchwell, Abbie Randolph, Minnie Carroway, Willie Hargrove and Mary Tayloe, and Mrs. H. S. Fullwood. The colonial costumes and powdered hair of these ladies, in keeping with the occasion, added a touch of quaintness, and gave a decidedly ante-Revolutionary aspect to the scene.

In one corner of the drawing room was planted a lineal descendant of the original cherry tree. The amusement of the afternoon was furnished by a contest in cutting chips from the tree, with the only authentic George Washington hatchet which was procured for the purpose. Prizes of boxes handpainted in cherries, and filled with conserved cherries, were offered to the ladies who cut the largest chips. Mrs. C. F. Warren and Mrs. J. H. Small were the successful contestants.

The receiving party also assisted in the lining room. Miss Satchwell presided over the punch-bowl, and Miss Randolph over the chocolate urn; the punch was served from a bowl ingeniously carved out in a solid block of ice.

The Colonial Tea adds one more to the successes of the always successful hostess. It was a fitting conclusion to the most pleasant season that Washington has ever witnessed and which is now terminated by the arrival of the Leaten period.

Home Wedding.

Early this morning the wedding bells rang their sweetest in the west end, and two hearts plighted their troth 'till death do them part. Miss Katie Betts, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Betts, was happily married to Mr. Fenner T. Baynor, of Leechville N. C. Rev. J. E. Underwood, of the Methodist Church, officiating. Miss Maggie Betts, sister of the bride, was Maid of Honor, and Mr. Jno. Fulford, best man. The ceremony was very quiet, only the members of the family being present. After the marriage the couple left for Leechville their future home, amid a shower of rice and old slippers.

Miss Betts is one of our city's most talented young ladies. Her friends are legion—urbane, accomplished and popular.

Mr. Baynor is a merchant at Leechville, popular and energetic.

We extend to Mr. and Mrs. Baynor our heartiest congratulations.

OFFICIAL EXAMINATION BEGUN.

Maine's Magazine Not Exploded—The Government Preparing For War.

Havana, Feb. 11.—The United States tender "Mangrove" arrived here this morning with diving apparatus and members of court of inquiry, and at 1 o'clock the court convened on the "Mangrove."

As soon as the court organized Captain Sigsbee began his testimony. Lieut. Commander Marix acted as recorder. The session lasted until 3 o'clock.

It was absolutely secret and it has been impossible to learn what conclusion has been reached, if any.

The divers whom Capt. Sigsbee had at work Sunday evening recovered the log book, the cipher code book of the "Maine," together with many valuable and private papers.

Neither Spanish nor Cuban divers were allowed to go down near the wreck.

The apparatus and the divers at work Sunday were insufficient for the purposes of the official investigation, and when the latter began today it was with more experienced men, electrical apparatus (including electric light), etc. Their work will probably continue tomorrow.

While matters are in a state of suspension at Havana, the Washington end of the United States Government is actively engaged in making preparations of the most momentous character.

The most significant action was the order telegraphed to Capt. Chester, of the cruiser "Cincinnati," who is the senior officer of the South Atlantic Naval station, to proceed with his ship and the gunboat "Castene" from Para (Brazil) to Barbadoes.

Quite as significant is the order issued to the commandant of the Norfolk navy yard to have the monitor "Terror" ready for sea within two days.

As the concentration of the fleet near Havana left the Northern coast entirely unprotected, the "Terror" will probably be assigned to New York.

It has been determined to distribute armored ships all along the South Atlantic coast as fast as they become available.

The monitor "Puritan" now at the Norfolk yard, undergoing hurried preparations for sea service, will anchor at Fort Monroe and the approaches to Washington.

Within the past three weeks 700 additional men have been added to the working force at the various navy yards. The majority have been assigned to Mare Island, New York, and Norfolk. The yards where all ship construction and repair work generally is now conducted.

At present 2,600 men are employed at the New York yard, on various kinds of work. At Norfolk 2,200 are employed, an increase of 400 recently, and at Mare Island 1,200. The Washington gun factory has added 200 men to its force, bringing the number to 700, while the work of overhauling ships in reserve at League Island called for an increase of 200.

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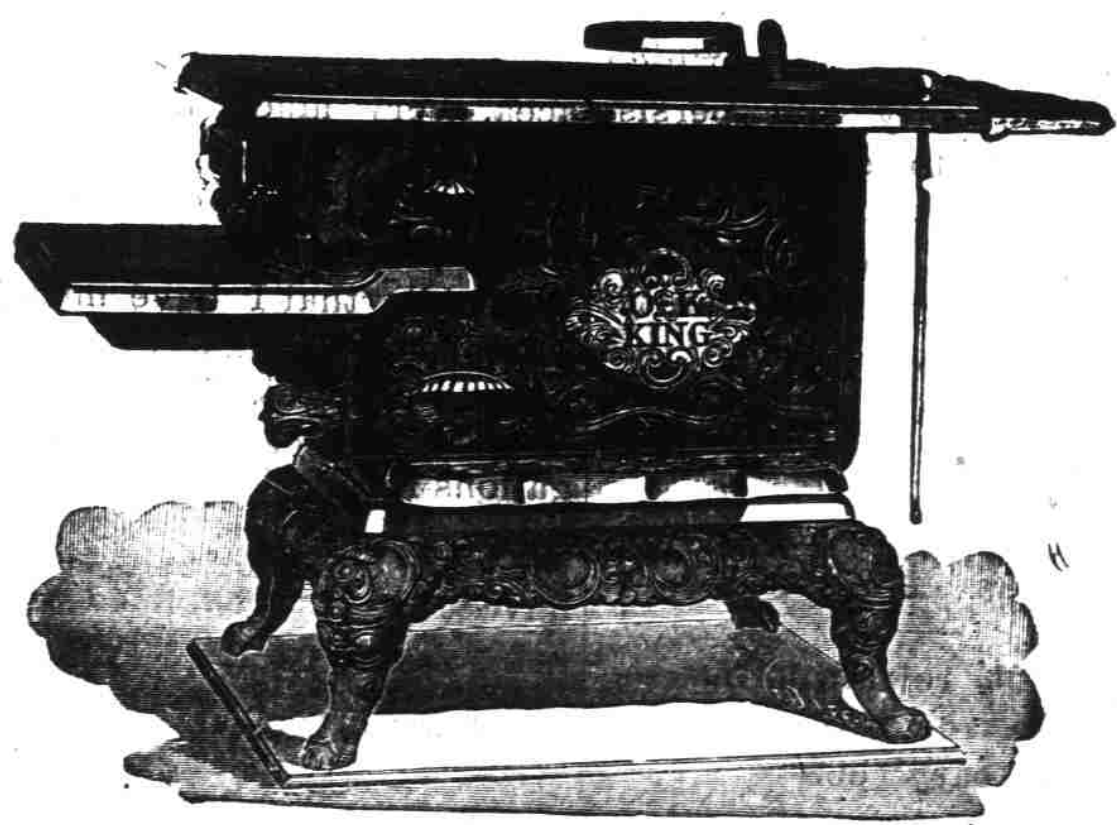
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