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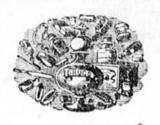
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Hours With Men and Women of

On the 4th of March, 1853, I stood for nearly two hours in the open area at the eastern front of the Capitol at Washington, with thousands of my fellow citizens, pelted with sharp sleet driven by a keen northeast lows in the United States. wind, to witness the inauguration of the fourteenth President of the United States, I had no "friends at court" to secure shelter for me under the superb and spacious portico of the Capitol, where the great officers of State, of the Judiciary, of the Army, of the Navy, and foreign min-

isters were congregated. Daniel Park, the ancestor of Mr. inquired. For the ras new of this quadrennies rescuesief Magistrate al core of the cheat a turce platform of yday occurred jous Rected over ound the neighbor Cone Capitol.

ern his actions. The multitude bow- of elegant workmanship; Washing- "I was a smart gal, almost as old as she had gone to heaven."

"Its mission is not to answer any ques- have appeared upon that rough plat- with the elegant jeweled Order of poor master Jack, her brother, took mer of 1855. tion of the intellect to please the fancy or form of New Hampshire pine, with the Cincinnati by French officers, it so hard we thought he'd go crazy. a mighty speople, who stood there in all the dignity of a true sovereign, but undistinguished in form and

bearing from the humble citizen, by

ribbon or cross, by star or garter, by

scepter or crown!

Among those who sat under the shelter of the portico of the Copital on that occasion was George Wash- pouches. ington Parke Custis, the adopted son first President of the nation, and the only survivor of the executors of the teresting than all the rest. Mrs. great patriot's will. He was pres-

in his studio giving some touches to family worship morning and eve- tress was just dressed. She went to his picture of "The Surrender at ning, while her husband, standing, Master Jack's room to tell the good invoked a blessing at every meal. The mansion (yet standing) occupies a commanding site over three at Arlington House in 1848, Mrs. from master, and told her that Mas- preference temporarily offered her by hundred feet above tide-water, over- Custis, when ready to read the ter Jack was very sick at the house looking the cities of Washington Scriptures, stepped to a room near of his uncle, Colonel Bassett, at and Georgetown, with the broad Po- by and led out a very aged colored Elthan, in Kent, and might not get His "Dowland Beauty," to whom he tomac flowing between. The build- woman, not of quite pure African well. Oh, how troubled the poor ute on the margins of the leaves of ing is of brick, and presents a front, blood, who was much afflicted with women were! The coachman was the books on surveying which he was including the two wings, of one hun- rheumatism. Mrs. Custis helped her ordered to make the big carriage studying, has disappeared in the dred and forty feet. The grand por. to kneel by her side during prayer, and best horses ready as quickly as mists of that past in which all things, tico, having eight massive Doric col- and then assisted her to rise and re- possible, and as soon as we had umns, occupies an area of sixty feet turned to her room. After the breakfasted the two women, the two front and twenty-five feet in depth. door was closed I made inquiries younger children and me to take A park of two hundred acres, dotted concerning the old woman. with groves of oak and chestnut trees, "She is the last survivor of the We traveled all day and a greater and cultivated on the river bank, bondservants of the Washington part of the night as fast as we could, sloped eastward from the front; and family at Mount Vernon," Mrs. stopping only to feed the horses, by him and Jacob before their final

behind the mansion was an old for- Custis remarked. "I do not know We found Master Jack dying with parting. Its meaning is: "My God est abounding with patriarchal trees her age precisely, but I think she the camp fever, so Dr. Craik told is between thee and me." centuries old, and covering hills and must be nearly ninety years old. us. dales over eight hundred acres. A She remembers the hunting-parties "Master came at daybreak. He portion of this forest has since dis- at Mount Vernon before the Revolu- rode all night. A few minutes after seem funny to you, but think how appeared, and the soil is occupied by tion. She was such a good care- he came Master Jack died. Then the remains of thousands of Union taker of children that she became the master and mistress were alone in a soldiers who perished in the great nurse of Mr. Custis and his sisters in room for a while, and young "mis-

Washington and Custis families, con- memory trustyworth?" I inquired. | years afterwards." sisting of some rare works of art, "She is remarkebly intelligent, "Were you in the room when your plate, china, furniture, ornaments, and her memory of events in her master died?" I asked. and a large quantity of valuable earlier years seems perfectly clear." "I was there a few minutes before. manuscripts. On the walls hung a "Would it be agreeable for me to I came up to the room-it was an

Godfrey Kneller. Near it hung a you."

three-quarter length portraits of an hour after breakfast." Woolaston. There were other por- an arm-chair knitting stockings, her when she died?" traits of the Washington and Custis room in perfect order. Seated near "Oh, you," she answered; "all the families. One of these was the por- her it was easily to converse. Her time, for I was to ner what Christofind a ten- trait of Washington in the costume dialect was that of the colored peo- pher was to master. She died of

were pieces of furniture and many with Miss Nelly Calvert, and marother objects which were once at ried her soon afterwards. She was so Mount Vernon. In an upper cham- purty, too! They lived at Abing ber was the bed on which Washing- don, not far from Mount Vernon ton died, held too scared for use; most of the time after the war was and in another room was the large begun; and I lived with them from war-tent or marquee of the General the time when their first baby was which was used at Yorktown. It born until Master Jack joined maswas incased in two large leathern ter to go and fight Cornwallis. Then he left young mistress and her four On my first visit at Arlington children at Mount Vernon."

House, in 1848, I saw a hving relic "Master Jack, as you call him, of the Washington family more in- never came back alive," I said.

"Oh, he did not!" she exclaimed Custis, nec Fitzhugh, a charming wo- "It was drefful, dreffule! He was ent ween his foster-father took the man, Christlike in character and dis- so good, and every body loved him oath of office administered by Chan- position, and saintlike in her works so. Oh, it was drefful! I was cellor Livingston, in the street gal. of benevolence and her perennial building a fire in mistress' room one lery of the old City Hall at New goodness, she presided over the frosty morning, just at daylight," York, sixty-four years before. He household at Arlington. She was she continued, "when there was a Zion's Merald, Boston: "The bell had witnessed the inauguration of like a mother and a guardian angel loud knock at the west door. I ran every President from Washington to in her care for the physical and opened it, and there stood a soldier Pierce. Unmindful of the wind and spiritual comfort of their slaves, and holding the bridle of his very sweaty sleet, he had crossed the Potomac was a blessing to the poor far and horse, who handed me a letter, and from Arlington House in an open near. She was a most gentle crea- said, Tell your mistress that Cornboat, to assist at the august ceremo. ture-slight in frame, sweet in the wallis is whipped and a prisoner.' I nial. I accepted his cordial invita- expression of her fair face; her voice ran and told her. She was very tion to spend a few days at Arling- was soft and musical, and she retain- happy and thanked the good Lord. ton House, where I had been a guest ed much of her early personal beau- Then she sent me to tell the stablea few times. I crossed the ferry at ty. Her piety was fervid but unos boy to take care of the soldier's Georgetown on the first bright morn- tentation, and her presence was like horse and tell the soldier to stay to ing thereafter, and found Mr. Custis sunlight in a room. She coducted breakfast. When I came back misnews to his wife. When she came On the morning after my arrival back she opened the letter. It was care of them, started for Elthem.

of this cemetery stands a chaste mar- Washington she remained at Mount another room. By and by master rated.

WASHINGTON'S LAST SUR- ble monument erected to the mem- Vernon in the family of Judge and mistress came in. He took ory of Mr. Custis. Near the north- Washington, who inherited the es- young mistress' hand and said many ern end of the mansion stood a ven- tate, until we were married, in 1804, kind words to comfort her. She erable weeping-willow, the offspring when at her earnest request she was crying and sobbing as if her of twig plucked by a young. British came to live with us and became the heart would break. Mistress told officer from the famous willow plant- nurse of our daughters, only one of me afterwards that he said to the ed by Pope at Twickenham, and pre- whom (May, the wife of Colonel poor mother, that he would take sented to the father of Mr. Custis by Lee) grew to womanhood. Eleanor, the two children that were there, that officer at Cambridge in 1775. who lives with me, was May's nurse Nelly and George, and bring them That twig, which the elder Custis or care-taker from her fourth to her up as his own. And he did. Nelly, planted at Arlington, became the twelfth year. Westford, Judge who was then nearly three years progenitor of all the weeping-wil- Washington's servant, is her neph- old, who was a baby, lived at Mount ew and is yet at Mount Vernon. Vernon until master himself died. Arlington House was plethoric They much resembled each other." George-Mr. Custis-lived there with precious mementoes of the "Is she intelligent, and is her until mistress died, more than two

Kit-Kat portrait, life size, of Colonel have some conversation with her?" I upper chamber-with something. I remember seeing Christopher (who Custis, who carried to Queen Anne "Perfectly so," responded Mrs. had taken the place of old Billy as the news of Marlborough's victory at Custis. "She is a little deaf, but master's body-servant) and his wife Blenheim. It was painted by Sir you can easily mak her understand Charlotte, and Molly the sermstress, standing at the end of the room, house or the stock in the Capitol. Dicture of an old Reformer, painted Mrs. Custis went to her room, and looking much troubled. A few is a dinan the exalted by Van Dyke. There also were the soon returning, said, "You can see her minutes afterwards, Molly came down and told me master was dead." Daniel Parke and Martha Custis, by I found the aged woman sitting in a "And you were with your mistress

If the entire of a Virginia colonel at the age of ple in general, which I shall not at- fever. That morning I brought into r.' thead bared forty years, painted by Charles Wat- tempt to imitate in this record. I her room a large bunch of flowers uyled his right son Peale. Near this picture, sus- made many inquiries of her touching from the fields, for it was a warm I gen before the pended from the ceiling, was a lan- the daily life of her master and mis- day in May. I remember how sweetvillenited States, tern, formerly the property of Law- tress, and reveeived satisfactory and ly she smiled. The fever had left on Mged his fideli. rence Washington, which hung in swers. I asked her if she remember- her and she was very pale and so se la by affirmation. the great passage at Mount Vernon ed the young Martha Custis-the weak that she could hardly whisper. the multitude pres. fully eighty years. There was also dark lady -who died before she was Oh, she was so good! She appeared ent, an integral of the whole power the black-walnut sideboard user in seventeen years of age. to me like an angel lying there. At which he represented, he should gov- the dining-room at Mount Version, "In course I do," she answered. dusk that night she was an angel, for

ed and retired, and that was the end ton's massive silver tea-service, she was. Oh, she was so purty and A few weeks after my visit at Armade at New York in 1789 of the so good! It seemed as if the Lord lington House, in the spring of 1853, How little-how exceedingly in- old family plate; also pieces of the wanted her, sure, and thought she Mrs Custis departed from earth, and significant to the eye of the true Severes porcelain dinner and tea- was too good to stay in this wicked in the fall of 1857 her husband folphilosopher and hopeful apostle of sets, called the "Cincinnati china," world. Her dying made master and lowed her. The spirit of the last Vestal Oil &c. freedom-would any ruler by the because they were presented to mistress almost sick and very sorry a relic of the bondservants of the begrace of bayonets and gunpowder General and Madam Washington, long time, they loved her so; and loved patriot departed in the sum-

Benson J. Lossing, LL.D.

"Oh, woman, woman!" shrieked an orator in a speech the other night, "thou art the light, the life, the salvation of the world! I shudder when I think of what this world would be without thy gentle, refining, ennobling influence. I bow at thy shrine, acknowledging thy purity and truth. There is nothing so beautiful, so glorious, so true, so perfect, as a woman! I reverence and bow down

And when he went home he said to the woman who was so unfortunate as to be his wife:

"What did you let the fire get so low for? You knew I'd come home half froze. You're just like the rest of the women; you haven't a thought beyond your nose. Stir around and get me a cup of hot tea, can't you? See if you can do that much for a fellow. I'd just like to know what you'women think you're good for,

Washington.

Washington as a youth was particularly susceptible to the tender passion. He composed verses in celebration of it, as many another youth has done before and since. He addressed amatory epistles to "Dear Sally," whose sole fame among the innumerable unknown consists in the one whose name was destined to become the inheritance of the ages. good and evil alike, are finally swal-

An inquiry in regard to the mean. ing of the "Mizpah" has been made. "Mizpah" refers to a beacon or watchtower, and was the name given by Laban to the heap of stones raised

Don't laugh when you see a woman trying to drive a horse. It may the poor horse must suffer.

The specific germ from which whooping cough is developed is be-Civil War of 1861-65. On the verge their infancy. On the death of Mrs. tress and I and the children were in lieved to exist in the mucus expecto-