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### Five Minute Chats on Our Presidents

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1773-February 9, birth of Willlam Henry Harrison at Berkeley, Va. 1791-Entered the army. 1801-14-Governor of territory

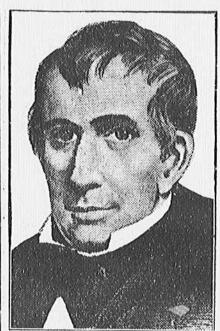
of Indiana. 1811-Battle of Tippecance. 1816-19—Member of congress. 1819-21---Member of Ohio senate. 1825-28—United States senator.

1828-29---Minister to Colombia. 1836-Candidate for president. 1841—March 4, inaugurated ninth president, aged 68. April 4, died in the White House, aged 68.

LTHOUGH William Henry Har-A rison was elected to the presidency as the log-cabin candidate, in the first of our frenzied, parading campaigns, he was born to one of "the first families of Virginia," in a manor house on the banks of the aristocratic James. As a son of Benjamin Harrison, signer of the Declaration, with the blood of Pocahontas in his veins, and as a descendant of a Cromwellian colonel who signed the death warrant of a king, no president has had a longer, more historic lineage.

In ability William Henry Harrison fell below the standard of his predecessors. He was elected not because he was a great statesman or a great soldier, but because he was thoroughly representative of the new West, which was flattered to see in the White House for the first time a man created in its

At Harrison's inauguration the presidency entered an eclipse and was held for 20 years by secondary characters, who reigned, but did not rule. With men of the eminence of Clay and Webster, Calhoun and Ben-



William Henry Harrison.

ton, latterly Cass and Houston, Douglas and Davis, Case and Wade, Seward and Sumner in the senate, distinction and leadership passed from the White House to the capitol. It was an ignoble period in our politics when both parties were dodging the irrepressible issue of slavery, and the smaller the candidate for president the better chance he had to dodge the question.

In the teeth of a piercing northwest. wind, the old farmer president-elect, bareheaded and disdaining the protection of an overcoat, rode horseback to the capitol. After addressing a great crowd that shivered in its shawls and furs, he insisted, though half-frozen, on remounting his horse and leading the inaugural parade,

No sooner was the first Whig president in the chair than the claims of factions and the ciamor for patronage assalled him. Clay had declined cabinet honors-and labors-in the confident expectation of playing the easier and more powerful role of the power behind the throne. The imperious manner of the Great Comconer wounding the presidential pride, he was requested to make his extls at the White House as infrequent and inconspicuous as he conweniently could. Thereupon his total absence became embarrassingly con-

The one clear mandate of the elec-tion of 1840 was to turn out the Demo-crats and give the jobs to the Whigs, Straightway a bungry he de Pell upon Harrison and literally devouced him. In a month to a day he was dead of pneumonia, the first president to dle in office throughout the more than 50 years of its existence.

This briefest of administrations is a pathetic little story of a simple, lonely old man, lured from his farm to be the sport of politics. Alling in body and harried in mind, he was without the care and companionship of his good wife, Anna Symmes Harrison, daughter of a New Jersey colonel in the Revolution who became one of the pioneer soldiers of Ohio. Broken by the hard toll of a frontier household and sorrowing for the loss of eight of her ten children, this wife of one president and grandmother of another, still was making ready to take if her duties as mistress of the White House when the news of her husband's death came to her. '

## AT JAPAN SHRINES

Sights Worth Seeing in the Empire's Temple Cities.

Beautiful Scenery of Nikko and the Flowery Great Yeddo in the Capital Well Repay Visitor for the Excursion.

"Many feet are now treading their way to the shrines in the temple cities of Japan," says the third of a series of bulletins from the National Geographic society on the places which will be visited by members of congress on their trip to the Orient.

"Eager Americans will stroll along the shady streets of Nikko to the tombs of the shoguns and drink in the indescribable beautiful scenery, their lips all the while murmuring the Japanese word kekko (beautiful), which the Japanese say one never learns to pronounce until he has seen the city of Nikko. In Tokyo, called the Flowery Great Yeddo, the capital of the empire, they will see the imperial palace and the remains of the former glory of the shoguns, a family of military governors who were the virtual rulers of Japan for several centuries, and in Kyoto they will probably get a confused, hazy idea of one or two of the 800 Buddhist temples and 80 Shinto shrines. "Perhaps, too, in the temples of

Tokyo a bit of American pocket money will go to a priest for printing a pretty prayer on a slip of paper, which the visitor, in true pilgrim fashion, will press to his forekend and to his breast and then fasten to the temple wall in order that it may be a perpetual petition. But then when there are 30,000 delties to whom devout Japanese write, a few American pleas will scarcely clog the celestial postal serv-

"There will be many native pilgrims on the way to the shrines. During the summer months, when the crops have been taken care of, the village folk, though they have the temples of their own patron deity and the fox god, feel that they must send out a pilgrim or two to the sacred mountains and holy places of Japan to worship in behalf of those who cannot go, and so they provide a fund for his expenses. Nor does the emissary travel in state. Life for him loses most of its perplexities. He is equipped with a cheap white cotton shirt that can be easily washed, tightfitting trousers and a loose white cotton jacket which he tucks in with stiff straw hat, and on his back he carries a piece of matting which serves him as an umbrella by day and as a bed at night.

"In Nikko, though be does not come especially to visit the tombs of the shoguns, he 'leafs and 'mvites his soul' within the shadow of the two great mausolea of the founder of the line and his grandson, the merciless enemy of Christianity, which stand on the side of the mountain. Up, up, up, he climbs through courtyard and garden. past one splendor after another, until he reaches the beautiful temple and the actual burial place of a line of rulers who usurped the sovereignty of the empire and held it for almost three centuries, making the few years covering the glory of Napoleon and Cromwell insignificant indeed. When the pilgrim reaches the top of the mountain he prays. Then he smokes a pipe or two and leisurely takes up his journey to the next shrine.

"In August the pilgrim rolls off his mat and the visitor from foreign lands climbs out of bed at the crack of dawn to hear the lotus flower bloom, for the buds burst with a pleasing character istic sound.

If Nikko is the most beautiful city in Japan, Kyoto can be called the most interesting. Here the feminine visitor finds herself bewildered by the most exquisitely wrought of all ite pottery, cloisonne, bronzes, fans and velvets. After she has bought more than she can comfortably get home with, she probably will want to see a bit of the mikado's palace which covers over 25 acres of ground and is surrounded by a great wall with six gates, or fourney out to see the largest lake in Japan, Lake Biwa, and the 1,200-year-old pine tree which stands

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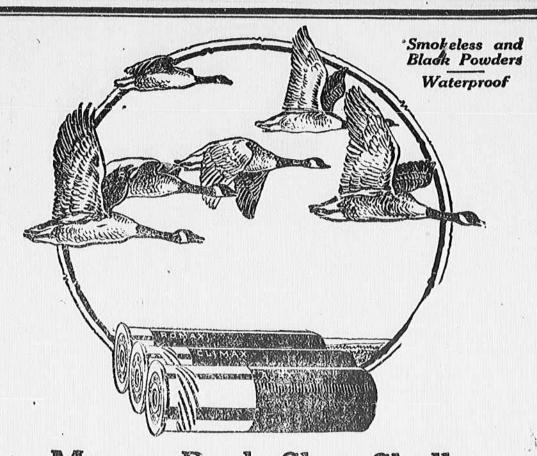
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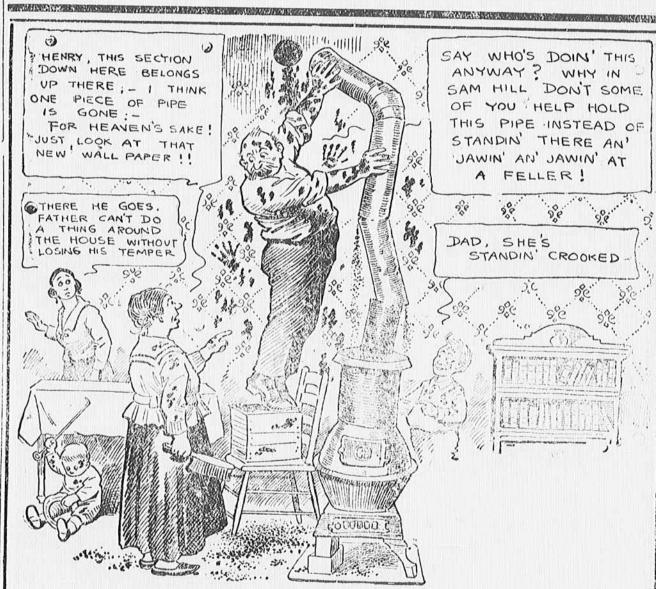


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