

THE KNOT TIED.

The President and Miss Folsom
Securely Bound in the Holy
Bonds of Matrimony.

A Quiet and Unostentatious Ceremony
in the Blue Room of the Executive Mansion.

Profusion of Flowers, Elegant Toilets, and
Sweet Music Lend Enchantment
to the Scene.

The wedding of President Cleveland and Miss Folsom took place at the Executive Mansion in Washington on the evening of the 2d inst. It was witnessed only by the members of the Cabinet, their wives, and twelve relatives or friends of the contracting parties. Rev. Dr. Sunderland performed the ceremony in the blue room, amidst a mass of rare flowers. The bride's dress was of ivory satin, garnished with Indian muslin. The President and his bride left in the private coach of Robert Garrett for the cottage of ex-Senator Davis at Deer Park, Maryland. A report of the wedding festivities is appended.

Arrival of the Bride.

Miss Folsom arrived at Washington in the private car of President Roberts, of the Pennsylvania Railroad, at 5:30 a. m., and was met at the depot by Miss Rose Cleveland, who conducted her to President Cleveland's carriage. Miss Folsom was followed by her mother and her cousin, Mr. Benjamin Folsom, who also got into the carriage, and they were all driven rapidly to the White House. There they were welcomed by the President and his sister, Miss Hoyt.

Miss Folsom refreshed herself, changed her dress for one of lighter hue, and joined the others at breakfast. They were a very merry party.

Miss Folsom spent the entire day in the private portion of the house with her mother, Miss Cleveland, Mrs. Hoyt, and Miss Nelson. Miss Cleveland gave her some interesting information about the management of the domestic affairs of the executive mansion.

Getting Out the License.

About 10 o'clock in the morning Col. Lamont got into the White House carriage and was driven to the office of the Clerk of the Supreme Court of the District, where, upon the payment of a bland silver dollar, he received the following permit:

"To any minister of the gospel authorized to celebrate marriage in the District of Columbia, greeting: You are hereby licensed to solemnize the rites of marriage between Frank Folsom of Buffalo, N. Y., and Grover Cleveland, of Buffalo, N. Y., if you find no lawful impediment thereto; and, having so done, you are commanded to appear in the Clerk's office of the Supreme Court of said District, and certify the same.

"Witness my hand and seal of this court this 2d day of June, 1886. R. R. MERRIS, Clerk."

Beneath this is a blank form which, when filled out by the minister, will read as follows:

"I, Byron Sunderland, minister of the First Presbyterian Church, hereby certify that, by authority of a license issued to me as the foregoing, I solemnized the marriage of the parties aforesaid on the 2d day of June, 1886, at the White House, in the District of Columbia."

BYRON SUNDERLAND."

A Rehearsal.

On the Colonel's return to the White House he was closeted with the President for some time. The offices of the second floor were deserted by all but Chief Clerk Pruden, who was preparing bills for the President to sign, just as though it were the regular day. At 9 o'clock Dr. Sunderland appeared and asked to see Col. Lamont.

"I have the form of the ceremony made up in the rough," he said, "and I have come up here to perfect it. I have hardly had time to think since Friday night. I have had so many newspaper men after me that I have had to sit up until two o'clock in the morning to be able to write anything."

The reverend doctor was in a most pleasantly excited condition, and almost completely out of breath. After waiting a moment he was ushered into the red parlor, where he had a conversation with the President. The rehearsal of the wedding took place at 12:30. It was informal, and was not held in the public parlor. The President, Miss Folsom and Dr. Sunderland sat down in Miss Cleveland's little parlor, and the couple quietly went over the services together. There were some changes made to suit the taste of the contracting parties. When the rehearsal was over the President stepped out and called in his brother, the Rev. William Cleveland. Then the President said to Dr. Sunderland that he had not expected his brother to be present, but that he had arrived at the eleventh hour. It would please him greatly, therefore, Dr. Sunderland could contrive some means by which his brother could participate in the services.

Dr. Sunderland said that he did not know of any way in which the services could be set up, but he suggested that the Rev. Mr. Cleveland deliver the benediction. It was arranged that way. The President at first was averse to having the form of the ceremony made public, but he was finally persuaded.

Approaching the Auspicious Hour.

About 6:30 o'clock Secretary Lamar came lumbering up the flagstone walk, and was followed a few moments later by the wizened old Dr. Sunderland. After a short time the guests began to arrive rapidly in the following order: Postmaster General Vilas and wife, Mr. William Bissell, Secretary and Mrs. Endicott, Secretary Bayard, Secretary and Mrs. Whitney, and Secretary Manning and wife. Attorney General Garland did not put in an appearance. Various reasons are assigned for his absence, the most plausible being his well-known antipathy to full dress. He made a solemn vow not very long ago that he would not appear in public in a dress suit. The carriages of the guests drew up on Pennsylvania Avenue near the main entrance. The guests were shown into the state dining-room, where their wives were received, and there they were ushered into the blue-room, where they were received by Miss Rose Cleveland, and where conversation was entered into for a few moments.

The blue-room seemed to have received the principal attention of the decorators, and the work was well done. The display of flowers was simply magnificent. The room was a mass of exotic plants.

There were now present in the blue-room: Mrs. Folsom, mother of the bride; the Rev. Dr. William Cleveland, the President's brother; Miss Cleveland and Mrs. Hoyt, the President's sisters; Secretary of State Bayard, Secretary of Treasury Manning, his wife, Secretary of War Endicott and wife; Secretary of the Navy and wife; Postmaster General Vilas and wife; Secretary Lamar; Private Secretary Lamont and wife; Benjamin Folsom of Buffalo, Mr. and Mrs. Rogers of Seneca Falls, Mrs. Cadmar and Miss Huddleston of Detroit, Mr. and Mrs. Harmon of Boston (relatives of the bride); Mr. and Mrs. Nelson of New York, Mr. W. S. Bissell of Buffalo, the President's law partner, and the Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Byron Sunderland.

Miss Rose Cleveland was looking very fresh, although she had been up since 4:30 in the morning. She wore an exquisite dress of Nile green and cameo pink duchesse satin with silver ornaments, low corsage, garnished with pink roses, short sleeves, demi-length gloves in light tan. She carried a fan of pink curly feathers.

Mrs. Folsom wore a dress of violet satin, with garniture in white faille, with crystal violet drops in pendants everywhere.

Mrs. Hoyt, the President's sister, wore a dainty costume en traine of China crepe in robin's-egg blue, most effectively garnished with rare old lace. Her flowers were La France roses.

Mrs. Manning's dress was of white satin, flounced across the front with duchesse lace, trimmings finished with sea-pears, square neck, and elbow sleeves. Diamond ornaments.

Mrs. Endicott wore satin with silver and white sapphires, draped in black Chantilly lace. Red pompon in hair and diamond ornaments.

Mrs. Whitney wore a bodice of violet with white satin and tulie skirt trimmed with pink roses. Diamond ornaments.

Mrs. Vilas' dress was a light-blue silk with

long train strown with daisies of silver, front of crystal and point lace and pearl trimming. Low neck and elbow sleeves.

Mrs. Lamont wore an ivory-tinted satin dress, demi-train, with a panel of crystal and pearl on the left side of the skirt, square-necked corsage, edged with crystal and jet fringe, elbow sleeves, and a beautiful corsage bouquet of jacqueminot roses.

Mrs. Rogers, cousin of the bride, was dressed in a costume of delicate cameo pink, with black lace draperies and jacqueminot roses.

Mrs. Cadmar, a relative of the bride, wore a white satin dress in traine, with black lace and jacqueminot roses.

Mrs. Harmon wore a satin dress of light orange.

Mrs. Nelson wore a handsome costume of corn-colored satin, with overdrapes of white antique lace, cut pompadour, with low corsage and elbow sleeves. Her flowers were jacqueminot roses.

Miss Hudleston was dressed in pink silk with blue trimming.

Mrs. Sunderland's dress was gray satin trimmed with lace, long train, square neck, and elbow sleeves.

It wanted ten minutes of seven o'clock when Miss Cleveland, Mrs. Folsom, and the wedding guests placed themselves in a circle about the blue-room. Mr. Bayard, standing at the head of the line on the left, and Mr. Cleveland's brother stood at the other end of the procession. The Cabinet officers did not arrange themselves according to their rank, but stood in line just as chance placed them. Mr. Lamar was next to Mr. Bayard, and Mr. Whitney stood above Mr. Vilas.

At exactly 7 a messenger made a quiet signal to Colonel Lamont from the red parlor, and the Colonel repeated the signal to Dr. Sunderland, who immediately took his position in front of the great bank of flowers at the south end of the room. A second later the Marine Band, which was stationed in the ante-room, struck up Mendelssohn's "Wedding March," while boomerang cameos from up-stairs began. Then the messenger from up-stairs began, and the bridal party appeared.

All were anxious to watch the President's bearing, and all agree that he was cool and composed, showing that same self-posse exhibited



and in sorrow, and, forsaking all others, keep you only unto him so long as you both shall live?

The bride answered, in a low but clear voice, "I do."

Dr. Sunderland—In token of the same let the wedding ring be passed.

Mr. Cleveland put the plain gold band on the bride's extended finger, and with increased solemnity Dr. Sunderland said: "Forasmuch as Grover and Frank have here agreed and covenanted to live together after God's ordinance in the holy estate of wedlock, and have confirmed the same by giving and taking a wedding ring; now, therefore, in the presence of this company, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, I pronounce and declare that you are husband and wife, and that God hath joined together no man put asunder."

The Rev. Dr. Cleveland then pronounced the benediction: "God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost, bless, preserve, and keep you, the Lord mercifully fill you with all spiritual blessings, and grant that you may so live together in this world that in the world to come you may have life everlasting. Amen."

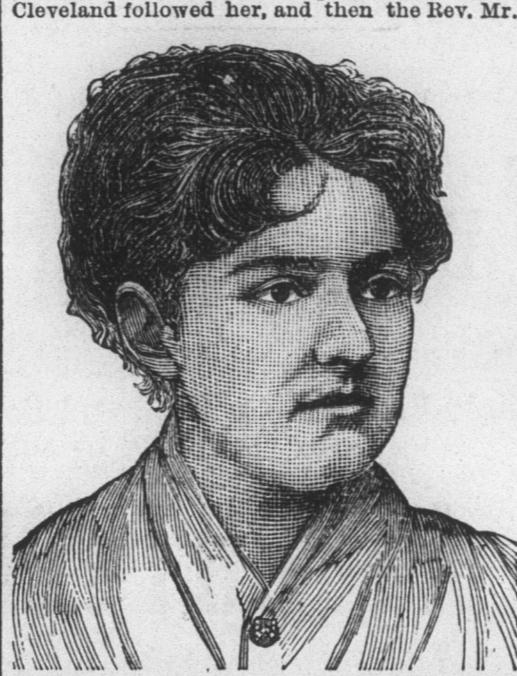
The Bridegroom's Kiss.

President Cleveland bent over and kissed his bride full on the lips. The other guests present were not accorded the privilege of saluting the bride, who confined her favors to the ladies; otherwise, however, there was nothing to mar the harmony of the occasion.

Congratulations.

Mr. Whitmore made a graceful speech to Mrs. Cleveland, and Mr. Lamar showered compliments upon her. He said that he had never in his life seen any one who so completely satisfied his ideal of a mistress of the White House. "You will not only rule as a queen in the White House," he said, "but you will also be a queen in all hearts." "You are a queen," which Mr. Lamar also knows, how to make was considered the banner compliment of the evening.

Mrs. Folsom, the bride's mother, who had shown deep emotion during the ceremony, was the first to tender her congratulations. Miss Cleveland followed her, and then the Rev. Mr.



Cleveland and other relatives and friends in turn. While these congratulations were going on the Marine Band performed the bridal chorus and march from "Lohengrin."

Meanwhile the chimes throughout the city were making pleasant music, and Presidential salutes were fired by batteries of artillery near the river. The chime of bells of the Metropolitan Methodist Episcopal Church rang out Mendelssohn's Wedding March.

President Cleveland and his bride led the way into the East Room, the adornments of which were in keeping with its majestic proportions, and its ample space and brilliant illumination gave an excellent opportunity for a display of the ladies' toilets. The room presented a mass of exotic plants.

In the Dining-Room.

After a brief season of promenading and conversation, during which the congratulations were renewed, the company proceeded to the dining-room of the mansion, where a collation was served. There was a formal order observed: the guests sat at the small tables, or slowly promenaded the room as they discussed the menu. The souvenirs of satin boxes containing pieces of the bridal cake, each one bearing the hand-painted monogram of "C. F.," were presented themselves a cartoon on John Kelly was always in order, and Kelly has been seen on a street-car perusing this very paper, his eye twinkling merrily when he found a humorous representation of himself. John's strong characteristic was his unostentatiousness, and for that reason people know very little about his private life.

John Kelly was born in New York City April 20, 1822. His father died when he was 8 years old. When the New York *Herald* was in its infancy young Kelly walked into the office one day and asked the elder Bennett if he wanted an office boy. Bennett was a good judge of character and quick in deciding. He talked with the youth a few minutes, and then told him to go to work. He became a great favorite with Bennett, and when at length he grew older and determined on learning a trade, so as to better support the large family that was depending on him, Mr. Bennett offered him strong inducements to remain, and on parting with him predicted that he would succeed anywhere. The elder Bennett was as strong a friend of Kelly's as the present Bennett was a bitter enemy. Kelly learned the trade of soapstone cutting and grating, at which he afterward made a considerable fortune. He proved to be a remarkably shrewd business man, and his faith in the future of New York City was so great that with every \$200 or \$300 he would get he bought a lot up-town; these lots are worth to-day from \$5,000 to \$10,000, and Mr. Kelly has died a millionaire. Though his charity was distributed most secretly, it is estimated that he dispensed \$250,000 in that way. When a young man John was notable as an athlete. He learned the trade of soapstone cutting and grating, at which he afterward made a considerable fortune. He proved to be a remarkably shrewd business man, and his faith in the future of New York City was so great that with every \$200 or \$300 he would get he bought a lot up-town; these lots are worth to-day from \$5,000 to \$10,000, and Mr. Kelly has died a millionaire. Though his charity was distributed most secretly, it is estimated that he dispensed \$250,000 in that way. When a young man John was notable as an athlete. 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