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WEN Mrs. Herbert Hoover or Mrs. Al Smith sets up her domestic menage in the White House next March, she will do it according to customs established by 32 predecessors, women of unusual personalities and talents who have molded to its present form the glamorous role of First Lady of the Land.

Love, romance, adventure, success and failure have come to them while mistresses of the nation's first home. Three of them, Letitia Christian Tyler, Caroline Scott Harrison and Ellen Axson Wilson died there; three more, Julia Gardner Tyler, Frances Folsom Cleveland and Edith Galt Wilson, by marrying men already in office, came to the White House as brides. Only two of our Presidents were bachelors when inaugurated, a proportion which shows them to be no exception to the rest of humanity in this particular respect. They were James Buchanan and Grover Cleveland, and Mr. Cleveland remained single only a year after his term began. Three Presidents were widowers when they took the oath of office, and to daughters or sisters fell the responsibilities of First Lady of the Land.

Mariah Washington, the first to hold this position, had no White House in which to entertain the diplomats and foreign guests of the new Republic, but the elaborate formality of the receptions, levees and musicales held in the temporary Presidential residence at Philadelphia set a definite social tradition. "Lady" Washington was a widow when she married the famous general, the mother of two children, and she brought him a \$100,000 estate which helped make him the richest colonist in his part of the country. She is described as a quiet, unassuming woman, a good mother and a charming hostess, who held "court" with her idolized husband with ease and grace in spite of the lavish ceremony the times demanded.

It was thus to Abigail Smith Adams, wife of the second President of the United States, that fell the distinction of being the first mistress of the White House. She was introduced to her new abode on a bleak November day in 1800. Behind her lay a tortuous stage-coach journey over the miles of mud and wilderness which lay between her and her luxurious Philadelphia home. And before her—well, read what that staid and brilliant woman wrote her sister a little later:

"I arrived about one o'clock at this place, known by the name of the City, and the name all you can call so, as I expected to find it a new country, with houses scattered over a space of ten miles and trees and stumps in plenty with a castle of a house—so I found it. The President's house is in a beautiful situation, in front of which is the Potomac. . . . I have been to Georgetown. . . . It is the dirtiest hole I ever saw for a place of any trade or respectability of inhabitants. . . . This house is twice as large as our meeting house. I believe the great hall is as big. I am sure it is twice as long. Cut your coat according to your cloth—but this house is built for ages to come!"

Mrs. Adams was compelled to endure embryonic Washington only three months, for President Jefferson moved in the next March. Jefferson was a widower and affairs at the "Castle" were ordered by his two daughters and by the vivacious and popular Dolly Madison at that time wife of the secretary of state. For 16 years, while Jefferson built to colorful dignity the social life of the new White House; for over 50 years she held undisputed sway over Washington society. She was not handsome; it has even been said that, though brought up in the Quaker faith, she rouged, took snuff and played cards for high stakes. But, according to one of her biographers, this daughter of South Carolina "is believed to have made a greater contribution to the social life of the country than any other woman who had the honor of living in the White House."

## Coincidences of Early Presidents

The following remarkable coincidences were noticeable in the names and lives of the first seven Presidents of the United States—Washington, John Adams, Jefferson, Madison, Monroe, John Quincy Adams and Jackson: First—Four of the seven were from the same state (Virginia).

Second—Two others bearing the same name (Adams) were from the same state.

# The First Lady of the Land

## The Kitchen Cabinet

(© 1923, Western Newspaper Union.)  
When I was younger, I did oft frequent  
The Married Bunch, and heard  
Great Argument  
About the Fearful Price of Eggs  
and How  
To get a Dollar's work out of a  
Cent.  
And when I asked of them their  
Recompense,  
What did they get for Keeping  
Down Expense—  
Oh, many a cup of Coffee, Steam-  
Must drown the Memory of their  
Insolence. —Myrtle Reed.

### GOOD THINGS TO EAT

A sweet omelet is a delicious lunch-  
eon dish when one likes something  
light, not too hard  
of digestion, and still  
nourishing. Add a teaspoonful  
of powdered sugar  
to the omelet and  
after the bottom is  
well cooked  
spread a layer of  
jelly that has been  
melted over hot water, before it is  
folded. Finely chopped fresh fruits  
are good; if juicy pour the juice  
around the omelet when it is on the  
plate.

A good rabbit touches the spot for  
a supper dish or for a bite after an  
afternoon hike.

**Tomato Rarebit.**—Take two cupfuls  
of tomato, one cupful of grated  
cheese, one green pepper and one  
slice of onion well chopped. Mix to  
matoes, cheese, pepper. Add the  
onion to two tablespoonsfuls of butter  
and cook five minutes, then add the  
vegetable and cheese mixture. When  
well heated add four eggs (yolks and  
whites beaten separately) lightly mix  
and turn into a saucepan, stirring  
constantly until the eggs are cooked.  
Serve hot on buttered toast.

**Creamed Eggs With Onion.**—Fry  
two small sliced onions in butter until  
a light yellow. Stir in one cupful  
of rich milk or thin cream, add two  
tablespoonsfuls of flour thinned with  
a little cream, cook until well sea-  
soned with salt, pepper and a pinch  
of nutmeg, then add hard cooked  
eggs, six to eight, neatly sliced or cut  
into quarters. Heat thoroughly and  
serve.

**Pineapple Salad.**—Place a slice of  
pineapple on lettuce and in the center  
put a ball of nicely seasoned cot-  
tage cheese. Dot with a cherry or  
with a dash of paprika. Serve with  
any good salad dressing.

**Sweet Potatoes de Luxe.**—Boil six  
medium-sized potatoes until well  
done. Cut into slices lengthwise and  
arrange in layers in a buttered bak-  
ing dish, using one tablespoonful  
of diced pineapple on the layers. Sea-  
son with salt, and dot with butter  
and brown sugar, a teaspoonful to  
each slice. Bake one-half hour, keep-  
ing covered the first half of the time.  
When done garnish with marsh-  
mallows and leave to puff and brown.  
Serve at once.

**Just a plain apple pie** may become  
something unusual by serving it with  
whipped cream which has been mixed  
with a little grated cheese.

**Tasty Tid-Bits.**

We enjoy a cupful of tea with our  
friends. Serving tea in the afternoon,  
if with a small  
sandwich or cake,  
will not spoil the  
appetite for the  
evening meal.

The custom of  
tea drinking in  
England is so  
common and  
cakes, marmalade as well as sand-  
wiches are so often served that it  
would interfere greatly if the dinner  
hour was not much later than it is  
in America.

A cracker crisped in the oven and  
topped with cottage cheese and a  
cherry or a cube of jelly served with  
a cupful of tea is quite sufficient. Gi-  
ngerbread cut in small rounds and  
topped with thick apple sauce, is an  
other good tea cake. Gingerbread with  
cottage cheese is well liked.

**Pecan and Cheese Crackers.**—Take  
fresh crisp crackers longer than wide,  
cover with a strip of any good snappy  
cheese, cut a little smaller than the  
cracker. On this lay halves of pecan  
meats in a row—four or five. Place  
in a hot oven and melt the cheese.  
Serve hot, with hearts of celery.

**Krimmel Torte.**—Put one-half pound  
each of dates and figs through a meat  
chopper, add three tablespoonsfuls of  
bread crumbs and six egg whites beat-  
en stiff folded in very lightly. Flavor  
with vanilla and build in layer tins in  
a very slow oven. Serve with whipped  
and flavored cream.

**Vanilla Ice Cream With Maple Nou-  
gat.**—Boil two cupfuls of maple sugar  
and one-half cupful of cream until a  
waxy ball is formed in cold water.  
Take at once from the fire, stir until  
cold, adding one-half cupful of chopped  
pecan meats. This is poured hot, re-  
heating it, over ice cream.

**Spiced Walnuts.**—Take two cupfuls  
of walnut meats, one cupful of sugar,  
one-fourth cupful of water, three-  
fourths of a teaspoonful of cinnamon.  
Mix the sugar and water and  
boil until it hardens. Take from the  
fire, stir in the cinnamon and add the  
walnuts. Stir until the nuts are  
thoroughly coated with the syrup.  
Spread on a platter to cool.

**Blondes in Minority**

Some enterprising individual recently  
discovered that only one blonde has  
been wife of a President and she was the  
famous Dolly Madison. Harriet  
Lane, niece of Buchanan, first lady  
during her uncle's regime, was blonde, too.

### Dreaded Amphibian

The wickedest crocodile known is  
the Java man eating "crock." It some-  
times grows to 35 feet in length in its  
wild state.

### Latest Toad Story

Mrs. Sarah Chaloupka, of Wyoming,  
Iowa, is telling a toad story. Her  
toad, a tree toad, she says, croaks  
though it has been imbedded in the  
concrete basement wall of her home  
11 years. The toad was not heard  
until a year after the house was built,  
and is silent in the winter, but through  
the spring, summer and fall it is noisy.  
Three years ago, according to Mrs.  
Chaloupka, the toad was silent and she  
thought it was dead, but a few  
days later she heard it again and to  
day it is croaking as merrily as ever.

## Touches that Add Style to Dresses

By MAE MARTIN



It's amazing to see how faded,  
out-of-style dresses can be transformed  
by a few buttons, a little braid and the  
quick magic of home dyeing or  
tinting. You don't need any  
experience to tint or dye successfully  
if you are sure to use true, fadeless  
Diamond Dyes. Tinting with them is  
as bluing, and dyeing takes just  
a little more time to "set" the colors.  
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give things that re-dyed look which  
comes from using inferior dyes. In  
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appointment. Over 20 million packages  
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clothes and draperies. It's Free. Write  
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## When Food Sours

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"indigestion" have only an acid condi-  
tion which could be corrected in five  
or ten minutes. An effective anti-acid  
like Phillips Milk of Magnesia soon  
restores digestion to normal.

Phillips goes away with all that  
sourness and gas right after meals. It  
prevents the distress so apt to occur  
two hours after eating. What a pleasant  
preparation to take! And how  
good it is for the system! Unlike a  
burning dose of soda—which is but  
temporary relief at best—Phillips  
Milk of Magnesia neutralizes many  
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Next time a hearty meal, or too rich  
a diet has brought on the least dis-  
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### Wrote Checks

Bill Younger and Curtis Benton,  
both well known scenario writers, had  
been discussing a certain candidate  
for membership in the Writers' Club  
when Benton suddenly exclaimed:  
"And there's another fellow who lives  
by his pen!"

Younger looked at the uncouth chap  
Benton had pointed out and finally said:  
"You can never make me believe  
that fellow's a writer."

"I merely said he lived by his pen,"  
asserted Benton. "He keeps hogs."

## WILL DO ALL IT CLAIMS TO DO

### Mrs. Steele Says of Lydia E. Pink- ham's Vegetable Compound

Pratt, W. Va.—"I was so weak  
and nervous that I was in bed most  
all the time and couldn't sit up  
and I am only 30 years old. I  
saw your advertisement in a maga-  
zine and after I had taken three  
doses of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vege-  
table Compound I could feel that  
I was better. After taking two  
bottles I began doing my work and  
I feel like a new woman. I recom-  
mend the Vegetable Compound to  
my friends and say it will do all it  
claims to do and more. I will gladly  
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S. E. STEELE, Pratt, W. Va.

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### Habit of Saving Grows

The American Bankers' association  
has made the statement that in 1918  
there were 10,000,000 savings accounts,  
and the number is now more than 40,  
000,000.

### Getting Rid of Pests

Place a clean white cloth over the  
top of the bird's cage at night if both-  
ered with canary lice. By morning  
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minute red pests.

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would also have been sixty-six on  
retiring.

Seventh—Three of the seven died  
on July 4, and two of them on the  
same day and year.

Eighth—Only one of the seven had  
a son, and that son was one of the  
seven Presidents.

Ninth—Two of them were of the  
subcommittee of three that drafted  
the Declaration of Independence, and  
these two were they that died on the  
same day and year, and on the anni-  
versary of the Declaration in 1855.

pendence, and which happened just  
half a century from the day of the

declaration.

Tenth—In respect to the names of  
all, it may be said in conclusion, that  
the initials of two of the seven were  
the same—and the initials of still two  
others were the same. The remaining  
one who stands alone in this particu-  
lar, stands alone also in the adminis-  
tration and love of his countrymen and  
of the civilized world—Washington.—  
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