

THE CABINET LADIES.

Sketches and Portraits of the Wives of the New Secretaries.

The Social Leaders at the Capital as Seen by Nellie Ely.

Personal Characteristics of the Wives of the Cabinet Officers.

The Next Four Seasons Not Likely to Be Marked by Social Brilliancy.

Wife Mrs. Blaine, as the Wife of the President, Will Rank Next to Mrs. Harrison. Her Popularity Will Not Be Great. Mrs. Winthrop Will Be a Social Light. The Empire State Will Be Represented by Mrs. Gen. Tracy and Her Daughter. The Wife of the Millitary Secretary. General and Her Liberal Charities. The Merry Family of Attorney-General Miller. Mrs. Rank's Long Experience in Public Life. The Literary Taste of Mrs. Gen. Noble. Mrs. Prentiss's Strong Religious Views. Their Friends and Families.

wood in its stead, so that she is now known as Harriet Stanwood Wood. Being compelled to toil for a livelihood she became a schoolteacher with the highest recommendation for a teacher was her firm disapproval of her teaching was considered a success. It was during her career as a teacher in Kentucky, at Thornton's Female Seminary, that she met Mr. Blaine. The latter was the Principal of the Western Military Institute at Blue Lick Springs, a nearby school. He was not completely satisfied with her as time as was Miss Stanwood. They were married at Pittsburg, Pa., in 1861. It was due to Mrs. Blaine's persuasion that Mr. Blaine removed to Augusta, Me., and it is said that he is largely influenced by his wife.



MRS. BLAINE.

Since 1860 Mr. Blaine has been an active politician, and in many instances Mrs. Blaine has been a great source of unpopularity to his friends and admirers. The Blaines have an ample fortune and will endeavor to take a prominent place in society for the next four years. They will do it, for there are few people who would dare to show their animosity. Mrs. Blaine is not an unbecomingly woman. She is of good height and dresses well, but she is growing stout, and while one may admire her artistically dressed white hair, they cannot fail to note the marks of age on her face. She rules the finances and has built up the fortune that Mr. Blaine has.

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It is stated as a remarkable fact that a woman so ambitious to be the foremost lady in the land should have been seen as a social leader to her husband's chance for the position which she has so craved. But it is true, many declare, that the recognized leader of the Republican party would have been the wife of the United States had his wife been a woman of more pleasing personality and better adapted to gaining and holding friends.

It is not to be inferred by any means that Mrs. Blaine is ignorant or stupid woman. Added to the advantage of command of the English language, her husband, Mrs. Blaine has a natural brightness and a certain amount of inventive power which she shows in her letters. In 1857, Mrs. Blaine was fifty-nine years of age. Her father was a large and successful well-to-do merchant, who although by no means wealthy was a thorough-going business man and brought up a large family of children. Her mother's maiden name was Caldwell, which is a well-known and honored name in Augusta, Me. Mrs. Blaine's given name was Harriet Blaine, but she dropped the Blaine and adopted Stan-

Hatch. Her father was for fifty years a prominent Congregational minister. He lived in New Hampshire when his daughter Ellen was born, but shortly afterwards moved to New York. Ellen Hatch was called a beauty and a belle. She was bright, intelligent, clever, vivacious and of most charming manners. She was married and living in Ohio, that she met the handsome and popular favorite, William Winthrop. Their friendship began in childhood, and when she returned to her home in Massachusetts it did not become a thing of the past, but continued and grew more sincere until two years after, when the handsome young man followed Ellen to her home, where they were married.

Mr. Winthrop became a very successful man and Mrs. Winthrop became a favorite wherever they lived. She likes to be social and always pays strict attention to her social duties, but she never neglects her home, her husband, her children or her church. This she does not take time to mention to her life of content, nor does she knit woolen hosiery for the hearth, but her home is always attractive and her husband is always a devoted and affectionate friend. Her philanthropy is not less shown or done through curiosity, but she is always ready to assist in any good cause. Mrs. Winthrop is thoroughly a "good woman" and has raised a family who are living monuments to a mother's affection. Her only son, William D. Winthrop, is an architect, who is married and a resident of Boston. There are two daughters, Ellen H. and Florence B. Winthrop, who are still at home with their mother.

THE SECRETARY'S FAMILY. Miss Ellen Winthrop is in society, and will undoubtedly be a prominent figure in Washington society as she is a beauty. She has the grace of her mother and the affability of her father. She has received a most thorough education, and is a musician of great ability. Miss Florence B. Winthrop is still a schoolgirl, but she promises to rival her sister in beauty. She is a very winsome girl and very bright. Mr. and Mrs. Winthrop have two grandchildren, the infant son and daughter of the second grandchild. The Windows owned a fine house in Washington which they sold only last summer. For some time past Mrs. Winthrop and her daughter have resided at their home in Winona, Minn., but they were expected to join Mr. Winthrop in Washington last Thursday or Friday. They will undoubtedly begin house hunting, and when one settled there in Washington, one of the most popular households in Washington.

MRS. W. H. H. MILLER.

The Delightful Family of President Harrison's Old Law Partner. No change in fortune will ever make any New York lawyer as popular as William H. Miller, and his admirable wife. Last Fall when visited Mrs. Harrison in Indianapolis, I met Mrs. Miller, who has resided at their home in the Niagara House I again met Mrs. Miller, the wife of the Attorney-General of the United States. They will undoubtedly begin house hunting, and when one settled there in Washington, one of the most popular households in Washington.

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MRS. WILLIAM WINTHROP. The Wife of the Secretary of the Treasury Destined to Social Prominence. Mr. William Winthrop, wife of the Secretary of the Treasury, will undoubtedly be one of the most prominent women in Washington society during President Harrison's term. She is well known in Washington and was very popular during her husband's term of residence there. Mrs. Winthrop possesses every requisite for making her a leader.

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farm north of Indianapolis and during the summer he and Mrs. Miller drove out to it every day. Mrs. Miller has been married twenty-five years and is the mother of three children. Florence Gertrude, Samuel Duncan and Jessie. Florence Gertrude is a young lady and is in a most charming manner. She was graduated at a college in New Haven. She possesses remarkable musical abilities, and has a lovely contralto voice and plays both the piano and the organ. She is a most charming and popular favorite. William Winthrop. Their friendship began in childhood, and when she returned to her home in Massachusetts it did not become a thing of the past, but continued and grew more sincere until two years after, when the handsome young man followed Ellen to her home, where they were married.

THE ONLY SON. The only son of a handsome boy and gives promise of being a brilliant man. He is now in Hamilton College, New York. He is a most charming and popular favorite. William Winthrop. Their friendship began in childhood, and when she returned to her home in Massachusetts it did not become a thing of the past, but continued and grew more sincere until two years after, when the handsome young man followed Ellen to her home, where they were married.

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MRS. GEN. TRACY.

She and Her Daughter Will Represent New York at the National Convention. Mrs. Tracy will be prominent in representing New York in Washington. She was born in the Empire State, and is a woman of great beauty and refinement. They are both well known in Washington society.

THE TRACY FAMILY. The Tracy family, besides Gen. and Mrs. Tracy, consists of three children and one grandchild. Mrs. Emma L. Winthrop, the eldest, is a woman of great beauty and refinement. They are both well known in Washington society.

MRS. HARRISON'S INTIMATE FRIEND. Mrs. Harrison and Mrs. Miller also became intimate friends and for eight years they have been friends and neighbors. Mrs. Miller's lovely home, No. 665, North Delaware avenue, is almost entirely of brick, with a pinkish and white marble in a Queen Anne style, has wide porches and is surrounded by a large, smooth lawn. Her husband is a man of great ability and his wife is a woman of great beauty and refinement. They are both well known in Washington society.

MRS. TRACY. Alice Tracy Winthrop, the twelve-year-old grandchild, is the pet of the household. She is a most charming and popular favorite. William Winthrop. Their friendship began in childhood, and when she returned to her home in Massachusetts it did not become a thing of the past, but continued and grew more sincere until two years after, when the handsome young man followed Ellen to her home, where they were married.

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MRS. JOHN WANAMAKER.

Present characteristics of the "Empire State" wife of the Postmaster-General. Mrs. John Wanamaker's husband is undoubtedly the richest man in President Harrison's Cabinet, and Mrs. Wanamaker is one of the most retiring and modest women in the world. It is difficult to say what part she will take in Washington society, but it will surely be a quiet one. Mrs. Wanamaker was a Miss Mary Brown, of Philadelphia. Nathan Brown, her brother, went into the clothing business on a modest way with John Wanamaker in Oak Hall. Mr. Wanamaker had no money whatever then, and Miss Brown was the daughter of a well-to-do and prominent grocer. Through the brother they became acquainted, and when Miss Brown married Mr. Wanamaker he was a poor man. But wealth made no difference in Mrs. Wanamaker. When Mr. Wanamaker became one of the richest men in Pennsylvania, Mrs. Wanamaker was just as quiet and modest as when her husband was a poor man, but her work of charity grew larger and larger. She is a member of the Presbyterian Church, and takes a prominent part in all the real work, waiting and claiming none of the credit. Bethany Sunday-School, which she has also visited some two thousand five hundred scholars and teachers, is her special pride. Before she went abroad she was a most devoted and successful gardener of flowers, she walks daily at her place of duty.

IT IS DIFFICULT to write about Mrs. Wanamaker. Outside of her church duties she cares for little except to visit her circle of friends. These friends regard her as perfection, and she herself worship her. She has four children, Thomas, Edman, Minnie and William. Thomas is twenty-seven years old, and married Miss Minnie Walsh, of Philadelphia. Edman is twenty-five years old, married Miss Francis H. Tracy, of Philadelphia. Minnie is twenty years old, married Mr. John H. Tracy, of Philadelphia. William is sixteen years old, respectively. The home, No. 336 Walnut street, is said to be a palace in its furniture. It is the most beautiful and the most comfortable in the city. Mrs. Wanamaker's return from Paris, where she has gone with her daughter to her mother and French perfect. Mr. and Mrs. Brown, of Philadelphia, are also away traveling through Europe.



MRS. WANAMAKER.

Mrs. Wanamaker is a handsome woman. Indeed, when Dr. Preston returned from Europe he said that Mrs. Wanamaker was the handsomest woman he saw in Paris. Mr. Wanamaker laughed when told this, and asked Dr. Preston why he did not bring her back with him. She is about fifty-two years old, but looks much younger. She is probably five feet four inches in height, and quite plump, having a very pleasant figure. Her hair is brown and does not show any gray. She wears it twisted high on the head, and she has a slight snuff bridge, which she has apparently not been cut for some time. Her eyes are blue-gray in color and very calm and quiet. Her mouth is beautiful and her teeth perfect.

Her dresses are of the richest material but the most subdued colors. No gold is ever seen here on the streets in the Empire State. In Paris, Mr. Wanamaker is a very particular about her boots. There is only one kind she will wear and she wears them always. It is a medium height, French kid, with a yellow, protecting sole. The toecap is neither square nor pointed but rounded and slightly raised. Her feet are not of the first layers of leather. She buys a 4 1/2 D, but should wear a 5 D, and often does without knowing it. She always buys two pairs of shoes at a time and she only wears them until they are slightly rubbed with her skirts. The boot she buys for the house only differs from her street boot in having a thin, hand-knitted sole. A black open slipper, modestly beaded in black, is the only slipper she ever buys. She never wears anything but the best in her feet. She always has the wooden French heel removed from the slipper and replaced with a leather one.

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Our importations of Spring Goods begun to arrive and we are opening invoices every day. Our display of Millinery of every kind is especially attractive. Ladies experienced in shopping that there are just two times when can be bought to most advantage before the opening of a season after its close. It is a fact that we offer our customers new Spring this week at lower prices than they be bought for four or five weeks hence.

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