

ADMIRAL DEWEY'S HOME AND ITS MISTRESS.

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GEORGE DEWEY, third Admiral of the United States Navy, seized eagerly upon a method of making his popularity lasting, when, after the country had paid its magnificent tributes of recognition to his valor and strategic genius, he claimed as his wife Mrs. Mildred McLean Hazen, of Washington. All the world loves a lover, and if there is aught that can add to the popular regard for a hero, it is the wedding of that hero to a woman worthy to make his home brilliant. Americans all rejoiced when they knew that the handsome home given to the Admiral as a testimonial of their regard for him was to be presided over by a woman whose wit and

diplomacy will make it a social centre in a capital where brilliancy, such as no other capital on earth can equal, is the most pleasant feature of its public life.

The Dewey home is not too pretentious. It is in keeping with the democratic tastes of the people who gave it. It is attractive because it is homelike. The house is located on Rhode Island avenue, one of the most desirable of Washington's residence thoroughfares. Its cost was \$50,000, and its furnishings represent an additional expenditure of \$10,000. It is not quite so pretentious as the New York mansion that was presented to General Grant, nor does it represent so lavish an expenditure as that made for the home



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MRS. GEORGE DEWEY—THE LATEST PORTRAIT.

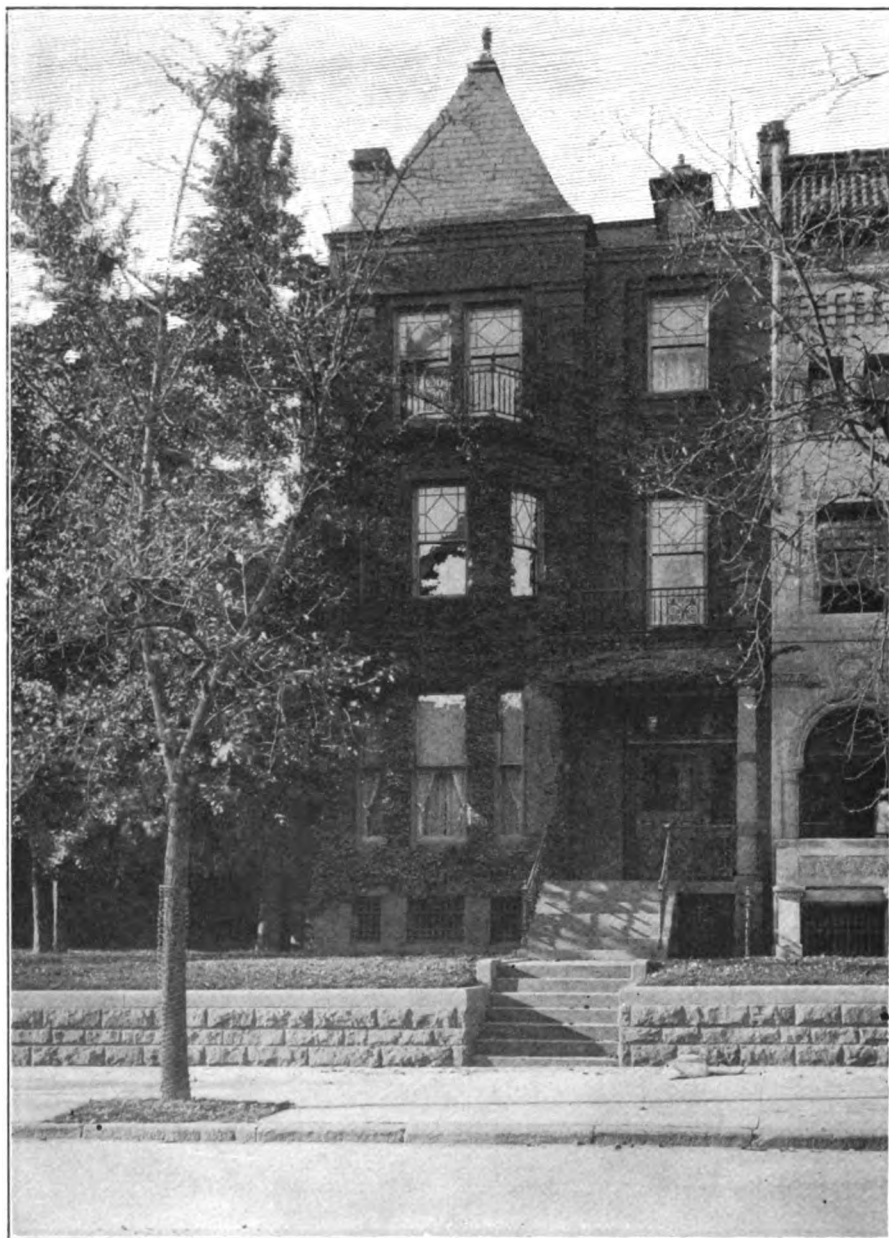


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FRONT VIEW OF THE DEWEY RESIDENCE.

for Mrs. Garfield at Cleveland. It was, however, approved of by the Admiral and by the lady who was afterward to become its mistress.

The marriage of Admiral Dewey and

Mrs. Hazen was just what might have been expected from Mrs. Hazen. Such a clever woman only could have planned the details of a simple wedding ceremony that "stole a march" on the

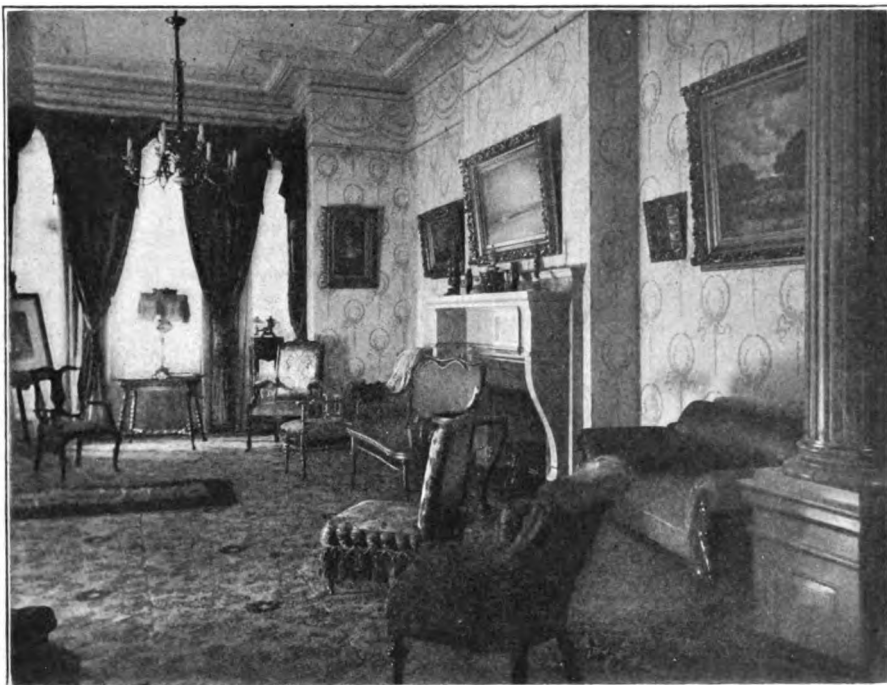


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THE PARLOR OF THE DEWEY HOME.

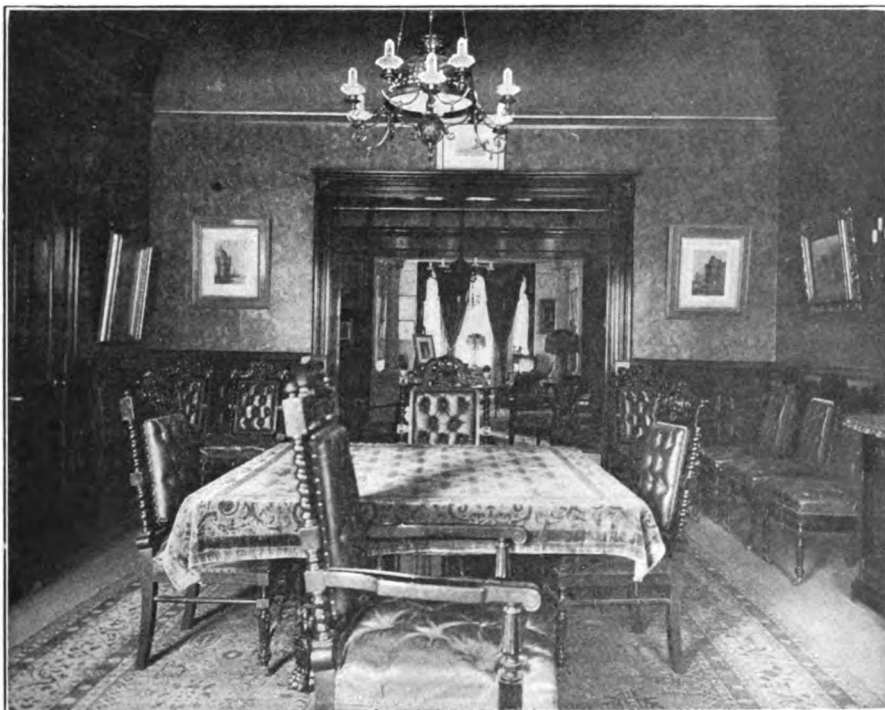


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DINING ROOM OF DEWEY RESIDENCE.



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RESIDENCE OF MRS. WASHINGTON McLEAN,
THE FORMER HOME OF MRS. DEWEY.

gossips who always crane their necks for a peep through the shutters when prominent people are to be married. Even a home wedding at the mansion of Mrs. McLean, her mother, would have stirred society, but the bride-to-be concluded to have no stir. In fact, the wedding followed so closely upon the announcement of the engagement that the gaping mouths had not closed after the preliminary surprise.

Mrs. Hazen is what some people would describe as wonderful. What that term implies in the minds of those who make use of it I cannot say. I know that she is attractive, that she is brilliant, that she has ambitions such as accord with her new position. I will not be surprised should she overcome Admiral Dewey's well-known and often expressed aversion to public life, and as a result of her persuasion we may yet have a naval hero in the White House. I do not predict this, but a woman who has accomplished what Mrs. Dewey has during her social career in Kentucky,



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HALL AND STAIRCASE, DEWEY RESIDENCE.



BEDROOM IN DEWEY RESIDENCE.

Ohio, and in Washington is capable of overcoming the prejudices of any man, the more certainly if that man be her devoted knight and husband.

Mrs Dewey is intimate with public life as it is in America. Her first husband, General Hazen, was not a general when he married the attractive Miss McLean. He owed, probably in a greater degree than he knew, his promotion to the head of the Signal Service to his wife's efforts. That promotion meant a fixed position and an elevation to the rank of brigadier-general. The Admiral's bride is not ignorant of politics, and her efforts to bring about the election of her brother, John R. McLean, to the Ohio governorship, were masterful, if they did not result in success. I would not call her a politician, for no woman possessing her dignity and tact falls short of the deserved and honorable position of



GUEST CHAMBER IN DEWEY RESIDENCE.

a diplomat. Diplomacy in society is so nearly akin to the same quality in public life that the adept in one branch finds no difficulties in the exercise of the more important gift. She is one of the women whose patriotism has prompted their interest in public affairs, and living in Washington, in touch

with what goes on in governmental circles, the withholding of her influence would be a disadvantage.

Mrs. Dewey's tastes are those of the cultured gentlewoman. She is like other women in some of the characteristics of the sex, but her individuality is strong enough to make her prominent among her sisters. In her home she is the brilliant entertainer, the comforting friend, the brilliant talker, the dutiful and affectionate daughter, and the skilful diplomatist who smooths all of the rough sides of social life. It is as the head of the home that she will make a mark as one of the first ladies of the Republic.

The wife of the Admiral has no fads. Her breadth of mentality is a hindrance to the cultivation of individual ideas. She inherits the mental range of a father who was famous because he was the superior of other men among whom he moved. She will be the ideal and brilliant light of a home where brilliancy will bring happiness, the happiness for which the gallant follower of the sea must long in the years of his life's highest honors.



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MRS. DEWEY'S SILVER