General Grant's Gifts.

In the handsomest business office in the world—that of George W. Childs, Esq., proprietor of the Public Ledger—on the ground floor of the brown stone building at Sixth and Chestnut streets, are deposited a number of the gifts which ex-President Grant has received while in Europe. It being inconvenient to carry these along with him in the tour of the world, General Grant consigned the very valuable mementoes to his near and dear friend, Mr. Childs, for safe-keeping until his permanent return to the United States.

In a curious cabinet of antique design are the most beautiful of General Grant's gifts, except the gold box presented by the Mayor of London, which is still in England. The gold box presented by the city of Glasgow is about eight inches long and five wide and three deep. Its merchantable value is about eight hundred dollars. The engraving consists of emblematic devices. Encircled in the center of the lid is the coat of arms of the city, with the motto: "Let Glasgow flourish."

The gold box presented by the city of Ayr is smaller, but the designs and ornamentation are beautiful. At the bottom in front is the monogram, "U. S. G.," the latter letter being underneath the first two. The lid is wrought in elegant style, on the right side being a raised figure of the British lion, and on the left the American shield, with the coat of arms of the city of Ayr between the two. Both of these gold boxes contain parchment scrolls which indicate that the freedom of the city has been tendered to General Grant. This is also the case with the box from the city of Edinburgh, which differs from the others in having been wrought from silver, but very showy. The box rests upon four feet, and is plain except upon the lid, where are worked the coat of arms of Edinburgh, with that well-known inscription, "Nisi Dominis Frustra." On the other side is the coat of arms of the United States, with the familiar "E Pluribus Unum." Between the two is a raised female figure holding aloft a wreath of laurel. She stands upon a pedestal, on which is inscribed "Concordia." This design is decidedly expressive, and conveys the meaning that there is a mutual good feeling between Edinburgh and the United States. On the front of the box is read: "The City of Edinburgh to General Ulysses Grant, U. S. A., 1877."

While the presidential party was at the home of Shakespeare, the General was presented with a box about eight inches in length and five in height, carved in the most exquisite manner. On a card inside a short inscription shows that—

This Casket is made with Mulberry wood from the tree planted by Shakespeare at New Place, Stratford-Upon-Avon.

Mrs. General Grant was equally fortunate, receiving a copy of "Shakespeare's Home and Rural Life," handsomely bound, and containing photographs of all places in the town which became famous through the great author and dramatist. This was presented by the daughters of the Mayor. There are two sets of medals, one being the coat of arms of the family of Grant, of Great Britain, of which the General is a lineal descendant. It is of silver, and shows that the great characteristic of the family a century or more ago is still well developed, and adheres to those of the present day. It comprises a plain silver belt, some nine inches in circumference, and in the center a heap of rocks with grass protruding from the crevices. Two words inscribed on the belt express a great deal, and are indicative of the Grant of to-day; these are "Stand Fast." The other medals are of bronze, and show profiles of the heads of ex-President Lincoln and General Grant. The latter gentleman has in his possession fac similes of these.

There are also a number of addresses of congratulations to General Grant, some in book form and others in parchment scrolls. Among them are addresses of welcomes from the chamber of commerce of Newastle-Upon-Tyne; the mayor, aldermen and burgesses of Birmingham; the city of Manchester; borough of Sheffield; city of Inverness.

Besides the gifts which are at the office of Mr. Childs, there are a number of smaller ones in the vaults of the Fidelity safe deposit company. The presents will remain in Mr. Child's office but for a few days longer. What will be done with them is not known at present, but it is expected they will be stored away at the Fidelity until General Grant can be heard from.

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