

Mary Ann Rives (- 31 Mar 1853)

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Sudden Death -- We regret to learn, at the moment of going to press, of the sudden death, this morning, of the lady of John C Rives, Esq.

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Rives. At 5 o'clock on the morning of the 31st ultimo, after an illness of a few hours, Mrs. Mary Ann Rives, wife of John C. Rives, esq., Editor of the "Globe," in the 43d year of her age.

Mrs. Rives was a lady of the most estimable qualities of head and heart. She was self-educated, but well educated, and she devoted all the means which her energy and talent gave in her early years to bring comforts within her widowed mother's house. When fortune added ampler means, she gave to all who had claims upon her generosity with a liberal hand. No one was ever more alive to the nobler affections, nor evinced it more strongly than she in that kindred circle when the less just and benevolent are apt, through indulgence, to grow neglectful. The strong sympathies of Mrs. Rives made her domestic duties the sources of her happiness.

Mrs. Rives was religious, and this consoled her amid apprehensions, caused by the state of her health, and which too truly anticipated the sad result. This, too offers all the consolation that can be given to her afflicted husband and the seven young children she has left to his care.

The funeral will take place to-day, at 4 o'clock, at Mr. Rives' residence where his friends will attend.

The National Intelligencer, April 4, 1857

Home and the World; by Mrs. Rives

We have been gratified to observe in the London Illustrated News the announcement of the English republication of this graceful work; and, the veil of its authorship being fairly lifted, we may venture to congratulate our accomplished stateswoman upon the success it has so deservedly achieved. That our own country should welcome with warm encomium this offspring of one of her most cultivated daughters was natural; but it must be a source of pride indeed that it should have been selected from the immense number of volumes issued from our press to be presented to the critical, keen-judging English public. We are glad that our cousins "over the water" should gain in this transcript of refined Virginia home life a true and undistorted picture of the warm relations subsisting between all the members of a plantation household, and of the kind consideration habitually shown to "the institution." We hope that the facile pen which has so delicately yet graphically sketched the topmost waves of American and Parisian life may not be allowed to rust in idleness.