

THE BATTLE OF GETTYSBURG

When the battle field they fell, it was not in a sorrowful mood...

O, that was love of precious worth, allied to love that is divine...

How well it is with them who sleep about us here—old friends of ours...

And they and theirs in time will stand beside our graves and here relate...

We know not, comrades, what's ahead—if for our land waits good or ill...

So here, among the memorials, that round these graves responsive start...

Let us know the names of those who have given their lives for our country...

STORY OF THE FLAG.

Forty factories turning out 'Old Glory' as designed by Betty Ross.

The first American flag was made laboriously by hand, by Mrs. Betty Ross, an upholsterer who lived on Arch street...

The American flag has never been changed, although other countries have changed freely...

The original stars and stripes of the thirteen original states...

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The regular flag is nine feet long, and four feet wide...

GRANT DIDN'T WASH CLOTHES.

But Two Soldiers Who Thought They Were Funny Did.

During the civil war several northern soldiers were talking together one day just before the advance upon Corinth...

Two of the group were practical jokers. A bright thought flashed into their heads and, as the regiment showed, unfortunately found expression...

The recruit thanked them and walked off in the direction indicated. He gained entrance to headquarters and stood in the general's presence...

"What can I do for you?" said General Grant.

"I was directed here by a couple of soldiers. They told me that you did washing, and I have a bundle here."

General Grant probably enjoyed the situation, but his imperturbable face did not relax. He simply asked the question, "Could you identify those men again?"

"Yes, sir."

"Very well; you shall have the chance." Turning to an orderly, he directed him to call a guard, go with the recruit to where the jokers were standing ready to enjoy his discomfiture and let him identify them.

"Take the men to the guardhouse, give them this man's bundle of clothing and make them wash it thoroughly. See that the work is well done."

The general was obeyed to the letter.—Popular Magazine.

The Admiral Related.

"While Admiral Porter was in command of the Mississippi squadron and at a time when they were most actively engaged," said Captain Lloyd G. Harris of St. Louis...

"Porter's heart melted. The ensign got leave, went home and married the girl in triumph."—Chicago Record-Herald.

Free Tombstones.

At Lee, in Berkshire County, Mass., there are being turned out, under government supervision, 250 headstones a week to mark graves of soldiers, sailors, marines, scouts, nurses, or others who have served a regular enlistment in the military or naval service of the United States.



Yes, the great war is so long over that there are people who ask, "What is all this about?" when they hear the bands playing and see the veterans parading.

Memorial Day is pure sentiment. Sentiment is one of the most precious jewels in the human life.

With it he is humanized. He reveres the very names of heroes who have fought for the cause they believed in and passed on.

Tradition! It is the very footstool of this nation. We glorify the greatness of such men as Lincoln and Grant, Jackson and Lee, and say to the rising generation: "A nation must progress to live."

"They loved their country, as did the thousands of brave fellows who left their wives and children and sweethearts to march to their graves. And only through patriotism and love of one's land is the safety and prosperity of that land assured."

Perhaps you cannot observe Memorial Day by laying a flower on the grave of some hero, but you can silently thank God for the good that has been and will be; that has been showered on you as a citizen of these United States.

Send! The sentiment that comes from the fragrant flowers of Memorial Day and the haunting notes of the bugle furnishes courage.

overhauled together, with the "field" and stars sewed or pasted on.

Silk flags are used for draping public halls and for hanging back of patriotic speakers. They are very dear, a silk flag 12 by 18 feet costing \$200.

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CAUSE OF RAILWAY WRECK

There are times when the spirit of the law includes the letter; when individual judgment has no place in action.

However broad a principle may be, its practical value is destroyed unless it is applied by the individual and demonstrated by him.

As far as speed and comfort go, there is little to be asked for in railroad service. But when we take into account the human lives which have paid toll to the American system, we cannot avoid the conclusion that something is wrong fundamentally.

The significant facts in accidents are the personal conduct of employees, and not the nature of signals or the wording of rules.

There is a rule that a freight train must not leave a station to follow a passenger train until five minutes after the departure of the passenger train.

A flagman protects a train to the very letter of the rule when it is manifestly necessary, but when, in his opinion, it is not, he takes the chances.

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THE POOR WIDOW HAT.

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No practical system can enforce discipline at all times. The whole business resolves itself into a personal matter.

It is up to all to do the square thing. Employees should be educated to appreciate the fact that successful and safe railroadings depends, not on the multiplicity of safety devices, nor the construction of rules, but on personal effort, and the conduct of conscientious, alert and careful men.

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With such a broad basis for work on, it is impossible that the artists in America are going to keep us pretty well interested in their future work.

No one feels his triumphs when he is young—when a mere boy, in fact—just as Funk felt them when he drew little sketches on his mother's tablecloth.

This burning desire to some day swing some mighty thought on canvas cannot be kept down. It becomes the embryo painter's master, and in its power he is a slave.

I do not include here the vast army of dabblers who persist in calling themselves artists and who ought to be suppressed by a kindly but firm law.

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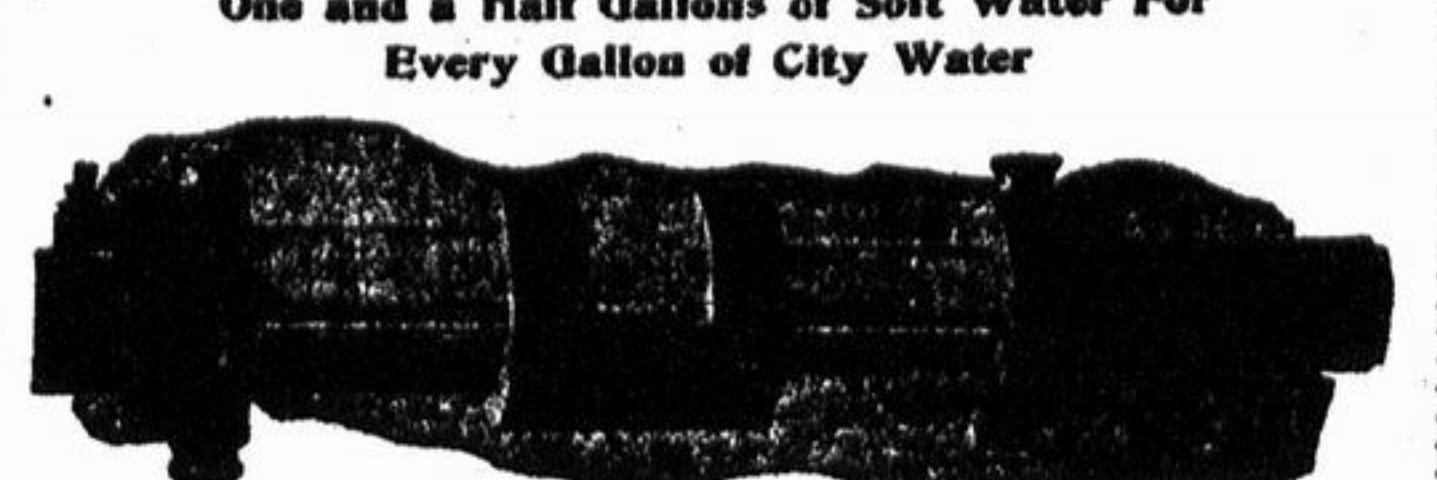
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BIRTH OF THE AMERICAN FLAG.

sure forever, a new heaven floating between God's old earth and the bright blue sky—a prediction that stands a chance of fulfillment.

There are forty flag factories in the United States, scattered through the country, but for the most part located in New England, where the great manufacturing business lies.

The first big demand for the American flag comes on Flag day, when all the public buildings have new flags, and when the school children carry them to celebrate their new holiday and patriotic citizens hang out their new flag to celebrate the day.

The life of an American flag is a short one. In other countries they buy a flag to last; they take care of it; take it down when it rains, do not let the sun shine upon it, and treat it as though it were a thing rich and rare.

But the Americans do not treat their flags in this way; the public buildings fling them from the flag poles and leave them there until they are weather beaten; then they are taken down, thrown away, and a new flag put up.

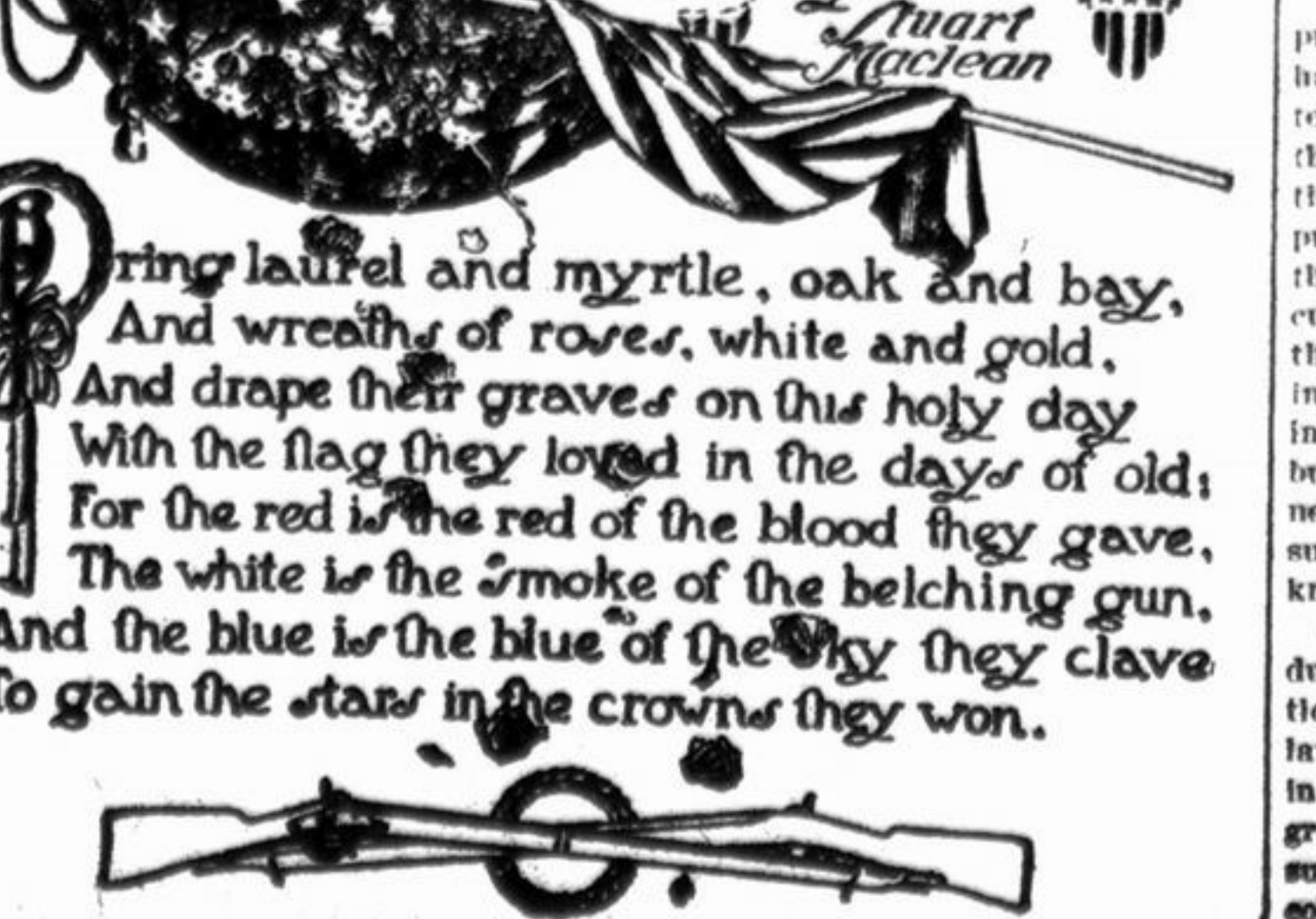
There are three ways of making a flag: all three are equally well patronized, and of the 3,000,000 that are made it may be said that there are 1,000,000 of each, without partially as to quality or expense.

The commonest flag, that which you see in public most upon the largest buildings, is the woven flag. It is made of cotton bunting, upon a loom that is built especially for flags.

After the loom goes through with it the flag is handed to a number of small boys and girls, who tack it upon a staff; it is then handed to another group of workers, who roll it around the staff, and slip it in a paper wrapper. It is then sent to the packing room to be done up in boxes of 100 each and shipped to the retailers.

There is another kind of flag which is more expensive than this, though not so good for all purposes. This is the sewed flag. It is made out of strips of silk or bunting. Bunting flags are sewed together strip by strip, and fastened to the pole; the blue field is then sewed upon the center, and the white stars are glued or sewed in place. Silk flags are made in the same way, strip by strip, carefully

THE HEROES



Bring laurel and myrtle, oak and bay, And wreaths of roses, white and gold. And drape their graves on this holy day With the flag they loved in the days of old; For the red is the red of the blood they gave, The white is the smoke of the belching gun, And the blue is the blue of the sky they clave To gain the stars in the crowns they won.