

THE MUSE OF HISTORY ON THE GLORIOUS FOURTH.



JES' PLAIN TORPEDOES.

The good old Fourth's a comb'-the best day in the year, And little chaps get anxious-like when once it's a-comin' near...

OLD GLORY.

A Salem skipper credited with Giving the Flag This Name. HAT the American flag was named Old Glory in 1831 by a Salem Mass. skipper named William Driver...

FACTS ABOUT FIRECRACKERS.

The greater part of the almost \$2,000,000 worth of firecrackers annually exported by China comes to New York...

receive only about \$1.40 for making 10,000 firecrackers, laboring from six in the morning until eleven at night seven days a week.

A VIEW FROM MARS.

What a Visitor from Another World Thought of Our Fourth. It was Fourth of July night, and the Visitor from Mars strolled the roof of a skyscraper overlooking the celebration.

He took it to the south Pacific, and years after when old age forced him to relinquish the sea he treasured the flag as an old friend. Captain Driver moved to Nashville, Tenn., in 1837 and died there in 1889.

LITTLE JOHNNY'S GLASS.

Mr. Smith sold fireworks. His trade was very light: People bought them right and left To set them off at night.

No matter how warm and wearied a man may be a firecracker dropped down his shirt collar will stimulate him. One of the latest quips is 'paint a small bomb in imitation of a golf ball and let a friend take a whack at it.'

FACTS ABOUT OUR TREES.

We Use and Waste More Timber Per Capita Than Any Other Nation. All our standing timber is estimated to be somewhere between fourteen hundred and two thousand billion feet.

NEW SWIMMING DEVICE.

An exceedingly novel and unique swimming apparatus recently patented by two California inventors is shown in the illustration.



er in the water. Depending below the receptacle is a narrow keel carrying a shaft, the latter connecting with a propeller. On the forward end of the keel is a gear wheel, to which is attached a pair of handles, the latter being in convenient reach of the operator.



Double Talking Machine. Owners of graphophones and talking machines will welcome the news that at last a New Jersey man has designed a machine...

The Slips Through Collar. The well-dressed man spins the stiff appearance of the ready-made tie and insists on tying his own in order to secure the correct touch...

Novel Hair-Cutter. In a hair-cutting contrivance recently patented by a New York man, is contained an entirely new method for cutting the hair that will interest barbers, especially.

Heelless Overshoe. A distinct novelty among recent inventions is a heelless overshoe, invented by a New York man. It fair sex will at once appreciate the great advantage of this form of overshoe...

MISSISSIPPI RIVER IMPROVED. Adequate Bank Protection Will Save Millions of Dollars Annually. The Mississippi river plans that the inland waterway commission has worked out for preserving the water at the stream head...

THE JEWISH BADGE. Distinguishing Mark That Was Required by European Countries. To the Jews of to-day it is fairly well known that their ancestors in Europe were forced to put up with a great deal of humiliation.



Device to Hang Paper. A simple and easily manipulated device by which paper can be expeditiously and effectively affixed to the walls and ceiling of an apartment without the employment of scaffolding has been invented.

PAPER HANGER. The paper is arranged over a loop at the top of a holder, so that a person standing on the floor can conveniently apply the end of the paper in proper position to a wall or ceiling.

Bad Night for the Show. Plotting an unknown show through a starving territory is no cinch, but I have thought out a good idea. In anticipation of each engagement I am going to call out the reserves and when they are out they will be invited in.

Bully Idea. Pat (planning a burglary)—Sure, now, Mick, an' how shall we know if we're both there at the right time? Mick—Be aisy, Pat, Ol' the very jewel av an idea. If you git there first put a chalk mark on the gate; and if Ol' git there first Ol' rub it out.

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