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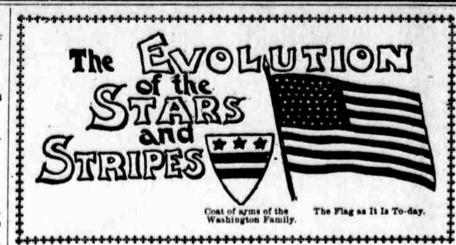
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phia resolved "that the flag of the emblem of the United States of Amer-United States be thirteen stripes alter- ica. nate red and white; the Union to be thirteen Stars, white, on a blue field, the youngest nations of the world, its stars to be arranged in a circle."

cerning the origin of this design, but first unfurled June 14, 1777, has reone in which there is undoubtedly the mained practically unchanged through most truth is that which credits the the progress and growth of the counidea of the design to Washington. The try of which it saw the birth. The general found in the coat-of-arms of star-spangled banner which now floats his own family a hint from which he over Uncle Sam's possessions on lands drew the design for the flag. The coat- and seas, is unaltered, with the excepof-arms of the Washington family was | tion of the number and arrangement of two red bars on a white ground, and the stars, from the one which Betsy three gilt stars above the top bar. The Ross, at General Washington's request, American flag, once decided upon, made at her home, No. 239 Arch street, was rushed through in a hurry, for the army was badly in need of a standard.

Betsy Ross, of Philadelphia, enthusiastically undertook the work, and in cended the throne of England, reigna few days a beautiful star-spangled ing as King James I., and in honor of banner was ready to be unfurled. She had made one alteration in the design submitted by Washington. The General had made his star six pointed, as



Fing of the Colonies, Predecessor of the Stars and Stripes.

The Rattlesnake Flag.

Ross made her stars with five pointsand five points have been used ever For several years Mrs. Ross made the flags for the Government. The first using of the stars, and

stripes in military service, it is claimed. was at Fort Stanwix, renamed Fort Schuyler, now Rome, New York, 1777. August 2 of that year the fort was besleged by the British and Indians; the garrison was without a flag, but one was made in the fort. The red stripes were of a petticoat furnished by a woman, the white for stripes and stars was supplied by an officer, who gave his shirt for the purpose, and the blue was a piece of Colonel Peter Gansevoort's military cloak. Three women worked on the flag, and it was raised to victory on the 22d of August, when the redmen and the British were defeated at the fort.

The next record of the using of the Stars and Stripes is on the first auniversary of American independence, Charleston, S. C., and other places, July 4, 1777. The banner was used at the battle of the Brandywine September 11, 1777; at Germantown, October 4, of the same year, and it also floated over the surrender of Burgoyne. This flag cheered the revolutionists at Valley Forge the next winter; it waved at Yorktown and shared in the rejoicings at the close of the war.

Some of the first flags were made under difficulties and at great cost, the greatest ingenuity being required on occasions to secure the necessary mate-

rials for the banners. As long as the States remained thirteen in number the original design of the circle of stars was all right, but when, in 1791, Vermont and in 1792,



The First Flag Made by Betsy Ross-Adopted by Congress June 14, 1777. Fing as Altered in 1705, when Kentucky and Vermout were Admitted.

Kentucky were taken into the Union, it was decided to arrange the stars in the form of one huge constellation.

In 1795 it was decided to add a stripe as well as a star for each State which came into the Union, consequently in that year Vermont and Kentucky were marked on the dag, one by a white and the other by a red stripe; but some wise prophet, looking ahead some twenty or more years, saw this plan of adding a stripe as well as a star for each State added to the Union would mean a constant changing of the flag. which would, in a few years, become so large and ungainly that its beauty would be lost. A committee in 1812 was elected by Congress to decide upon a permanent design for the flag, and the result was that the original thirteen stripes were again used, the stars girl whose parents are doing all they arranged on the blue field in the form of a square, with one constellation for then dissatisfied, that some day her each new State. In 1818 this plan was

NE hundred and twenty-five flag, with its thirteen stripes and stars years ago, the American Con- corresponding in number to the States gress, in session at Philadel- in the Union, became the established

Although the United States is one of representing a new constellation, the flag is one of the oldest among the powers. The country's standard, with its There are many traditions afloat con- thirteen stars and stripes, which was Philadelphia.

the union of the Scottish and English Crowns he placed the white Cross of St. Andrew on the national flag, changing the field from white to blue. This they were on his coat-of-arms; Betsy union of the two crosses was called the 'King's colors," or "Union" colors, and the first permanent settlement in what is now the United States were made under its protection, and the "King's colors" were generally unfurled by each new body of explorers who came from the Mother Country of the New World, until, in 1707 the Americans adopted the red flag, but added to it a device of their own in

On the death of Queen Elizabeth, in

1603, King James VI. of Scotland, as-

place of the crosses. The device of a rattlesnake was popular among the colonists, and its origin as an American emblem is a curious feature in the national history. It has been stated that its use grew out of a humorous suggestion made by a writer in Franklin's paper-the Pennsylvania Gazette-that, in return for the wrongs which the British authorities of the time were forcing upon the American colonists, a cargo of rattlesnakes should be sent to the Mother Country and "distributed in St. James Park and other places of pleasure."

Colonel Gadsden, one of the Marine Committee, presented to Congress on the 8th of February, 1776, "an elegant standard, such as is to be used by the commander-in-chief of the American navy." being a yellow flag with



Fing used by the Colonists at Bunker Hill, June 17th, 1775. Pine Tree Flag, used on Privateersmen dur-ing the Revolution.

a representation of a rattlesnake colled for attack.

Another use for the rattlesnake was bars, alternate red and white, the ter of Marine, M. Pelletan. snake extending diagonally across the stripes, and the lower white stripes bearing the motto: "Don't Tread on Me." The snake was always represented as having thirteen rattles. One of the favorite flags also was of white with a pine tree in the centre. The words at the top were: "An Appeal to God," and underneath the snake were the words: "Don't Tread on Me." Several of the companies of minute men adopted a similar flag, giving the name of their company, with the motto, "Liberty or Death."

Massachuetts clung to the pine tree as her symbol for some time. Trumbull, in his celebrated picture of the Battle of Bunker Hul," which now hangs in the rotunda of the Capitol at Washington, represents the red flag. white corner and green pine tree.

Why They Paid Their Bills.

At a debating society some time ago the Irish question was discussed. An English doctor was sustaining the argument that the Irish were naturally a deprayed and dishonest race. At Liverpool he said he had 300 Irish patients on his books, and of these only thirty paid him for attendance. "Sorr," said an Irishman who rose with . flushed cheek to defend his countrymen-"sorr, there is never an effect without a cause. There is never a phenomenon that does not admit of an explanation. How can we explain the astounding phenomenon to which the doctor has called our attention? He finds an explanation in the natural depravity of Irish nature; I, sorr, have another explanation to offer, and it is this: The thirty patients recovered!"

It is perhaps well to remind that can to make her happy, and who is happiest moment in life will be when formally adopted by Congress, and the the baby is asleep.

HONESTY IN WALL STREET.

How J. P. Morgan Taught a Lesson to Some Shrewd Brokers. A few weeks ago a Wall street firm was agent for a coterie of street railroad capitalists in Philadelphia. The agents held about 60,000 shares of stock for the capitalists on margin-shares that the Philadelphians were under moral obligations to control. One day the agents sent word to the Philadelphians that those shares must be taken up at once or they would be thrown on the market. The New York men knew that it would be impossible for the Pennsylvanians to take up those stocks on such short notice. Anticipating their failure to do so, the New York agents had agreed to sell at a low price far more of the stock than they had held. They expected that when the 60,-000 shares were cast upon the market they would be able to buy at a still lower price all that was needed to fill their own contracts, and that a heavy gain would be made.

This was a scheme that in other years would have worked, and to the serious injury of many more than those immediately concerned. But a new power had come into Wall street. The Philadelphia men took a special train to New York and went to J. Pierpont Morgan. They informed him of their predicament. "Tell those fellows to send that stock in to me," replied Mr. Morgan at once. The agents were in despair. They were forced to ask for the wenty-four hours allowed by the Stock Exchange in such emergencies. Next morning the agents said that by a misake in bookkeeping it had been thought that securities were in New York which were really in London, and they could not be delivered for a week or more. Meanwhile the stock was largely bought on the Stock Exchange, the the price went up, and the agents were forced to buy at very high prices in order to deliver the 60,000 and other shares they had agreed to deliver at reduced prices. The agents had extreme difficulty in retaining their seat on the exchange, and some very salutary advice was administered before incident was closed.—World's Work.

HIGH FRENCH NAVAL

OFFICER IN DISGRACE.

Two distinguished naval officers, Vice Admiral de Beaumont, maritime prefect of Toulon, and Rear Admiral Servan, commanding the Atlantic division, have been summarily relieved of their commands by order of President Lou- Rooms 26 and 27, Sherlock Building.

Rear Admfral Servan's downfall is attributed to sensational developments



VICE ADMIRAL DE BEAUMONT.

which led up to the recent suicide of Commander Barry, who shot himself in the cabin of the cruiser Tage while off Martinique. Rear Admiral Servan

was aboard the Tage at the time. De Beaumont's discipline is said to be due to a recently published, but denied, upon a ground of thirteen horizontal interview severely criticising the Minis-

> Told by a Tourist. One of my favorite trolley rides in Denver had as its terminal a road leading to a country village. The latter was perched nest-like on the summit of a lofty hill and was reached by a primitive horse car. "With many a weary step and many a groan," a modern Sisyphus disguised as a horse enjoyed all the rapture of a toboggan into the village. But once there, think of his reward! When the time came for the return of the car he was unfastened from the harness, walked quietly round, boarded the rear platform, and, II Monogram and III Cyrus Noble while his head and tall extended funnily from either side, the grip was relaxed, the car sped down the hill by its own velocity, and the horse enjoyed all the rapture of a toboggan slide, which he apparently appreciated to the uttermost.

Chinese Documents.

Many ancient documents have been discovered in the exploration of the sand-covered towns of Chinese Turkestan. They consist of writings on wooden tablets, and are sealed and tied when found, the sand having preserved them in excellent condition. Even the ink with which they were written is still black and easily read. It is believed that these documents will throw much light on the life and customs of the people that formerly lived in this desert. The script in which they are written is of a kind still known in

Syndicate for Paris Tenants A syndicate has been started in Paris to promote the interests of tenants. The landlords already have their syn-

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