

The Tunkers.
This religious sect was founded in Germany in 1708, and in 1719 and 1729 emigrated to this country, to which it is chiefly confined. They are also called German Baptists, but should be distinguished from the Seventh-Day Baptists, established in Pennsylvania about the same time. They take for themselves the name of Brethren, according to Matt. xxiii. 8. Their form of church government is nearly the same as that of other Baptists, except in choosing ministers. Their mode of baptism is by dipping the kneeling candidate forward under water. Some branches of the sect are very ignorant, and all are primitive in their lives. The *Tribune* gives a picture of them at their annual convention near Lancaster, Pa. "In all parts of the country they are known as a solitary people, dwelling in hill places, apart from politics, fashion, or any kind of worldly turmoil. Their recent convocation was held on a quiet farm, according to their habit, rather than in a town; but it attracted large crowds from all parts. Close to, and apparently free of the opinion that the circus or collection of wild beasts could offer so amusing a spectacle as this unnoticed sect that for generations, without conflict or heat of any sort, had held itself aloof from the world in belief and respectability. The services were of a remarkable character, consisting of the usual religious exercises of preaching, prayers and singing in Pennsylvania Dutch, during the day; and in the evening the assemblage of all the brethren and sisters in a barn, where a love-feast supper of mutton broth was solemnly eaten, followed by an equally solemn washing of the feet of the whole multitude of believers. After these services of love and humility the communion was partaken of.

A Piece of Quaker Strategy.
In *Scribner* for February, in his "New York in the Revolution," Mr. John F. Minnes gives the following account of the way Putnam escaped from Howe when the British captured the city in 1776: "Neither soldier nor fugitive knew how narrow had been the escape of Putnam's army that day. When Sir William Howe, accompanied by Clinton and Tryon, had landed at Kip's Bay with the main body of the British army, they struck across to the Middle Road, intending to make their camp on the heights of Tenenbury, midway between New York and Harlem. They reached the road at a point just opposite to where Putnam was stealing along, under cover of the woods that skirted the Hudson, to rejoin Washington. There was a horse near by, from whose upper windows they might easily have discovered the distressed by the rapid march of the 'rebels,' and from its copula the gleam of bayonets would have been plainly visible. The Americans were not distant, indeed, but there was another and more insidious foe near at hand. Close to the Middle Road, at a point now designated by the corporation as Fifth Avenue and Thirty-seventh street, stood the unpretentious but exceedingly comfortable mansion of Robert Murray, a Quaker merchant of approved loyalty to the Crown, as well as of large wealth. Fortunately the shrewd merchant could not control the feelings of his household, and his wife and daughters were ardent patriots. When Lord Howe and his staff reached the edge of the Quaker's garden they were entertained by Mrs. Murray and her beautiful daughters ready to greet them with a warm welcome. The parties had once met in more peaceful days.

Brute Sagacity.
Mr. S. B. Randall, express agent at this place, gives us an interesting instance of intelligence in a dog. He has a large dog that has been accustomed to run with the express wagon, and to occupy the seat and guard the wagon when Mr. Randall leaves it, no matter where or how long. He is also in the habit of making war on other dogs that come near him which makes the performance of what we are about to relate all the more remarkable. Some two or three weeks ago Mr. Randall had left his wagon standing at the depot, and the dog occupied the seat as usual. After a long time, and when the dog's usual dinner hour had elapsed, another dog passed near the wagon. Our dog leaped from his seat, and instead of attacking the stranger, he was usual with him, he approached him, wagging his tail in a friendly manner, and speedily made friends with him; and then by dint of such dog language as he was master of, coaxed the stranger to the wagon and induced him to jump up with him and take his position on the seat. When that was done, and the stranger sufficiently assured and instructed, apparently by fondling and cuddling, our watch dog jumped down and went straight home, where he received his dinner. The stranger dog remained faithfully at the depot, and was accompanied by his master, who took possession of the wagon. At that the substitute seemed alarmed, as though his right side would not be recognized, and started as if to jump out; but Watch promptly jumped into the wagon and prevented him by putting his head in the way and reassuring him by a wag of the tail. Thus they both rode to the express office, where the stranger soon after took his leave. These particulars are fully vouched for by Mr. Randall, who was at the depot when the dog came for his dinner, and by Rev. Mr. Douglass and Mr. McFarland, who were at the depot and saw the first interview between the dogs. They furnish a very remarkable instance of brute sagacity, leaving little room to doubt that the watch dog, missing his dinner, and being sensible of his trust, exercised sufficient reasoning power to think that he might supply his place and go for his dinner, and made the strange dog understand what he wanted and induced him to do it.

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There's a German who keeps a corner grocery in Keokuk, and he had a call from a little boy, the other night, who had been sent to get a two-dollar bill changed. The boy received the change and walked home with it, when it was discovered that there was a quarter which was rather ragged, though good, in the change, and also that the quarter was just twenty-five cents more than the folks who sent the bill were entitled to.

A Glimpse of Gen. Washington.
One other scene may properly be added to this brief record of the struggles and trials of the old general. There came a sunshiny day in April, 1792, when George Washington, President-elect of the United States by the unanimous voice of the people, stood on a balcony in front of the Senate Chamber in the old Federal Hall on Wall Street to take the oath of office. An immense crowd had gathered around, and the windows and roofs of the adjoining houses. Clad in a suit of dark brown cloth of American manufacture, with hair powdered and with white silk stockings, silver shoe-buckles and steel-tipped dress sword, the hero who had led the colonies through the independence struggle, stepped forward to take up the burdens that peace had brought. Profound silence fell upon the multitude as Washington responded solemnly to the reading of the oath of office. "I swear—so help me God," Then, amid silence, the display of flags, and the ringing of bells, the general gave the first Presidential turned to face the duties his countrymen had imposed upon him. In sight of those who would have made an idol of him, Washington's first act was to seek the aid of other strength than his own. In the calm sunshine of that April afternoon, fragrant with the presence of seed-time and the promise of harvest, we leave him on his knees in Old St. Paul's, bowed with the simplicity of a child at the feet of the Supreme Ruler of the Universe.—*JOHN F. MINNES; Scribner for February.*

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A Man Charges for Time Lost in Attending His Brother's Funeral.
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THE CONFEDERATE FLAG.—During our civil war the several seceded States used as first distinctive State flags. In March, 1861, the Confederate Congress adopted the so-called "stars and bars," composed of three horizontal bars of equal width, the middle one white, the others red, with a blue union containing nine white stars arranged in a circle. The resemblance of this to the "stars and stripes" led to confusion and mistakes in the field; and in September, 1861, a battle-flag was adopted, a red field charged with a blue saltier, with a narrow border of white, on which were displayed thirteen white stars. In 1863 the stars and bars were supplanted by a flag with a white field, having the battle-flag for a union. The flag of 1863 was found deficient in service, it being liable to be mistaken for a flag of truce; and on February 4, 1865, the other half of the field beyond the bars was covered with a vertical red bar. This was the last flag of the Confederacy.—*Appleton's American Cyclopaedia, revised edition.*

THE AMERICAN SCULPTOR.—Miss Hooper, of Rome, will be represented at the Centennial by an original group in marble, the largest she has ever undertaken, portraying the idea of the "African Sibyl" foreshadowing the freedom of her race.

DEAR FRIENDS—England and Egypt are now shares amis.—Punch.