

OREGON SCOUT.

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BALLAD OF THE BEGGAR.

The starlings fly in the windy sky, The rabbits run out a row, The pheasants stalk in the stubble dry...

ENVOY.

It was only a beggar that grumbled so, As his blistered feet he filled; But the cry is a cry that all of us know...

FLAG SENTIMENT.

Something About the Standards of All Nations.

The Ancient Hebrews, Chinese and Japanese and Their Varied Banners—Modern Emblems—The Red Cross Flag of Humanity.

It has been well said that in the succession of moving, and often strongly contrasting, events which compose the history of nations, the flag is so closely associated as to become to men's minds the emblem and visible presence of the nation personified.

A standard, or flag, represents not only the patriotism and strength, but also the sentiment or thought of the nation. These emblems have existed from the most remote periods, and have always exercised a powerful influence upon mankind.

In China, the earliest standard of which we have any record represents a warrior slaying a hideous-looking dragon with a spear, just as St. George and the dragon are represented in more modern times.

The old imperial standard of Japan, in the opinion of its people, was something sacred and sublime. Its three-fold device symbolized, several things, combining the sacred, astronomical, social and convivial sentiment.

proud nation which boasts that upon its dominion the sun never sets, has more banners or standards than any other kingdom or republic. The first in the list is what is called the royal standard, or square flag, blazoned with the arms of the United Kingdom.

The French flag is, comparatively, a modern idea. Under the feudal system every lord had his own personal coat of arms or standard. In the year 1794 the present standard was adopted. It is composed of three equal bands placed vertically, the hoist (or the part nearest the staff) being blue, the center white and the fly (or the end) red.

I might draw attention to the flags, and the associated sentiment, of many other nations, both ancient and modern, but will pass on to our own grand and beautiful star-spangled banner, which represents a nobler, purer and more patriotic sentiment.

At the close of the first day of that terrible battle of Shiloh (or Pittsburg Landing), after having been driven by superior numbers from seven different lines of defense, losing in killed and wounded one-third of the whole command, without food or rest, saddened by the loss of many comrades and friends, we waited anxiously for the evening's last attack before sundown, knowing that if we did not successfully resist it we would be forced to surrender or be driven into the river.

Once saw a young soldier who belonged to a battery of artillery engaged in patching the holes in his guidon (a marker's flag) with cloth from the lining of an important part of his uniform. (If he was familiar with the history of France in 1792 he might have thought of the insurgents' standard, which was a pair of black breeches, upon which was the inscription: "Tremble, tyrants, for we, the people, still wear the breeches.")

Great Britain, or England, that flag, his answer was that as we were so far from the base of supplies, he could not get a new one, and he must have one, for when the battery went into action, with the thirty-six horses and the six guns, he always stuck the pike to which the guidon was attached firmly into the ground, to mark the line of battle, where the battery was to form and go into action, and even if the man who rode the leading horse was killed or disabled, and the din of the battle was so great that the bugle call could not be heard, the horses were so well drilled that they would wheel around the flag, make or execute the maneuver known as "by left into line," and when the muzzles of the six guns were on a line with the flag, and then, as soon as the guns were unlimbered, he would again place it, about two hundred paces to the rear, and the horses would gallop to the rear, with the caissons, and halt again on a line with it.

Unfavorable Conditions Under Which a Young Couple Began Housekeeping. Mr. Youngman, of St. Anthony Hill, married a very pretty and sweet little lady a few days ago, and he furnished a house to establish her in as soon as the nuptials were completed.

In conclusion, I will draw attention to the most glorious of all flags, the banner of the red cross. An international public conference was called at Geneva, Switzerland, in 1863. At this time a treaty was drawn up and signed by representatives of twenty-five different governments, which provided for the neutrality of all sanitary supplies, ambulances, surgeons, nurses, attendants, sick or wounded men, and their safe conduct when they bear the banner of the red cross.

A Visit to Krupp's Works.

An interesting account is given by Mr. Richards, superintendent of the motive power of the Boston & Providence railroad, of a visit made by him to the famous Krupp steel works at Essen. He saw a ten-ton crucible steel casting being poured, and an enormous seventy-ton steel casting being very gradually cooled, the outside being warmed with coke fires until the inside has partly solidified.

WARM STABLES.

Have your stables for your cows warm and well ventilated, so as to be both comfortable and sweet? If not, set to work at once to make them so, for in this you will find true economy—both a saving of food and an increased product, if you are making butter or cheese, or simply peddling milk.

A Valuable Suggestion.

Boss—What can I do for you? Applicant—I can do the same work your present book-keeper does for twenty dollars a month cheaper.

SOMETHING MISSING.

Stove polish. Hard soap. Curtain fixtures. Picture hooks and cord. Coal sieve. Rolling pin. Dust pan. Broom. Stove brush. Paper eight-ounce tacks. Mr. Youngman reads over the list and tries to remember that he bought all of these things when he furnished the house, but he can't.

That noon Mr. Youngman brought home the desired articles and laid them on the table. Mrs. Youngman looked over the articles and said: "Oh, Will, what did you yet this kind of stove polish for? It isn't half as good as the other, and this soap, why, my mother would never have that brand of soap in the house."

WIT AND WISDOM.

It isn't our needs, generally, that are so expensive. It's our cravings. A man may sit in your office all day and not be a bore, provided he will listen while you talk.

Nothing Unusual.

Mrs. Patricia (to her new girl)—I suppose, Bridget, you overheard my husband and I conversing rather earnestly this morning? Bridget—Indeed, I did that, mum. Mrs. P.—I hope you do not consider that any thing unusual was going on? Bridget—Niver a bit, mum. I wasn't had a husband meself, mum, an' niver a day passed that the neighbors didn't believe one or the other of us would be killed entirely.

Nellie Steel, then a young woman, entered Bellevue Hospital in New York thirty years ago, and remained there, suffering from a variety of mysterious ailments, until her death a few days ago.

Several ranchmen in the Black Hills region were dangerously ill recently, and it was afterward discovered that during their absence strychnine was mixed with articles of food in their cabins.

RELIGIOUS AND EDUCATIONAL.

Rangs are prohibited in the Seminary of St. Agnes, for young ladies, a Roman Catholic institution in Brooklyn.—N. Y. Mail. A young man has joined the Presbytery of Sacramento who is the first one born in California that has entered the ministry of the Presbyterian church.

A mission Sunday-school, numbering about three hundred, and composed of newboys, bootblacks and street waifs, assemblies on Sunday afternoons in the large hall of the old Board of Trade building, Chicago. It opens with a lunch of sandwiches for the children, and closes with singing and a march around the hall under the lead of an orchestra.

PUNGENT PARAGRAPHS.

A Pennsylvania man put some dynamite in the kitchen stove to dry the other day, and neither the stove nor the dynamite can be found. Some men are awful wasteful.—Philadelphia Call. O'Leary, the peddler, is said to have walked 75,000 miles since he left America, and various "star" actors and actresses, and so well known as Dan, are feeling more hopeful.—Oak City Derrick.

FOR GOOD PURPOSES.

Mrs. M. A. Daubins, of Philadelphia, is well known to the ladies of that city from the great good she has done by means of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. She writes Mrs. Pinkham of a recent interesting case.

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SCHOOL AND CHURCH.

The colored people of the South publish eighty newspapers and furnish sixteen thousand teachers for the schools. Senator Anthony bequeathed to Brown University the only known copy of the original edition of "The New England Primer."

A confession upon cribbing in colleges has revealed dark and devious ways in education. One man is said to squeeze through a tight place by writing memoranda on his polished boots and rubbing chalk into the marks.

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