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THE STARS AND STRIPES.

EARLY in the struggle for Amer ican independence the need of a national flag was insisted on by Franklin. The result of a conference on the subject was the retention of the Union Jack, representing the still recognized sovereignity of England, but coupled with thirteen stripes, alternate red and white, emblematic of the union of the thirteen colonies, in place of the royal ensign. This was the "new striped flag" which wa hoisted in January. 1776.

The following theories of th origin of these stripes have been assigned: 1. They were derived from the national flag of the Netherlands, which then and now consisted of three equal horizontal stripes, symbolic of the rise of the Dutch republic from the union

at Utrecht. To the example of Holland the American colonies were indebted for the idea of federal union, and emigrants from Holland had planted the seeds of civil and religious liberty and education. 2. The army in 1775 was without uniform, the different grades being only distinguished by stripes of ribbons. The daily sight of these, the only marks of rank would naturally suggest the same device for representing the united colonies. 3. The stripes from Washington's coat-of-arms may have suggested those for the flag. They were certainly one of the devices on the flag of the troop of light horse which accompanied Washington to New York when proceeding to assume the command of the army at Cambridge, where they were first shown. And it is thought that these afforded a simple and inexpensive method of converting the red ensign of the mother country into a new flag denoting the union of the colonies against ministerial oppression, while they were unwilling to give up their loyalty to the "king's colors," which were retained on the new ensign. It required the addition of the "new constellation" to render the stripes significant,

The origin of the stars has also been disputed. The earliest suggestion of the stars as a device,

mission of Vermont and Kentucky caused a change in the flag, and from 1795 till 1818 it consisted of fifteen stars and fifteen stripes. The admission of five new states made another change desirable and in 1816 a committee was appointed to consider the matter. Captain Reid, a well-known sailor, made a suggestion, which was adopted, to Portland & Return. reduce the flag to the original thirteen, representing the number of states which contended for and schieved their independence, and to increase the stars to correspond with the number of states in the union, and hereafter to add one star to the flag whenever a new state should be admitted. Each addition takes place on the 4th of July next succeeding the admission

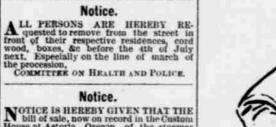
admitted and that there be forty 360 Students. 400 Graduates. stars on the flag.

THE mayoress of a northern Kansas town, says the Wichita Eagle, who was elected under the new woman suffrage law last week came down to her office the other day with a Mother Hubbard on, and as she sat cross-legged in the mayor's chair the city clerk noticed that she had a hole in the heel of her stocking and that her bustle was to one side. He reported the fact to his wife, his wife told the hired girl, the hired girl told her fellow, her fellow told the city marshal, the city marshal told the mayoress, whereupon the city clerk got fired and the town is scandalized. The mayoress said she would wear her bustle in front, behind or sideways, and it was nobody's bus-

DICKENS wrote, "There is nothing, no, nothing, beautiful and good that is forgotten. An infant, a prattling child dying in its cradle will live again in the better thoughts of those who loved it, and play its part, though its body be burned to ashes or drowned in the deepest sea. There is not an angel added to the host of heaven but does its blessed work on earth in those that loved it here. Dead. Oh, if the good deeds of human creatures could be traced to their source, how beautiful could even

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Eben P. Parker, Master. For TOWING, FREIGHT CHAR-H. B. PARKES.

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