

THE AMERICAN BOY.

You say you were 'born here—that settles the matter! Not quite; perhaps much as the marching and the... The burning of powder, the din and the... On Fourth of July making soldiers of boys. You see, the American standard was set... No American boy is allowed to forget... The men who are great on our history's page... That speaks of our work for our first hundred years... Whose favor is increasing an age after age... Are great from the fact that they stand for the right... This is what is expected. You may have been born in the city, or far in the West... Overshadowed the land; where the poor turned their eyes... Belong from an American, can't be denied... Or of wealth, or whatever else he may desire... But whoever would win must be ready to work... In all the wide field there's no asseaf for the shrike... You may not be selected for perilous trips... Of the foe for entrapping an enemy's ships... But you must be ready, and stand by your... If you would be proved one of Uncle Sam's sons... Then hold your head high, your eyes on the stars... You will win, though you carry an enemy's war... Stand fast for the right. Look well to your ways... Do your best if you'd win yourself loftiest praise... A Premature Fourth.

UNCLE SAM CELEBRATES.



One hundred and twenty-six years old to-day, and feelin' frisky ez a kitten, Uncle Sam's Journal.

WILD BEASTS IN A POCKET.

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Adopts in Art of Hazing. Having is no longer confined to the colleges where men receive a "higher education." The girls of Sage College, the institution endowed by the wife of New York's famous dealer in puts and collie, have been in their night and declare that such pleasures shall hereafter be a part of the institution's curriculum. The other night the freshman toastmistress was "suddenly" set upon by the sophomores, "as if there should not be much celebrating around these parts."

Crabs that Hunt Rabbits. Catching rabbits with a crab is a favorite pastime of the country boys in the lands lying on the English coast. One would think a mouse trap and a bit of cheese would be a snare method, but it isn't. The way they work it is this: A large, lively crab is caught on the shore and pressed into service. From a lighted candle hot grease is dropped on the back of the crustacean and the candle stuck upright in this way on the shell. As soon as the grease holding the candle has hardened firmly the crab is placed in one end of a rabbit burrow, at the other end of which there is a net. The rabbits, seeing the strange looking creature coming toward them sideways with a lighted candle on its back become terrified and bolt out to be caught in the net of the hunters. In due time the crab also emerges and is caught and placed in the mouth of another burrow to scare out other rabbits. This continues until the boys have bagged all the rabbits they want. If the crab proves himself lively and works hard in their behalf the hunters generally restore him to the sea after the night's sport is over.

He Knew It Was Sarah. An old man would not believe he could hear his wife talk at a distance of five miles by telephone. His "better half" was in a country shop several miles away where there was a telephone and the skeptic was also in a place where was a similar instrument. On being told how to operate it he walked boldly up and shouted: "Hello, Sarah!" At that instant lightning struck the telephone wire and knocked the man down. As he scrambled to his feet he excitedly cried: "That's Sarah, every inch!"

George Wore False Teeth. During the latter part of his life Washington wore false teeth, made by a dentist named Greenwood. His teeth did not fit well and pushed out his lower lip. He had a lot of trouble with his teeth, and there is in existence a copy of a letter which his dentist wrote to him a year before he died. The dentist told Washington that the old set of teeth which he sent him from Philadelphia was just black, and that it must have been discolored by his soaking them in port wine or by his drinking too much port wine. He warns Washington that all wines containing acid are bad for the teeth, and advises him to take out his teeth after dinner and put them in clean water, and should any holes be eaten in them by the acid, to fill them with wax and seal them tight with a piece of red-hot iron, such as a nail. He closes his letter as follows: "If your teeth grow black, take some chalk and a pin or cedar stick; it will rub off. If you want your teeth more yellow, soak them in broth or port liquor, but not in tea or acids. To preserve teeth they must be very often changed and cleaned, for whatever attacks them must be replaced as often, or it will gain ground and destroy the works. The two sets I repaired is done on a different plan than when entirely new, for the teeth are screwed on the bars instead of being the best cast red hot on them, which is the reason I believe they dissolve so soon near to the bars."

The Lost Chord. At a concert given at Fakenham the orchestra, which comprised a violin and violoncello, were not well up to reading from sight. A tenor, who had been engaged for the evening, commenced a little operatic selection, which entirely put the orchestra out. Violin turned to cello and exclaimed: "Tom, daw thee know where the tenor be?" "No."

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A FLOATING POSTOFFICE.

Handling of Mails for Vessels on the Detroit River. A small yacht-like white steamer dances over the swells of the Detroit River to meet and exchange messages and salutes with every one of the passing ships—a little midjet servant to this enormous commerce. Without this tiny steamer the lake commerce would be as helpless as we of the cities and towns ashore would be without the postman and the postoffice. The tremendous advance in shipping facilities on the Great Lakes in recent years has been due to tireless American enterprise, fostered by generous appropriations by the government in aids to navigation; so when the need of this little messenger presented itself, the Washington authorities were not slow in making the experiment leading to its adoption. This method of handling United States mail is the only one of its kind in existence, and the idea of a floating postoffice that successfully delivers and receives mail to and from ships at full speed is only another illustration of the wonders and far-reaching benefits of our wideawake postal system. The books of the United States Treasury Department in Washington now contain the names of nearly 4,000 ships that constitute the Great Lakes marine. The fresh-water sailors to whom this fleet is entrusted would, in numbers, make the population of a large city. They are, therefore, fairly entitled to some means of communication with their homes and families in the States bordering the lakes, and with friends far away, and the little white steamer performs this service as perfectly as can be desired. Before the establishment of this delivery it was difficult to send letters to any one aboard ship, although Niagara's well confined the movement of vessels to the Great Lakes, and their voyages back and forth were past the shores of eight States, with a population of 25,000,000, and over 100,000 population of each. This may seem strange, but it is easily explained by the fact that the greater number of lake steamers "run wild."

GETTING AT A WITNESS.

Lawyer's Methods of Extracting Information from Witnesses Differ. Among the innumerable traditions and stories that cluster around the old Parliament House in Edinburgh, there is one of Jeffrey and Cockburn that shows in an amusing manner their individual ways of drawing out a witness. The two were engaged upon a case where the mental caliber of one of the parties had to be ascertained, and an old countryman was put upon the witness stand. Miss Lansdale cites the anecdote in her recollections, "Scotland, Historic and Romantic." Jeffrey began: "Is the defendant in your opinion perfectly sane?" The man gazed at him in bewilderment, and made no reply. "Do you think the defendant capable of managing his own affairs?" Still greater bewilderment on the part of the witness. "I ask you," said Jeffrey, speaking with great particularity, "do you consider the man perfectly rational?" The man gazed with amazement, scratched his head, and remained speechless. "Let me tackle him," said Cockburn, then adopting his broadest Scotch. "Ye say your mill wif ye?" said he. "Och, ay," answered the witness, and reached out his hand for a shake. "Noo, hoo lang hae ye kent John Sampson?" asked Cockburn, gracefully taking a pinch. "Ever since he was that bairn," came the answer, readily enough. "An' dae ye think noo, atween you and me," said the advocate insinuatingly, "that there's anything till the creature?" "I wad na' happen trust him wif a calf," was the instant and satisfying rejoinder. It all depends upon the point of view. In hell, they don't think the water cure is so bad.

Sacrificing Men to Principles.

That principles live although men die is a truth that may be expressed in another way, even if it takes considerable frankness to say it. It is recalled by a gentleman that his father was once traveling with Wendell Phillips, and took occasion to speak with some bitterness of the harsh treatment that had been accorded to General Banks by certain citizens of Boston. "Ye said Mr. Phillips, with charming insouciance, 'When we learn to establish a principle we do not hesitate to sacrifice a man to it.'"

