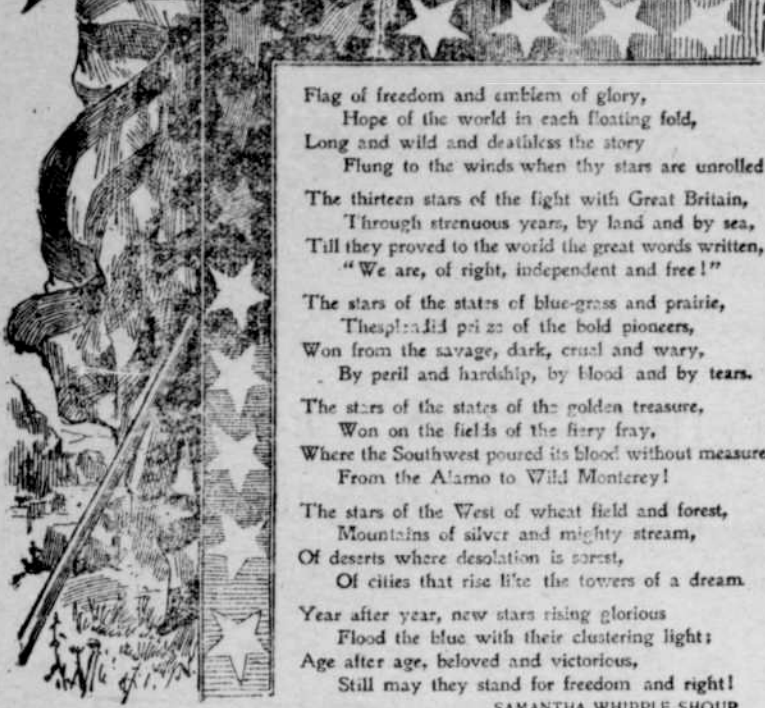


THE STORY OF THE STARS



Flag of freedom and emblem of glory,
 Hope of the world in each floating fold,
 Long and wild and deathless the story
 Flung to the winds when thy stars are unrolled!

The thirteen stars of the fight with Great Britain,
 Through strenuous years, by land and by sea,
 Till they proved to the world the great words written,
 "We are, of right, independent and free!"

The stars of the states of blue-grass and prairie,
 The splendid prize of the bold pioneers,
 Won from the savage, dark, cruel and wary,
 By peril and hardship, by blood and by tears.

The stars of the states of the golden treasure,
 Won on the fields of the fiery fray,
 Where the Southwest poured its blood without measure
 From the Alamo to Wild Monterey!

The stars of the West of wheat field and forest,
 Mountains of silver and mighty stream,
 Of deserts where desolation is earnest,
 Of cities that rise like the towers of a dream.

Year after year, new stars rising glorious
 Flood the blue with their clustering light:
 Age after age, beloved and victorious,
 Still may they stand for freedom and right!

SAMANTHA WHIPPLE SHOUF

A PREMATURE TEST.

Why Teddy and Jo Had No Fire-crackers on the Fourth.

The days before the Fourth of July are always a time of tension for the small boy. He feels that he ought to begin right away. His nerves tingle. So do his fingers. And if there are any explosives within reach of his fingers there is apt to be more or less premature explosion.

Mr. Podgers had laid in a liberal supply of crackers and torpedoes for his boys, as well as a large assortment of sky-rockets and Roman candles. Some of the crackers were of the giant variety. He cautioned his boys not to touch any of them until he put them to them on the Fourth, and he put them away in the china closet in a shirt box. Then he went to the office. No one but an amateur in faith would have done



THEY WERE GOOD FIRECRACKERS such a thing, but Mr. Podgers thought he knew his boys. They were such good little fellows!

For one whole day the boys withstood the strain, but the next afternoon they decided it would do no harm just to pop into the box. It was wonderful! Such an array they had not even dreamed of.

Teddy handed one of the big crackers carefully.

"I wonder how much noise it will make?" he said.

"Oh! a awful lot," said Jo. "Won't it be fun?"

"Yes," said Ted. "Wonder if we mightn't just try one?"

"Yes," said Jo; "you go ahead and do it. Papa won't care for one."

So Ted got a match, and Jo lit the cracker. That was all in the china closet.

"Let's take it out in the yard," said Jo. But just then Mr. Podgers happened to come home. The boys heard his tread in the hall.

"Put it back, quick!" exclaimed Jo, "maybe papa wouldn't like it."

So they put it back.

In a moment there was a terrific explosion in the china closet. Then another. Then the closet seemed to grow too small for the noise. Dishes began to dash around its interior in wild ecstasy. It was like a crash between a boiler factory and an earthquake.

Mr. and Mrs. Podgers rushed to the scene. A few sky-rockets were still gyrating in confinement.

Two very quiet little boys stood outside the closet-door.

Mr. Podgers stood silent a moment, and Teddy looked up into his face doubtfully.

"They're good firecrackers, papa," was all he said.

And his father went out to find a limber pine board.

ELLIS PARKER BUTLER.

After the Battle.

Sunday School Teacher (first Sunday after July 4)—Well, boys, I'm glad to see you. I believe you are all here this morning.

Tommy Tucker (speaking for himself)—Yes'm, all 'ceptin' three fingers an' piece of an ear.—Chicago Tribune

A Firecracker Story.

He did it in sport.
 He alone is to blame;
 The fuse was too short,
 Now his finger's the same.
 —Washington Star.

The Glorious Fourth.

"I tell you," said the enthusiast, "all this patriotic demonstration is enough to get any man's heart on fire."

"Yes," replied the nervous man, "and his woodshed, too."—Washington Star.

FOURTH OF JULY POEM.



A pistol toy
 Gave much joy,
 To small boy—
 Bang!

He'll no more fire—
 Went up higher,
 And the choir—
 Sang.
 —Chicago Tribune.

When He Was a Boy.

"What's the matter with Boggles' hand? I notice that he has it bandaged."

"He was showing his small boy how they shot firecrackers when he was a boy."

"Did he show him?"

"Yes, exactly. But it wasn't till after he had done it that he remembered that it was so."—Chicago Tribune.

Unfettered.

Tommy waked with joy unbouDED on the Fourth day of July:
 He to make the most confounded
 Noise in town was going to try.

Ab, how circumstances hinder
 What we plan with so much glee!
 Little Tommy was a dander
 Ere the grass from dew was free.
 —Mabelle E. Anderson, in Truth.

After the Crisis.

Brown—I'd like to get my little boy's life insured.

Man ger—Come around after the Fourth and I'll talk with you about it.—N. Y. World.

Mrs. See (buying fireworks)—Rock-ets are dearer than they were a year ago.

Clerk—Yes'm. They go up every year.
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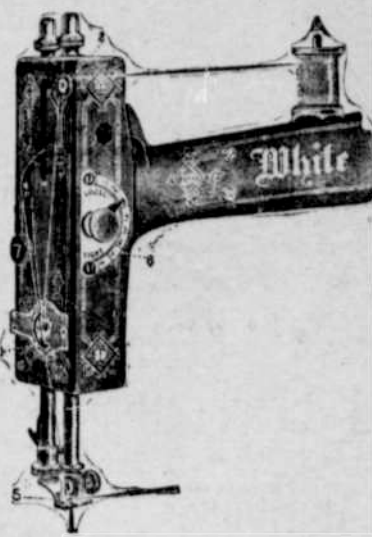
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