

N THE spring of 1867, | only two years after the war between the states was ended, there was published in a New York newspaper a short paragraph which reported that "the women of Columbus, Miss., have shown themselves impartial in their offerings made to

the memory of the dead. They strewed flowers alike on the graves of the Confederate and of the National soldiers."

The heart of the whole country thrilled to this brief announcement, says the New York Times. For, as far as we can ascertain now, it was probably the first unselfish effort of the kind toward healing the wounds of a nation which for four years had been fiercely engaged in one of the most terrible conflicts known to his-

While little has been written or published regarding the origin and development of Memorial Day, this small newspaper item, reporting the action of this group of Southern women, at least should have some mention in any history of this holiday. For a year it had no direct results, but in May, 1868, Adjt. Gen. N. 30, 1877, a throng assembled in the P. Chipman took up the matter with Academy of Music, Brooklyn, to greet Republic, suggesting that this orgraves of soldiers at some definite date.

Immediately the value of this sugholiday. So great was the response that it struck fire in the heart of a young Ithaca (N. Y.) lawyer named feeling between the belligerent sechad seen much of men and of the Francis M. Finch, who wrote a poem | tions. entitled "The Blue and the Gray," which since has become closely identifled with the day. Not long afterhis famous addresses, said:

love and allayed sectional animosity and afflicted land." and passion. Thus out of sorrows common alike to North and South ly as General Pryor continued: came this beautiful custom."

was simply entitled:

Flowers on the Graves of Union Sol-

held at Monument cemetery, Philadel- gesture, declared: phia, May 29, 1875, under auspices of Graves of Our Dead Soldiers has be and every word of which the aim or poses which hallow it.

His Adventure

"That feller, Sawney, over in Booger

"Sixty-five rattlesnakes?" exclaimed

"That's what he lows. He had a

jug of licker at each and of the fur-

rers, and every time he reached the

Sagg of Sandy Mush.

somebody.

Holler, says he killed 65 rattlesnakes | there were 65 of 'em, anyhow, and

while plowing tuther day," at the prob'ly would a-been a thousand if

Mount Pizgy post office stated Tobe the team and the licker had held out."



Gen. John A. Logan, then national as chief speaker Judge Roger A. commander of the Grand Army of the Pryor, formerly brigadier general in the Confederate army. Then and ganization should undertake as a there this learned jurist declared to body to have flowers strewn on the the American people that war, with all the horrors it entails, is made not by soldiers but by politicians.

"In soliciting the participation of gestion was appreciated. Through Confederate soldiers in the solemnitheir legislatures a large number of ties of this day," he began, "you states set aside May 30 as a legal mean to tender them an overture of reconciliation, to avow your good- The soldier ended it." of the North to the unselfish action will toward your recent adversaries, of the women of Columbus, Miss., and to proclaim your desire for the livering this address, dying March 14,

impressive could you make manifest convinced that great wars are caused those liberal and patriotic sentiments. ward Chauncey M. Depew, in one of To proffer your former foes a share "When the war was over in the by which, on this hallowed anniver- and that in this instance, as in oth-South, where with warmer skies and sary, you symbolize the perennial ers, after such gentry had provoked more poetic temperaments symbols bloom and fragrance associated with and emblems are better understood the memory of your departed com- naval man to end hostilities and rethan in the practical North, the wid- rades, and allow us to unite in the establish peace. ows, mothers and children of the homage you render to the fallen Confederate dead went out and heroes of the Union, is indeed so afstrewed their graves with flowers; at fecting a testimonial of your kindmany places the women scattered ness and magnanimity that we unthem impartially, also, over the un- reservedly yield ourselves to its beknown and unmarked resting places nign influences and reciprocate, with of the Union soldiers. As the news all the warmth of our ardent Southof this touching tribute flashed over ern natures, the inarticulate but the North it roused, as nothing else heartfelt aspiration for the reign of full height as a ceremonial of honor. could have done, national amity and peace and good-will over our agitated

The great audience listened intent

"The bloody business of secession, At the first formal exercises, held with all its disastrous consequences. at Arlington, Va.- May 30, 1868, fol- was wholly the act of the professed lowing General Logan's order to the men of peace—the politicians. They influence of patriotic societies, graves G. A. R., the principal address was nullified the Constitution, they ob- are decorated, and reverent mention delivered by James A. Garfield, 12 truded into the presence of the Su- is made of those who died in other years later elected President of the preme court with their factious clam- conflicts—the Revolutionary war, in United States. As yet the term Me- or, they lashed the popular mind into which about 310,000 Americans were morial Day, or Decoration Day, had fury over imaginary wrongs. To engaged; the War of 1812, with 576,not been linked with the observance, vindicate the abstract theory of po- 222 Americans on land and sea. It and his address, afterward printed in tential secession they challenged an is possible, also, that graves are decpamphlet form in Cleveland, Ohio, encounter which issued in the irre-"Oration of Hon. James A. Garfield, power. To preserve the ideal exist-Delivered at Arlington, Va., May 30, ence of slavery in the territories they 1868, on the Occasion of Strewing provoked a war which ended in the until September 30, 1800. annihilation of slavery in the states."

The crowds in Brooklyn's Academy But year by year the idea spread, of Music could hardly believe their honor of the dead are common to and at Memorial Day ceremonies ears when Pryor, with commanding mankind and are well-nigh as old as

"Meanwhile the soldiers of the na-Post 2, Department of Pennsylvania. tion, no matter where their birth or G. A. R., it was recorded that "the what their political opinions, uniform-Annual Floral Decoration of the ly opposed themselves to every act States will be rededicated to the pur-

mighty nigh running, and he'd forgot

Ruinous Giving

Let us beware lest we act as he did

all about the snakes. But he says

-Kansas City Star.

end of a row he'd take a drink. By lighthouse, and gave to the poor in the Maeterlinck.

DEMINARK OBSERVES DAY Londerwood & Underwood Phet come a national custom." Even in the tendency was to engender illa short ten years after Appomatox, feeling between the states or impair time was doing much to heal old the stability of the Union. Call the wounds, assuage old enmities. And roll of fighting men, whether in the on the eve of Decoration Day, May army or the navy, and mark one known to fame who was not the friend of peace, the advocate of con-No blame for that stuciliation! pendous folly, the war of secession. attaches to the men who bore its brunt."

The former Confederate general paused for an instant, then took a step forward on the great stage of the academy, and with upraised hand placed full blame, as he saw it, for the four years of conflict, using these "The politician began it.

Pryor lived for 42 years after deworld at home and abroad. As time can understand just what it is he's "By no token more touching and passed he became more than ever saying. by politicians; that the World war of 1914-18 was brought on by self-seekin the simple but pathetic ceremonial ing politicians and selfish traders; conflict, it took the soldier and the

> The Spanish war with its loss of life caused an increase in the numbers of those who observed Memorial Day. And when May 30, 1918, rolled around, with the first harvest of American lives gathered by the Grim Reaper because of the World war, the observance again swung to its personal sorrow and national grati-

In many of the older parts of the country are decorated not only the graves of those who fell in the war between the states, the Spanish war and the World war, but, owing to the orated of some who were engaged in sistible aggrandizement of federal the naval war with France when 4.593 Americans manned warships in hostilities lasting from July 9, 1798,

> In brief, one historian says, days particularly set apart for ceremonies in history itself.

This present year, and probably for many years to come, Memorial Day in every part of the United

sea. Every soul in its sphere has

charge of a lighthouse, for which there

is more or less need. The humblest

mother who allows her whole life to

be crushed, to be saddened, absorbed,

by the less important of her motherly

duties, is giving her oil to the poor;

and her children will suffer, the whole

of their life, from there not having

been, in the soul of their mother, the

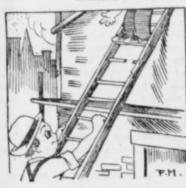
Just THIS WAS A JOKE IN 1876

Young Man-People are talking about the new invention, the telephone. It is so wonderful that it is possible to hear a man's voice over a mile away.

Young Woman-Marvelous! And can a lady's voice be heard a mile away, too?

Young Man-Yes, my dear, but there was really no invention needed for that .- Telephone Review.

SERVES HIM RIGHT



Mike-Hould on, Pat! Don't yez come on the ladder till Oi'm down. It's ould an' cracked. Pat-Phwat ov it? It'll serve th'

Secret of It

"To hold your husbands, wives,"
Remarks Bill Young,
"Is easy if you'll learn
To hold your tongue."

boss right to have a new wan.

Pa Took the Air

"Father, freight is goods that are sent by water or land, isn't it?"

"That's right, son." "Well, then, why is it that the freight that goes by ship is called a cargo, and when it goes by car it is called a shipment?"

And then Johnny wondered why father put on his hat and sauntered outside to get the air .- Edison Topics,

The Leader

Hard-looker (to passing motorist) -Hi, mister, I'm going your way! Motorist—So, I see, but I'll get there before you do.—Pathfinder.

The Exception "They say, professor, that you are master of all European tongues. Is

"Yes-except my wife's!"

Fast Speaker? Friend-Does the baby talk yet? Fond Parent-Oh, yes, but nobody

ON THE JOB



the most thorough man of his trade I know." "What makes you think so?"

"He not only works all day, but bolts his food at meals, rivets everybody's attention and hammers every new idea advanced."

The Limit

The tightest man of all I know, Goes to church by radio; Thinks the hymns and sermon great But tunes out while they pass the plate.

Sir Galahad!

Fair Motorist-Oh, I'm sorry, but I'm afraid I have cut off your right Chivalrous Male-That's quite all

right, madam, I had a corn on it, any-

His Vacation

Dana-Cap'n. I've been two years before the mast. Captain-Very well, Dana, you deserve a vacation. You may go aft for two weeks at half pay.-Yale Record.

One Advantage

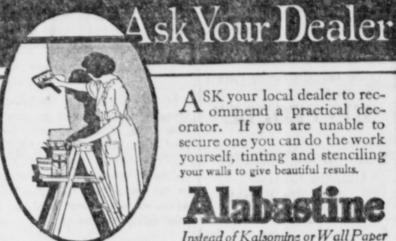
Father-What! You wish to marry ny daughter? You have no clientele. What could you offer her that she hasn't at home?

Medic-Well-er-free medical attention .- Illinois Siren.

Stinging

George-What are those black marks

on your cheeks? Edward - That's where Phyllis lashed me with her eyelashes last



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