

starving Aunt Fleds.
At the royal table in Windsor Castle the Queen is graciously attentive to her guests, particularly to the greatest strangers among them.

A French ambassador on his appointment dined at the castle, and was treated with marked courtesy. Indeed, her Majesty addressed him, and his remarks to him, and at every sentence the polite diplomat laid down his knife and fork to reply. The watchful attendants instantly removed his plate, and substituted the course.

But the royal guests came so fast that the poor ambassador secured not a solitary mouthful during the entire repast, and left the table hungry, to reflect on the disadvantages of earthly greatness.

That Terrible Scourge.
Fever and ague, and its congeners, bilious remittent, besides affections of the stomach, liver and bowels, produced by miasmatic air and water, are both eradicated and prevented by the use of Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, a purely vegetable elixir, endorsed by physicians, and more extensively used as a remedy for the above class of disorders, as well as for many others, than any medicine of the age. A languid circulation, torpidity of liver, a want of vital stamina, are conditions peculiarly favorable to malarial diseases. They are, however, strictly remedied by the great purgative, which, by invigorating the system and ending it with regularity as well as vigor, breaks it with a resistless power which enables it to withstand disorders not only of a malarial type, but of others to which feeble and ill-regulated systems are subject. The Bitters are a safe as well as searching cathartic, and have already superseded that dangerous drug, quinine, which palliates but does not eradicate malaria.

Argand Chimneys.
Lamp glasses were invented by Alime Argand, the inventor of the famous lamp and gas-burners which bear his name. He had been experimenting for some time in trying to increase the light, but to no purpose. On the table before him lay the broken neck of an oil-flask. This he took up carelessly and placed it, almost without thought, over the wick. The brilliant flame was the result, and the hint was not lost upon the experimentalist, who proceeded to put his discovery into practical operation at once.

No OTHER SOAP has ever been made of half the merit of DOBSON'S SOAP. One trial will drive all other soaps out. Please ask your grocer for it. 5c a bar.

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"10,000 Needles"
seemed to be sticking in my legs, when I was suffering with a terrible humor, my legs being a mass of running sores from knee down, was urged to take HOOD'S SARSAPARILLA and in a short time it was perfectly cured. I

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an old sailor, aged 74, in the best of health, thanks to Hood's. JOSEPH GODFREY, Sailors' Snug Harbor, Staten Island, New York.

Hood's Pills are the best after-dinner pills, assist digestion, prevent constipation.

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Apply Balm into each nostril. ELY BROS., 57 Warren St., N. Y.

PATENTS
THOMAS P. SIMPSON, Washington, D. C., has been granted a patent for his latest. Write for Inventor's Guide, S. N. E., No. 25-93.

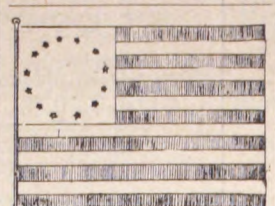
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With Pastes, Enamels, and Paints which stain the hands, injure the iron, and burn red. The Rising Sun Stove Polish is Brilliant, Odorless, and Durable. Each package contains six ounces; when moistened will make several boxes of good Polish. HAS AN ANNUAL SALE OF 3,000,000 TONS.

HONORS TO THE FLAG.

THE ANNIVERSARY OF "OLD GLORY'S" ADOPTION.

A Million Children Celebrate the Natal Day of the Stars and Stripes—Why the Present Flag Was Chosen for Our Emblem.

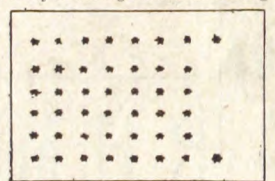
Story of the Stars and Stripes.
In fully one-half of the public schools of the country the anniversary of the adoption of the United States flag was this year observed. On June 14, 1777, the stars and stripes were accepted by Congress as the flag of the United States. It is probable that the stripes were chosen through influence of the Dutch in New York, as they were characteristic of the Dutch Republic of the Netherlands. The number 13 is a symbol of the original number of States. Contrasting colors, white with either



UNION SAM'S FIRST FLAG
(Union blue field with white stars)

blue or red, were necessary for the colors of the stripes, and red was preferred to blue, as it was more distinct at a distance, for which reason red was chosen as the color of the top-most stripe and consequently of the lowermost also. Seven stripes are red and six are white. The first and thirteenth stripes, both red, represent New Hampshire and Georgia. Georgia's stripe, however, is considerably longer than New Hampshire's, as it runs the full length of the flag; the New Hampshire's begins at the outer border of the union. The blue field was allegorically said to represent the night of affliction then shrouding the nation, relieved by thirteen stars of hope. In the first flag the stars were arranged as the circumference of a circle, to typify the endless duration of the new nation. The union was made square and was brought down to the eighth stripe that its blue might show against the contrasting white of that stripe.

The flag as accepted June 14, 1777, was made of thirteen stars, arranged in a circle, and a blue field, representing the night of affliction resulting in the capture of Philadelphia by Howe a short time after. From that time it was the recognized ensign of the Republic until May 1, 1795. The number of stars and that of stripes were each increased on that date to fifteen. Senator Bradley, of the new State of Vermont, having brought about this change. The two additional stripes were emblematic of Vermont and Kentucky. The enlarged flag was the one which so often floated victoriously on the high seas from the frig-



"UNION" OF OUR PRESENT U. S. FLAG.

ates of Hull and Stewart in the war of 1812.
A new flag was ordered in a bill signed April 14, 1818, by President Monroe. This bill made the number of stripes thirteen for all time, and ordered a star for each new State, the same to be added to the flag on the fourth of July next following the State's admission to the Union. This way of making the flag still holds today. The present flag has forty-four stars in the union, the admission of North and South Dakota, Montana, Washington, Idaho and Wyoming having so far increased the number.

FAVORABLE TO THE FARMERS.

Bulletins from Various States show that Crops Are Promising.
The warm weather of the last week in the North has been favorable to all crops, which, although late, are reported as improving and growing rapidly. Generally the weather during the week has been favorable, and a number of States report it the most favorable week of the season. Farmers are more hopeful in the west portion of the country, and especially in the South-Atlantic States. Special telegraphic bulletins received by the Agricultural Bureau at Washington are as follows:

Missouri—Most favorable week of the season; crop progressing finely, and crop outlook bright.
Illinois—Conditions unusually favorable for the growth of vegetation and farm work; planting and sowing in progress; hay making in southern portions; pastures in some localities seriously damaged by worms; rice crop progressing rapidly; stock doing crops and farm work; much corn planted; all crops in good condition except fruit, which ripening rapidly.
Ohio—Growth of cereals, potatoes and grasses is fine; corn and potatoes being cultivated; tobacco mostly set out.
Michigan—Last week very favorable for farm work and crops; corn and potatoes up and growing rapidly; wheat headed out; oats improving; clover begins to bud; meadows promising well.
Minnesota—All conditions excellent; grain and grasses heavy; rye heading; corn and potatoes a little backward; full acreage and good progress in the South.
Missouri—All crops doing nicely; clover beginning to blossom; corn cultivation progressing; spring wheat color and growth excellent; top soil a trifle dry.
North Dakota—Fine weather for crops, all grain growing thick and corn improving.
South Dakota—All crops look well; but rain and drought are causing some loss.
Colorado—Crop progressing rapidly; stock doing finely.
General—General conditions very favorable to all crops, which have greatly improved; harvest has begun in extreme southern portions.
Iowa—Corn, good stand and generally clean; oats well; small grain continues to improve, but does not promise more than a half crop; wheat has made very rapid growth, and is in excellent condition.
California—Hay-balling and barley harvesting has progressed rapidly; stock doing extra good prospects and improving rapidly.
Winter Wheat, Hay, Potatoes.
THE FARMERS' REVIEW has received reports from its correspondents in twelve States regarding the condition of winter wheat, hay and potatoes.
WINTER WHEAT.—The condition of winter wheat has improved greatly in the last days, but will fall far short of a good crop. In

Illinois the improvement is very noticeable, but so much of the area of wheat has been destroyed that some counties will get little benefit from the improvement. Some correspondents report that nine-tenths of the wheat crop in the localities mentioned has been destroyed. The ravages of the army worm are very noticeable. The improvement has continued in Indiana and in the latter State the outlook is good. Little change is seen in the condition of wheat in Michigan. In Missouri, Kansas and Nebraska conditions are still adverse. Iowa and Wisconsin promise a comparatively good yield.
IAT.—In Illinois the hay crop generally promises well, but in many counties the army worms are devouring the meadows, and the farmers are anticipating great loss from this cause. In Indiana the prospects vary from fair to good, but the outlook is still better. Michigan and Kentucky produce hay crops in the best condition. The outlook varies greatly. Most of the correspondents report the outlook as being very good, but some correspondents report the meadows as nearly ruined by the army worm. Drouth has hurt the prospects in Nebraska the outlook is better, but not entirely satisfactory. In Iowa, Wisconsin, Minnesota and the Dakotas the hay crop will be very heavy.
POT.—The outlook for the potato crop in Illinois is generally fair. In most sections conditions are favorable, while in a few localities the ground has been so wet that much of the seed has rotted. The outlook in the other States is good, with the exception of Kansas.

THE ARMY WORM.

Growing Crops Attacked and Destroyed by the Countless Hosts.
The army worm has made its appearance for the first time since 1875 in large numbers and damaging forces in Southern Illinois, and contiguous territory of Indiana and Missouri. Special reports in the Globe-Democrat give some idea of the ravages of this repulsive pest.

All of Southern Illinois, especially the low lands, is now a network of ditches, dug around the growing fields as a means of checking the invasion, and hogs, chickens, turkeys, crows and black birds are the full enjoyment of a feast that does not often fall to their lot. The damage that must be done before this mysteriously arriving pest disappears, as suddenly and, to the non-scientific mind, as miraculously, will be enormous. This great de-



THE ARMY WORM
(a, Male moth; b, abdomen of female; c, eggs; d, pupa; e, caterpillar.)

stroyer of wheat and corn is known to naturalists as *Leucania unipuncta*. Its habits have been of late years a source of profound interest to the entomologists of various States and of the Government Bureau.
While there have been years known as "army worm years," on account of the serious damage to and sometimes complete annihilation of crops, scientific reports during the last few years, in fact, no year passes that they do not appear in some locality or another. It is established that the egg of the army worm hatches early in May in the latitude of Southern Illinois, and the young worms may feed by millions in a meadow and be noticed when they have become nearly full grown and have stripped bare the fields in which they are born, they are forced to travel for food, and then they attract general attention. A curious instinct leads them to travel in vast armies, and as they are exceedingly voracious, they devour crops during the last three or four days of their worm life than they had done during the whole of their preceding existence, they are apt to strip the leaves from every blade of grass or grain on their way. It is significant that all the great army worm years have occurred during the preceding year unusually dry. The army worm egg is deposited by the parent moth at the base of perennial grass stalks. The egg hatches in ten to fourteen days. When full fed the worm, which lives generally about four weeks, has formed an oval in the ground, where it forms an oval chamber and changes to a slimy, mahogany-colored chrysalis. Thus the worms vanish from sight very suddenly, and this sudden disappearance is as mysterious to those who have no knowledge of natural history as was their abrupt advent.

Notes of Current Events.
The Florida orange crop was 3,900,000 boxes.
SPAIN will reorganize the Cuban Government.
J. S. CLARKSON, of Iowa, is said to contemplate making the race for Senator.
GEORGE B. LETCHER died of morphine poisoning in a Cincinnati hospital.
THE Travelers' Protective Association will meet next year at Portland, Oregon.
CLARENCE HOBART wrested the New England tennis championship from E. L. Hall.
THE Joseph Burns Chemical Works at Williamsburgh, N. Y., burned with a loss of \$100,000.
MACFEE and Parker, who killed Druggist Eyster at Indianapolis, were sentenced to hang.
TWO CHILDREN of August Beier, a farmer residing near Minneapolis, were killed during a storm.
THE Mexican town of Pauchmetta was destroyed by a wind storm. Some thirty persons were injured.
JOHN GILBERT, the dynamiter recently released from Portland Prison, has sailed for the United States.
PRESIDENT CLEVELAND subscribed \$100 to a fund for the relief of the sufferers of the Ford Theater disaster.
BANK clearings at eighty-three cities last week were \$1,156,384,853, a decrease of 2.6 per cent. in comparison with last year.
THE Elgin National watch factory, of Elgin, Ill., will close every Saturday during the summer to allow its 3,300 employees to attend the World's Fair.
The American Railway Association has filed with the Interstate Commerce Commission an agreement fixing the height of drawbars for couplers at 34 1/2 inches.

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ABSOLUTELY PURE

All other baking powders are shown by the latest United States Government Report to be inferior to the Royal in both Purity and Strength.
(See Bulletin 13, Chemical Division of U. S. Agricultural Dept.)

WILLIAM FLICKER'S VOICE.

It Had Seemed Rather Loud, but the Time Came When I Was Useful.
One of the most singular men I ever knew, said a wealthy retired circus man, was a canvasser in the first show I ever owned. His name was Bill Flicker, and his singularity lay in his voice; he was the loudest talker I ever knew. He disturbed everybody when he talked, and if he talked at night he always woke up the animals. This once came very near getting us into serious trouble. The giraffe one day bit at a little child who had approached too near his cage, and the animal, believing done this in the world if he had not been made irritable by being kept awake nights hearing Bill talk. There were times when we thought we would have to get rid of Bill, but he was a good-hearted man, and he did twice as much work as any other man we kept him, and the time came when we were very glad we did.
Our steam calliope, one of the first ever used, was a great attraction. We always billed it very strong as a leading feature of the street parade, and it played for us in the city and the country. It was at that time in the far West. In those days there was in every far Western town a considerable number of intensely emotional people, who were always sure to make a great row if things didn't go to please them. While we were in one of these towns our calliope broke down, and the engineer was unable to repair it in time. We dragged it in the procession, but the people were so enraged at not hearing it play that they shot the horses. At the next town the calliope was still out of repair, and we expected that the people would really be angry, but the last moment, just as the parade was about to start, Bill Flicker stepped forward and said:
"Colonel, I'll be the calliope!"
They took the insides out of the calliope and put Bill in. The player took his place and worked the keys, and Bill talked.
After that nobody ever thought of discharging Bill Flicker. He disturbed the animals, but he had saved the circus.

"German Syrup"

My niece, Emeline Hawley, was taken with spitting blood, and she became very much alarmed, fearing that dreaded disease, Consumption. She tried nearly all kinds of medicine but nothing did her any good. Finally she took German Syrup and she told me it did her more good than anything she ever tried. It stopped the blood, gave her strength and ease, and a good appetite. I had it from her own lips, Mrs. Mary A. Stacey, Trumbull, Conn. Honor to German Syrup.

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For Traveling Men who want many things in one place. The work can be done in a few minutes. For more information, send for a list. No expense attached to the list. Many Traveling Men who have used it express it in all its different forms. It is a perfect business card, and is a perfect business card. It is a perfect business card. It is a perfect business card.

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La Grippe! Grippi! Grippi! After Effects Cured.
Mr. Kilmer writes:—I had a bad attack of the Grippe after a time caught cold, and had a second attack, it settled in my kidneys and liver, and I had such pain and misery in my back and legs. The physicians' medicine and other things that I used made no impression, and I continually grew worse until I was a physical wreck, and given up to die. Father bought me a bottle of Dr. Kilmer's SWAMP-ROOT, and before I had used all of the second bottle, and before, I feel better, and today I am just as well as ever. I have passed and not a trace of the Grippe. Dr. H. B. Kilmer, Hulseville, Pa. Jan. 10, 1900.

DROPSY! DROPSY! DROPSY!

Suffered Three Years.
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