

THE AMERICAN FLAG.

Appeared at Various Stages Long Before History Made One.

Few persons have noticed the interesting evolution on our flag of the stripes and stars as depicted in the history of the Ancients at the top of old Faneuil hall.

Down in the army of the Ancients you will see first the broad red flag with the old English cross in its field.

The red, white and blue and the red and white stripes were all in the flag generations before Mrs. Ross was born.

THE SHEARING GANG.

A Mexican Crowd That Usually Creates a Sensation When It Arrives.

All of a sudden came the shearing gang—on ponies—all Mexicans, 15 of them, some in rags, one or two armed in jags.

Two big dogs were barking their heads, and had halted the whole gang in a row. The "carrambon" and "carajos" were going freely when we went out to interview them.

WINNING A BRUTE'S RESPECT.

What a Famous Showman Says About the Subjugation of Wild Beasts.

In an article on the training of wild animals in Frank Leslie's Popular Monthly, Frank C. Bostock, the famous showman, has this to say: "If I were to lay down a basic principle I would say, just as my father did to me the first time he ever gave me a whip and a lion."

"Once a very fierce old tiger which we had in London had nearly killed my brother, and her keepers were afraid of her. It happened that she ran a bit of bone into her paw and had a very sorry time of it. I undertook to remove it, and by the use of lashings and a little patience succeeded."

American Animals for South Africa. The shipments of horses and mules to South Africa by the British have just passed the one hundred thousand mark, and requisitions upon the remount stations in this country for 50,000 more have been received.

Short Road to Ruin. Nothing will ruin a man as quickly as conceit.—Washington (La.) Democrat.

WHITE IN MILLINERY.

It is Regarded with Much Favor by Wearers of Up-to-Date Headgear.

As has been the case during the past few seasons, at this juncture gossamer begins to play an important part, and not only in hats and toques especially designed for evening wear.

Here are some of the latest creations trimmed in this way with white: A large theater toque in white tulle. The shape is made with a cylindrical roll round the edge, over which the tulle is slightly puffed.

A small toque, the crown and center of which are covered with thick, wide braids of plaited white Saxony wool, is draped round the edge with ruffled green velvet.

THE FALL OF A GENERAL.

His Tip Was Not Fully Up to the Expectations of His Rank.

"In my recent trip west," said a Detroitier, who returned from California the other day, according to the Detroit Free Press, "I was accompanied a part of the way by an acquaintance who is something of a joker."

"I ought to have denied the title at once, but it had such a pleasant sound in my ears that I made no protest. He must have spread the news that there was a 'General' aboard, as all the people in the car soon addressed me by the prefix."

"It was the porter who gave me the finishing blow, however. When we reached San Francisco I figured that a dollar tip would be about the right thing in his case, and after I had been duly brushed and bowed to and grinned at I handed it over."

"With the general's compliments," I said, as I put on my hat.

Wash the celery and cut it into one-half-inch pieces. Cook it in boiling salted water until tender, drain in cheese cloth until dry, then bind together with a thick white sauce made by cooking together one tablespoonful butter, two of flour and one cup of sweet milk.

All is Vanity. Crawford—He has become a martyr to the game of golf. Crabshaw—That's what I thought when I met him in the train on his way to the links.

SOME RUSTIC INDUSTRIES.

The Money Value of Nature's Bounty and Woman's Work in England.

In one respect at least harvest time brings back very forcibly to the minds of the elderly in agricultural districts the fact that since their day rustic industries have undergone immense changes.

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WHERE WOMAN IS SUPREME.

In Old Tehuantepec She Has Her Own Rights and Several of Them.

I was greatly struck with the country of the isthmus between the two coasts. Eight or ten feet of soil is quite common and anything and everything seems to grow.

Strange to say, however, in this very up-to-date, faraway spot, "women's rights" are undisputed. Ninety per cent. of the trade is done by women; a wife has to vouch for her husband before he can even get credit!

Indications of the furs that would come into practical use in the headgear for this winter have been apparent since early in the autumn.

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Some people bring funny things in their baggage," said the inspector on the dock, meditatively, "and it surprises us at times. There's Andrew Carnegie, for instance. The last time he arrived here among other things he declared was 400 pounds of oats from Scotland."

Similar But Not the Same. There is a Clark Champin Hiawatha, Kan., who must not be confounded with the Champ Clark of Missouri.

ON THE DEFENSIVE.

Women Doctors Uphold Their Sex in That Profession.

Philadelphia women physicians and surgeons unhesitatingly ridicule the trustees of the Northwestern university at Evanston, Ill., for their recent determination to abolish the women's medical department of that institution.

"The action of the university authorities in question borders on the ludicrous. It is a mistake to say that women cannot grasp chemical laboratory work or the intricacies of surgery."

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TO BE BELLE OF PROMENADE.

Miss Alice Roosevelt to Attend Junior Event at Yale by Special Invitation.

Alice Roosevelt will be the belle of the junior promenade at Yale on January 21, says a special to the press from New Haven, Conn. She has accepted an invitation to attend as the guest of Clive Du Val.

Young Englishmen Reply to the Charge of Selfishness Made by Mrs. Alec Tweedie.

Mrs. Alec Tweedie wrote an article for the Daily Mail about a week ago on the selfishness of modern Englishmen, quoting an American girl as saying that English bachelors never returned women's hospitality and were otherwise remiss.

By indorsing and emphasizing this view Mrs. Tweedie started a stream of correspondence and elicited several amusing replies from English young men. These retort that no English girl would ever expect men to take her to tea, the theater, for a drive in the park, or to give her candy or flowers.

New Test in Hypnotism. Judge Davis, president of the board of children's guardians, has given his consent for a Mr. Henry, of a Chicago school of hypnotism, to experiment with the children in the home maintained by the board, at Terre Haute, Ind.

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BEASTS BEHIND FOOTLIGHTS.

The Construction and Performance of Property Animals Interestingly Described.

Stage animals are very proud of the organs they can move. If they can roll an eye, they never cease to roll it so long as they think anyone is looking, and if they can switch a tail, they switch it.

Just as it was emerging from the side into view the woolly end of the tail, in its abandoned flights, caught a gas jet, and at the same instant caught fire. The fire spread as rapidly as dry, gummy canvas and dry withes could make it spread.

A swordfish is, no doubt, a very impressive creature on the stage. The sword naturally receiving great emphasis from the maker and special publicity from the man inside. It is thus a common thing for that sword to get into trouble, and for the poor fish in a stage procession to ask the harmless mussel or oyster to "take care of my sword!"

Stage rats introduce us to another method of locomotion on the part of inanimate stage and canvas. Rare are made high enough to admit small boys; in such cases, of course, the boys do the moving.

Gene Field as a Cook. Did as His Wife Directed But the Meringue Was a Miserable Mess.

The recent marriage of Eugene Field's daughter recalled to an old school chum of Mrs. Field—that chum being now the wife of a prominent New York attorney—a hitherto unpublished story of the erratic western genius, says the New York Times.

There were visitors in prospect one afternoon in the Field household and a strike in the culinary department. Mischief was at flood tide, and Mrs. Field was vainly endeavoring to be everywhere at once, when the man of "Sharps and Flats" appeared in the kitchen doorway with a folio in his hand.

"Oh, won't you watch those pies for me while I run upstairs an instant?" his wife exclaimed. "Be sure not to let the meringue scorch—it would ruin them—you'd better give me that book or they'll be burned to a crisp."

"Have you done anything with that mystery yet?" asked the friend. "Yes," answered the detective, "we have found several clues that make it more mysterious than ever, which fact you will of course understand very materially enhances our artistic enjoyment."—Washington Star.

PERSONAL AND IMPERSONAL.

The name of Gizzel Wyaogogick appears in the new directory of Topeka, Kan.

Marquis Ito is credited with having said that he had never in all his life ridden free on a railroad in Japan.

The federal judicial officer who probably has the largest territorial jurisdiction is Andrew J. Halliell, United States court commissioner at Rampart square, Alaska. He covers over 150,000 square miles in his district.

The young queen of Holland, like the late Queen Victoria, absolutely refuses to sign any paper which she does not understand. If she cannot make out the meaning of it herself she sends for the minister from whose department it comes or some other competent official and asks him to explain it to her.

Habitual gamblers are perhaps the most superstitious persons in the world. They invariably carry little portable mascots in their pockets, and it would be impossible to persuade them to enter into a game of chance if, by some inadvertence, their mascots were not with them.

In reply to the query: "What kind of a woman is the present queen of England?" the Minneapolis House-keeper says her reputation is of the highest, intelligent, industrious, and abounding in deeds of kindness. Recently she wrote these words in her daughter's album: "I dislike all those women who talk about a thing being 'lawfully jolly' who think it 'good fun, you know,' to smoke cigarettes; who generally have something secret to tell you."

WOMEN DOCTORS IN PARIS.

Jewesses from Russia Predominate in Practice and in the Various Schools.

Mention was made the other day in this correspondence of the number of lady doctors practicing in Paris. It is a curious fact that the majority are Russian Jewesses, just as are the greater number of the women medical students.

The reason of the invasion of the Jewesses is, of course, the disabilities that exist in Russia for those of the faith of Israel—disabilities that are hardly lessened in Germany. Moreover, there exists, I believe, only one university for women in Russia, and that is in St. Petersburg. Some of the women who graduate in medicine do extremely well afterward in practice. One Jewess, who is greatly in vogue in the highest society in Paris, is reputed to make 60,000 francs (£2,400) a year. The lady doctor, who is also a Russian subject, has likewise found a field for her energies in China, where Russian influence is so dominant at the present moment. It may be worth noting that the only lady barrister other than Miss. Chauvin-Mine, Pettit—is also Russian. She has married a Frenchman.

The French newspapers always show the greatest interest in the progress of women. This was amusingly exemplified in the case of the American lady architect, Miss Julia Morgan, who was reported to have carried away honors from the Ecole des Beaux Arts. The lively imagination of the writers pictured Miss Morgan running up ladders and scurrying over scaffolding, no doubt in a costume suited to the requirements of the profession, but, of course, all this is the merest fiction. To begin with, Miss Morgan, as she informed me herself, has not finished her studies, though she has gained some successes, and her work in practice, like that of other women architects in America, will be largely confined to the office and the preparation of plans. Miss Morgan has been annoyed and embarrassed by the popular interest of which she has been the object here.

Recent experiments in dietetics experts have shown that one pound of peanut meal contains nearly as much nutriment as three pounds of beef. The meal, which is obtained by grinding the "cake," costs four cents a pound in bulk, and the Germans have prepared from it several agreeable articles of diet—such as "peanut grits" and "peanut flour," this latter being ground and boiled like ordinary flour. Palatable crackers have also been made from this crude by-product of the oil mill.—Science.

Brown—Do you know that there are not enough pumpkins to meet the pumpkin-pie demand? Green—I did not know it; but how is the demand met?

"By pumpkin pies made of an emulsion of squash and carrots." "But suppose the squashes and carrots give out—then what?" "By that time the squash-carrot pie will be a prime favorite, and it will be made of pumpkins."—Judge.

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