

SPRING CLEANING.

Yes, clean your house an' clean yer shed. An' clean yer barn in every part; But brush the cobwebs from yer head...

-S. Walter Foss.

SOME FORGOTTEN PENNSYLVANIA HEROINES.

The following address, delivered before the Bellefonte Chapter, D. A. R., at the meeting on May 6th, by Col. Henry W. Shoemaker is so freighted with information that all Pennsylvanians should be in possession of that we have asked permission to publish it in the "Watchman."

Mrs. Richard, Mrs. Keller and Ladies of Bellefonte Chapter, D. A. R.

Some months ago, in the daily newspapers, a dispatch dated Washington, D. C., propounded this question: "Who were the greatest women in the past history of Pennsylvania?"

In 1916, when the handsome bronze monument to Mary Ludwig, known as Molly Pitcher, a real daughter of the American Revolution, was unveiled in the old cemetery at Carlisle, her identity was made sure by the engraving of all her names, and her sobriquet, on the front of the granite pedestal, so that she may rank for all time as one of the greatest of Pennsylvania heroines.

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life. Her influence on the Indians was beneficent, and her aim was always to bring the two races together in friendly intercourse, her feeling being that, that of the two Indians were the least savage and warlike.

Eastern Pennsylvania can claim another equally picturesque Indian captive in Regina Hartman, yet her unmarked last resting place in Tulpehocken Churchyard, near Stouchsburg, Berks county, is known only to a few, among them Dr. Walker L. Stephen, of Reading, the best-posted Indian folk-lore in Pennsylvania. If Regina Hartman had lived in New England or Europe she would rank as one of the great historical personages of all time, yet Pennsylvania claims only a mild acquaintance with her.

Among the lesser known Pennsylvania heroines, Somerset county is justly proud of Peggy Marteeny, the daughter of Henry Marteeny, an old soldier of the Revolution, of Huguenot antecedents. During an attack by Indians along the old Forbes Road, Peggy was riding her spotted Spanish pony through the woods when she came upon a white man, badly wounded, and badly frightened, running for dear life, closely pursued by red men, who were brandishing scalping knives.

Near Molly Pitcher's handsome monument in the ancient cemetery at Carlisle, are the graves of Hugh H. Brackenridge, the distinguished Pittsburgh jurist, and author of that amusing work, "Modern Chivalry," a story much on the style of Don Quixote; and his wife, formerly the Pennsylvania German girl, Sabina Wolfe. On one of Judge Brackenridge's horseback journeys through the mountains he noticed the graceful Sabina nimbly vaulting over a stank and rider fence, and fell in love with her on the spot; athletic prowess still seems to be a compelling motive in the awakening of love, for we have recently read in the papers of a wealthy western youth who eloped with a show girl, whom he said he fell in love with after she had won a race on a Pogo stick at the Midnight Follies.

Pennsylvania Mountain girls are noted not only for their beauty, but for their courage. Kentucky accords a high place in history to the small dark girl, Mabel Hite, whose forbears

went from Berks county to the "Dark and Bloody Ground" for her heroism in carrying water under a heavy fire from hostile Indians to the brave defenders of the Fort at Bryant's Station, who were an earlier "Lost Battalion" and might have perished of thirst but for the intrepid bravery of this young Pennsylvania girl. Barbara Fritchie, who some historians say was a myth, but will ever be immortalized in Whittier's stirring poem, was born in Pennsylvania, but was taken to Frederick, Maryland, by her parents at an early age. Her speaker once asked General Henry Kyd Douglas, of Hagerstown, who was an Aide to General "Stonewall" Jackson during his famous ride through Frederick Town, if Barbara Fritchie, really lived. The old General replied that he knew Barbara well, that she was no myth, the only mythical part was that the flag which she hung out from behind her back. Boldly she plunged into the stream, which was swollen by a flood; gagged and her arms helpless, she was carried off by the swift current and drowned. Days afterwards her body was washed ashore at Northumberland, near where young Brady was buried, and the lovers sleep their long sleep side by side.

There are many more forgotten Pennsylvania heroines, but the list just given will suffice for the present. If we can honor these, as are their due, we will have enhanced the cause of Pennsylvania history and helped to place it alongside that of New York, New England, the South, and other sections where deeds of worth and valor are recognized. All of these forgotten women were brave, courageous, simple and God fearing, well worthy to serve as a high ideal for our young girlhood. They also show that the noblest traits are found in the humblest homes, that womanhood can be brave and intrepid just as much as man, that there are self-made women as well as self-made men. Some day let us hope that in the rotunda of the capitol at Harrisburg, purged of its group of professional politician statues, or some Hall of Fame specially constructed for the purpose, we can gaze upon lifelike effects in marble of Lucretia Mott, Molly Pitcher, Peggy Marteeny, Mabel Hite, Frances Sloum, Mary Wolford and above all, Nancy Hanks, typical of the family originated in Berks county, and the early spelling of the name was Hanck, whereas in Chester county there is a family called Hanke, possibly of a different stock. Nancy Hanks, the typical pioneer mother, occupies an outstanding place in the Nation's history, and we can feel closer to her, and her ideals, by reckoning her as one of our Pennsylvania women. Dr. Stephen, before mentioned, tells us that Jane Borthwick, to whom Robert Burns, in his youth, dedicated several love poems, and who later emigrated to Pennsylvania, is buried in Womelsdorf, Berks county.

We cannot close this rambling discourse without mentioning a little known Centre county heroine, Mary Wolford, for whom Young Woman's Town, now ruthlessly re-named North Bend, and Young Woman's Creek, now

ruthlessly polluted by tanneries, are named. While encamped with her parents, formerly from Buffalo Valley, near the great hollow buttonwood tree, below Milesburg, where the spartan Indian chief Woapanannee, or Bald Eagle, is said to have slept standing up, this fierce warrior fell in love with the tall, slim and beautiful pioneer girl. She was indifferent to his advances, being engaged to James Quigley Brady, the "Young Captain of the Susquehanna," a younger brother of the famous Captain "Sam" Brady. Bald Eagle managed to have the "Young Captain" scalped, which caused his death, and later captured Mary Wolford, and started North with her, towards the old Boone Road, leading to New York State. Somewhere, beyond the creek, which now bears her name, the lovely Mary broke loose from her captors, although a wooden gag was in her mouth, and her hands were fast behind her back. Boldly she plunged into the stream, which was swollen by a flood; gagged and her arms helpless, she was carried off by the swift current and drowned. Days afterwards her body was washed ashore at Northumberland, near where young Brady was buried, and the lovers sleep their long sleep side by side.

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AMERICA LEADING FRANCE IN AVIATION.

The United States is leading France and most other European countries in the practice of commercial aviation; it is shown in reports to the commerce department, despite a popular belief to the contrary throughout America.

More than 1,713,000 miles were flown in the United States in 1921 by air mail planes, which rank as commercial planes. Mail carried totaled 1,166,000 pounds. The record for France, just received by the commerce department, is as follows: Miles flown, slightly more than 1,300,000; mail carried, 21,000 pounds.

In mileage the American planes lead France by nearly 25 per cent. In the mail record American planes carried fifty times as much weight. It is customary for aviation enthusiasts to berate the development of commercial aviation in the United States in comparison with the use of planes for business and pleasure purposes in France, England, Germany and other places in Europe.

Airplanes are running regularly between Paris, London and other continental points, and are making trips daily on schedule like railroad trains. Much is made of the fact that large numbers of passengers are transported as well as baggage. Flying from London to Paris for lunch and an afternoon in the shops is said to be an everyday occurrence in Europe. Wide publicity is given to the numerous air trips taken by Premier Lloyd George and other government officials.

American flying men, calling attention to these reports, lament that the flying machine, although invented and developed in this country, is not being developed for practical purposes. That development of practical flying is taking place in the United States at a greater rate than elsewhere. The carrying of mail is distinctly a commercial practice and one for which the airplane is more properly fitted at present than for the carrying of passengers. In the matter of expense this is particularly true.

Airplanes carry mail now every day from the Atlantic coast to the Pacific coast at less cost than mail can be transported on the railroads, but in Europe the commercial airplane companies have been unable to compete with the railroads to any extent in the matter of passenger fares unless there is taken into consideration the greater speed of an air journey.

The figures quoted for the mileage of French airplanes include those flown in the carrying of passengers and baggage as well as mail. The number of passengers transported throughout 1921 was only slightly in excess of 10,000. Transportation of passengers is the main business of the French commercial planes. This phase of commercial flying has been more fully developed in France than in any other country.—Ex.

Jellied Fish.

The newest method of preserving fish is to cut it into pieces of suitable size, pack it in a can, and fill the lat-

—Ignorance is not always invincible; there are cases which may be cured, and some have been.

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