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# "HAMLET" WITH VARIATIONS.

History of the Battle Colors of the Confederacy.

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FLAG OF

# DREW THEIR OWN DESIGNS

Beauregard, Johnston and Cabell Planned it After the Battle of Manassas-Women of the South Contributed Their Red and Blue Silk Dresses for the Banner.

The Confederate Veteran, the official organ of the C. S. A. Veterans, recently invited Gen. W. L. Cabell, lleutenant general commanding the Transmississippi Department, to prepare a history of the battle flag of the Confederacy. His report follows:

"When the Confederate army, commanded by Gen. Beauregard, and the Federal army confronted each other at Manassas, it was seen that the Confederate flag and the Stars and Stripes looked at a distance so much alike that it was hard to distinguish one from the other. Gen. Beauregard, thinking that serious mistakes might be made in recognizing our troops. after the battle of the 18th of July at Blackburn Ford, ordered that a small red badge should be worn on the left shoulder by our troops, and, as I was chief quartermaster, ordered me to purchase a large amount of red flannel and distribute it to each regiment I distributed the red flannel to a number of regiments, who placed badges on the left shoulders of the men. During the battle of Bull Run it was plainly to be seen that great number of Federal soldiers wore a similar red badge. I saw these badges on a number of prisoners we captured that day.

"Gens. Beauregard and Johnston met at Fairfax Court House in the latter part of August or early in September, and determined to have a battle flag for every regiment or detached command that could easily be recognized and easily carried. I was telegraphed to come at once to Fairfax Court House. I found both Gens. Beauregard and Johnston in Gen. Beauregard's office discussing the kind of flag that should be adopted. Gen. Johnston's flag was in the shape of an ellipse, a red flag, with blue St. Andrew's cross and stars on the cross (white) to represent the different Southern States. (No white border of any kind was sttached to this cross.) Gen. Beauregard's was a rectangle, red with blue St. Andrew's cross and white stars similar to Gen. Johnston's,

"After we had fully discussed the two styles, taking into consideration the cost of the material and the care of making the same, it was decided hat the elliptical flag would be hardsr to make, that it would take more cloth, and that it could not be seen so plainly at a distance; that the rectangular flag, drawn by and suggested by Gen. Beauregard, should be adopted. Gen. Johnston yielded at once when the reasons given by Gen. Beauregard and myself were so good and substantial. No one knew about this flag but we three until an order was issued adopting the Beauregard flag, as it was called, and directing me, as chief quartermaster, to have the flags made as soon as it could be done.

#### Misplaced Visiting Card Causes Unlooked for Trouble. When the strange woman had called on the young couple in the neigh-

MUCH VEXED.

borhood she left a card bearing beside her name, the word "Thursday," but the young couple have a way of misplacing valuable trifles of this sort, and they promptly lost the card. They also have things to think of other than the days of the week, and they forgot all about the mystic word on the card.

When they were ready to return the call they found they had a free evening on Wednesday, and so they went then

The husband rang the bell at the house, and after some time ,during which they had space to observe that the hall was uncommonly dark, the door was opened for them by the lady herself.

"Why, it is Mr. and Mrs. Blank, isn't it?" she said, peering into the vestibule. 'I am somewhat surprised to see you. I rather thought you would come some Thursday evening. Come in, and will you excuse me walle 1 go upstairs and change this negligee gown for something more convention-817 If it had been Thursday, you would have found me clothed and in my right mind, but I never expect any one on Wednesday, so when she bade goodby to Mrs. Blank, she said. "Come to see me some Thursday, wont you?

But Mrs. Blank's patience had come to an end. "No," she said with great distinctness. "I regret very much that I shall not be able to call on one of your reception days. I have engagements for every Thursday there is or ever will be-good night," and then she went down the steps, leaving the almost hysterical Mr. Blank to shift for himself .--- Baltimore News.

#### Dreadful War the Cause.



Mrs. Bossim Wright-My first husband died a hero in the war. If it hadn't been for that battle you wouldn't be here to-day.

Mr. Bossim Wright-War is, indeed, a dreadful "thing.

## His Huge Head.

"I reckon, my friends," began a somewhat moss-grown, but eminently astute, candidate for the Arkansas Legislature, addressing an outpouring of the toiling masses of Izzard county, "that everything that was worth say. in'-and considerable more.too-about the tariff and silver and the inickertous trust, and all such as that, was said before I broke into the political areny, so I'll just remark that if I'm elected I'll be too busy attendin' to my duties to do more than come back here after a spell and make you all a short speech of thanks; but if I ain't elected I'll have plenty of time to make you two long speeches, and mebby more, and kiss all the bables, and otherwise prepare the way for bein' elected the next time. That's all I've got to say at present, except that I am in your hands from this time forth, and the keg is over yonder in Plunk Sagg's barn, right now. A word to the wise is, or ort to be suf-



With Former Years.

THEIR CHARACTERISTICS

Unique Tribal Customs Which Still Survive-Their Curious Religious Ceremonials and Superstitions-Appearance of Eskimo Houses in Greenland and Siberia.

The Eskimos are the most northerly of the inhabitants of America. These remarkable people are notable for their vast linear extent and narrow range, extending as they do along the Arctic coast line from Greenland to Siberia. Throughout this extended line there is to be observed a close similarity in physique, language, customs, beliefs, and industries, which differentiate them strkingly from neighboring peoples. Developed by an environment of especial severity, they illustrate in their dwellings, clothing. implements, and utensils, a peculiar adaptation to local conditions, which has been enforced in their struggle for existence.

The houses of snow and ice that are to be found so generally among the Eskimos of Greenland are rare in Alaska, and are used only as temporary shelters. The ordinary dwelling house, such as is seen in the vicinity of St. Michael, is rectangular in form and built of a framework of logs. eight to ten feet high in the middle and sloping to about five feet at the side. This is covered by boards or slabs, upon which earth is strewn to the depth of three or four feet. To this dwelling, whose floor is the ground, there are two entrances, one for summer and one for winter use, the latter being subterranean. A hole in the roof allows of the exit of smoke from the fire, which is built in an excavation in the middle of the floor. Raised platforms are erected a foot or so above the ground for sleeping places, and these occupy three sides of the house interior.

In physical characteristics the same general features pervade the entire group. Generally speaking, the most northerly are tailer and of more vigorous development than those living further south; they are also more combative and treacherous. In the Bering Strait and lower Yukon region, which may be taken as a general type, the Eskimo men are five feet two or three inches in height, with rounded features and somewhat pointed chins. The faces are heavy, with massive lower jaws, and flattened noses with low nosebridge, and at times retreating foreheads.

Curiosities in personal adornment are seen in the wearing of labrets. and face tattooing; both of which are in much less common use now than formerly, and which are disappearing with increased intercourse wth the whites.

Labrets are button or sickle-shaped pieces of ivory or stone, which are worn on the lower llp through holes which have been pierced for their insertion. These holes are made just below each corner of the mouth, and enlarged by the insertion of graduated ivory plugs, until large enough receive the labret. Tattooing, which is universal among the women. is said to be of comparatively recent origin. The pattern most commonly seen is that of radiating lines to the chin from the corners of the mouth. The Eskimos of the western Alaska coast frequent St. Michael for trading purposes, and the company stores there are filled with skins, pelts, and garments made from them. There characteristic work in basket making, carving and etching kavaks and bidarkas in miniature and fully equipped, and curious ornaments and trinkets in walrus ivory. Imitative power is shown in their work, but there is little ingenuity displayed. In every Eskimo village there is a central structure of considerable size called the Kashim (accent on last syllable), which is used as a general meeting place for the men. Boys of fourteen and the unmarried men sleep there, their food being brought to them there by the women of their families. Women are not permitted to enter the Kashim save on certain festal and ceremonial occasions. On the other hand, the family home is the peculiar domain of the women, and men and boys not of the family concerned are not allowed to enter these. The Eskimos have no wirtten or printed language, the mystical and supernatural tales which are numerous in their folklore, and upon which their conceptions and beliefs are formed, being handed down from father to son, and learned through constant repetition. These are recited by the elders to the young men in the Kashim, and are subsequently rehearsed by them until fully learned.

A Limerick Performance with Unique Features. The following is a literal copy of a play bill used at the Kilkenny Theatre Royal, Ireland, over 100 years ago: "On Saturday, May 14, 1733, will be performed, by command of several respectable people in this learned metropolis, for the benefit of Mr. Kearns, the tragedy of 'Hamlet.' Originally written and composed by the celebrated Dan Hay, of Limerick, and inserted in Shakespeare's work. 'Hamlet' by Mr. Kearns (being his first appearance in that character), who, between the acts, will give several solos on the patent bagpipe, which plays two tunes at the same time. Ophelia by Mrs. Prior, who will introduce several favorite airs in character, especialy 'The Lass of Richmond Hill' and 'We'll All Be Unhappy Together,' from Rev. Mr. Dibdin's 'Od-

dities." "The part of the kng and queen, by direction of Rev. Father O'Callaghan, will be omitted as too immoral for the stage. Polonius, the comical policeman, by a young gentleman, being his first appearance in public. The ghost, the grave digger and Laertes, by Mr. Sampson, the great London comedian. The characters to be dressed in Roman shapes. To which will be added an interlude, in which will be introduced several sleight-of-hand tricks by the celebrated surveyor Hunt. The whole to conclude with a farce, 'The Impostor!' Mahonet by Mr. Kearns, tickets to be had of Mr. Beard, in Castle street. The value of the tickets as usual, will be taken (if required) in candles, butter, bacon, cheese, soap, etc., as Mr. Kearns wishes, in every particular, to accommodate the public." Note-No person whatever will be

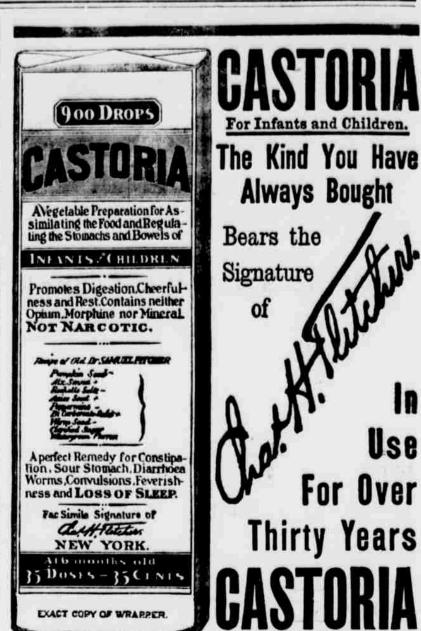
admitted into the boxes without shoes or stockings .- Detroit Free Press.

### Panama's Only Asset.

The greater part of the isthmus is valueless, as land usually goes. There may be more unhealthy places in the African or Indian jungles, but they are not numerous. The only asset of Panaman is its narowness. If it were but half as wide it would be worth twice men who will serve on the juries at as much. Its value depends on the fact that it is the weakest spot in the great continental barrier separating the two great oceans of the world. Elmer Hagenbuch, Scott The cutting of a canal through it would, according to Mr. Lewis N. Haupt, of the canal commission, result in a saving of \$200,000.000 a year to the mercantile fleets of the world. The Colombians, perceiving this

have thought they held the key to an inexhaustible source of revenue. They received \$1,000,000 for the Panama Railway concession, and since its construction have had a regular annual subsidy of \$250,000 more. Heavy subsidies from the canal company were also exacted. For the past fifty years l'anama has simply been rented out for transit purposes.

The inhabitants of the isthmus, being bound to Colombia only by the accidental arrangement of boundary lines, and feeling that they were furnishing an undue share of the Colombian government's income and getting nothing in return, have repeatedly tried to break away from it and secure their independence. They have



John Mowry, Cleveland Elmer K. Creveling, Mifflin Ed. R. Eves, Millville Samuel Klingerman, Beaver Frank Kester, Center John M. Humel, Fishingereck

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Here is a catch that Aunt Clara got caught on the other day. Get some of your schoolmates to try it next time you see them, and try it yourself, now : Put down the year in which you were born, to which add four, then add the age which your next birthday will make you. provided it comes before January 1st, otherwise your age at your last birthday. Multiply result by 1,000 and deduct from this 694.423; substitute for the figures corresponding letters of the alphabet, A for I, B for 2, C for 3, and so forth. This will give the name by which you are popularly known.

SEPTEMBER JURYMEN. Following is a complete list of the

GRAND JURY

September court: C. H. Reimard, Bloom. John Fenstermacher, Madison Lewis Beaver, Locust W. J. Kreamer, Fishingcreek Emanuel Snyder, Benton twp. H. W. Appleman, Hemlock M. H. Croop, Briarcreek Hugh Quick, Montour Francis W. Rhodes, Conyngham W H. Lord, Bloom. Chauncy Ikeler, Benton

Boyd Freas, Briarcreek John Watson, Bloom, Roy Swentsel, Bloom Sterling Thomas, Hemlock John Hauck, Briarcreek Thomas Hickey, Bloom. Ethan Hampton, Roaringcreek F. B. Hartman, Fishingcreek Lloyd Young, Jackson Wesley Morris, Greenwood Charles B. Edwards, Bloom.

Joseph Stricker, Catawissa Boro. FIRST WEEK JURORS. Daniel Hess, Mifflin

G. W. Knouse, Benton W. H. Gilmore, Bloom A. C. Hess, Sugarloaf Edward W. Ivey, Hemlock

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CAUSE

'I immediately issued an address to the good ladies of the South to give me their red and blue silk dresses, and to send them to Capt. Collin Mc-Rae Selph, quartermaster at Richmond, Va. (Capt. Selph is now living in New Orleans), where he was asmisted by two elegant young ladies, the Misses Careys from Baltimore, and Mrs. Gen. Henningsen of Savannah. The Misses Careys made battle dags for Gens. Beauregard and Van Dorn, and I think for Gen J. E. Johnston, and they made Gen Beauregard's out of their own silk dresses.

"This flag is now in Memorial Hall. New Orleans, La., with a statement of that fact from Gen. Beauregard. Gen. Van Dorn's flag was made of a heavier material, but very pretty. Capt. Selph had a number of these ficient. fags made, and sent them to me at Manassas. They were distributed by order of Gen. Beauregard. One flag I had made, and gave it to the Washington Artillery. They have it yet. My wife, who was in Richmond, made a beautiful flag out of her own dresses (elik), and sent it to a cousin of hers, who commanded an Arkansas regimont. This flag was lost at Elk Horn, but was recaptured by a Missouri division under Gen. Henry Little. It being impossible to get silk enough to make the great number of flags needed, I had a number made out of blue and red cotton cloth. I then issued a circular letter to the quartermasters of every regiment and brigade in the army to make flags and to use any blue and red cloth suitable that they could get. Gens. Beauregard and Johnston, being both good draughtsmen, drew their own designs. The statement going the rounds that this battle flag was first designed by a federal prisoner is false; not one word of truth in it. No living soul except Gens. Besuregard and Johnston and myself knew anything about this flag until the order was issued direct to me to have them made as soon as it could be deas."

In the manufacture of cannon the tendency is toward reduced weight of gun and projectile and increased muse velocity. This gives added range and penetrolion.

You never know how little you can do until you try.

Fame is morely an entree; fortune a feast.

It is almost redundant to add that this broad-minded patriot was at election time rushed into the office he craved, with all the whoop and eclat of a cattle stampede .- Puck.

#### All the Signs.

"Gladys," said Mrs. Beenthere, with a pained expression, "I'm shocked." "Why, what about, mother?" innocently inquired her fair young daugh-

"What about? You know perfectly well what about. When you started out sleighing I told you distinctly not to let that young man kiss you, put his arm around you or even hold your hands. And he has done all these things. Oh. Gladys! Gladys!"

A blush burned Gladys' cheeks, but what could the poor girl do?

"Mother," she bravely said, "tell me how you know these things."

"Certainly," said Mrs. Beenthere, maternal grief giving way to the logiclan's pride. "First, there is no powder on your upper lip. His mustache did that. Secondly, the back of his collar was marked by a streak of black, showing conclusively that he had the lines around his neck. There's snow all over your jacket except a narrow strip around your waist. Then you wore no gloves, and your hands are perfectly soft and warm-not chapped a bit."-New York Press.

#### His One Fault.

"Oh! yes, Cholly is a harmless sort of fellow. The only thing about him is that he has brain trouble." "Nonsense! He hasn't any brain at all."

"I know; that's the trouble."-Philadelphia Press.

Great Britain's Telegraph System. To keep the 30,000 odd miles of telegraph line in order in Great Britain and provide for the proper dispatch and delivery of the millions of messages that pass over them every month entails an expenditure of about £2,250,000 a year, and of this total more than £1,500,000 goes in paying the salaries and wages of the immense staff of engineers, skilled operators, and messengers, and of those who direct their operations and keep the accounts straight .- Tit-Bits.

Salzburg has a cafe which has been in existence for 150 years.

Last year the railroads of this country paid out \$676,028,592 in wages.

tried again, and apparently succeeded. James Casey, Madison There is no mysterious underhand scheme required to explain the revo- Michael Grant, Centralia lution, and it is not at all remarkable that the foreign residents should fav. A. K. Wright, Scott Thomas Webb, Bloom. or any change from the conditions of the past few years under Colombian rule.

An Extraordinary Intoxicant. During the Boer war British soldiers in Africa discovered a new and extraordinary form of intoxication. The ingenious privates found that they could get all the excitement of a powerful narcotic by eating a cordite charge of cartridges, each of which contains sixty strands of cordite and is very similar in apearance to vermicelli. The British Medical Journal gives particulars of this form of intoxication. It says that Major Jennings of the British army, on learning that the men had been eating cordite, made experiments himself. On sucking a strand, he found it sweet, pleasant, and pungent, but it resulted in a headache which lasted for thirty-six hours. Dissolved in tea it produces almost immediate exhilaration, "inciting almost demoniacal actions." followed by a heavy sleep and stupor of from five to twelve hours, according to the quantity taken. Added to beer it produces the worst effects, exciting a quarrelsome and destructive mania and producing the Pierce Dimmick, Cleveland most rapid intoxication.

#### A Washita Turtle.

A fisherman living near Ravia, I. T., caught a monster turtle in the Washita last week. The reptile weighed seventy pounds and was three and one-half feet long from shout to end of tail. Its shell was two feet by eighteen inches. It easily walked alone with a full grown man standing on its shell. Its head was very large and its jaws possessed of tremendous power. It was of the loggerhead or hard shell variety and so old that little horns had grown out from its shell and about over its skin .-- Kansas City Journal.

Couldn't Be Born in Ireland. Cleopatra pressed the asp to her bosom.

"If this had happened in Ireland," she observed, "I never could have done it."

Congratulating herself on her lucky choice of residence, she awaited the finale .- Judge.

Robret H. Mears, Montour Jonathan Loreman, Franklin C. C. Megargell, Orange twp. D. H. Walsh, Centralia Harry Hummel, Beaver Alfred Heacock, Greenwood Moses Savage, Benton twp. W. H. Griffith, Centralia F. H. Wilson, Bloom.

J. L. Kile, Sugarloaf John Scott, Bloom George H. Keiter, Bloom. Elias Thomas, Cleveland Jesse Rittenhouse, Beaver William Harry, Berwick Miles Everhard, Jackson Duval Dickson, Briarcreek Oscar Ammerman, Sugarloaf J. G. Shultz, Benton H. H. Hulmes, Benton twp. Michael Hartman, Greenwood W. S. Laubach, Benton twp. Matthias M. Kreamer, Greenwood Jacob Wagner, Berwick A. J. McHenry, Stillwater Ellis Ringrose, Scott F. H. Jenkins, Bloom. Harrison Hess, Fishingcreek John R. Neyhard, Catawissa twp. J. E. Shuman, Center G. W. Sutliff, Sugarloaf Robert Vanderslice, Bloom. Charles Tittle, Bloom. W. T. Miller, Benton Philip Crawford, Bloom. Edward Clever, Locust Tilden J. Weiss, Center John Masteller, Mithin

#### SECOND WEEK JUROBS.

Lemuel Kisner, Pine M. C. Jones, Bloom. David Edwards, Bloom. Robert Watkins, Bloom. James B. Laubach, Benton twp. C. R. Housel, Bloom. Alexander Campbell, Fishingereek Jacob S. Webb, Pine Hiram Demott, Miliville H. R. Bower, Berwick Charles Hess, Bloom. Harry Townsend, Bloom. J. D. Ipher, Benton twp. William Fetter, Locust Thomas Fought, Pine Frank Roys, Bloom. Samuel Yorks, Sugarloaf Charles Lee, Bloom. Elwood Knouse, Benton D. C. Shoemaker, Millville Benjamin Golder, Sugarloaf H. J. Pursel, Bloom.

David E. Fisher, Main Jeremiah Kester, Main Nicholas Yocum, Cleveland John P. Laughlin, Centralia George S. Alleman, Bloom. Hiram E. Everitt, Mt. Pleasant Wesley P. Hetler, Mifflin J. F. Lawton, Greenwood

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.... Occasionally a mother meets a young woman whom she thinks almost good enough to become the wife of her son.

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ONLY & MASK .- Many are not being benefited by the summer vacation as they should be. Now, notwithstanding much outdoor be. Now, notwithstanding much outdoor life, they are little if any stronger than they were. The tan on their faces is darker and makes them look healthier, but it is only r mask. They are still nervous, easily tired, upset by trifles, and they do not eat nor sleep well. What they need is what tones the nerves, perfects digestion, creates appetite the herves, perfects digestion, creates appetite and makes sleep refreshing, and that is Hood's Sarsaparilla. Pupils and teachers generally will find the chief purpose of the vacation best subserved by this great medi-cine which, as we know, "builds up the whole system."