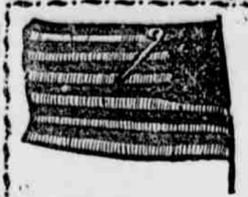


OUR FIRST FLAG IN WAR.

Still in Possession of Family of Paul Jones' Trusted Lieutenant
 Daring Paul Jones, commander of the Bon Homme Richard, had the honor of hoisting the first flag of stars and stripes over an American vessel, and this same flag was also to be saluted by a foreign power in recognition of the United States. The



historical banner still exists and is in possession of the Stafford family, descendants of the Lieut. Stafford was, during the battle between the Bon Homme Richard and the English ship Serapis, leaped into the sea to rescue this flag and then nailed it to the masthead. The flag was made in 1777 by Misses Mary and Sarah Austin, under the direction of General Washington and Captain John Brown. It was presented to Captain John Paul Jones, who carried it to victory many times and finally gave it to his trusted lieutenant. The flag is made of English bunting. Originally it was six feet wide and fifteen feet long, but it is now not over seven feet in length.

Names for Motorboats.
 "Motor" is as bad a name as "auto" for those little launches that are shot through the water by automobile engines. But let that pass. The baptismal cognomen is the thing. When asked why he called his boat "Hard-Bottled Egg," William K. Vanderbilt, Jr., said, "Because it can't be beat." Taugerman's boat is called "Fiat," meaning "let it be done." Another is named "Ricochet," because "she skips." Another is called "Shadow," because "it can't be caught." Then there is "Soubrette," because "she's fast." A good name is "Japansky," because "she's got Togo." There is nothing the matter with "Dean," because "she's swift." How is "Friday," because "she'll go fast?" A Panther is called "Time," because "she flies." A Mors is called "Disposition," because she's mercurial."

Owens Bible 208 Years Old.
 Andrew L. Keller, of Easton, Pa., has a Bible 208 years old, and it is in an excellent state of preservation. It is fifteen inches long, ten inches wide and six inches thick. The covers are of boards, supposed to be white oak, covered with pigskin. A large metal clasp fastened to one of the covers and used to keep the volume closed is still bright and entire. In spite of its age there is not a leaf loose or torn, and the paper has its original color and is not yellow. In the whole book there is not a single word that is not legible.

Strange Human Freak.
 One of the strangest works of nature ever seen in Cairo is a two-headed baby girl which was born recently to a negro family named Shane. The heads are both well formed and rest on the shoulders at about the same angle. The features are perfect. The body of the infant is fully matured, but the chest is unusually large. The child has but one set of lungs and, what is more strange, it possesses a double esophagus, and each neck and head is independent of the other, and it seems that each head furnishes air for one lung.

Hashish Smoking in Egypt.
 In each "goza" or pipe, is placed a piece of hashish weighing about two grains, and valued at less than 5 millimes, with some charcoal. This is passed round to eight consumers, each of whom pays 2 1/2 millimes for a long pull. It is said that formerly each pipe was required to serve twelve consumers. The profits of the retail traders have certainly been reduced, but they are still enormous.—Paris Daily Messenger.

Money for War Substitute.
 George B. Curtiss, a farmer, who has lived in Harwinton, Conn., for 69 years, has paid 6 per cent. interest nearly—amount to \$720—on a loan of \$30 which he secured 40 years ago. He borrowed the money to send a substitute to the Civil War, although he was not drafted.

Tried Once Too Often.
 Having wagered \$40 that he would steal five medals from a policeman's chest, a young man in Paris, secured two, says the Petit Parisien, but he was caught at the third attempt and will be prosecuted.

Banquet in a Barrel.
 A barrel with a capacity of 43,800 gallons has just been completed for a great wine firm at Schiltenheim, on the Rhine. A banquet was given in its interior to twenty-four people.

Brisk Trade.
 The Bishop of London has received a subscription of \$25 from an undertaker who described the gift as a "thank offering" because trade has been so brisk of late.

Collar cut his Throat.
 Emanuel Beveler of Sterling, Ill., cut his throat on his high collar. He was riding a bicycle, and in trying to avoid a passing horse was thrown. In his fall his collar cut his throat.

What is one man's automobile is another man's juggernaut.

Of Interest To Women.

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NAPOLEON'S OLD COAT.

Garment for Which He Had a Sort of Superstitious Reverence.
 At the 13 Vendemiaire Napoleon was in such a state of poverty that his clothes were all torn and he did not own a sword. He had to borrow one, and the day following his success he had to get a quantity of cloth from the State to have a suitable uniform made. From this moment, however, he paid great attention to his toilet, and took a certain pride in richly decorated clothes.

At Marengo he wore a uniform covered with gold embroidery—a uniform to which he attached a queer sort of superstitious reverence. When he went to Milan, for instance, to be crowned King of Italy, he attended a review on the field of battle in the old fashioned and much tarnished suit he had worn on the memorable 18th of June, 1800.

He never parted with his old coat. He brought it with him to St. Helena, and when he was dead, his companions put it over him. When Napoleon became Consul he took great care of his toilet, but he affected simplicity all the more, as he wished his Generals and suite to be gorgeous in gold uniforms and plumed helmets.

It was then he took to wearing the gray redingote and the hat which, as well as the uniform has been decreed to the Empress Eugenie. At first the hat was low crowned with a wide border, but little by little it got higher and higher until it became the hat every one knows. The hat was of long, hairy felt what hatters call "castor francaise," and it had a lining of grayish green silk. Napoleon wore his hats for a long time and sent them to be repaired again and again.

New Method of Watch Advertising.
 A watch, frozen into a cake of ice for twelve hours, during which time it recorded accurately the fleeting seconds and minutes, is one of the latest wrinkles in jewelry advertising.

The Wing of a Bird.



On the left is shown a man's hand; on the right, the wing of a bird.

Many Bull Fights Fought.
 A Spanish contemporary says that in 1904 nearly 12,000 bulls were killed in bull fights in Spain. The bulls killed about 10,000 horses. The best and most valuable bulls for the arena are raised on the vast estates of the Duke of Veragua, in Andalusia, who has made a fortune out of this business.

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