

The Document That Made Americans Freemen



CONGRESS in 1776 had put into the hands of John Adams and Thomas Jefferson the drafting of the Declaration of Independence, writes Fullerton L. Waldo in the Philadelphia Ledger. The two collaborators had a clear idea of the articles of which the Declaration was to consist, for there had been prolonged discussions in committee, of which careful notes were taken. The little sub-committee of two men met and conferred together, and Jefferson asked Adams to take the written memoranda to his lodgings and there prepare the draft.

But Adams, self-effacingly, insisted that the laborious honor should fall to his colleague.

"You are a Virginian," said Adams, "and I am a Massachusetts man. You are a southerner and I am from the north; I have been so obnoxious for my early and constant zeal in promoting the measure that any draft of mine would undergo a more severe scrutiny and criticism in congress than one of your composition. And finally—and that would be reason enough if there were no other—I have a great opinion of the elegance of your pen and none at all of my own."

Whereupon, bowing deeply and with protestations of mutual regard, the patriots went their several ways, Jefferson with the manuscript under his arm. And in a day or two they met again and "conn'd the paper over."

"I was delighted with its high tone," Adams wrote in 1822 to Timothy Pickens. But to the part containing the denunciation of King George he took exception. "I thought the expression too passionate and too much like scolding for so grave and solemn a document." Nevertheless, he had no amendment to suggest, and the draft

go down in history alongside of Paul Revere's and Philip Sheridan's. In default of missing detail the imagination must provide the picture of the tall, gaunt spectre of a man, half-masked and riding like a demon, urging his steed onward through the night with whip and spur, along a road abounding in pitfalls, with black miles separating one warm, yellow cabin light from the next. What was he thinking of as he rode onward? Not of the pain of the cancer, slowly eating away his countenance and sapping his vitality; not of the risk he ran, a solitary horseman, of being waylaid and robbed or murdered upon the lonely journey. He heeded not the hunger and the sleeplessness; he was thinking only of the fact that his vote would turn the day for Delaware; Delaware, though a little state, might influence Pennsylvania, and so the vote of the colonies would be unanimous for a declaration that would immortalize the men who made and signed it, and enfranchise the people of the 13 colonies and their descendants.

Next day, Thursday, July 4, as the members were assembling at the state house door, a rider, booted and spurred and covered with the dust of night-and-day travel, dismounted in their midst, and when, a little later, Caesar Rodney rose in his place, still breathing hard, and said, "I vote for independence," the result was that the vote of Delaware was cast in favor of the declaration, Pennsylvania, by three of her five delegates present, supported Delaware's action, and thus by the ride of Rodney the unanimous vote of the colonies (with the solitary and temporary exception of New York) was that day secured for the Magna Charta of our American liberties.

"It was two o'clock in the afternoon," Lossing tells us, "when the final decision was announced by Secretary Thomson. When the secretary sat down a deep silence pervaded that

Latest Parasol



(Photograph by Underwood & Underwood, New York.)

A PARASOL of palm fiber (raffia) made in the alluring form of a small square tent, with a natural fringe of the woven fibers, canopy top—loop of raffia to carry on arm. It is especially adapted for sea shore and outing, as the material is indestructible and water repellent.

FOR THE SUMMER BEDROOM CORRECT STYLES IN GLOVES

Simple But Attractive Furnishings That Make the Apartment a Delight.

Summer furnishings have a charm that is quite foreign to the more pretentious appointments of winter, and every season they seem to be more attractive. The new toilet china shown is extremely decorative. The quaintly shaped little bowls are adorned with equally quaint, conventional designs, and there are lovely foreign looking copper jugs, with wicker handles, for carrying the morning hot water. Colored and white tiles or squares of glass mounted on a flowered material matching the room hangings are provided to set the pitcher of ice water upon, and if a room is to have two occupants all these fittings are to be duplicated. For fastening back the window hangings the old-fashioned brass rosette has been revived.

Speaking of bedrooms suggests breakfast, for it is becoming more and more the custom to have the first meal of the day in one's own room, and thoughtful hostesses always provide one of the charming little breakfast sets which are now so common in the shops for the guest room, along with a tray of wicker, brass or wood.

High-Necked Gowns Passe for Evening

High-necked gowns are very much out of fashion for any evening affair, although white ones with lace yokes were acceptable for the theater and informal dinners, and restaurant wear; but one does not see them any more among women who dress well—Delineator.

TENNIS DRESS



This is a style suitable to be made up in zephyr or easement cloth; the skirt has a little fullness at waist, and is trimmed below with two folds. The bodice is trimmed with box-plaits attached at each edge. The Peter Pan collar and cuffs are of lawn edged with a narrow plaiting. Chip hat with full crown of spotted muslin, surrounded by a wreath of roses. Materials required: Eight yards 36 inches wide.

Black is a Color Little Seen This Season, Tints Being Given the Preference.

The new gloves show a good many innovations over products of a year ago. Except for black costumes, when an all-black scheme is desired, black gloves are little used. Plain white gloves also are less in evidence than for some time, tints having taken their place. All the soft pastel shades such as pigeon gray, fawn, biscuit and champagne are especially popular. Just now suedes are liked far better than glace kids. This is a whim of the Parisiennes, who always go in for the smartest fit for everything, and suede certainly comes under that class in the matter of gloves. With the continued shortening of sleeves, more 12-button lengths than any other style are being sold. White gloves with black stitching are popular with black and white combination costumes. For the street with the plain tailor-made broad four-row stitchings in self tones are considered the correct thing.

A Lingerie Hat.

If you get a lingerie hat this year, be sure to choose the mob cap style, with large, high crown and double ruffles around the face.

This may be quite simple or of embroidery and lace. A pretty one in sheer Persian lawn has the crown outlined with three rows of oval eyelets. The upper ruffle is edged with embroidered scallop, while the under ruffle has a row of eyelets above scallops. These frills fall far down over the face and around the high crown are drawn folds of soft ribbon, ending in a huge six-looped bow without ends at the left side.

Where one does not wish to embroider, the crown can be outlined in three rows of German valenciennes insertion, and the two ruffles finished with a row of insertion and edging of lace.

Odd Names to New Shades.

Some of the new shades have exceedingly odd names. There is pheasant displayed in a number of tones, from pale-reddish brown to a brown so deep it is almost black. Ashes of violet, a color of dull, faded purple; king's blue, a cold Japanese-looking shade, tending to brown; argent, a gray like dull silver; drake, a bluish green that is attractive, and a pale green called almond that blondes of a delicate (not colorless) type find becoming. Chantecleer is a rich, deep pink, almost red.

A Shining Nose.

Summer is a sorry time for the woman with nose shines. She usually resorts to powder, which coarsens the pores, or she mops with alcohol, which dries up the skin.

Instead of these, try bathing the nose with hot water, in which a teaspoonful of powdered borax has been dissolved to each pint.

Wiping the surface of nose with a soft flannel or piece of silk keeps down the shine. Do not rub hard or redness results.

Rubbers in Fancy Bag.

The traveler may not know that rubbers can be fitted into gay little plaid silk bags that are lined with rubber and fastened over with a pearl clamp. They are only about five inches long and take up so little room in a bag or a trunk that it is not worth measuring. A woman will not hesitate to travel around with her rubbers even in a dress suitcase when they are done up in such an attractive form.

AT A CRITICAL PERIOD

Of Peculiar Interest to Women.

Mrs. Mary I. Remington, Elgieberry St., Gilroy, Cal., says: "I suffered so severely from pain and soreness over the kidneys that it was a task for me to turn over in bed. My kidneys acted very frequently, but the secretions were retarded and the passages scalded. I was weak and run down. After taking other remedies without benefit, I began using Doan's Kidney Pills and was permanently cured. I was going through the critical period of a woman's life at that time and after using Doan's Kidney Pills there was a miraculous change for the better in my health."

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Natural. "And did your wife die a natural death?" "Oh, yes. She was talking when the end came."

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How About "Lift Thine Eyes?" The English Tourist—Excuse me, my friend and I cannot agree as to the name of that range of hills. Can you tell—The Scot (severely)—Mon, the Saw-bath is na the day for speering hills whatever!—Sketch.

Resinol Ointment is Used in Every Country of the World as the Best Remedy for Itching Piles. I was terribly annoyed with Itching Piles for twenty-five years. I found such great relief with the first application of Resinol Ointment that in future I would not think of being without it. An occasional application is all that is necessary. Christopher Holmes, Brookline, Mass.

An Embryo Emancipator. A little miss riding on a Brooklyn trolley car the other day tendered the conductor half fare. "How old are you, little girl?" he queried, gingerly handling her fare. She pursed her lips for a moment, then calmly opened her purse, dropped two more pennies into the conductor's extended palm, snatched her purse and demurely replied: "You have your fare, sir; my statistics are my own!"

Would Mean a Better Show. "Johnny," said the teacher, "here is a book. Now, stand up straight and sing like a little man." The song was "Nearer, My God." No sooner had the school commenced to sing than a little girl waved her hand frantically. Stopping the singing, the teacher inquired the cause. "Please, teacher, I think Johnny will get nearer if he whistles."—Judge.

Up in the Air. "I have been at the top of Pike's Peak, which is more than 14,000 feet above sea level. What was the greatest height you ever reached?" "I don't know just what the altitude was, but it must have been much greater than that which you mention. I made the ascent shortly after I had stepped with my bare feet on a humble bee's nest."

Casey at the Jet. "What's this I hear about Casey?" asked McGinnis. "He's been trying to asphyxiate himself," said O'Reilly. "G'wan! What did he do?" "He lit every gas jet in the house and sat down and waited."—Everybody's.

A DOCTOR'S EXPERIENCE. Medicine Not Needed in This Case. It is hard to convince some people that coffee does them an injury! They lay their bad feelings to almost every cause but the true and unsuspected one. But the doctor knows. His wide experience has proven to him that to some systems, coffee is an insidious poison that undermines the health. Ask the doctor if coffee is the cause of constipation, stomach and nervous trouble.

"I have been a coffee drinker all my life. I am now 42 years old and when taken sick two years ago with nervous prostration, the doctor said that my nervous system was broken down and that I would have to give up coffee. I got so weak and shaky I could not work, and reading your advertisement of Postum, I asked my grocer if he had any of it. He said: 'Yes, and that he used it in his family, and it was all it claimed to be. 'So I quit coffee and commenced to use Postum steadily and found in about two weeks' time I could sleep soundly at night and get up in the morning feeling fresh. In about two months I began to gain flesh. I weighed only 145 pounds when I commenced on Postum, and now I weigh 167 and feel better than I did at 20 years of age. 'I am working every day and sleep well at night. My two children were great coffee drinkers, but they have not drunk any since Postum came into the house, and are far more healthy than they were before. 'Read 'The Road to Wellville,' found in pills. 'There's a reason.' 'Ever read the above letter? A new one appears from time to time. They are genuine, true, and full of human interest.

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JEFIANCE STARCH



Famous Old Independence Hall.

of the declaration was put before the committee of five just as Jefferson had prepared it.

The desk upon which the declaration was drafted is in the library of the state department at Washington. It was exhibited at Buffalo in the Pan-American exposition in 1901.

The final debate in congress, in the committee of the whole, upon the adoption of the Declaration of Independence began at nine o'clock on Monday, July 1. On that day Pennsylvania, seven of whose delegates were present, voted against adoption. The vote of Delaware, having two delegates present, was divided.

Thereupon McKean of Delaware, who had voted affirmatively, wrote a frantic letter to the absent Delaware delegate, Caesar Rodney, imploring him to come and cast his vote, and thus turn the scale for Delaware, for it was highly probable that if Delaware supported the declaration Pennsylvania would follow suit.

Rodney at the time was 80 miles away, at Dover, at one or the other of his farms, Hyfield and Poplar Grove. He suffered tortures from the cancer, which, starting on his nose, had spread all over one side of his face, so that he had to wear a green silk shield to hide the disfigurement; it was of this chronic affliction that he died. A contemporary chronicler describes him as "an animated skeleton—indeed, all spirit, without corporeal integument."

McKean's messenger left Philadelphia late in the afternoon of July 1. It was necessary to get Rodney back to Independence Hall by July 1, the day appointed for taking the vote upon the adoption of the declaration. All night, all day he rode at top speed; and Rodney is supposed to have started on the return journey in the evening of the second.

That ride of Rodney's deserves to

August assembly. Thousands of anxious citizens had gathered in the streets. From the hour when congress convened in the morning the old bellman had been in the steeple. He placed a boy at the door below to give him notice when the announcement should be made. As hour succeeded hour, the graybeard shook his head, and said, "They will never do it! They will never do it!" Suddenly a loud shout came up from below, and there stood the blue-eyed boy, clapping his hands and shouting "Ring! ring!" Grasping the iron tongue of the old bell, backward and forward he hurried it a hundred times, its loud voice proclaiming "Liberty throughout all the land, unto all the inhabitants thereof." The excited multitude in the streets responded with loud acclamations, and with cannon peals, bonfires and illuminations the patriots held glorious carnival that night in the quiet city of Penn."

