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SEAL OF THE UNITED STATES.--It is a curious fact, that the seal of the United States was devised by an Englishman, Sir John Prestrick, a baronet. At least this is declared to be so. As soon as the Declaration of Independence was adopted a new seal became necessary for public papers. Some very odd devices were suggested. One was Moses with his rod dividing the Red Sea, while Pharaoh in his chariot was overwhelmed in the water. On the other side was a shield, containing in six compartments the symbols of the six countries from which the United States had been mainly peopled. Thus in one division there was a rose for England; in a second, a thistle for Scotland; in a third, a harp for Ireland; then a golden lily for France, a crowned lion for Holland, and a black eagle for Germany. Another device was a representation of the Children of Israel in the Wilderness led by a cloud. A third represented Hercules resting on his club, while Virtue urged him up a rugged mountain-path, and Sloth pointed to a flowery down hill road. This last device was not very complimentary to the new nation, for it seemed to point at a possible danger from laziness. All these, and a number of other suggestions, did not meet with general approval. At last, in 1782, after the matter had been discussed for about six years, John Adams, then in England, sent over the design suggested by this baronet, who, it appears, was an antiquary. The main device was an eagle with a shield on his breast holding in one talon an olive branch, and in the other a bundle of arrows, and bearing in his beak a scroll with the now familiar motto, E Pluribus Unum, one out of many. Without further parley this was adopted, and thus the seal of the United States came from England.

ORIGIN OF THE WORD "PROTESTANT."--With the month of April is associated the derivation and dissemination in a formal and official manner of the designation of the word Protestant. The Emperor Charles the Fifth called a diet at Spire in 1529 to request aid from the German princes against the Turks, and to devise means for allaying the disputes growing out of Luther's rebellion against Catholicism. The diet condemned the reformers and issued a decree in support of the doctrines of the ancient Church. Against this decree six Lutheran princes and the deputies of thirteen towns of the empire formally protested on April 17, 1530. From this act the designation of Protestant, which then was given to the followers of Luther, is derived. The Calvinists were subsequently included, and the title became general for all the sects outside of the original Christian Church. The six protesting princes were John and George, the Electors of Saxony and Brandenburg; Ernest and Francis, the two Dukes of Lunenburg; the Landgrave of Hesse, and the Prince of Anhalt.

THE DAYS OF THE WEEK.--According to the ancient Egyptian astronomy there were seven planets--two, the sun and moon, circling around the earth, the rest circling around the sun. These planets they arranged in order (beginning with the planet of the longest period), as follows: 1, Saturn; 2, Jupiter; 3, Mars; 4, the Sun; 5, Venus; 6, Mercury; 7, Moon. The seven days in order were assigned to the planet which ruled the first hour, and thus the days were named as follows: The Sun's day (Sunday); the Moon's day (Monday, Lundi); Mar's day (Tuesday, Mardi); Mercury's day (Wednesday, Mercredi); Jupiter's day (Thursday, Jeudi); Venus day (Friday, Veneris dies, Venredi); Saturn's day (Saturday, Italian Il Sabbato). Dion Cassius, who wrote in the third century of our era, gives this explanation of the nature of the Egyptian week, and of the method in which the arrangement was derived from their system of astronomy.

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