



INDEPENDENCE DAY By Josephine Canning.

In seventeen hundred seventy-six The Revolution ended.

And floating high in every breeze Our country's flag ascended. A Declaration had been signed That gave us Independence, So we became a people free. In war our own defendants. Each year since that momentous day Now long an old-time storyThe booming of the cannon helps; Perpetuate the glory. All through the fourth day of July, With merriment and laughter, The boys parade, while every girl In line walks proudly after; They fire off guns and crackers, till for want of ammunition They're forced to stop-but never dies The fire of their ambition.

opposition, while Sir George Collier

the British withdrew and burned

Fairfield. The heroic students of Old

Eli were therefore left in possession

of the college town. It is this fight,

A Famous Flag.

-The Churchman.

YALE HEROES HONORED.

status to Commemorate Their Fight With the British.

"The heroic defense of New Haven oy the students of Yale College, an almost forgotten page of American history," says Army and Navy Life, "was first thrown into the national limelight by the unveiling of a lost in the pages of history, that the anique piece of statuary. The group group so beautifully delineated, is to was designed and sculptured in the studio of James Edward Kelly. The anveiling took place on July 5, 1907,

the anniversary of the defense of New Haven. "The statue represents three fig- cans one stands supreme in its un-

ares, in the costume of the college equaled fame. This one is the flag poys of Colonial times, operating a of Captain John Paul Jones, the piece of field artillery. The stirring "Founder of the American Navy." It



one in the history of the sea in which the victor sank and the vanquished floated. Transferring his wounded to the English ship, Captain Jones had no more than time to save the living. His sixty gallant dead went down with the ship. As a final tribute to the valor of the brave Americans, this most famous flag went down with them.

The Real Fourth of July.

"On the 3d of July, 1776, John Adams, then one of the representatives of Massachusetts in the Continental Congress, wrote to his wife, Abigail: "'Yesterday the greatest question

was decided which was ever debated in America, and a greater perhaps never was nor will be decided among men.'

"In a second letter, written the same day, he said: "But the day is past. The 2d of July will be the most memorable epocha in the history of America. I epocha in the history of America. I am apt to believe that it will be cele- Now fire off your rifles, and set off your brated by succeeding generations as the great anniversary festival. It Don't mind if you do lose some fingers and ought to be commemorated as the day What? of deliverance by solemn acts of devo-tion to God Almighty. It ought to be Don't stop the proceedings for such a small of deliverance by solemn acts of devo-

solemnized with pomp and parade, with shows, games, sports, guns, bells, And now for the cannon, and now for the bonfires and illuminations, from one

the 2d, all the States, except New York, so, my dear.

of July, 1776, the independence of the Thirteen United Colonies from the the crowd.



Of all the thousands of flags which separation. We could with propriety have waved over the heads of Americelebrate the 'Fourth' two days earlier. shown by the letters written by John prehend .--- United Presbyterian.

article. The popular fancy, however, seized upon the 4th, the date of acceptance of Jefferson's more dramatic declaration of the reasons for the separation, as the proper day to celebrate. The debate upon the document was continued until the afternoon of the 4th, and, says Jefferson, might have run on interminably at any other season of the year. But the weather was oppressively warm; and the hall in which the deputies sat was close to a stable, 'whence the hungry flies swarmed thick and fierce, alighting on the legs of the delegates and biting hard through their thin silk stockings. Treason was preferable to discomfort,' and at last the delegates were brought to such a state of mind as to agree to the Declaration without further amendment. "It is a mistake to suppose that the document was signed by the delegates on that day. It is improbable that any signing was done save by John Hancock, the President of the Congress, and Charles Thomson, the Secretary."-Paul Leland Haworth, in Harper's Magazine for July.



thumbs. ? You've shattered your arm? Tie

things.

bonfires and illuminations, from one end of this continent to the other, from this time forward, for evermore.' When the resolution was taken up on the 2d all the States excent New York

voted to accept it. Thus, on the 2d day

Thirteen United Colonies from the throne of Great Britain was definitely decided upon. The 2d, and not the 4th, may be called the true date of the United Colonies from the What shrieking and howling! Are many hurt? Yes? Well, this celebration has been a success! —Carolyn Wells, in Life.



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Small, head of the Department of Sociology of the University of Chicago, every one is miserable who is prosperous. He told this to the Woman's Club.

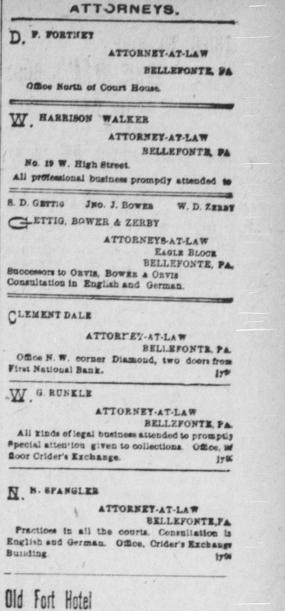
"We modern Americans," he said, "are the most unhappy people that have ever lived on the face of the earth. Why?

"Because we are the most prosperous people.

"Because we are the freest people. "Because we are the most highly educated?

"Misery does not make people dissatisfied as much as prosperity. It is not those who are the most miserable nor those who lack the most of social or material wealth whose dissatisfaction over their condition breaks out into revolutions for reform.

"Take the great revolutions of modern history-the French Revolution or the Civil War, for example-



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THE BOSTON TEA PARTY.

The single eyeglass is worn by the That the participants in the work con- dude. The theory is that he can see sidered the 2d as the true date is more with one eye then he can com-

Adams, quoted at the beginning of this

bombarded the town from the warships in the harbor. "By this time, however, the entire countryside was aroused, and the patriots gathered in such numbers that

immortalize."

James Edward Kelly, Sculptor. STATUE TO STUDENTS OF, YALE WHO OPPOSED THE BRITISH AT NEW HAVEN.

in order to defend the Connecticut pledge which he kept to the end. It Stiles, from the steeple of Yale Col- 4, 1777, says an exchange. lege, saw the British fleet preparing This flag was made by a quilting to sail from West Haven, and called party of young ladies at Portsmouth, Independence Day was one of great, of titanium, products of the electric

forced a landing, hotly opposed by in which Helen Seavey had been marthe Yale boys and the patriots, and ried to a young officer the May beproceeded to plunder and destroy. fore. The blue field and the red and A pitched battle was fought at the white stripes were also of silk, and northwest corner of Broadway, and were furnished and made up by Mary the defenders were eventually over- Langdon, Caroline Chandler, Helen whelmed by superior numbers. Seavey, Augusta Pierce and Dorothy Meanwhile the British had landed Hall, this last a niece of Elijah Hall, 1500 men at Lighthouse Point and second lientenant of the Ranger. It advanced from the east, with the was the first example of the new intention of forming a junction with symbol of liberty to be seen in Eurothose in the town and crushing all pean waters and the first to be sa-



INDEPENDENCE DAY. E. Stremlaw.

affair that the statue will commem- | was the naval hero's proud boast that orate occurred on July 5, 1779. The he and the flag were twins, having British planned to cause Washington been born together. "As long as we to weaken his forces at West. Point float we shall float together," was the coast. New Haven, then a town of was fitting that the first flag to float 1800 inhabitants, was to be the ob- over an American vessel was hoisted ject of the British attack. President on the Ranger by Jones himself, July

out the students for the defense of N. H., where the Ranger was the town. Iaunched. The thirteen white stars "Under General Garth the British were cut out from a white silk dress luted by European powers in those waters, by the French at the Quiberon Bay, December 14, 1777.

This was only the beginning of its fame. Jones took the flag with him when he gave up the Ranger and spread it to the salt breeze when he stepped on the quarter deck of the old Bon Homme Richard. But before that he had fought the Drake, and this was the first navalvictory gained by the Stars and Stripes; this flag was the first ever hoisted over a foreign enemy after an American victory on the seas. Fierce as the fighting was that day off the Irish coast, and though it was the first time a British ship of war ever struck its colors to an inferior force, the flag came through the battle without a scar. This was also true of the fighting with the Serapis, September 13, 1779, the bloodiest battle ever won at sea.

When Captain Pearson struck at last his sailors were cowed by the indomitable valor of Jones and his men. The Serapis was uninjured, the Bon Homme Richard was a total wreck. This engagement is the only

There was great rejoicing in the Hancock and many other Massachusetts homes when the news of the Declaration came. In Philadelphia the joy was more openly expressed, but in New York and New England Banking Corporation paid dividends circumstances made these exhibitions and bonuses aggregating thirty-four So various are the appeals which they of satisfaction of a secret nature in many instances. Neither the British Bank, of Simla, paid fourteen per nor their allies, the Tories, were in cent. any mood to look with favor upon a

but necessarily quiet rejoicing.



The Theory.

The Glorious Fourth.

Shade of George Washington-Gadzooks! did I start this?"

The Hong Kong and Shanghai per cent. for 1908. The Alliance

It is said that silicide and boride furnace, are as hard as the diamond.

and you will note that the respective countries in which these agitations developed were not ripe for revolution until they had come to a certain degree of prosperity, which developed the idea of personal rights and liberties.

"The main reason why, in my judgment, there will be no revolution in Russia for a long time to come is the fact that the common people of that country are so miserable that they have been, and will long be, unable to develop a dissatisfaction acute enough to break into forcible resistance.

"In the same manner freedom and education make for unhappiness. They bring serious responsibilities. They make the individual feel and see the actual inequality of men.

"They flood society with problems that tax the mind and sear the heart. make to our intellects and our feelings that we reach for a remedy and then, lobster like, we travel backward to find how near it fits the disease.

"Our American forefathers hit upon political democracy as the remedy for all social wrongs. We have tried it. We have twisted it and stretched it and revised it and have in the end found that it has brought us graft, corruption and social unrest. The longer we have handled it the more complex and the more distressing have our political and social problems become.

"Now we have new doctors in the field. Social democracy is the cureall they would have us swallow.

"But let us beware. We have been sorely disappointed in political democracy; may not social democracy bring just as many and just as trying complications?

"Let us not despair. The talent for misery is the fountain of progress. It is only when men can picture to themselves what they think and what they want, and can work up enough genuine dissatisfaction to get themselves into action that they accomplish anything worth while."

CONUNDRUMS.

- When are pigs like letters? Ans. When penned.
- When are lighthouses like castles? Ans. When stormed.
- What men are aiways losing their patience (patients)? Ans. Doctors. Why are carpets like old shoes?
- Ans. Both are foot worn. When is a boy like a saddle? Ans. When pummeled .--- Washington Star.
- DURING THE HONEYMOON. "Hubby, I want to wear my thin shoes in the rain."
- 'Well, dovey?" "Tell me I mustn't." - Louisville
- Courier-Journal.

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