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"OLD GLORY"

And Why the Town of Sand Hill
Didn't Hoist Him.

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It was Enos Hopkins who got the idea that Sand Hill should prove her patriotism to the world at large by displaying the American flag for seven days a week. He got the idea one Sunday mornin' as he lay in bed, and he hugged it to his soul and chuckled over it for a week before he said anything to a livin' soul. Everybody knew by his actions that somethin' was up.

At length, when Saturday night came and there was the usual crowd at the postoffice, he shot off his gun. He had his speech all prepared. He told how the American flag was first hung to the breeze; how men cheered for liberty as they saw it; how it had given happiness to millions. Men had fought cheerin' for that flag, and men had died blessin' it. He wanted it hoisted in Sand Hill at sunrise every day in the year, and he wanted children to cry for it and men and women to venerate it.

As soon as the crowd had recovered from its surprise and began to cheer Deacon Black said it was a mighty strong p'int and one worthy of a leadin' patriot of Sand Hill. He was heartily in favor of the idea, and he would then and there contribute 13 cents toward the purchase of a public flag.

Then Hosea Saunders spoke. His grandfather had died while fightin' under the stars and stripes. His father had fallen and killed himself while climbin' a flagpole. His mother had wrapped him in the flag of liberty when he was born. It was hard times and money was tight, but he would go without tobacco for a month in order to contribute a shillin' toward the purchase of a flag. With his own hands, if agreeable to all, he would hoist the emblem at sunrise and lower it at sunset durin' the rest of his natural life.

The deacon said that was also a beautiful speech, with a mighty strong p'int to it, and the feelin's of the crowd had got so worked up over freedom and liberty that tears stood in many eyes. Hosea was followed by Squar' Joslyn, Philetus Williams, Abraham White and others, and thar was frequent cheerin' and shakin' hands.

About ten years ago Abijah Davidson's dog tore the ear off a hog owned by Joel Hardman, and the men had been enemies ever since, but under the excitement and patriotism engendered by the speeches they fell into each other's arms and became brothers ag'in. It was settled that a public contribution should be taken up to buy a fifteen dollar flag, and then came the question of where it should be raised. Enos Hopkins, who had started it all, got up in a modest way and said he would go to the expense of plantin' a pole in front of his house. It was on high ground and the flag could be seen from every house in town.

"We wouldn't put Enos to all that trouble," said Deacon Black as he rose up. "He's done his sheer in thinkin' out the plan. I'll see that the flag is duly displayed from the roof of my cooper shop when it arrives."

"What's the matter h'istin' it over my grocery?" asked Dan Skinner as he wiped the tears of emotion from his eyes. "It isn't as high as some places, but more central."

Then everybody bobbed up and demanded to be heard. Every man present wanted that flag in front of his house or place of business and nowhere else, and purty soon they was shakin' their fists and sayin' they'd be durned if they wouldn't have it there or refuse to contribute a red cent. There was a lively row on in two minits, with no more weepin' over patriotism.

Deacon Black rattled on the stovepipe with his cane until he quieted the racket, and then he said: "Feller patriots, have we no public spirit among us?"

"We have!" yelled the crowd. "Then let us exhibit it. Bein' my cooper shop is the highest buildin' in town and bein' the American flag has got to fliplop in the breeze to be seen and venerated, I unselfishly offer to put up a pole and take charge of the flag."

"So do I!" shouts every man in the crowd. Then Squar' Joslyn made a speech. He told how a million men had died for that flag, how its stars and bars had made tyrants tremble, how a young nation had worshiped it and

made all the world respect it. He wound up after ten minits by offerin' to float it from his hoss barn, but only hisses and groans followed. There was signs that three or four patriots would soon be punchin' each other's heads when Tom Bates strolled in in that careless way of his. Deacon Black pounded and rattled till he got order and then said:

"I want to hear from Tom Bates on this matter. Mebbe he can suggest sunthin. Tom, what place in town would you say the American flag ought to float from?"

"How many stars are there in the American flag?" calmly asked Tom.

"Nobody could tell."

"Well, how many stripes?"

"Nobody could tell."

"Pears to me," said Tom as he started to wander out ag'in—"pears to me that as none of you can tell the difference between the American flag and a tablecloth you'd better hang up an old army blanket most anywhere and let it go at that!"

And at the end of five minits more there wasn't a patriot left in the postoffice, and nothin' more has ever been said about buyin' a public flag.

Counting a Score.

Twenty is called a score because it represents the whole man, ten fingers and ten toes. Etymologically it means a cut or mark. In very early times, when men could not count beyond twenty, or "one man," it was usual to cut a notch in a stick and begin again, and so it went on, one man, two men, and so on. This is why sheep are still counted by the score. Now, a tally (French taille, cut or nicked) means an account kept by means of a notched stick, and until the end of the eighteenth century such sticks were given as exchequer receipts, accompanied by a written document. This was also the usual way of keeping accounts in the inns of the middle ages. The number of drinks or meals a customer had were scored against him on what was called a tally stick, and when it reached twenty, or a "whole man," he was expected to pay.

Named After the Saint.

St. George is always turning up on the Danube, from St. Georgen, in Baden, which disputes with Donau-eschingen the claim to possess the real source of the river, to the St. George's branch, the southernmost mouth at the delta. Gurjevo is one more of the places named after the saint. It began as San Zorzo or San Giorgio in the fourteenth century, when it was founded by the Genoese. In modern times Gurjevo has twice made history. It was the terminus of Roumania's first railway, the line from Bukharest, opened in 1880, and in the Crimean war it was defended with stubborn fury by the Turks, costing the Russians 30,000 men to take it.—London Standard.

Japanese Proverbs.

"Some insects feed upon smartweed" (There is no accounting for tastes).
"If in a hurry go around" (The more haste the less speed).
"Live under your own hat" (Let well enough alone).

"The mouth is the front gate of misfortune" (The tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity).
"When the clouds gather let the householder look to his roof."

A Practical Girl.

"Alberta, this love I bear for you is consuming me," declared the ardent young man with the big Adam's apple and the little salary.
"Well," declared the haughty dame, "I accept you, but you know these days the consumer has to pay the cost."—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

The Thoughtful Ostrich.

The Arab has a curious belief that the ostrich lays twenty-four eggs, but eventually hatches only twenty-three of them, the extra egg being kept by the old bird for the purpose of feeding her young ones on.—Wide World Magazine.

A Hardware Talk.

"Yes," said the nut to the nail, "it gave me a terrible wrench to part from him, but I knew it would be only a matter of a few days before he would bolt anyway."

Justice.

The only way to make the mass of mankind see the beauty of justice is by showing them in pretty plain terms the consequence of injustice.—Sydney Smith.

Hope often digs its own grave with the spade of indiscretion.



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Questions that a Good Citizen Should Know.

- D. Have you read the Constitution of the United States?
R. Yes.
- D. What form of Government is this?
R. Republic.
- D. What is the Constitution of the United States?
R. It is the fundamental law of this country.
- D. Who makes the laws of the United States?
R. The Congress.
- D. What does Congress consist of?
R. Senate and House of Representatives.
- D. Who is our State Senator?
R. Theo. M. Kurtz.
- D. Who is the chief executive of the United States?
R. President.
- D. How long is the President of the United States elected?
R. 4 years.
- D. Who takes the place of the President in case he dies?
R. The Vice President.
- D. What is his name?
R. Thomas R. Marshall.
- D. By whom is the President of the United States elected?
R. By the electors.
- D. By whom are the electors elected?
R. By the people.
- D. Who makes the laws for the state of Pennsylvania.
R. The Legislature.
- D. What does the Legislature consist of?
R. Senate and Assembly.
- D. Who is our Assemblyman?
R. Wilmer H. Wood.
- D. How many State in the union?
R. 48.
- D. When was the Declaration of Independence signed?
R. July 4, 1776.
- D. By whom was it written?
R. Thomas Jefferson.
- D. Which is the capital of the United States?
R. Washington.
- D. Which is the capital of the state of Pennsylvania.
R. Harrisburg.
- D. How many Senators has each state in the United States Senate?
R. Two.
- D. Who are our U. S. Senators?
R. Boise Penrose and George T. Oliver.
- D. By whom are they elected?
R. By the people.
- D. For how long?
R. 6 years.
- D. How many representatives are there?
R. 435. According to the population one to every 211,000, (the ratio fixed by Congress after each decennial census.)
- D. For how long are they elected?
R. 2 years.
- D. Who is our Congressman?
R. S. Taylor North.
- D. How many electoral votes has the state of Pennsylvania?
R. 38.
- D. Who is the chief executive of the state of Pennsylvania?
R. The Governor.
- D. For how long is he elected?
R. 4 years.
- D. Who is the Governor?
R. Brumbaugh.
- D. Do you believe in organized government?
R. Yes.
- D. Are you opposed to organized government?
R. No.
- D. Are you an anarchist?
R. No.
- D. What is an anarchist?
R. A person who does not believe in organized government.
- D. Are you a bigamist or polygamist?
R. No.
- D. What is a bigamist or polygamist?
R. One who believes in having more than one wife.
- D. Do you belong to any secret Society who teaches to disbelieve in organized government?
R. No.
- D. Have you ever violated any laws of the United States?
R. No.
- D. Who makes the ordinances for the City?
R. The board of Aldermen.
- D. Do you intend to remain permanently in the U. S.?
R. Yes.

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Chicken Talk.

The chickens were gathered together in the farmyard conversing with one another, as is the custom among all self respecting chickens who have been brought up by a careful and judicious mother hen.
"What would home be without a mother?" asked one little fellow, looking tenderly at old Mrs. Hen, who was searching among the neighbor's freshly planted seeds for some dainty morsel with which to treat her brood.
"An incubator, I guess," answered his small sister, who had inherited her old man's unseemly sense of humor.—Pittsburgh Telegraph.

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