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### GOOD READING FOR JULY 4.

The time is near at hand which must probably determine whether Americans are to be freemen or slaves; whether they are to have any property they can call their own; whether their houses are to be pillaged and destroyed and themselves consigned to a state of wretchedness from which no human effort will deliver them. The fate of unborn millions will now depend, under God, on the courage and conduct of this army. Our enemy leaves us only the choice of a brave resistance or the most abject submission. We have, therefore, to resolve to conquer or die. Our own, our country's honor, calls upon us for a vigorous and manly exertion, and if we now shamefully fall we shall become infamous before the whole world. Let us, then, rely on the goodness of our cause and the aid of the Supreme Being, in whose hands victory is, to animate and encourage us to great and noble actions. The eyes of all our countrymen are now upon us, and we shall have their blessings and praises if happily we are the instruments of saving them from the tyranny meditated against them.—From Washington's Address to His Troops Before the Battle of Long Island.

### Political Note.

"Pa, what is meant by 'emoluments of office?'"

"That's a high sounding word used frequently by politicians to denote their pay, my son, and it's like charity."

"How's that, pa?"

"It covers a multitude of sins."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

### Mixed In Her Mythology.

Mrs. Kawler—Do you consider Alice very good looking? Mrs. Blunderby—Oh, Alice is pretty enough, but I wouldn't call her an Adonis!—Boston Transcript.

### A PITHY SERMON.

Here is about the pithiest sermon that was ever preached: "Our ingress into life is naked and bare, our progress through life is trouble and care, our egress out of it we know not where; but, doing well here, we shall do well there. I could not tell more by preaching a year."

## "America for Me" A July 4th Poem by Henry Van Dyke

It is fine to see the old world and travel up and down Among the famous palaces and cities of renown; To admire the crumbly castles and the statues of the kings, But now I think I've had enough of antiquated things.

So it's home again and home again, America for me! My heart is turning home again, and there I long to be— In the land of youth and freedom beyond the ocean bars, Where the air is full of sunlight and the flag is full of stars.

Oh, London is a man's town; there's power in the air, And Paris is a woman's town, with flowers in her hair,

And it's sweet to dream in Venice, and it's great to study Rome, But when it comes to living there is no place like home.

I like the German fir woods, in green battalions drilled;

I like the gardens of Versailles, with flashing fountains filled; But, oh, to take your hand, my dear, and ramble for a day

In the friendly western woodland, where nature has her way!



I know that Europe's wonderful, yet something seems to lack. The past is too much with her and the people looking back, But the glory of the present is to make the future free— We love our land for what she is and what she is to be.

Oh, it's home again and home again, America for me! I want a ship that's westward bound to plow the rolling sea To the blessed land of room enough beyond the ocean bars, Where the air is full of sunlight and the flag is full of stars.

### HOW ONE "SIGNER" DIED.

Button Gwinnett of Georgia Was Killed in a Duel.

The following account by an eyewitness of the duel on May 15, 1777, between General Lachlan McIntosh and Button Gwinnett, a signer of the Declaration of Independence for Georgia, is contained in a letter that was published recently.

George Wells of Richmond county, Ga., was the eyewitness. He says:

"Late on the evening of Thursday, the 14th May, a written challenge was brought to Genl. McIntosh, signed 'Button Gwinnett,' wherein the said Mr. Gwinnett charged the General with calling him a scoundrel in Public Convention, and desired he would give Satisfaction for it as a Gentleman before Sunrise next morning in Sir James Wright's Pasture behind Col. Martin's house, to which the General humorously sent in answer that the hour was rather earlier than his usual, but would assuredly meet him \* \* \* with a pair of Pistols."

Wells, who was evidently a friend of McIntosh, then goes on to describe the meeting, the "polite salutation" and examination of the pistols. When they noticed a crowd of spectators they agreed to go farther down the hill. Some one proposed they should stand back to back. The general answered: "By no means. Let us see what we are about."

"Immediately each took his stand," the affidavit continues, "and agreed to fire as they could. Both pistols went off nearly at the same time, when Gwinnett fell, being shot above the knee, and said his thigh was broke. The general, who was also shot through the thick of the thigh, stood still in his place, and, not thinking his antagonist was worse wounded than himself, asked if he had enough or was for another shot, to which all objected. The seconds led the general up to

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Mr. Gwinnett, and they both shook hands, and further than this Deponent saith not." Gwinnett died twelve days later.

### Rain Hats in Korea.

Korea is a country of strange head-dresses, but perhaps the most curious headgear of all are the immense rain hats worn by the farmers' wives while working in the fields during the rainy season. These extraordinary coverings are often as much as seven feet long and five feet broad and protect the body as effectively as any umbrella could do.

### Glass Solvent.

Hydrofluoric acid is an acid compound of hydrogen and fluorine. It may be prepared by the action of sulphuric acid upon cryolite in an appropriate apparatus made of lead or platinum. It may thus be readily obtained in a liquid form and is colorless. Its vapors are exceedingly poisonous, and the liquid itself, even when mixed with more or less water, causes severe swellings on the skin. Great care must therefore be taken in working with this acid. Hydrofluoric acid dissolves glass, forming hydrofluosilicic acid with its silica; hence its use for making etchings on glass.

### His Secret Died With Him.

One man gave up his life in the search for a new explosive a few years ago. He was a scientist named Wartenberger. He had spent years of his life in the midst of awful perils in search of a new explosive. He found one at last which the experiments of the United States government experts satisfied them was even more powerful than dynamite. The government offered Wartenberger \$1,000,000 for his invention, provided he could perfect a method of firing the fearful stuff by means of electricity instead of a fuse. While he was engaged in these experiments an explosion occurred which killed the unfortunate inventor.—San Francisco Chronicle.

### Wounds of the Heart.

In wounds of the heart itself the escape of blood is never in large quantity, and the lethal consequences are due to the fact that the escape of blood from within its cavity of cavities into the surrounding sac of the pericardium mechanically interrupts the alternate contraction and expansion by which its pumping action is maintained. Accordingly the results of the wound of the heart are usually identical with those of gradual suffocation.

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