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## Dutch Gap's Celebration.

"It's all off, boys—the game's u, ." said Easy Bill as he drew up in front of the only public house in Pot Luck, the store, hotel, saloon and miners' general rendez-vous, kept by 'Ceptin Johnson. "How's that, Bill?" chorused the group gathered on the long front porch awaiting Bill's arrival and that of the evening stage Bill's arrival and that of the evening stage.

"Oh, the Gap's done us up too brown
this time," replied Bill, throwing himself
sidewise in the saddle that its pommel
might afford support to his elbow, "sewed
us up tighter n a pocket!"

"You don't mean they've got that big
steer?" gasped Johnson. "Anything 'ceptin that!"

"That's what they have," said Bill.
"Offered \$10 more'n we did and hired
Jose Pacheco, the only man fer 40 miles
that knows how to do the trick, to barbecue it fer 'em, and the band"—
"Don't say they've got the valley band,
Bill," pleaded Johnson. "'Ceptin we
have the band our Fourth's busted higher'n a kite. I couldn't stand that,"
"You'll have to stand worse things than
that, old man. Why, the valley boys ain't



THE POT LUCKERS HEARD THE ADVANCING good enough fer the Gap. They're goin to have a band from Frisco, 20 pieces at \$150 fer the day. Talk about the valley band! Why, it wouldn't draw a handful of picnickers if the woods was full of 'em this Fourth!"

"That's the worst deal they've give us, 'ceptin the picnic May day two year ago," groaned Johnson, as the stage rattled away a. McMarlin, Ass't Cashier;

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A. Bailey. Cashier;

"Let's go down and 'shoot up the town,'' said like Bledsoe, suddenly aroused by the clatter of the stagecoach from his nap on one of Johnson's benches. "I'm a peaceable man, but there's some offenses that calls fer a gun play exclusive, and if I'm any jedge, feller citizens, this here's one of 'em; to be done up right and left by an upstart of a town that over the mil.

Money loaned Johnson, as the stage rattled away and he went inside to sort the mail.

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"Wait till I read you this, boys," broke in Johnson, bouncing out of his office with a letter in his hand. "Bein chairman of the Fourth of July committee I took

"P. S.—Don't trouble yourselves to bring lunch baskets; we'll have good music and plenty to eat and drink, and it won't cost you a cent. "Now then, that's a polite invitation enough," said Johnson, with a wink at Easy Bill. "What's the matter with 'ceptate's the 'te'."

"'Ceptin it!" roared Ike. "I never felt more like shootin a friend than I do like pluggin you this minute, Johnson, fer swallowin an insult like that. Come on.

swallowin an insult like that. Come on, fellers. I'm a peaceable citizen, but I'm goin down to interview that Fourth of July committee at the Gap, and if there's a man in Pot Luck that packs a gun and won't foller me he's a coward, and I can lick him."

"Oh, hold on, Ike," said Johnson; "don't be goin off half cocked as you're always doin. This here invite's all a josh, nothin but a bluff. They don't mean a word of it any more'n they expect us to 'cept it. But look a-here, boys. Can't you see they've dealt us the very cards we need to beat 'em at their own game? What's the matter with our 'ceptin this invite and raisin the biggest crowd Pot

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monopolizin that \$150 dance music and wipin all their catables and drinkables off the face of the yearth?"
'Ceptin Johnson's dignity as postmaster and justice of the peace of Pot Luck, never known to be ruffled before, proved unequal to the strain of so extraordinary an occasion. He fairly excessive out the first casion. He fairly screamed out the final occasion. He airly screamed out the final words, emphasizing them with a swipe of his big felt hat across the top of a bench, illustrative of the clean sweep he proposed making of the viands of the luckless picnickers at the Gap. His masterly diplomery was at one occasional by observed. macy was at once recognized by shouts and cheers of approval, in which the voices of Ike Bledsoe and Easy Bill sounded loudest and longest. Pot Luck was ready to act as one man. Johnson's strategy, Bill's executive ability and Ike's oratory had been the brilliant features of many a victory in the bitter rivalry long wazed between Pot Luck and the Gap.

waged between Pot Luck and the Gap, and not a Pot Lucker ever hesitated where and not a Pot Lucker-ever nestrated where this trio led the way.

The committee went directly into ex-ceutive session and laid all necessary plans to gather the largest crowd of men ever collected in Pot Luck and march in a body down to the Gar, on the receiptor.

down to the Gap on the morning of the Fourth, now ten days away. The ditch and flume long contemplate The ditch and flume long contemplated by the Pot Luck miners was suddenly found to be an immediate necessity, and word was sent down to the valleys and to neighboring camps that 200 extra mer were wanted to begin work upon it July 1 Not a tramp came to town but was offered a chance to do light work for his board until after the Fourth, a move which of itself almost doubled the population of

never figured upon entertaining more than 500 or 600 people at the most and determined to muster at least that number

fat sides shook with laughter when as their chairman he read it to the committe

Jake roared again. "Good faith noth-in!" said he. "They want us to think so and go ahead and prepare for 'em, and then not a Pot Lucker come near our celebration. That's their game. We wasn't born yesterday; not all of us. The idee of a boom at Pot Luck! That's too

good."

And so things went on, the Gapers making preparations for their usual crowd only, while Pot Luck strained itself to add men enough to its population to "eat the Gap out of house and home," as Ike Bledsoe put it.

Two days before the Fourth Jake Tohmer's boys, Fritz and Jake junior, went fishing far up the creek toward Pot Luck and came home almost bursting with excitement.

citement.
"Dad," said the breathless Fritz, dashing into his father's grocery, "the Pot Luckers are goin to bu'st our Fourth wide open."
"Go long, you young rascal," said his father. "What you tryin to play on your old dad now? They ain't goin to celebrate at all up there."
"That's just it, dad, and say, the woods is plumb full of men up that way.

woods is plumb full of men up that way. I never saw such droves of 'em, an me an Jakey heard 'em talkin, an they're every one of 'em goin to march down on us Fourth of July mornin an eat an drink up everything in sight, run all the Gapers off the dancin floor an off the groun's an just parlyze us gen'rally. Them's the very words they said, ain't they, Jakey?'' A great light suddenly flashed upon the mind of Jake senior. Not waiting to hear Fritz's news confirmed, he spread a big sheet of wrapping paper on his counter, hastily penciled a call for a meeting that night not only of the Fourth of July committee, but all good citizens of the Gap, and tacked it up outside his door.

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Jake Tohmer was to the Gap, and the
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"Feller citizens," said big Jake, "I own
I'm as much to blame in this matter as
any one; perhaps more. I don't believe
any of you will caft me a coward, and you
al' know I ain't a man to set my judgment
up against the will of the majority. What
goes with the crowd goes with me, but if

up against the will of the majority. What goes with the crowd goes with me, but if you'll allow me to say so, it's just struck me all of a heap that we ain't been treatin the Pot Luckers just right fer some years back.

"Now, about this celebration. We wasn't satisfied to beat 'em so bad that they didn't have the heart to try to celebrate at all, knowin our attractions would draw all the crowd from the contraverse. about. Not satisfied with this, as I say, we must taunt them by sendin that sham invitation. That of itself was a challenge, and they're only takin it up as they have a right to. Now, I'll tell you, friends, to my notion there's just one way fer us to with a letter in his hand. "Bein chairman of the Fourth of July committee, I took the liberty to open it. Now listen:
"To the Honorable Chairman and Members of the Fourth of July Committee and Felier Citizens of Pot Luck in General, Greeting: "Surmisin that you don't intend to celebrate this year and knowin the patriotic sentiments of your citizens, we extend you a cordial invitation to come down and pienie with us. ain't the lickin our great-granddads give the Britishers, but the peace and happi-ness and prosperity they had to fight fer; that's what we're celebratin. Now, gentle-men, I don't pertend to dictate what course we ought to take, but if there's any one present with a better plan out of the diffi-culty I should be pleased to hear from him."

Dead silence prevailed for some Dead silence prevailed for some moments after Jake ceased speaking. Then the leaven of brotherly love imparted by his speech seemed all at once to leaven the whole lump. His plan, put in the form of a motion, was carried with applause that shook cans of tomatoes and boxes of sardines off Jake's grocery shelves, while his stock of lanterns and tinware suspended from pursuance looks in the acillum and

from numerous books in the ceiling nod-ded and clanged in approval like so many ded and changed in approval like so many liberty bells.

Then the Gapers set to work in earnest.
The time was short, but what they lacked in time they made up in energy. The hot July sun had barely pushed its face above

July sun had barely pushed its face above the eastern mountains on the morning of the Fourth before the picnic grove at the Gap swarmed with people of both sexes putting the finishing touches to the extra preparations for entertaining the expected horde from Pot Luck.

Two big fat steers instead of one, six fat sheep instead of three and a dozen instead of six fat young porkers were already smoking over the barbecue pits, done to a julcy brown crispiness known only to the art of Jose Pacheco, while long rows of tables groaned under the weight of other good things. Everything the larders of thrifty Gapers could supply was there, with such boxes and baskets of fruit and such stacks of melons as only the foothills of California could furnish.

A scene of equal bustle and activity, A scene of equal bustle and activity though animated by a far different spirit

man of us, said the Biedsoe in answer to a query as the column began to form. "I'm a penceable citizen, and we ain't huntin fer trouble, but we may want to fifte a salute, you know. Leastwise the woods is full of bears, and we may be late country to be a support of the country of the countr gettin home. I was treed by a grizzly once just because I'd left my gun to

of almost every race and color under the sun and headed by the fifes and drums of a strolling band of minstrels marched with swinging stride down the winding road between the solemn pines and redwoods toward the Gap.

The Gapers heard their coming miles away and, forming as many couples as there were ladies on the grounds, went out to meet them with waving banners of welcome and a lively burst of music from

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the Bledsoe, galloping up to his lieutenant just as their own music wavered and came to a sudden stop. 'Ride ahead and start one-half of them died, and the other came about one-half of them died, and the other than the control of t tle upon which 'Ceptin Johnson and the whole committee expended much time and ingenuity:

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comin to meet us. No flunkin now. I'm a peaceable man and don't want to hurt nobody, but I'll plug the first man that

Without stopping their music or break-ing the step of their guests the Gapers "about faced" and escorted them to the grounds, where the leaders were conduct-

"To our fellow citizens of the who have honored us so proudly by their who have honored us so proudly by their presence in such numbers here today, we extend the glad hand of fellowship and welcome. Pitch in, gentlemen of Pot welcome. Pitch in, gentlemen of Pot struggle had been as loyal subjects of the English king, in arms only as against cer-

devoted themselves to their guests, and



mittee, but all good citizens of the Gap, and tacked it up outside his door.

Jake's grocery store wouldn't begin to hold the Gapers who answered the call, and the public pulse ran so high that it seemed nothing but bloodshed could result. Some of the more impetuous Gapers were for arming every man and going to meet the Pot Luckers half way. This was given up as too hazardous. Pot Luckers were known to be fighters to a man and would doubtless greatly outnumber the Gapers. Others suggested moving to a grove a dozen miles down the river early in the day and thus escaping the ravaging horde from Pot Luck. But this smacked of cowardice and could not be considered for a moment.

The chagrined Gapers blamed their committee for getting them into such a dilemma, while accusations of bungling and stupidity passed freely between the committee members themselves. Big Jake Tohmer was almost the only man present who did not lose his temper, and when the meeting seemed about to break up in a free fight he banged loudly upon his grocery counter with a sugar scoop and as chairman of the meeting commanded order.

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"Feller citizens," said big Jake, "Iown

will have strong double births he must

lud waistcoats, sat the men who were to down here with malice in our hearts, every man of us, but from this day on Pot Luck's the best friend the Gap's got, and don't you fergit it. I'm a peaceable man and don't want to harm nobody, but if ever I hear a Pot Lucker say a word ag'in the Gap I'll shoot him on the spot. More'n that, we want to celebrate with you every year after this, and, on behalf of the cities of Pot Luck, I invites you, one and all, to come up and picnic with us next Fourth. I calls fer three cheers fer the people of Dutch Bill's Gap, and, as I said before, I'm a peaceable citizen, but I can lick the man that says the Gapers ain't the handsomest ladies and the best all round good fellers in all this glorious land of the free and home of the brave. Hip, hip, hooray!"—San Francisco Call.

Attend to the Rams.

It is too late to sow seed just about the shepherd who neglects his rams at this time is doing this very thing, says The American Sheep Breeder. A ram in witgrous setting condition is not seen the miles of the read of the people of provided the shepherd who neglects his rams at this time is doing this very thing, says The American Sheep Breeder. A ram in witgrous setting condition is not seen the man to the sheard.

Inch by inch the ground was gone over, the chamber now ringing with applause, now hushed in awe, as flery words pictured the triumph of liberty or warning voice foretold humiliation and defeat. Then came the moment when the last word had been spoken. Even the pleas for postponement because "the people are not ripe for a declaration of independence" had been finally crushed by the answer in the broad Scotch accents of Dr. Witherston in the broad Scotch accents of Dr. Witherston in the says the Gapers alm't the broad Scotch accents of Dr. Witherston in the say the foreign and store of the ream of the province, size of the province, size of the province of

seed needs months to make its full growth and to gather in the plant sufficient nutrition and substance to form the new germ. A whole summer is needed thus to mature a plant of corn and prepare the seed for the next year's harvest. This applies with equal force, but more conspicuously, as the sheep excels the mere plant in worth to the conduct of the flock. Many shepherds wish to have all twin lambs. Two are better than one—sometimes, but not always. A strong, vigorous lamb is better than puny twins or even than fairly good twins, if the dam is only able to care fully for one of them, and if one will have strong double births he must added gravely that there was great necessiance.

added gravely that there was great neces-sity of their "all hanging together in this

meal, from which the oil has been separated and the residue of the

meal, from which the oil has been separated, and the residue of protein is left in large excess. This part of the food is especially useful in sustaining all the vital organs, and thus gives that essentially needed animal vigor to the male animal, especially such a one as the father of a flock which has so large a number of females demanding attention. The time to begin re-enforcing the rams is now at hand. The twin breeding flock is greatly desired by every shepherd. But it is made only by years of work in building up the constiyears of work in building up the consti-tution of it by the highest possible feed-ing. For the scientific principle at the bottom of it is that animals become more prolific as their supply of food in-creases. This is one of the examples of the balance of nature, and the econom-ical discussed of nature, and the deconom-ical discussed of nature. on his way to deliver one of those preclous copies would be, as an old chronteler tells us, "at once furnished with a fresh horse and dispatched on his way." How the and dispatched on his way." How the and dispatched on his way." How the disconforts of the body must have been forgotten by such a news carrier! Here and there, where the "express" stopped, he broke up grave assemblies, whose members, putting all else aside, gave themselves up to the great document. Then would follow great meetings in the square where to the sound of fifes and drums all the king's arms, his pictures and all signs Land and a Living. Their confinement in one place breeds disease and it may be said is a drawback generally. Sheep will not thrive alone on what you may

will not thrive alone on what you may feed them, but they require something that is indigenous to the woodlands. raised large flocks of sheep, and they were allowed to run in the woods both winter and summer, except during deep and continued snows, when they were poisoned by eating ivy. They had to be given salt, but required little in the way of feeding. They were thrifty, and always looked clean and healthful. Of course this plan is not now practicable, except in a few of the more isolated sections of the country, but the plan should be carried out so far as circumstances will permit. Your flocks may have to lastern Palaces." be kept within fenced inclosures, but they should be shifted from one place to Becomy.

A west Philadelphia young woman, on the ground of economy, induced her betrothed to waive the formality of an another as often as possible. I knew s man a few years ago who bought up 100 or more sheep during the fall and winter, intending to go into the busiscale. He kept them in a field where there was a large barn, in which he housed them every night, He fed them "Ma, I'm at the head of my class.

"How's that, Dick ?"

TWO O'CLOCK, JULY 4, 1776, MARKED A NATION'S BIRTH.

Impressive Scene In the Continental Congress-Signing the Declaration. Spreading the Glad Tidings-Apoth-

Up to 2 o'clock in the afternoon of that Fourth of July, 1776, American independ-

How eyes and thoughts were turned

that summer day to the old statehouse at Philadelphia! Would the body of men gathered there take the step? Would they

tain acts of injustice.

Now that other conception, at first passed in hushed whispers from man to man and later set ringing through the colonies by the eloquence of Patrick Henry and the logic of Thomas Paine, that glorious conception of American independence was being finally weighed in the balance against the claims of George III.

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And yet all knew there were grave difficulties in the way of independence. Many would have known it better could they have stood within the east room of the old statehouse through the long hours of that hot July day. There sat the Continental congress, now pale faced, grim and careworn.

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At the east side of the chamber on a dais sat the presiding officer in his red leather chair. Before him was a large mahogany table, on which a massive inkstand of silver held a bunch of fresh quills. A document then under discussion lay beside it. The men who were to use the quills that day in making that document, "America's Magna Charta," were grouped about in a semicircle.

They were not men of the same nationality, for among them were two Englishmen, three Irishmen, two Scotchmen, one Welshman; the others were born in the colonies. Not of the same occupation, either, for 24 lawyers, 14 farmers, 9 merchants, 4 physicians, 1 gospel minister chants, 4 physicians, 1 gospel minister and 1 manufacturer were there. Not rep-resenting the interest of a single state, but resenting the interest of a single state, but of 13 separate little governments, torn by longings, fears and dissensions. On the right of the chairman sat Benjamin Franklin, with his soft hair flowing down his shoulders. Farther on was Thomas Jefferson, the writer of the document on the table, now busy taking notes of the proceedings. Directly in front sat young Richard Lee, who had risen days before to read to the hushed assembly the daring resolution, "That these united colonies are and of right ought to be free and independent states, and that all political connection between us and the state of Great

ed."
Here, in their quaint attire, with powdered hair in "cues," knee breeches and buckles, broad flapped coats and bright hued waistcoats, sat the men who were to be known as the signers of the Declaration

to put him in proper condition for the service expected from him by and by. He does not want to be fattened exactly, but he must be in prime condition, for we cannot get any animal in such condition without putting some fat on his carcass. The best of grain food in the summer for the ram is linseed oil meal, from which the oil has been sen.

A Dutiful Little Girl. "Such a lot of people live in our ouse," she told me, "17 of us; two indies live in the cellars!" And her mother always went once a week to call on a lady who lived in the "workus. "Please 'm, father calls mother such wicked names," she suddenly informed me one day, and out came a string of dreadful epithets. "Hush," I interruptid, "you mustn't tell me those things. Please 'm, he does," she persist and we all want father to die, mother didn't 'ave to pay for the cof-fin' -so pathetic and doubtless so true. -Mrs. Merrick's "With a Palette in

been married six months she informed a life membership in a woman's suffrage

"Teacher says I'm the worst of al

the bad boys in school."-Philadelphia

The following extract from an old let er gives an account of the last celebration of the Fourth at Princeton college:

No. 4, WEST COLLEGE,
PRINCETON, July 10, 1841.
DEAR J.-\*\* Glad to hear you all spent
pleasant a 4th of July. Some account of

vices on the windows and collect money for the fire balls, fireworks, etc.

The figure marked on all the first story win-dows of East and West colleges was an hour-glass, requiring 30 candles for our 3 windows. The figures for the 2d and 4th stories and all the back windows of the old North were much more intricate and beautiful. In the third story of our college is

was kept up so incessantly and noisity as in Albany. In both refectories a very fine Fourth of July dinner was served up. In the P. M. in the back campus were raised seven or eight large and costly pieces of fireworks procured from New York for the occasion. And at dusk the campus was almost filled with the ladies and gentlemen of Princeton and Mercer country. As soon as it was dark, at the ringing of the bell, every window fronting on the back campus was manned by the students.

At the 2d toll the white fronts of the 3 colleges, containing about 200 windows and full 5,000 candles, were instantaneously illuminated. The sight was really magnificent! After about ten minutes, when some of the short candles were burning low, the bell was again tolled, and each student hurried to his window again, and when the bell tolled for the fourth time every light was as suddenly extinguished. The fireworks were then exhibiting, as fine a display as I ever saw. Rain began to fall soon after s and put to flight the visitors. Some of the students, disappointed about throwing their fire balls across the campus, got them going in the long halls of the old college, until the officers dispersed them after promising them the next evening for that sport. A drenching rain finished the day.

PRICELESS DOCUMENT.

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Did you ever see the Declaration of Independence—the original manuscript! If you have not, you probably never will, for now it lies in the archives of the state department, incased in glass and locked in a steel vault. Unless you have some extraordinary reason for viewing it, the custodian will not show it to you. To be sure, a faithful reproduction of the famous document hangs in an upright glass case in the showroom of the state department. This room is a part of the library, and many valuable historic relics are on view there.

Several years ago the original Declaration hung in the case where the facsimile appears today. A short time before it had been proposed to take it to the World's fair at Chicago. The managers of the fair were extremely anxious to secure it. There was even talk of shipping it in a special car under guard of a squad of United States regulars, but the secretary of state would not consent. It was within his discretion to let any of the state papears go to Chicago, and he did send some very precious manuscripts there, but the Declaration, he said, had too great a value to be subjected to any risk.

The discussion led to a careful examination of the document. It is on parchment, which does not deteriorate much with the lapse of time, but the librarian reported that the tink, which had been exposed to bright light for many years, showed signs of fading. So in February, 1894, the parchment was taken from ite frame, put between sheets of glass, scaled in hermetically, stowed away in the steel vault, and there it lies beside the original of the constitution of the United States and the appeal of the colonists to King George. The copy answers all ordinary

The American Sheep Breeder. A ram in vigorous, active condition is not so made in a few days, nor in a few weeks. We should think how a little seed needs months to make its full growth and to gather in the plant sufficient work and those within it motionless; almost the rapid heart beats can be heard. Then, in geographical order, the members signed the paper. And in the relief of the constitution tion has been verified and reproduced again and again, there is no longer any real need to consult the original. It is taken out only at long intervals to be shown to some distinguished visitor.—

New York Herald.

Let the Ragle Scream.

Get the people all together—in school-houses and in churches and in God's "first temples," the groves and parks. Let us hear the Declaration of Independence read once more. Let the orator speak never se cloquently. Let the boys rectie patriotic pieces. Let everybody sing "America" and "Rally Round the Flag" and all the glorious old war songs, including "Dixle"—which President Lincoln said we all had a right to now—and the "Bonnie Blue Flag." Let the whistles shrick and cannon roar. Let the eagle scream!—Judge Tuthill.

Prisoners Pardoned.

In 1779, at West Point, there was the usual noisy outbreak, which this time was given variety by an order of Washington "to grant a general pardon to all prisoners in this army under sentence of death." In 1782 occurred the last celebration of the Revolutionary army as such. "The whole army was formed on the banks of the Hudson, on each side of the river. The signal of 18 cannon being given at West Point, the troops displayed and formed lines, when a general feu de joie took place throughout the army."

Tory Ladies Ridiculed.

In 1778, on the 3d of July, an order was sent out that the day would be "celebrated by firing 13 pieces of cannon and a feu de jole of the whole line." In the south some Whigs drossed up a lady with a monstrous headdress three feet high, with a great profusion of ourls, etc., and marched with her in procession to ridicule the dross of the Tory ladies. "The figure was droll," the writer naively explains, "and occasioned much mirth. It has lessened some heads already. The Tory women are very much mortified."—Selected.

An Appeal to Fidelity. An Appeal to Fidelity.

The Fourth of July is an appeal to each man's fidelity, his manhood, his honesty, his right to honorable citizenship, his worth to the nation that shelters him. It challenges his faithfulness as a father if he has children, his adhrence to duty in all the walks of life, his right to appearing in the sight of God as a Christian, as a man whom God and his fellow men will delight to honor.—Christian Work.

An Opportunity Neglected. "Why, Henry?" "Well, here's Dewey going to get a present of \$250,000, and I have to scramble like mad for street car fare."

First Pickpocket-How's Jimmy get ng on in de biz? Second Pickpocket-Pretty fair. He' peen so successful in finding men's pockets that the gang is thinking of

letting him tackle women's pockets. Chicago News. Delusions Unloaded. "I told him that he wasn't my idea nan, and he told me I wasn't his ideal

"And then?"

"Then we felt perfectly safe to go shead and get married."-Chicago Rec Where He Erred.

"Funston," said Caesar, "has shown me where I made my great mistake." "Where was it?" asked Alexander. "I should have swum the Rubicon," replied the shade of Julius.-Philadel phia North American.

#### TO THE FIRECRACKER



striped silken banner to the flagi ing in tiny hands, we scarcely rea

United States in 1797. The death he was awakened by the bells and firing of cannon. If the knew what it was. "O replied; "It is the glorious For God blees it!" In the course he said, "It is a glorious day. words were, "Jefferson still at that moment Jefferson, too, he his last. James Monroe.

Glorify the Plag.

Let the flag be glorified, the bymns of the republic sung and the mories of the struggles and the triumph the nation be fittingly recalled on coming Fourth.

True to His Belief. Wigg—I see that young Muggins, who was always talking against wom-an's suffrage, has married a widow who is 27 years older than himself. Wagg-Yes; he always said he wou never have anything to do with the new woman.—Cleveland Leader.

A Conscientions Sentry.
Washington, hearing that the colored sentinels could not be trusted, went out one night to ascertain if the report was correct. The countersign was "Cambridge," and the general, disguised, as he thought, by a large overcost, approached a colored sentry.
"Who goes there?" cried the sentinel.

"A friend," replied Washington.
"Friend, advance, unarmed, and giv
the countersign," said the colored man
Washington came up and said, "Box "No, sah!" was the respon-"Medford," said Washing! "No, sah!" returned the

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