

OUR FLAG.

[At the recent sinking of the war ship at Apia the captain of one of them ordered the flag unfurled. The men on board another of the doomed vessels greeted it with a cheer, which was responded to with their last breath by the loyal captain and his men.]

Across the peach-blow sky of spring  
The storm dark clouds are loosing;  
With sudden voice the breakers ring,  
The thunder loudly booming.

BOYER'S STRATAGEM.

Prior to 1857 a large tract of lake territory lying between the Upper Des Moines and the Big Sioux rivers was infested by one of the most villainous bands of Indian outlaws which the Indian policy of the government has ever called into being. It was the band of eleven, led by Inkpaduta—Scarlet Point—who in the winter of '57 massacred a half hundred settlers in their scattered cabins about Okoboji, Spirit and Pelican lakes, and carried a number of women into captivity far worse than death.

his canoe, in which he kept a squirrel rifle for shooting muskrat and other small game, secured the weapon and made his escape through the tall grass of the bottom, whither the Indians did not pursue him.

in that direction the herd was surrounded without difficulty. Two parties converged, one from the north, another from the west, and the third, in which was Jake, moved slowly forward from the southeast.

TENDING THE BABY. HOW THE ROSES PALE AND DIE UPON THE MOTHER'S CHEEK.

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