

DECORATION DAY.

MEMORIES RECALLED BY THIS GREAT ANNIVERSARY.

No Political Differences Can Ever Efface from the American the Love of Country — All Worship at Altar of Patriotism.



THE RETURN OF this national anniversary has a testimony to offer you. Every Decoration Day witnesses a smaller number of northern and southern veterans. The maximum is passed; the minimum increases daily and annually. The flowers upon graves and chaplets woven around faded banners bear testimony that the Republic cannot forget her old soldiers, can never allow them to be visited with social contempt. Mr. Lincoln, the greatest figure of the past, declared that the world "can never forget what they did." Decoration and Deed go together. Some things may cause controversy, but when men have fought and bled and suffered, no wordy war can supplant their claims on our respect. Let two veterans meet who fought on opposite sides, and their stories are mingled with their tears. No warmer comradeship, no more fraternal intercourse could be desired. There is no more honorable feeling than that of one brave man for another equally brave. Today the feeling will predominate, and among the reminiscences of strife will be the actual over-brooding presence of peace, good will and loving unity.

Decoration Day is the gift of the womanhood of our land thirty or less years ago. They gave it not with triumphant psalms of victorious rejoicing, but amid heartache and grief and tears were those first graves decorated, the name bestowed and the date perpetuated. If there is a more sacred gift than that born of a suffering woman's holy love, one does not know it. And we are convinced that the soldier's mother who prayed for him in the closed room of intercession, and his sweetheart and his wife who loved him as none other did or could, will demand that Decoration Day shall ever represent their hearts, and its flowers their hopes beyond the veil, and its tears and joy, like rain and sunshine in spring's mingling of both, be indicative of the mingled feelings with which they re-consecrated the places where lay the dead of blue and of gray.

The senates and legislatures of federal and state governments have decreed many public occasions. Here is one ordained by those whose common suffering and charity and patience have ever redeemed the credit of a people, whose silence enhances their glory—the women of the war, who gave us Decoration Day. The lessons of patriotic value taught



AT THE GRAVES.

by this day can be discerned by all. Amid chaos the country struggled into more permanent being. Disasters enriched her. In strife more than in lassitude she developed her latent forces, and the red rain of blood brought forth a harvest of devotion immortal in our annals. The spirit of those days was rude, but she evoked great men to control them, and as one surveys the list of heroes, the question forces itself: "When shall we look upon their like again?" Peace has dangers no less great than those of strife, and sometimes the more to be dreaded because the less to be discerned. The rights and privileges purchased for us during the past century and a half are ours to keep, increase and bequeath to those who come after us. Now, shall we not act so as to earn, if not the soldier's glorious wreath, at least a modest flower of remembrance for the maintenance of right?

For if Washington and Lincoln could ride at the head of every festal procession in this nation on May 30, they would cry aloud: "Maintain! Maintain! Let your birthright, purchased in blood, be kept in undefiled security!" Decoration Day bears one last word of testimony to our peaceful unity and solidarity as a nation. "Irrepressible" conflicts are repressed, schisms are healed, localities and sectionalism lost sight of in the truer, saner view this day affords. East and West, North and South are as indivisible in that common sentiment of American patriotism which no party discussions can disturb as are Rhode Island and Connecticut. Express trains have abolished physical barriers; mutual dependence in commerce facilitates an already natural intercourse. Between ocean and ocean lives a mighty race, whose guiding forces and aspirations are a unit. One law, one element, one blood, and, henceforth, one language. And as the watchers of God look down on hill and hamlet, on mighty sea, and ever great shoulders of mountains, right down on the spots thirty years ago crimsoned with strife and

now fragrant with spring's gifts, their thankfulness will be that in this great land there is peace, sweet peace.—New York Ledger.

ARLINGTON.

Above the tide that seeks the sea, Through groves of song and haunts of bee, A mighty camp in silence lies At even 'neath the starlit skies; No sentries guard with stately tramp At dawn or dusk that sacred camp, Where peacefully, 'neath shade and sun, Repose the brave of Arlington.

Beneath the pine's uplifted crest Sweet blossoms fall on many a breast; No roll of drum or fife so shrill Can wake the sleepers on the hill; Above the carpet Nature spreads, O'er all the violets lift their heads, And once a day the sunset gun The soft leaves stir at Arlington.

No thrilling dreams of war invade The camp deep in the cedar's shade No charge across the crimson plain Could rouse the dead to life again. Beyond the river, flowing down Past ruined fort and ancient town The Nation's dome shines in the sun Which lights, at noonday, Arlington.

O sacred bivouac 'neath the rose! Thy tenants rest secure from foes;



ARLINGTON.

The fight that stirr'd their blood of yore Is a vision past forevermore; And once a year the fragrant bloom Of May falls softly on each tomb. The land is peace, the victory won, O love-invested Arlington!

—T. C. Harbaugh.

TO-DAY.

Is not this day enough for all our powers, If its exactions were but fairly met— If not one unpaid debt Were left to haunt the peace of future hours, And sting us with regret?

Unbounded blessing lieth in Today, If we but seek we find it hidden there; It is the golden stair, Leading, it may be, by an unknown way To all we hope or dare.

From sun to sun let us this lesson learn: Upon Today our fairest chances wait, And, whether soon or late, Our destiny upon its hinge may turn— Today, sweet friends, is Fate. Annie L. Muzzey.

MEMORIAL DAY.

Slowly beats the drum, and softly Sounds the bugle o'er the way; Old "unreconstructed rebels" March in martial line today, But in peace, and not for battle Meet again the "boys in gray."

Now the strains of dear old "Dixie" Through the distance proudly break, But the hearts beneath our garlands Cannot at its call awake; Once it cheered their drooping spirits, Raised their banners trailing low, Urged them on to fight, and win Our own fair Southland from the foe. Braver hearts ne'er beat than these That 'neath Mount Olivet's shadow lie.

Nobler men ne'er fought—God bless them! Deeds like theirs can never die, And we proudly do them honor, And our wreaths of laurel lay O'er the sacred dust of heroes— Martyred hosts who wore the gray.

See the gray "old guard" advancing With their measured, stately tread, Toward the grass-grown graves of comrades. Round the bivouac of the dead, But the ranks are growing thinner.



SEE THE GRAY OLD GUARD ADVANCING.

One by one the heads of gray Bow before the last command To pitch their tents across the way, To go and join the silent forces Bivouacked on the plains of peace. To meet again the long lost comrades Death has granted full release. Ah! that roll of names resplendent— Cheatham, Jackson, Forrest, Lee, Loved commanders gone before To join the great majority. Unforgotten voices call— And unvan hands across the way Beckon, and the old guard follows Down through death, to victory. —Adele E. Shaw.

When Nature Needs assistance it may be best to render it promptly, but one should remember to use even the most perfect remedies only when needed. The best and most simple and gentle remedy is the Syrup of Figs, manufactured by the California Fig Syrup Company.

The Rise and Fall of "Old Hutch." There is now living in Chicago a man who frequently contested the wheat market with Ed. Partridge and usually defeated him. This man is called "Old Hutch." When he forced September wheat up to \$2 a bushel and held it there while the boys stepped to his office and settled, he was regarded as the giant speculator of the age; but the last we heard of "Old Hutch" he was selling wedges of pie for five cents and shoestrings two for five.—Buffalo Post-Express.

Coe's Cough Balsam is the oldest and best. It will break up a cold quicker than anything else. It is always reliable. Try it.

Cure of Hiccough. A female patient presented herself at a French hospital for a rebellious hiccough, which had resisted all treatment for four days. She was asked to show her tongue, and it was noticed that with the putting out of the tongue the hiccough ceased. The same thing has been since tried, and with success in other cases. All that is necessary apparently is to strongly push the tongue out of the mouth and hold it so for a minute or two.

Two bottles of Fiso's Cure for Consumption cured me of a bad lung trouble.—Mrs. J. Nichols, Princeton, Ind., March 26, 1895.

Boudoirs on Wheels. The woman who rushes from one function to another, almost turns her carriage into a dressing room, in cases of emergency. Ladies' carriages are provided with a fair sized mirror, cunningly arranged pockets in which are hidden away the comb and brush, powder puff, several fresh handkerchiefs, and a bottle of perfume, to mention nothing else. Fashionable women can renew their complexions as they proceed on their way, and return from a round of visits looking as fresh and dainty as if they had just stepped from the boudoir.

Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally. Price, 75c.

Hunting Wild Horses. It is said that the wild horses and buffaloes have become so numerous in Queensland, Australia, that measures have been taken to keep them down by shooting. It would be interesting sport for a rifleman to hunt them, especially the horses, for, if the wild stallion is like other animals, he would put up a fight for life if slightly wounded which would give a zest to the sport such as is to be had hunting the elephant, the tiger, the bull moose or the grizzly. It might be nearly equal to the man hunt the Indian Territory police find so interesting.

A gallon was originally a pitcher or jar, regardless of the size.

A Summer Resort Book Free. Write to C. S. Crane, general passenger and ticket agent Wabash Railroad, St. Louis, Mo., for a summer resort book, telling all about the beautiful lake region reached by the Wabash Railroad.

An illustrated article on the George "Junior Republic," a little commonwealth of city boys and girls who are learning to govern themselves on a farm near Freeville, N. Y., will be given in Harper's Weekly for May 23d. The same number will contain an illustrated article by Arthur Warren on Barney Barnato, the Kafir king; and an important art feature will be the paper on Pavis de Chavanne's new decorative panels for the Boston Public Library.

Harper's Bazar, to be issued on May 23d, will contain among the literary features "Lizzie Lee's Separation," a brilliant short story by Lillian Bell.

All About Western Farm Lands. The "Corn Belt" is the name of an illustrated monthly newspaper published by the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy R. R. It aims to give information in an interesting way about the farm lands of the west. Send 25 cents in postage stamps to the Corn Belt, 209 Adams St., Chicago, and the paper will be sent to your address for one year.

The Empress Eugenie celebrated her 70th birthday on the 6th of May.

Summer Excursions Via the Wabash R. R. (St. Louis June 13th to 15th. HALF FARE Washington July 3d to 6th. BUFFALO July 5th and 6th.) Now on sale. Summer Tourists. Tickets to all summer resorts good returning until Oct. 31st. Thos. Cook & Son's special tours of Europe. For rates, itineraries, sailing of Steamers and full information regarding summer vacation tours via rail or water call at the Wabash Ticket Office, No. 1415 Farnam St., (Paxton Hotel Block), or write G. N. Clayton, N. W. P. A., Omaha, Neb.

The first of the series of papers on South Africa which Professor James Bryce, M. P., is to contribute to The Century appears in the May number. He corrects the general impression that the country has little natural beauty. Portions of the highlands he compares to Switzerland and the White Mountains, and he says that one can never tire of the charm and variety of color in the landscape. Professor Bryce says that the Boers have retained to this day a passion for solitude that makes them desire to live many miles from any neighbor.

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Ant's Heads in Surgery. One of the most curious uses to which insects are put was related at a recent meeting in the Linnaean Society of London. It was stated that the Greek barber surgeons of the Levant employ a large species of ant for the purpose of holding together the edges of an incised wound. The ant held with a pair of forceps, opens its mandibles wide, and is brought near to the cut being treated, so that it can seize the two edges, which are held together for the purpose. As soon as the unfortunate ant has obtained a firm grip of the cut, its head is severed from its body. Mr. Issigoi of Smyrna, who described the operation to the Linnaean Society, said that he had seen natives with six or seven ants' heads hold together wounds in the course of healing. A similar observation was made some years ago in Brazil, which fact is interesting from an ethnological point of view, as showing the independent existence of the same custom in countries so far apart as Brazil and Asia Minor.—London Public Opinion.

The New England Conservatory of Music, Franklin Square, Boston, Mass., is undoubtedly the best equipped School of Music in the world. Its pupils are always in demand as teachers on account of their superior musical knowledge and their practical readiness in applying it. In addition, the Conservatory offers the best instruction in Oratory and Modern Languages. The charge is extremely small when its advantages as compared with those offered by similar schools are considered. Prospectus sent free upon application.

Fooled His Wife. A certain married lady on Heron side sat up till 12 o'clock the other night waiting for her husband to come home. At last, weary and worn out with waiting, she went to her bedroom to retire and found the missing husband there fast asleep. Instead of going down he had gone to his room. She was so mad that she wouldn't speak to him for a week.—Woonsocket (R. I.) Reporter.

The U. S. Patent Office. Some curious facts were made public last week upon the presentation of Commissioner of Patents Seymour's report to Congress. The report shows that the Patent Office has to its credit in the U. S. Treasury, \$4,529,888.33, a gain of \$173,357.96 since last report. During the year 1895, 22,057 patents were issued, of which 392 came to Iowa inventors; being one patent to every 4,877 population; 151 being issued to Nebraska inventors, being one to every 7,012; while Colorado received 215, being one to every 1,917.

There are twenty-five American inventors each of whom have received more than 100 United States Patents:—Thomas A. Edison having issued to him 711 U. S. Patents; Elihu Thompson, the electrician, receiving 394 patents; Francis H. Richards, a famous mechanical expert, residing at Hartford, Conn., who has received 345; Edward Weston, an electrical engineer, received 274; while Maxim, the gun expert, has been granted 131 patents for improvements in fire arms alone.

The Commissioner's report further shows that there are pending at the present time in the patent office 130 patent applications which have been in the office more than ten years and five applications which have been pending for fifteen years. The new rules adopted, however, will compel all of these patents to issue within the coming year. Amongst the most valuable patents which were issued last week were two granted to the famous Harvey, of Harveyized armor plate fame, the inventions relating to improvements in car wheels, the treads of the Harvey wheel being glass hardened and so last longer than the ordinary tempered car wheels. Albert Bierstadt received three patents for an improvement in cars which outwardly appear like an ordinary freight car, but which when unfolded form a car cottage having three rooms below the full length of the car together with an attic formed by the slanting roof. These cars are arranged so that two of them can be used connected side by side and when fully spread out and open form a good sized hall, the structure being especially intended for the use of small traveling shows who can thus carry their theater with them. A St. Louis inventor receives a patent for a soft tread horse shoe which has a groove or channel adapted to receive a packing or elastic material which can be readily removed and replaced. E. A. Trussell, of Omaha, received a patent for a toy match pistol, which is now being placed on the market.

Parties desiring valuable information free relative to patents, should address Sues & Co., United States Patent Solicitors, Bee Building, Omaha, copy of any United States patents, including all the drawings and descriptions will be mailed for 10 cents.

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Not Always Veal. An English clergyman was preaching in a country church in Scotland. He had as his subject "The Prodigal Son." "And the prodigal son went away from his poor old father for years and years. But after years and years he came back again, and his poor old father said unto the servants, 'Bring forth the fatted calf which has been kept for my son these years and years.'" An old farmer in the audience could contain himself no longer. "Yer a le'er; it wud hae been a coo!" he exclaimed.—Judy.

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