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BETSY ROSS IS A FAKE.

PHILADELPHIAN DISCREDITS THE FLAG STORY.

Prize Historical Idol Shattered by Investigation—Her House Declared Unworthy of Place in Fame's List.

Philadelphia.—Poor old Betsy Ross! down she goes into the limbo of fakes with Barbara Fritchie, who didn't wave the flag in Frederick; George Washington's hatchet, his prayer at Valley Forge, and other notable national fetiches.

After Philadelphia has for years bowed the knee to the legend that in the quaint little wooden house at 239 Arch street Betsy Ross designed and made the first flag; after thousands of patriotic citizens had contributed a dime each to buy it, and hundreds of thousands of children have made pilgrimages to it, it has been offered to the government as a national gift. The government turned it down.

And now the historical sites committee of founder's week has turned down Betsy and the house finally. Neither of them can have a look in on the festivities because both, says the committee, are fakes. The school book story is down and out.

Nothing has so shocked Philadelphia since it was definitely discovered by the Pennsylvania Historical society that the Liberty bell wasn't cracked while peeling out the news of freedom at all, but while it was discreetly tolling for the death of Chief Justice Marshall.

Officials of the Betsy Ross association, which superintended the purchase of the building, had made great plans to have it figure largely in the festivities. They were horrified the other day when the committee announced that Betsy and the house were really a myth.

It was the hand of William J. Campbell, who in the absence of Superintendent of Schools Martin G. Brumbaugh presided at the meeting of the committee which had gathered to mark the places of historical interest in Philadelphia, which delivered the blow. His report to the committee was curt but tense. It read: "Where Betsy Ross did not design the American flag. The story is a fake, and there is positively no evidence in its favor."

"There never was the slightest excuse for the Betsy Ross fake," declared Mr. Campbell later. "The stories which you find in the school books about this imaginary heroine are all pure rot, and it is to the everlasting disgrace of America that the fiction has been nourished for so many years. I have given the traditions most careful study, and find that the story is a lie from beginning to end. The only foundation whatever for the yarn is that there was a young woman named Betsy Ross, who took in plain sewing for a livelihood and who lived in a house, now known as the first American flag house, at 239 Arch street."

"As a matter of fact, Betsy Ross was no more or less than an ordinary seamstress who would have been fired with about the same amount of patriotic zeal in sewing Old Glory as she would have found in darning a pair of socks. She never had any interview with George Washington, and the pictures painted showing the father of the country beaming over the work of the handsome young heroine of the flag is one gross libel on the truth."

Immediately the cudgels began to fly. President Adam H. Fetterolf of Girard college, a director of the Flag-house association, took first whack at the committee.

"I have rested my confidence in the title of Betsy Ross as the maker and of her house as the birthplace of Old Glory upon the existence of the whole common people's faith and belief, a belief which until now has been practically universal and unquestioned."

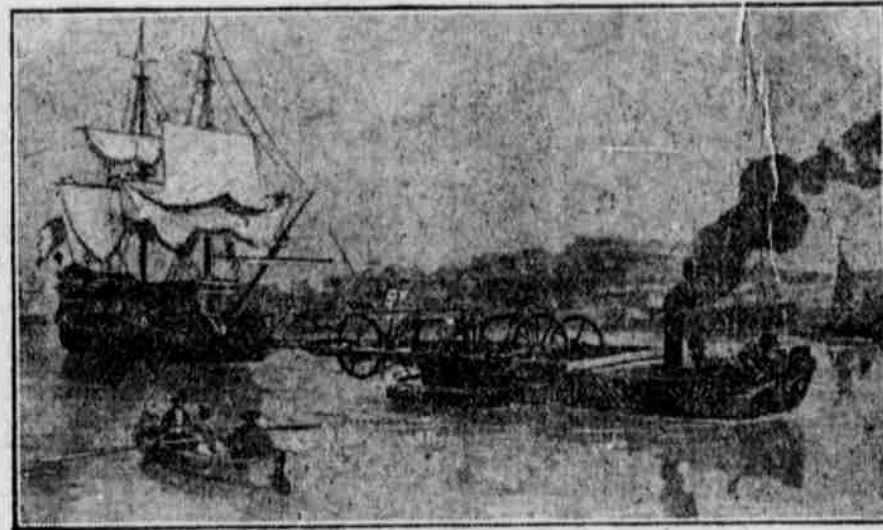
"We put the whole burden of proof upon those who attack the title of Betsy Ross. They must produce proof that the people, teachers, and

school books are erroneous. They must prove that the lie was invented, why it was invented, who invented it, how it spread and became part of history. They must produce the real history of the flag. Who designed it, and who made it.

"By the same method these iconoclasts eliminate Shakespeare and guess at Bacon, eliminate Washington's cherry tree, eliminate Key from the 'Star Spangled Banner,' Washington at prayer at Valley Forge, William Tell, Damon and Pythias, and Moses in the bulrushes.

"The Betsy Ross house is a shrine. This is an outrage."

EVOLUTION OF THE STEAMSHIP



Jonathan Hulls' steam tug is generally regarded as the father of the stern-wheeler. It was in 1785 that Jonathan Hulls, a yeoman of Gloucestershire, England, patented a steam tug that was tried the following year. The tug had a single-acting steam cylinder, 30 inches in diameter, which in its inward stroke lifted a weight equal to one-half of its effective pull. The energy of this weight in its descent during the return stroke gave the engine a double action and the reciprocating motion of the piston gave continuous rotation by a ratchet gear to a paddle wheel at the stern.

Road Makes Unusual Charge.

Agent Sends Bill for \$8 for Feeding Horses on Merry-Go-Round.

New Orleans.—When Michael Murphy received a bill from a southern railroad for eight dollars for one meal for a carload of flying horses used in merry-go-rounds consigned from Jennings, La., to Mobile, Ala., his Irish blood went hot. James P. Murdy, local agent for the railroad, sent Murphy the bill along with a statement for cost of transportation. Wired Murphy to Murdy:

"Food for flying horses, is it? Was it ice cream or hay? I'll have the interstate commerce commission down on ye!"

Wired Murdy to Murphy, in all seriousness:

"Horses is horses, be they flying or running. Louisiana laws protect animals from cruelty and provide eight dollars for one square meal to a carload."

BASHFUL DAN BALKS NO MORE.

After Five Futile Attempts Jerseyville Man Is Married.

Jerseyville, Ill.—Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Matthews—it's a fact; Jerseyville's bashful and balky near-bridegroom, famed for his five previous flights from the altar, girted his teeth, closed his eyes, clasped the hand of Miss Mary Fraser and said "I do" in Pastor Jones' paragonage the other day.

This was at 8:30 a. m., and an hour later Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Matthews boarded a train for Roodhouse.

"We're going to spend our honeymoon there," the now proud and resolute husband confided to his friends. "We'll be back to-morrow night," he added.

"Oh, ho!" remarked the Jerseyville youths who heard the last remark.

There has not been a real first-class charivari in Jerseyville for a long time and the collecting of horns and cowbells began immediately.

GREASE BOOTS WITH AMBERGRIS

Product Valued at \$20,000 Wasted by Sailors on Ship.

San Francisco.—Greasing masts, sea boots and oilskins with ambergris, valued at approximately \$400 a pound, sailors on the British bark Antiope wasted about \$20,000 worth of the product, unaware of its value.

John Mathieson, master of the vessel, now learns that he let a fortune slip through his fingers. A small part of the "grease" had been saved and this was identified by an Oakland druggist as ambergris.

The Antiope reached here from Newcastle, Australia, a few days ago. On the way up, in latitude 20 degrees south, a large quantity of "grease" was seen floating on the ocean, and, a calm prevailing, the men managed to scoop up several bucketfuls.

The "grease" was found excellent, and it was used for slushing down the masts, the balance being used by the men on their oilskins and boots. The captain says much more of the material could have been collected, but thought the amount picked up by the men was enough.

GETS FISH WITH HAMMER.

Carpenter Captures Sturgeon Six Feet in Length.

Muskegon, Mich.—When a sturgeon six feet long can be captured with a carpenter's hammer, it is time to cease talking "nature faking," and take up the question of the revised edition of "The Complete Angler."

Ferdinand Dratz, 48 Peck street, while running his sixteen foot launch up Muskegon lake, came alongside a large sturgeon lying a foot under the surface.

Quick as a flash Dratz reached into his tool box under the seat, and, taking the first tool that his hand came in contact with, a hammer, dealt the fish a stunning blow on the head.

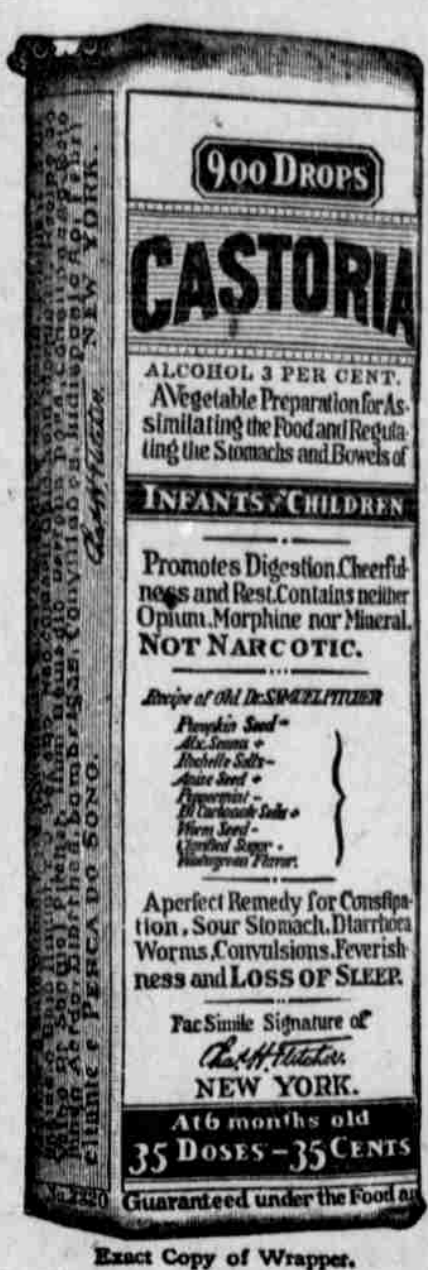
Then, as it commenced to sink, he grasped the fresh water monster through the gills and landed it in his launch.

The sturgeon weighed eighty pounds, and measured sixty-eight inches from tip to tip.

Save the Babies.

INFANT MORTALITY is something frightful. We can hardly realize that all the children born in civilized countries, twenty-two per cent, or nearly one-quarter, die before they reach one year; thirty-seven per cent, or more than one-third, before they are five, and one-half before they are fifteen!

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