

# "DIXIE" IS AMERICA'S MOST POPULAR PATRIOTIC SONG

Musical notation for the song "Dixie", showing the melody and lyrics.

## I WISH I WAS IN DIXIE'S LAND

BY DANIEL D. EMMETT.  
I wish I was in de land ob cotton,  
Old times dar am not forgotten,  
Look away, look away, look away,  
Dixie Land!  
In Dixie land whar I was born in,  
Early on one frosty mornin',  
Look away, look away, look away,  
Dixie land!

CHORUS:  
Den I wish I was in Dixie—  
Hoory, hoory!  
In Dixie land I'll took my stan',  
To lib an' die in Dixie.  
Away, away,  
Away down south in Dixie.  
Away, away,  
Away down south in Dixie.

Ole missus marry "Will-de-Weaver,"  
William was a gay deceiver,  
Look away, etc.  
But when he put his arm around 'er  
He smiled as fierce as a forty-pounder.  
Look away, etc. (Chorus.)

His face was sharp as a butcher's cleaver,  
But dat did not seem to grieve 'er,  
Look away, etc.  
Ole missus acted de foolish part  
An' died for a man dat broke her heart,  
Look away, etc. (Chorus.)

Now, here's a health to de next ole missus,  
Ah! all de gals dat want to kiss us,  
Look away, etc.  
But if you want to drive 'way sorrow  
Come an' hear dis song to-morrow,  
Look away, etc. (Chorus.)

Dar's buckwheat cakes an' injun batter,  
Makes you fat, or 'a little fatter,  
Look away, etc.  
Den hoe it down and scratch your grapple,  
To Dixie's land I'm bound to trabble,  
Look away, etc. (Chorus.)

### DIXIE LAND.

Washington.—"Dixie is the most popular patriotic song in America, with 'Yankee Doodle', coming next in public favor. Such is the verdict of O. G. T. Sonneck, chief of division of music in the library of congress, who has just issued an exhaustive government report on famous American musical compositions. 'Dixie' was written by Daniel Decatur Emmett, who died in poverty at Mt. Vernon, O., three years ago. In 1858 Emmett was staging with Dan Bryant's negro minstrels on lower Broadway in New York. The show had been dragging, and Bryant thought he saw disaster ahead. One Saturday he told Emmett that he must have a new negro 'walk around' by Monday night. It was a rainy Sunday and Emmett shut himself up in a room with his violin. When he came out he brought 'Dixie' with him. It caught on instantly, and all New York was whistling it within a week.

Its adaptation nearly two years later as a war song of the south was an accident. Mrs. John Wood was appearing at the New Orleans Varieties theater in 'Peachontas.' On account of the approaching war a zouave drill was introduced into the show. The orchestra leader tried over several airs for the march, and finally hit upon 'Dixie.'

The war cloud burst the next week, and from New Orleans 'Dixie' spread over all the south. In the north Fanny J. Crosby, the hymn writer, wrote a song for 'Dixie' which was strongly union in sentiment, but the other side had pre-empted the air.



## BOOK ON ONE CARD

New York Penman Puts 16,250 Words on Common Postal.

Miniature Chirography of George L. Reynolds Enables Him to Perform Feats Which Are Little Short of Marvelous.

Auburn, N. Y.—The latest achievement of one of the champion penmen was to write the matter contained in about a hundred pages of a book, or say 16 columns of a newspaper, on one side of an ordinary United States postal card, the work being done with such skill that every word can be read easily, perhaps not by the naked eye, but with the aid of a microscope. This was done by the winner of the latest fine writing contest.

He wrote a 13-word sentence advertising a certain make of fountain pen 1,250 times on one side of a standard postal card, 3 1/4 by 5 1/2 inches, or a total of 16,250 words or 62,500 letters. The card, when first seen, appears simply as a gray smudge, and it is only after careful scrutiny that it becomes apparent that there is writing upon it, and very good writing it proves to be under the magnifying glass.

The feat appears more wonderful when the observer learns that the work was that of a man in his eighty-fifth year.

of thousands of tiny words hardly visible to the naked eye, all constituting such documents as the Declaration of Independence, the constitution, the inaugural address and other important speeches of Washington. Parts of the Lincoln-Douglas debates, parts of celebrated addresses by Webster, Patrick Henry and Clay appeared there, and there were 13 chapters from the Bible, with the Sermon on the Mount and Lincoln's Gettysburg address. As Mr. Reynolds is an ardent prohibitionist there appeared the platform of that party, and lastly an original poem by his wife. This work took six months of arduous labor.

"But all the time you have devoted to this work has not profited you?" was suggested.

"Well, I enjoyed it immensely as a hobby. Spencer and I used to go swimming at Geneva lake, near Oberlin, in the summer evenings. He used to take a stick and practice writing curves in the sand on the beach, where he worked out his famous system."

He took an elliptical stone two-thirds as wide as it was long and used that as a basis. He got his curves from wheat waving in the fields, from spider webs in the meadows, taking everything from nature. It was the only natural system ever invented," added the aged penman, reminiscently.

## Line Leads to Matrimony

Unique Little Railroad Running Along Tennessee-Virginia Border Line—Most Remarkable.

Louisville, Ky.—Charles H. Warner, the sugar refiner of New York, and Colin H. Livingston of Washington are part owners of a street railway system which in one respect has no rival. In fact, Benjamin F. Dulaney, a coal operator, who owns Black Mountain, Va., which, aside from its mineral possibilities, has achieved fame by being selected by John Fox, Jr., as the scene of two of his novels, asserts that the railway is the most remarkable in the world.

When asked whether he had any method of doing his own minute work he said:

"I might say that I have gained by experience. I have been at it since a boy, 75 years ago, and I actually find that I can perform better feats as I grow older. I expect to make a better record five years from now, when I am 90, and will do better 15 years from now, for I expect to be a hundred."

"During the last year the atmosphere has been filled with a wave of fine writing demonstrations throughout the country. After 12 experts had come forth with challenges and records I came forth with mine, viz.: The Lord's Prayer 20 times repeated in a circle the size of a five-cent nickel. That is going some, since I wrote the Lord's Prayer on a six-penny piece as a boy of ten years, but I wrote that with a quill pen. No steel pens in those days."

"All these years I have been improving my faculties. In my work I use a stationary microscope so adjusted that I can write under it. I chemically prepare the surface of my paper, so that when rolled down under great pressure of hot rollers the surface is as smooth and hard as glass."

"Then I take a No. 170 steel pen and file and grind the point down so sharp that it can scarcely be seen under my microscope. The rest that is required is keen sight and artistic skill."

"I see there does come with old age its advantages. In my case it is clear sight and steady nerve. Never in my youngest days were both so good as now."

son promptly asks them if they wish to get married. Frequently they do, so the parson gets into the car with them and conducts them to his hotel though not infrequently the ceremony takes place in the open, the bride standing in one state and the bridegroom in both, while the officiating clergyman straddles the line. Parson Burroughs admits having joined more than 3,000 couples in wedlock.

One may drink on the Virginia side of the line, but not in Tennessee, and it often happens that one side of a street car is parching with thirst, while the other is very wet indeed.

Hunter Aims with Glass Eye.  
Saxville, N. Y.—Raymond Stryker, a youthful hunter at Saxville, with a recently-installed glass eye, while rabbit hunting shot his true eye when pointing his gun, but killed the rabbit just the same.

## NATIONAL CAPITAL AFFAIRS

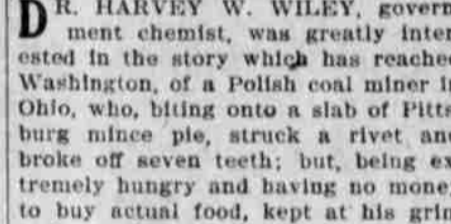
### Uncle Sam Gets After the Loafers



WASHINGTON.—The comprehensive economies in the executive departments of the government which the administration is seeking to apply, will penetrate to the remotest sections of the country. Not only is the work of the departments in Washington being analyzed, but every public office in every state will receive the same treatment. This will include every mint, especially the big mint at Philadelphia, every custom house, every internal revenue office, every post office and all other offices where the public money is expended. The promise was made by Senator Aldrich, during the tariff debates, that a saving of from 25 to 40 per cent. is possible and the administration is aiming to reach those figures.

charge of Charles D. Norton, assistant secretary of the treasury, who handles the annual estimates for all departments, and he has not yet examined a single public office without finding faults to be cured and the expense to be cut off. The trouble lies largely in an unnecessary number of employes and a consequent system of loafing and shirking that would not be tolerated in any private business.

### Mince Pie Story Interests Dr. Wiley



D R. HARVEY W. WILEY, government chemist, was greatly interested in the story which has reached Washington, of a Polish coal miner in Ohio, who, biting into a slab of Pittsburgh mince pie, struck a rivet and broke off seven teeth; but, being extremely hungry and having no money to buy actual food, kept at his grim task. A minute later he struck a stick of dynamite in the core of the same pie and was buried from his late residence the next day, leaving a wife in Poland and another in Ohio.

thirst for opulence seizes him the temptation to sophisticate his product becomes irresistible. His first false step may seem harmless—it may be nothing worse, indeed, than the addition of some sterilized wood pulp to his pie filling—but that first false step is fatal. Ere long he is launched upon a dizzy career of chicanery and subterfuge. Abandoning apples and peaches entirely, he begins to fill his pies with carrots and turnips. Instead of flour, he tries plaster of paris; instead of soup meat, cat meat; instead of sugar, New Orleans molasses; instead of magnesia, manganese. Finally, instead of baking his pies, he merely varnishes them with shellac.

### Prosperity Shown in Diamond Imports



PROSPERITY has returned, according to import and export records for 1909, published recently by the bureau of statistics of the department of commerce and labor. The surest indication of ready money, officials declare, is the diamond market, and during the first 11 months of 1909 this has boomed, the importation of cut diamonds amounting to \$25,214,541, three times as much as during the corresponding period last year, and nearly \$6,500,000 more than during that time in 1907.

This year collected \$2,500,000 in duties. Belgium and the Netherlands are the countries selling most of the stones to the United States. More than \$40,000,000 worth of diamonds and other precious stones were imported the first 11 months of 1909. These are the correct figures and represent an increase of \$28,000,000 over the total of 1908 and more than \$3,900,000 over 1907, this country's record year for imports of jewels.

### Woman Makes Bugs for the Government



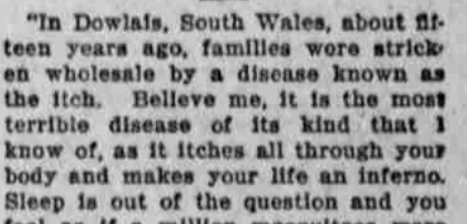
MAKING models of bugs for Uncle Sam's use in teaching agriculturists and 'bugology' students how to distinguish between insects that are harmful and those that are useful is the novel occupation of Mrs. Otto Heidemann, well known as a sculptor in Washington.

gigantic scale in comparison to the life size insects, a close microscopic study of the subject and the ability to shape the different parts on identical lines are details of Mrs. Heidemann's work that must be followed each time she molds a reproduction.

Why does Great Britain buy its oatmeal of us? Certainly it seems like carrying coals to Newcastle to speak of exporting oatmeal to Scotland and yet, every year the Quaker Oats Company sends hundreds of thousands of cases of Quaker Oats to Great Britain and Europe.

The reason is simple; while the English and Scotch have for centuries eaten oatmeal in quantities and with a regularity that has made them the most rugged physically, and active mentally of all people, the American has been eating oatmeal and trying all the time to improve the methods of manufacture so that he might get that desirable foreign trade.

### TOO LATE.



Thief—What's the time, please? Victim—Much too late for you. Your pal just got my watch.

### EPIDEMIC OF ITCH IN WELSH VILLAGE

In Dowlais, South Wales, about fifteen years ago, families were stricken en masse by a disease known as the Itch. Believe me, it is the most terrible disease of its kind that I know of, as it itches all through your body and makes your life an inferno. Sleep is out of the question and you feel as if a million mosquitoes were attacking you at the same time. I knew a dozen families that were so affected.

"The doctors did their best, but their remedies were of no avail whatever. Then the families tried a druggist who was noted far and wide for his remarkable cures. People came to him from all parts of the country for treatment, but his medicine made matters still worse, as a last resort they were advised by a friend to use the Cuticura Remedies. I am glad to tell you that after a few days' treatment with Cuticura Soap, Ointment and Resolvent, the effect was wonderful and the result was a perfect cure in all cases.

"I may add that my three brothers, three sisters, myself and all our families have been users of the Cuticura Remedies for fifteen years. Thomas Hugh, 1650 West Huron St., Chicago, Ill., June 29, 1909."

He Asked Too Much. They had been engaged for exactly 47 seconds by the cuckoo clock.

"Clara, dear," queried the happy youth, who had a streak of romance running up and down his person, "will you promise to love me forever?"

"I'd like to, George," replied the practical maid, "but I really don't expect to live so long."

Limited Belief. "Do you believe in a future punishment of everlasting fire and brimstone?" asked the man with the question habit.

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