

ORIGIN OF YANKEE DOODLE

Uncle Sam's Favorite Tune One of the Oldest in the World.

BELONGED TO MANY RACIAL FAMILIES

An Old Papal Chant, a Holland Harvest Song, a New England Jig and a Revolutionary Inspiration—Later History.

Yankee Doodle is one of the oldest songs in the world and at different periods of an unparalleled career has belonged to England, to the once vast empire of Holland and to the Roman Catholic church, where it probably originated, somewhere about the year 1200 A. D.

Several hundred years ago the good people of Holland thought so much of Yankee Doodle that they adopted the tune for a harvest song and made up new words for it.

"Yankee didle didle down, Yankee didle didle down, Yankee didle didle down, Yankee didle didle down."

Nobody knows exactly what this verse meant, but the lines interest us, because they are primarily responsible for the words "Yankee," etc., for the familiar English version of Yankee Doodle.

Soon after being first sung, this quaint verse became so popular among all classes in Holland that it became a truly national song. It was sung in the streets and in the old chant which it supplanted.

While the great naval war of the sixteenth century was in progress the English, under Admiral Drake, caught the tune. Much to the surprise of every one, England broke the mighty sea power of Holland and when the fighting was over the English people sang mocking parodies of the old song against its hated authors.

Yankee was understood to mean a Dutchman. Since the Dutch were sharp traders, the popular meaning of the word came to be a shrewd, hard-headed, ungracious sort of a fellow.

Holland then tried to forget the song and it thus passed into the hands of another nation.

Cromwell as Yankee Doodle. All England sang varying words to it till Oliver Cromwell's time.

One of the latest and most historical—if least literary—versions of Yankee Doodle is a stanza, said to have been sung by some of the Rough Riders in Cuba, after the surrender of Santiago. It ran something like this:

"Yankee Doodle came to town wearing striped pants on, But Spain she saw so many stars That now they need expansion."

Yankee Doodle has already belonged to the three great families of the Caucasian race—the Latin, the Teutonic and the Anglo-Saxon. It has been carried into the hands of four of the greatest political powers of history.

PARROT WAS A POKER EXPERT. It Helped Its Mistress to Win Several Jackpots.

A South Side Chicago woman, who owns a very clever parrot, entertained a few of her women friends last week by giving a poker party.

After a while the game began in earnest and the guests became as interested as men do over poker, each trying to get as many chips as possible, merely to prove which was the best thinker.

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A Man of Commanding Influence Among New York's Rich and Poor.

BISHOP POTTER'S SPHERE OF USEFULNESS

His Career as a Clergyman, an Arbitrator of Labor Troubles and a Church Builder—Respected by All Creeds.

There are two leaders in New York society. One of them is Mrs. Astor; the other is Bishop Potter, and the latter is far and away not only the most powerful and picturesque, but very much the more exclusive of the two.

Ostensibly, he is head only of the Episcopal diocese in New York; in reality he represents more varied responsibilities, greater financial schemes and unique accomplishments than any other man in the metropolis.

He is, first of all, bishop of the richest diocese in America, administering with the skill of a William H. Vanderbilt on church property that, when it came into his care, represented a round twenty millions of dollars.

Added to these cares Bishop Potter has undertaken the biggest building scheme since the capitol at Washington was put up. That is the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, which, when it is completed, will represent a great deal over the thirty millions estimated for its erection.

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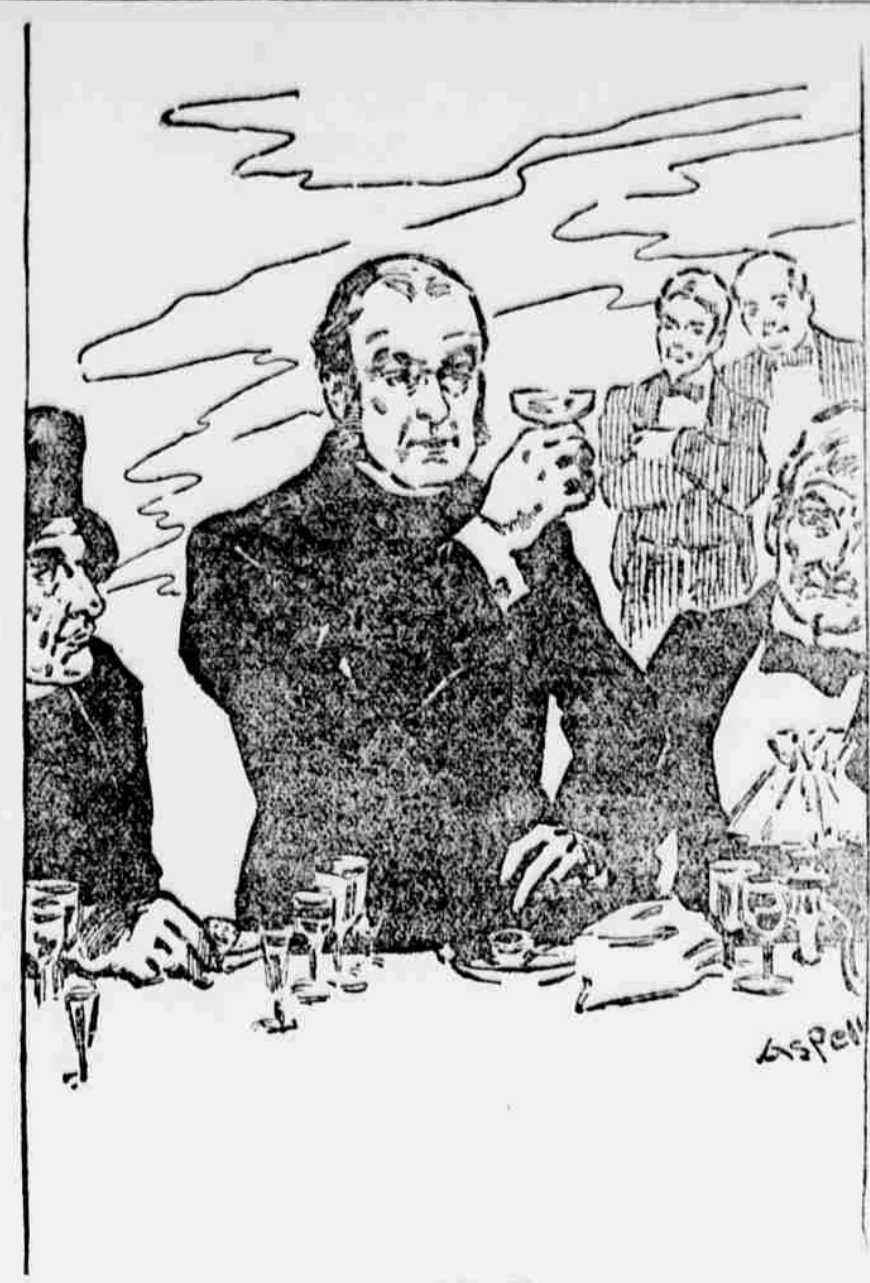
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Some Features of a Notable Social Function at Philadelphia. Seventy bachelors belonging to a club in Philadelphia registered a New Year resolution to break away from their stagnant mode of life and in order to make a successful beginning—to introduce themselves to such of the fair sex as might pity them and further their good intentions—they gave a grand ball in Horticultural hall on the evening of the 11th.

The hall decorations, according to the Times, were elaborate. The general tone was pink on a foundation of green. The stairway was decorated with all manner of tropical plants and flowers, a huge bank being erected at the diverging point. The main beauty of the decorator's art lay, however, in the dancing hall. Here one assumed to enter a huge powdered garden, where gorgeous butterflies in women's shape flitted to and fro in the arms of some back-coated mot.

Between these were bay trees, lighted with electric lamps of a rosy shade. The whole was overtopped with a soft, hazy glow of palm and southern amilax, which extended in draped festoons to the top of the walls. The electric lights were adorned with the same plant and from the main chandelier in the center of the room long streamers stretched across and reached the opposite walls. Palms, bay trees, roses, crocus,

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The supper was served in the lower hall, at separate tables holding guests. These, too, had received attention at the hands of the decorator. Around the pink-shaded candle-labra were massed every variety of floral beauty. Around the walls of the room were festoons of laurel and amilax, intermingled with white carnations, orchids, lilies of the valley and roses.

The dance commenced at an early hour, though it was some time later before any great number commenced to arrive. This, however, did not deter the early comers from starting the ball of gaiety and merriment rolling; the general tone of which kept up to the very end. In fact, even the music did not cease. Behind the huge bower of flowers that concealed the stage from the dancers two orchestras were stationed, one to discourage the stirring two-steps of zozna and Roney, the other the soft, swaying waltzes of Herbert and Strauss. Each in turn played between the dances.

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