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THE FLAG IN BATTLE

WHEN OR WHERE IT WAS FIRST BORNE HISTORY RECORDS NOT.

Its Development From the First Inanimate Object Carried Aloft on a Staff—Dear to the Hearts of Fighters in All Ages and Nations.

Where in the whole world is another thing meaningless in itself that has signified so much or served so greatly in the dramas of national life as the flag? asks the London Globe.

One tradition says the Saracens first carried an orthodox standard into battle and thus gave the idea, as they gave so many others, to the crusaders. But obviously the flag is far older than this, and it is interesting to note its development from the first inanimate object borne aloft on a staff so as to be generally visible down to the complicated blazonry of a royal banner in our own ages. The Egyptians thus carried before their hosts the figure of a sacred animal on a spear, and the Assyrians, as their carvings tell us, inspired their hopes and centered the attentions of their soldiers in the same way. The royal standard of the Persians for many centuries was a blacksmith's apron, and it is said a local prince in passing a hermit's cell on the way to battle one morning asked the inmate for his blessing or something expressive to put on that artless cognizance. The hermit, possibly a little touchy, as even saints will be when disturbed at breakfast time, threw the chieftain the flat, round cake he was eating, which was duly added to the apron; hence the Persian "sun." The lion was an obvious afterthought. The Turks used a horse's tail, the rank of a pasha being known by the number of tails he carried, and probably this suggested the much bifurcated pennon of early western chivalry familiar to every one who has studied the Bayeux tapestry or early illuminated missals.

In the middle ages, devoted to display and military arrogance, the flag stood in relationship to the great captain's array as his personal armor stood to himself; it insured recognition in the melee and supplied a rallying point for the fighters such as nothing else could have done. This led to an etiquette of flags which apportioned shape and size to every rank of the peerage, from the royal standard itself down through a varied array of banners, gonfalone, pennons, ensigns and other "bits of red rag," and kept the heralds' college busy, besides supplying the poets with admirable local coloring for their battle pieces. Does not Scott tell us in some famous lines:

Then fell that spotless banner white, Lord Howard's lion fell; But still Lord Marston's falcon flew With waving flight, while fiercer grew Around the battle yell. Here, it will be noted, the whole gist and point of the fight centers in the pennons of the leaders, and of the same vital importance of the flag there are innumerable instances in medieval literature. When the Douglas unfurled his standard at Otterburn—a flag, by the way, which is still in existence—he declared, and thought not without reason, that the mere sight of that famous cloth would put the English host to rout. And even in comparatively modern and prosaic times the belief that a dreaded captain was beneath a certain emblem has sufficed to turn the scales of battle.

Thus in the French war of 1797 the French Rear Admiral Sarcy when cruising with six frigates in the bay of Ball came in sight of five or our Indianmen, one of them the Woodford, Captain Lennox. They were homeward bound and all richly laden, and to all appearances they had no chance of escape, when Captain Lennox rescued them by an act of great judgment and presence of mind. He first of all hoisted in his own ship a flag which the French admiral knew well, that of the British Admiral Rainer, blue, at the mizen, and he made all the other ships in his company hoist pennants and ensigns to correspond. But he did more. He detached two of the Indianmen to chase and reconnoiter the enemy, and as these advanced toward the French reconnoitering frigates, the Cybele, the latter, completely deceived, made all sail to join her consorts, on which the French admiral, believing he was in the presence of a powerful British squadron, made off with his frigates under all sail, and Captain Lennox and his consorts completed their voyage in safety.

The flag indeed preserved its glamour long after the time when it was the cynosure of conflict, the emblazoned meteor of victory, as Milton calls it. Napoleon's officers, retreating from Moscow, burned their standards and in the excess of their bitter affection mixed the ashes with wine and drank them so. The same was done at Metz and Sedan, and even today there is probably no soldier in the world who would not do a little more for his colors than for anything else within his martial horizon. The idea has penetrated into all ranks of society. To nail one's colors to the mast is the last expression of desperate resolve, just as to haul them down indicates the abyss of humiliation.

Generous Host. Tommy—Ma, can I play makin' believe I'm entertainin' another little boy? Mammas—Yes, dear, of course. Tommy—All right. Gimme some cake for him.

Accomplished. Ethel—Isn't Judy new? Mayme—Isn't she, though? She tells so much I don't see how she gets time to hear anything. Don't think that every sad-eyed woman you meet has loved and lost. She may have loved and got him—Lyre.

STRANGE "HAPPY FAMILIES."

Fox-Hound Mothers Fight Young Foxes—A Cat and a Rat.

William Gilchrist, a farmer living near Kemble, in Grey County, was going through the bush one day recently when he found a nest of eight young foxes, which he took home, where they were immediately adopted and mothered by a fox hound which had just been parted from her pups. The fox is the natural prey of the hound, and this adoption is in violation of instinct. The hound, while nursing the young foxes, is described as trembling with excitement and the bristles standing up on her back.

In a store window in the town of Dresden is another "happy family" exposed to view—a cat with three kittens and one young rat, the latter being treated exactly the same as the kittens, nursed and played with. The cat, with her strange family, was caged in a store window so that the public might view the queer sight.

P. T. Barnum used to make the lion and the lamb lie down together in his circus. He would cage together snakes, birds, cats, canaries, and all kinds of creatures, the secret of it being that care was taken to keep the snakes and carnivorous animals stuffed so full of food that they could scarcely move, and had no desire to eat.

But the cases mentioned are of a different sort. Here is a cat nursing a young rat alongside her kittens, and a hound nursing young foxes. In an earlier age some reader of dreams and interpreter of omens would probably say that these two queer cases are warnings against years of leanness and famine to come—the cat and the hound both doing what they can to provide game for their kind in the early and necessary future. That would have been the mildest interpretation put upon such occurrences a few hundred years ago. At times in the past some have based predictions of great wars and even the end of the world on meager omens.

House-Painting Headaches.

House painting and decorating are just now in evidence, and the season is not without its dangers as well as inconveniences to those who are compelled by necessity or slender means to stop home during the progress. Headache, says The London Lancet, is a common experience at this time. Possibly the oil with which the painter mixes his pigments is sufficient to cause nausea, although there seems to be little doubt that minute quantities of lead are inhaled also. People have been known to suffer from a severe attack of colic after sitting in a room for a few hours a day in which there were "canvases covered with white lead and a drying oil. Artists, again, have been attacked with paralysis owing to the action of the oil paint. People susceptible of the action of the poison should make a strenuous endeavor to leave the house during its painting and decoration, while those who are compelled to remain should live in the fresh air as much as possible. In the sleeping room a very useful precaution is to leave the window basin full of clean water, or, better still, milk, during the night. In the morning a greasy film will be found on the surface of the water. Milk is a well-known absorbent of odors, and appear to act more effectively than water for this purpose, for after exposure in a freshly painted house the milk will be found to smell quite distinctly of paint. Our contemporary does not mention the practice in some localities of hanging up a bunch of straw or hay dipped in water. By this means a larger wet surface is exposed to the air, with correspondingly increased absorbent powers.—London Telegraph.

Parnell's Humor.

Writing of "Parnell and His Critics," in The London Daily News, Mr. E. Haviland Burke gives an instance of the "good, sardonic humor" of Parnell, which sometimes "contributed to his reputation for callousness." Some lady friends of mine witnessed a most amusing scene at a conversation organized by a Woman's Liberal Association during the period in which English Liberals and Irish Nationalists were working together. With infinite trouble he had been persuaded to attend. A somewhat fussy lady enthusiast insisted on him being introduced to her. After the usual commonplaces she gushingly expressed a hope that there would be no agrarian outrages in Ireland in the coming winter.

Parnell could not resist the temptation. He smiled placidly at his questioner and said, after a pause: "I—er—I'm afraid not."

It is almost needless to say that the poor lady took it "au grand sérieux," and retired in horror-stricken confusion.

How's This for Juggling.

An eye-witness of a celebrated feat of Oriental jugglery told the following story of what he thought he saw a band of Indian fakirs accomplish: "They produced a chain 75 feet in length and in my presence threw one end of it towards the sky, where it remained as if fastened to something in the air. A dog was then brought forward, and being placed at the lower end of the chain immediately ran up and, reaching the other end, disappeared in the air. In the same manner a hog, a panther, a lion, and a tiger were successively sent up the chain and all disappeared at the upper end. At last they pulled down the chain and put it in a bag, no one ever discovering in what manner the different animals were made to vanish.—Chicago News.

The Young Idea.

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