

Our Home Circle.

Original articles solicited for this department on any subject relative to "Home" matters, whether of a social, decorative, literary or general character.

Flag Day.

(For the Record.)

The 14th day of this month, being the anniversary of the adoption by Congress of the "Stars and Stripes" as our national standard, has been designated "Flag Day."

Each nation has its distinctive flag, suggestive of some special meaning; that of Great Britain the "Union Jack" having been the one first used in this country by the early colonists.

At the time of the first adoption of this flag the colonies had not yet asserted their entire independence of the mother country, and so retained the stripes in connection with the 13 original members of the Union.

At the time of the second adoption of the flag the union was 15 stars, white in a blue field, representing a new constellation.

Paul Jones has the credit of being the first to use the flag as a national emblem, on board the "Ranger," the stars were at first arranged in a circle, but the manner of their arrangement has never been prescribed by law.

In 1795, two more states—Vermont and Kentucky—having been added to the Union, the flag was increased by two stars and two stripes, and with these 15 stars and 15 stripes, remained unchanged till 1818.

Several more states having been admitted to the Union, it was decided to reduce the number of stripes to the original 13, adding a new star for each state as it was admitted into the Union.

During our civil war, the Confederate states adopted a flag of their own, the first one being a blue field with a red and the middle one white—with a blue union on which nine white stars were arranged in a circle.

These are some few of the facts connected with the history of the "Star Spangled Banner," which is so "proudly hailed" by all Americans.

My Little Friend Pearl.

I wonder how you are enjoying yourself this lovely morning, in your far off Western home?

We had such beautiful weather for Whitsuntide; our lawns are all very pretty with roses, mock orange, sweet flowers, peonies and many other sweet flowers.

I was much pleased with your lesson in Botany and think you have no reason to be ashamed of your letters.

No matter how careful a housekeeper may be in keeping her cupboards, pantry, closets and bedrooms clean, insects of some kind will occasionally make their appearance.

Oh! by the way, I got such a funny letter from him the other day. You just should have heard me laugh.

Sometimes we see the angel who opens to us the door of opportunity, but more often we do not see him.

Unseen Doorkeepers.

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A Question of Clocks.

Which is the best, a clock that is right only once a year, or a clock that is right twice every day?

Very good, reader; now attend. I have two clocks; one doesn't go at all and the other loses a minute a day.

Now observe. The one which loses a minute a day has to lose 12 hours or 720 minutes, before it is right again; consequently it is only right once in two years, whereas the other is evidently right as often as the time it points to comes round which happens twice a day.

Why, suppose the clock points to 8 o'clock, don't you see that the clock is right at 8 o'clock? Consequently when 8 o'clock comes your clock is right.

Mr. W. A. Hines of Manchester, Ia., writing of his almost miraculous escape from death, says: "Exposure after exposure induced serious lung trouble, which ended in Consumption."

THE SPORTING WORLD.

Charles Andrew Carver of Chicago, a member of the senior class in the academic department of Yale, has established a new Yale record as a strong man.

There is no music in a "rest" that I know of, but there's the making of music in it.

Glorious News.

Charles Andrew Carver.

General Brooke at Governors Island.

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PEOPLE OF THE DAY.

The death of the late General Jonbert created a vacancy in the vice presidency of the South African Republic.

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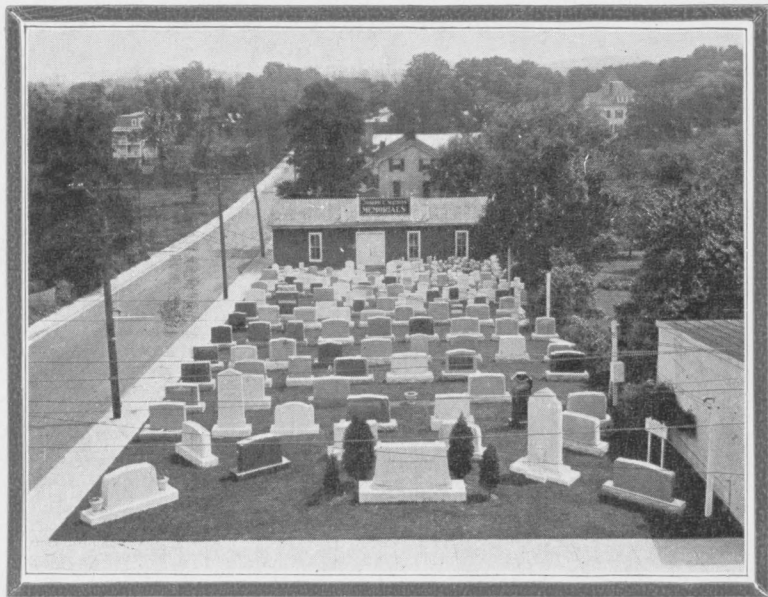
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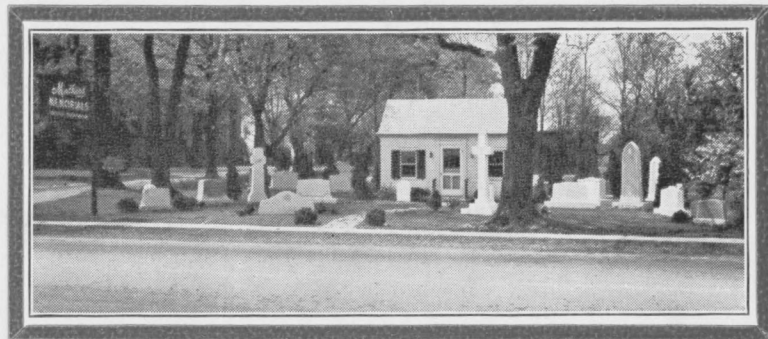
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