

HEROES OF AMERICAN HISTORY

A YANKEE WHO SANG OF THE SOUTH
STEPHEN FOSTER

Foster was born in Pittsburgh, Pa. and, except for one or two pleasure trips on steamboats, never saw the South. When he was seven years old his mother once took him on a shopping tour. In one store he saw a flute, and, after struggling with it for a minute or two, astonished the clerks by playing "Hail Columbia" on it.

Foster was an unrefined young man, but very absent-minded. He frequently walked down the street, his eyes on the ground, seeing no one and hearing nothing but the music inside of him. He formed a singing club among his friends, which met at his home. For this club he wrote "Old Folks at Home," "Oh, Susannah," "Old Black Joe," and many other Southern songs. They became popular overnight and are sung to this day!

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Immigrants Held Aid to the Progress of America

Yankee ingenuity, American initiative and the enterprise of natives in many states have been celebrated in fiction and anecdote for decades. But much of that quality vaguely defined as "the American spirit" has been evolved by grafting an American environment on foreign-born individuals, asserts a writer in the Detroit Free Press.

To the credit of many immigrants to the United States must go dozens of achievements which have contributed enormously to advances along cultural and economic lines. It is not generally known that foreign-born or second generation Americans were responsible in the United States for:

The first sugar refinery, which was built and successfully operated in New Orleans in 1791 by Antonio Mendez, a Spanish-American.

The first type foundry, which was established in Germantown, Pa., in 1771 by Christopher Sauer, son of a German immigrant.

The first vineyard, which was cultivated on 630 acres of ground outside Lexington, Ky., in 1798 by James Dufous, a Swiss immigrant.

The first water pumping station for municipal use, which was built in Bethlehem, Pa., in 1755 by Hans Christopher Christiansen, a Swedish-American.

The first factory for the manufacture of brick roofing tile, which was built in 1735 in Montgomery County, Pa., by a German immigrant named Huster.

The first glass to be made in America, which was blown by Polish and German workers imported into the Jamestown colony in Virginia in 1608 to make glass beads for trading with the Indians.

Chewing on Cloves Was Ancient Chinese Custom

The custom of chewing on a clove to perfume the breath had its origin in the third century B.C. among the Chinese. These Oriental people probably traded with natives of the Spice Islands, where the clove tree is profuse, long before Europe was conscious of their existence.

The Portuguese were the first European nation to deal in cloves, but a century later the Dutch got possession of the East Indies and monopolized the trade, even going so far as to limit the growth of the clove tree to a single large island. This regulation had to be withdrawn quickly, for it was a native custom throughout the islands to plant a clove tree at the birth of each child as a sort of record of its age. The Dutch edict to destroy existing trees and forbidding the planting of new ones stirred the chiefs to rebellion. Finally the Dutch capitulated, and the clove tree still flourishes in the East Indian group. Zanzibar and Pemba, however, islands off the coast of Africa, yield about 90 per cent of the world's supply of this spice.

Button, Button

There are probably 50 or 60 billion buttons on clothes in American wardrobes and on American people, men averaging around 450 buttons each, women less than that. A man's business clothes are held on by about 30 buttons. A woman may have as few as none at all. And yet a good button is not nearly as common as one might think. It should have certain definite characteristics. The back, just behind the holes, should be reinforced or built out a little; the holes should have rounded edges so as not to fray the thread; and the bridge between the holes should be not too thin. These points any woman can detect for herself when she buys buttons; unfortunately, she cannot tell how the button will launder. Buttons are made of many substances—wood, leather, bone, plastic in gay colors, "vegetable" ivory, metals and cloth.

Many Throne Pretenders

Throughout the British Empire there are numerous small groups of Jacobites who, believing in the 248-year-old claim to the throne by the descendants of the exiled Stuarts, regularly meet and toast "the rightful king." Undoubtedly each group has its own particular pretenders, as a list of them contains more than 500 names, including those of a Glasgow grocer and a Hereford policeman.—Collier's Weekly.

Occupants of the Mayflower

The occupations of the Mayflower passengers included the following: Merchant, steward-servant, servant-man, servant-boy, ladies' maid, bound-boy, printer and publisher, physician, jailer, tradesman, wool carder, farmer, lay reader, silk worker, husbandman, carpenter, cooper, seaman. Some were at some time teachers, accountants, linguists, writers, etc. Some had formerly practiced handicrafts.

First Wife of Adam

In the rabbinical writings, Lilith is regarded as a beautiful woman, the first wife of Adam. She fled, becoming a demon; Eve was given him in her place. She continued in the Jewish folklore as an evil spirit, the equivalent of the vampire. Her personality is said to have been derived from a Babylonian-Assyrian demon of similar name. She was believed to be especially hostile to children, and amulets were worn by them to ward off her influence.

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Is there only dust, we wonder, where there used to be a wife and mother. God could never be so cruel, she is living still, our neighbor.

—J. C. Wilham and children.

Prince Edward Island

Prince Edward Island was long called St. John's Island, but was given its present name in 1799 in compliment to Prince Edward, Duke of Kent, who paid it a visit. The prince was the fourth son of King George III and the father of Queen Victoria.

The Archimedes Principle

The loss of weight of a body submerged in a liquid is the weight of the displaced liquid. It is supposed that this principle was discovered by the Greek philosopher Archimedes (287-212 B. C.) who had been ordered by Hiero, king of Syracuse, to find whether a goldsmith had mixed silver with the gold used in making a crown. To do this without destroying the crown was a perplexing problem. But one day while Archimedes was at the public bath, he noticed that his body was buoyed up by the water in which it was submerged. Seeing in this solution of his problem, he is said to have rushed home shouting "Eureka!" (I have found it!).

Prompt Action

Napoleon used to say, "If your adversary can bring a powerful force to attack a certain post ten minutes sooner than you can bring up a supporting force, you are beaten, even though all the rest of your plans be the most perfect that can be devised." Life is full of crises when to act promptly and with decision means victory and to waver means failure.

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Hints for Homemakers
By Jane Rogers



THE next time you serve iced tea, try serving it as they do in Hawaii at one of Honolulu's famous hotels. For each tall, cool glass add to the tea mixture two table-spoons of canned, Hawaiian pineapple juice. Put in each glass a sprig of mint and a slice of canned pineapple sliced in the new, spear-like shape.

Do you realize how much cloth window shades, selected to harmonize with your curtains and draperies, can add to the attractiveness of your home? There are lovely tones of cornflower blue, willow green, Circassian brown, poppy and gray. Shades such as these are a true boon to the fastidious housewife. They're "processed" for long life and to withstand crinkling from the ravages of steam, rain, and snow. Buy these good cloth window shades for Fall re-decorating!

Self-Consciousness

What the world would very often mistake for conceit is a self-consciousness, a recognition of it. In our common acceptance of the word a conceited man is an empty fellow who bases his opinion of himself upon no true grounds. Very often great but untried men will take upon themselves the achievement of that which the world deems an impossibility. But if the man has that within him which will carry him through, he is to be commended. It is the ignorant fellow and puffed-up fool who is to be blamed.

Waffle Irons of Many Types

Waffle irons of Colonial days took various forms. In the "Colonial Kitchen" in the Baltimore Museum of Arts, a composite representation of the kitchens of New England and the South, there are at least five different kinds of these early waffle irons.

City Has Pew Built

On June 29, 1698, the Common council of New York city appointed a committee "to Agree with Carpenters for the building of a Pew in Trinity Church for the use of ye Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen and Assistants of this City and for their Successors."

Cane Demands Water

One million gallons of water is needed to grow each ton of American sugar cane in Hawaii. During the 18-month growing period, each acre receives enough water to cover it to a depth of 19 feet.

Know Your Language

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THE origin of the word "candidate" goes back to ancient Rome. When a man campaigned for public office among the Romans he wore a white toga and was called "candidatus," meaning one "clothed in white." Our word "candidate" derives directly from the Roman "candidatus."

"Lend" is the verb; "loan," the noun. Care should be taken to avoid confusing them:

Right: Will you lend me a dollar?

Wrong: Will you loan me a dollar?

Right: Thanks for the loan.

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