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The Old Saddle

by A. J. Dunlop

The dingy old saddle was ripped
By lariat, cactus and thorn;
It carried deep scars without number,
On saddle-bow, cantle and horn.
Its buckles were tarnished and rusty,
With rivets sunk deep in the leather,
That showed the old saddle had seen
Rough service in all kinds of weather.

But somehow I loved the old saddle
With all of its bruises and scars;
I loved the soft creak of its leather
At night when we rode with the stars;
I loved its low laugh as we galloped
Through sunshine or wind-driven rains.
Its voice was the voice of my country—
My country of hill-gaps and plains.

It never was meant to be ridden
By men without courage to face
The ups and the downs of a life-time,
The strain and the stress of the race.
Whenever my tired spirit falters,
Whenever I fear I may fail,
The ghost of the old saddle whispers:
"Ride on to the end of the trail!"



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Old Glory Celebrates Birthday On June 14th Symbol Of Nation For 154 Years. It's Origin.



U. S. Marines of the Fourth Regiment, now in China, carry the Stars and Stripes along with their regimental colors in a parade at Shanghai. Upper left: Home of Betsy Ross, traditional maker of the flag, in Philadelphia, Pa. Lower right: The Rattlesnake and Grand Union flags, two of the numerous flag designs which antedated Old Glory.

OLD GLORY, the most beautiful of all national flags, has a birthday on June 14. Our flag is not only the most beautiful in design, but it is also truly representative of the nation, for in its blue field there are forty-eight glistening stars, signifying each State of the Union.

More than a century and a half has passed since the Star Spangled Banner was first flung to the breeze. Step by step it has kept pace with the forward march of the nation. It stands for patriotism, loyalty and fidelity to the ideals of America.

Maryland's Historic Flag.

Maryland enjoys the distinction of being the only State known to have carried the Stars and Stripes into battle in the Revolutionary War. Other recorded instances of the kind have never been satisfactorily proven.

A flag of the Stars and Stripes design was carried by the Third Maryland Regiment at the battle of Cowpens in January, 1778. William Bachelor was the color bearer. The flag is made of thin cotton and is remarkably well preserved. It is a little over five feet long, and almost a yard wide, and is now in the flag room of the capitol at Annapolis.

The existence of this National Flag, known to have been used as a regimental flag in the Revolution, sheds a bit of light on the darkness surrounding the extent to which the Stars and Stripes were used in Revolutionary Days.

Long before Old Glory became the symbol of our great nation, there were scores of flags, representing the hopes and aspirations of our forefathers. Colonial flags show anchors, beavers, rattlesnakes, pine trees and various other insignia. Some of them bore the words, "Hope," "Liberty," or "An Appeal to Heaven." A favorite motto beneath the rattlesnake design was "Don't Tread on Me."

The first flag in general use by the colonists consisted of thirteen stripes, alternate red and white, typifying the thirteen colonies, with a union bearing the cross of St. George and St. Andrew combined, and signifying the Mother Country. It was known as the Grand Union Flag, sometimes called the Congress Colors, and in addition was the first Navy ensign.

The Grand Union flag was first hoisted aver our fleet in the Delaware River in December, 1775, and was flown to the breeze at Cambridge, Mass., when the Continental Army came into existence in January, 1776. It floated over forts captured by American sailors and Marines in the Bahamas in March, 1776; received a salute from a Dutch fort in the West Indies in November, 1776, and figured in many other stirring episodes.

But tne Grand Union flag was never formally acknowledged by Congress. It was the Stars and Stripes, which we so often call Old Glori, that was destined to be accorded that honor one hundred and fifty-four years ago.

Origin A Mystery.

Research has failed to prove definitely just who designed our National Flag. But tradition points to Betsy Ross as the needlewoman whose fingers wrought with loving care the first sample of the Stars and Stripes, which was almost identical with the flag as we know it today.

Late in the spring of 1776 her little shop in Philadelphia was visited by some distinguished patrons. A committee, headed by George Washington, called on Mrs. Ross and submitted a rough design of a new type of flag in which stars had been substituted for the crosses of St. George and St. Andrew. The committee was of the opinion that the stars should be six-pointed. Mrs. Ross showed them how a five-pointed star could be made by one snip of her scissors, and her suggesion was adopted.

Unfortunately no record of this "first" flag has been preserved. However, Betsy told the story in detail to her children and grandchildren, and her descendants vouch for the authenticity of the historic incident.

It is interesting to know that Mrs. Ross was a flag maker for some sixty years, was thrice left a widow, and lived to be 84 years old.

The flag's first official birthday was on June 14, 1777. On that date Congress resolved "That the flag of the thirteen United States be thirteen stripes, alternate red and white; that the union be thirteen stars, white in a blue field, representing a new constellation."

Nobody knows just when the Stars and Stripes were first displayed. Of the early appearance of the new flag, there are many accounts, and a variety of conflicting claims.

Soon after the new design was officially adopted, John Paul Jones was at Portsmouth, N. H., preparing to sail abroad on the Ranger. One naval authority wrote that the young ladies of Portsmouth "wrought out of their own and their mothers' gowns a beautiful Star Spangled Banner, which was flown to the breeze in Portsmouth Harbor on July 4, 1777."

Avery's history records that another hastily improvised Stars and Stripes was used by the defenders of Fort Stanwix, near Rome, N. Y., on August 3, 1777. Captain Swartwout donated his cloak for the blue field, the soldiers gave their shirts for the white stripes, and a soldier's wife contributed her petticoat for the red stripes. There are records to show that the Continental treasury reimbursed Captain Swartwout for the loss of his cloak.

The Stars and Stripes first went into action at sea, when Captain Thomas Thompson, in command of the Raleigh, fired a broadside of thirteen guns into a British man-o'-war on September 4, 1777. In his report of the incident the captain wrote in part: "We complimented them with a gun for each State, a whole broadside into their hull."

First Salute To Old Glory

Many Americans will recall that the first salute to the Stars and Stripes was given on February 14th, 1778, by France. This occurred in Quiberon Bay on the French Coast, when the Ranger, under John Paul Jones, was saluted by the French fleet under Admiral Lamotte Picquet.

Old Glory first floated over a fortress of the Old World when Lieutenant O'Bannon of the Farines and Midshipman Mann of the Navy raised the flag over the fortress at Derne, Tripoli, where it was flung to the breeze on April 27, 1805.

"By the dawn's early light" on September 14, 1814, Francis Scott Key saw the Star Spangled Banner still waving over Fort McHenry and composed the song which is now the national anthem.

Both the flags raised at Tripoli and at Fort McHenry had fifteen stars and fifteen stripes, a design that remained in vogue from 1795 until 1818. Then Congress authorized the return of the flag to its original form of thirteen stripes, one star being added for each State entering the union.

The little home of Betsy Ross has remained virtually unchanged thru the years. Old wood cuts show it to be much the same as it was in Washington's time. It is now preserved as a national shrine.



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