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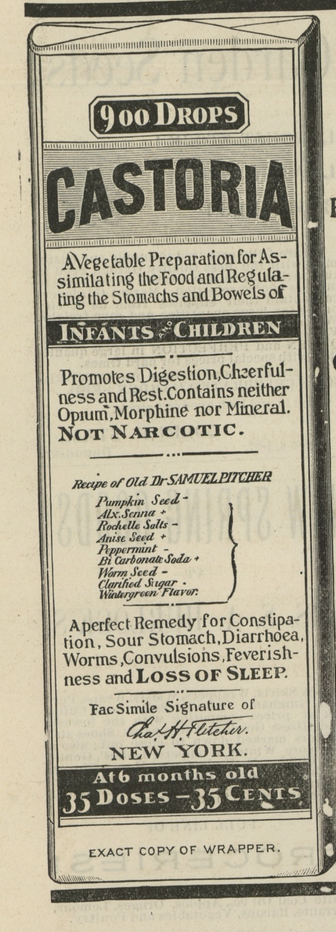

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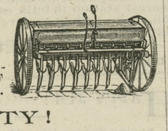

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NATIONAL PATRIOTISM!

A PAPER PREPARED AND READ BEFORE THE LEND-A-HAND CLUB BY MRS. THOMAS HILL, AT MT. WASHINGTON, FEBRUARY 22 1897.

THE anniversary we celebrate today is the inspiration for the selection of the subject to be presented to your consideration. There can be nothing new, doubtless many others know far better than I the merits of my theme, but repitition of truths do not injure their value.

A German philosopher who was not partial to women said that as we are naturally sentimental we are patriotic. That is stating a creditable fact unfairly, for the popular estimate of sentiment attributes to it an element of weakness. Patriotism is exactly contrary to weakness and inspires to the grandness and truest heroism. In our busy, every day lives, we scarcely take time to reflect upon the claim patriotism has upon us as citizens of these United States, enjoying the blessed heritage of a free country, where the people possess the right to elect their law-makers, and those who have the right of suffrage should feel that a sacred responsibility rests upon them to exercise this right conscientiously.

We do not adequately appreciate our many blessings and it must benefit us to study the history of our country and remember the lessons we learn. The patriotic societies that exist today will serve a noble purpose if they not only commemorate the valorous deeds of their forefathers, but will render a higher and more valuable service to the present generation by striving to cement the bonds of peace, fellowship, and good will among us, and by earnestly promoting the best interests of our whole country.

Our national safety depends upon a love of peace, a respect for law and an earnest devotion to the principles of our constitution. Thorough loyalty in every American is of vital importance, and it behooves us earnestly to dictate our influence and efforts to perpetuate the freedom which was so dearly purchased for us.

We mothers have a patriotic mission to fulfill by instilling in the hearts of our children a love of home and country, and teaching them that next to the duty they owe God, is their service to their country; fulfilling this duty by *honest, earnest* efforts to promote the national good, and to consider personal interests entirely secondary.

Today we attempt no new thing in commemorating the birthday of our beloved Washington. It becomes us to keep alive the memory of such a patriot, he who was our heaven sent leader in the times that so sorely "tried men's souls." The circumstances surrounding our war for independence were so peculiar that they seem to be unparalleled in history. Thirteen weak colonies totally unprepared for war, without munitions, with no marine service, no regular troops—with very limited resources for subsistance—in this condition to throw down the gage of battle to the mother country, the most powerful nation of the world — for the sake of up-holding a principle of right—was a spectacle that had not before been witnessed. The territory of this young nation was compassed on one side by trackless forests, filled with hostile savages, while the long coast line bordering upon the vast Atlantic Ocean was exposed to danger they were powerless to prevent from the numerous ships of Great Britain, the acknowledged "Mistress of the Seas." Young America, with a courage born of a righteous cause, dared to stand up and do battle for freedom. Not only was the enemy without, but *within* our own borders. Internal foes were in our midst, because all the colonists did not side with those struggling to be free; many remained loyal to the mother country. Colonial officers of State, and Governors representing the English rule, were inimical to the efforts for independence, and added greatly to the difficulties of the situation.

Happily a beneficent Providence sent us our beloved Washington to guide us through the difficulties, which seemed almost insurmountable. There were many times during the weary seven years of the war when the light from the star of hope seemed almost lost behind the clouds of nearly impenetrable blackness. Even Washington was often sorely tried and strongly tempted to despair, but—sustained by his unswerving faith in God, and up-held by many true-hearted patriots, sharing with him a fervent aspiration for liberty, and a stern resolution that never faltered, we admire and love them for the patience and courage which enabled them to accomplish such heroic deeds. Taking the bold stand for Independence, which might bring their necks to the halter, enduring want, sickness, terrible toil and hardship through weary years, we must render them the grateful homage of our hearts. But today we will speak chiefly of Washington. The march of time since he called to "the better world" having "fought well his good fight" seems only to reveal and make more resplendent the beauty of his character and more distinctly to teach the value of his services.

The world at large holds him in esteem as an incorruptible patriot and genuine hero. We cannot conceive the weight of care and anxiety that constantly rested upon his shoulders. Well did he know the utter ruin that would attend failure to gain our cause. The numberless vexations, consequent from broken promises or aid refused—the discontent and half-hearted service from despairing soldiers—would have crushed the spirit of almost any other leader, yet Washington stood these severest tests of character, and remained steadfast as a rock, and with unfaltering purpose and firm hand, guided our storm-tossed ship of State safely through rocks and shoals that seemed ready to destroy her. When appointed Commander-in-chief of the American army, Washington was 43 years old and in the full vigor of manhood. England having followed up her unjust course of taxing her colonies without representation—by the obnoxious stamp act of 1774, the Virginia House of Burgesses appointed a day for fasting and prayer in sympathy with Boston (whose port had been closed by an act of the British Parliament) and in obedience to this, we find written in Washington's private diary "I went to church and fasted all day." In the Colonial Congress, to which he was elected delegate, he took a resolute stand in favor of a struggle for national freedom.

The blood shed at the conflict between the patriots and the British at the battle of Lexington sent a thrill of indignation throughout the colonies and nerved their hearts to accept the inevitable issues of war.

Our brave Washington was the immediate choice for a leader, and though he shrank from the immeasureable responsibility of the position he felt that he must accept it, with the same motives and self-devotion with which he would have offered up his life. On the floor of Congress he avowed his profound consciousness of unefficiency to cope with the great difficulties to be surmounted in securing the desired boon of Independence; still he felt that he dare not refuse the call of his countrymen and from that moment declining all pecuniary compensation he devoted his entire energies to the trust confided in him.

The character of our chief is one we do not tire of studying. As a mature man his deportment was serious and dignified, but in his youth there was ardor and impetuosity. His military spirit was early evinced, and the nature of his amusements in youth revealed a fondness for manly sports. When only 17 years old we have an account of exploits when surveying, of his bivouac in the wild, dense forest, climbing precipices, of his swimming rivers, and of successfully combatting difficulties, which showed his energy and force of will. At 21, only a man possessed of great courage would have undertaken with 7 companions to go as a commissioner 700 miles, half the distance through an unbroked forest, where roamed wild animals, and, perchance, the savage red man, to the French Commandant on the Ohio river. For 40 days this stripling showed such perseverance, skill and cool endurance in this perilous undertaking as clearly proved his splendid qualities. In the next year, as Lieutenant-Colonel, he led an attack upon the French; similar evidences of unusual fortitude and bravery were exhibited. In the wilderness, with only 3 companies of men, he continued his difficult march to the "Great Meadows" when he was informed by a friendly Indian that the French military were only a few miles distant. Putting himself at the head of forty picked men, Washington set off to the Indian encampment, 6 miles farther on.

It proved to be a terrible stormy night the sky became black as ink, the rain fell in torrents, drenching them all, and they could only stumble along through the forest, over logs and rocks, knocking their muskets against the trees as they groped their way. It took them the entire night to go the six miles but at sunrise they reached the Indian camp; uniting with their Indian Allies they all in single file marched on through the forest and at length reached the French lines and suddenly made an entirely unexpected attack.

After a short sharp fight the French commander was killed with 10 of his men and the whole of the remainder were made prisoners. This was our Washington's first regular military engagement in which his pluck and courage truly indicated his unusual strength of character.

More decidedly were his moral qualities, as well as soldier attributes brought out during the circumstances of what is called "Braddock's Defeat." As Aid de Camp, to General Braddock, Washington accompanied him on that fatal expedition which resulted so disastrously for his commander but brought out the intrepidity and heroism of the young officer.

Having been quite sick, Washington was obliged to tarry on the way to the battle ground, and although still weak he refused to rest longer and joined his comrades the evening before the engagement.

The awful consequences of the British General obstinately clinging to the regular European tactics in spite of Washington's earnest remonstrance, the horrible attack in ambuscade they suffered and the frightful slaughter are familiar to us all.

In the early morning light Washington himself has related the British and American forces numbering about 2000 presented a splendid sight as the sunlight gleamed upon their steel bayonets. He was then 23 years old, 6 feet 2 inches in height and strongly built. Knowing as he did the usual manner of Indian warfare and that the French would certainly adopt their mode of fighting and lie in ambush with their savage allies, the young American officer counciled great caution and advised similar methods of attack using at the same time the utmost vigilance to prevent being surprised by a hidden enemy.

The British veteran paid no attention to the words of his youthful adviser and the consequence was, what Washington expected. The advanced company of 300 British and American soldiers fell into an ambuscade as they were ascending a hill flanked on both sides by a deep ravine becoming suddenly encircled as if by a girdle of flame. So near and dreadful was the firing of the enemy in concealment that it was impossible for flesh and blood to resist the fatal onslaught.

After firing at random a few times towards their assailants the men broke ranks and fled precipitately down the hill. In hot haste the panic stricken infantry reaching the artillery which was in their rear they too were thrown into the utmost confusion and the army became only a disordered multitude flying in every direction. Whole ranks falling from the incessant deadly firing of the enemy. The mistaken British officer forbade the Virginia regiment placing themselves behind trees and fighting the Indians in their own way, but peremptorily commanded his men to form platoons and tried to wheel them into close columns as was the usual manouvering in his European experience.

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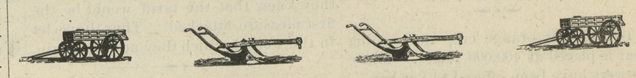

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