



VALLEY FORT

Perhaps no spot in all America has a significance to Americans such as attaches to that little vale in the hills of Chester county, Pennsylvania. The month of history, but without Valley Forge the landing of the Pilgrims would have been a forgotten incident. It was in Valley Forge that the young nation was born in bitterness and defeat, only to come out of it steeled for the work that in that long, dreadful winter was ripening for it.

Through it all Washington, as commander-in-chief, as soldier, and as an individual sufferer with his men, was the colossal figure that emphasizes this supreme test of patriotism.

Defeat at Germantown on Oct. 3, 1777, had sent Washington in retreat. Fort Mifflin and Fort Mercer in quick succession had been abandoned to the continental army. At Whitemarsh Washington had made a stand so unexpected and determined as to cause the British general, Howe, to return to his comfortable winter quarters in Philadelphia. There, on Dec. 11, Gen. Washington, with his suffering army of 17,000 men, took up the weary march to Valley Forge, a sleepy depression in the hills, 22 miles from Philadelphia. On one side was the Schuylkill river and on the north was Valley Creek.

Snow lay deep on the ground when, on Dec. 19, the patriot army reached the site of the winter quarters. Tents were stretched for as many as could be housed, hundreds slept in the snow, already reddened by their bleeding bare feet. At one end of the camp, directed that work begin on log huts, previously designed. To do this, men were divided into squads of 12, furnished with rude tools, and ordered to build huts large enough to house each squad. According to specifications these huts were 14 by 16 feet, with sides, ends and roofs made of logs. The roofs were made water-tight with bark, split shaves, or other material. The cracks in the sides were filled with clay. The roof of each hut was a fireplace made of wood, protected by clay. The door was in the end next to the camp street and was made of canvas.

WARNING FOR THE HASTY.

Be on the Lookout for Ways to Help Others—But Be Careful.

"That was a beautiful thought the minister gave us about being on the lookout for little untruths, ways we can help others. It's all about Miss Spears fervently, to Mrs. Waller, as the two women walked slowly home from church together."

"Yes," continued Mrs. Waller, with an unusual gleam in her eyes. "The foliage of the village trees, 'Hiram saw a letter directed to his aunt Letitia lying on the sitting room table, and he thought it was addressed to me to ask him to stop it, same as I always had to do two or three times before he remembered."

"That sermon was right fresh in his mind, and he picked up the letter, sealed it and posted it, all without saying a word to me until next day. Then he spoke of it in real modest and pleasant way."

"I'm going to try to live up nearer to that sermon than I've been doing, Mandy," he said to me, "and make my best guess at the meaning of the little burdens of life off your shoulders."

"Well, Hiram, I said, as soon as I could speak without offending, here he's right off, for you know I'm highbrowed, excepting for what price I've got, I know you meant well, but that isn't what I'm after. You said Letitia you've sent."

"That envelope had her old address on it—of course you didn't notice that. She'd changed it, still, and her maid as a hornet when she sees it and thinks I've been careless and forgotten the new place, and inside were two or three envelopes. I was calculating to take over to the minister to-morrow. I put 'em in that old envelope for safe keeping—"

"Dec. 24.—Prisoners and desertors are continually coming in. The army, who have been surprisingly healthy hitherto, have now begun to grow sick, and the continued fatigues they have suffered in this campaign yet they still show spirit and alertness and contentment not to be expected from men who have spent so long a time to starve and freeze at such a charming wife, pretty children—good dogs, good food, good clothing—all agreeable—all harmonious. Here all confusion—cold, smoke, hunger, and filthiness. Here a couple of boys in the front ranks, one of them a boy, who'll live like a champion upon it!"

"Puh, puh," cried Patience within me. "You talk like a prophet. The little socks cover your mind with a melon-bone gloom, which makes everything that you appear joyful. See how the poor soulfulness he meets his face and encounters every hardship. If barefoot, he labors through the mud and cold with a sock in his mouth. There hearken, Patience, a moment. There comes a soldier. His bare feet are seen as he marches through the mud. He comes and cries with an air of wretchedness, 'I am sick—my feet—my feet are sore—my clothes worn out—my constitution broken—I fall fast—I shall soon be no more! And all the while I shall get with you. Poor! I'll be no more.'"

Christmas day enters only nominally into Surgeon Waldo's diary as a date. He has a few lines about the decorations in his diary for that day.

PERMANENTLY CURED

Of Kidney Disease by Dr. David Kennedy's Favorite Remedy.

Mr. C. M. Bartholomew, of Kalkaska, Mich., was a sufferer in 1885 with what all, including physicians, called acute diabetes. It was said that the doctors said there was no help for him. As a last resort he used Dr. David Kennedy's Favorite Remedy. The symptoms disappeared, and he is permanently cured by this great remedy. His case was a remarkable one and attracted great attention. Now, he writes that he confirms all that he said in favor of Favorite Remedy in 1886, and again endorses its use. Not "patent" medicine, but a simple, reliable, valuable medical advice. Mention this paper. Large bottles \$1.00, at all drug stores.

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Clothes do not make the man, but they have the first crack at making impressions of the man.

BABY TORTURED BY ITCHING.
Rash Covered Face and Feet—Would Cry Until Tired Out—Speedy Cure by Cuticura.

"My baby was about nine months old when she had rash on her face and feet. Her feet seemed to irritate her more especially at night. She would cause her to be broken in her rest, and sometimes she would cry until she was tired out. I had always used Cuticura soap myself, and had heard of so many cures by the Cuticura Remedies that I thought I would give her a trial. The improvement was so rapid that I kept Cuticura and before I had used one box of the Cuticura Ointment her feet were well and have never troubled her since. I have used it in other cases, and it worked like a charm, as it cleansed and healed the scalp at the same time. Now I keep Cuticura Ointment on hand in case of any little rash or insect bites, as it takes out the inflammation at once. Perhaps this may be of some possible interest to other suffering babies. Mrs. Hattie Currier, Thomaston, Me., June 9, 1906."

ONE WAY OUT OF DIFFICULTY.
Match Twins with Twins. Was the Fond Mother's Idea.

A little woman entered a drug store and asked the proprietor if he had "an odd one of that sort of thing." "What kind of a picture do you mean?" the druggist asked. "One like this," said the woman, holding up an attractive advertising print. "I may have one or two of them left," the proprietor said, "but I don't think there are many left." The woman said she only wanted one, and her tone indicated that she was anxious for that one. She explained that she had a child who had been given to one of her children. Another child, she stated, was sick, and was crying for a picture such as this.

DRAGED TO EAT.
A Quaker Couple's Experience.

How many persons dread to eat their meals, although actually hungry nearly all the time!

"That's a bad way to bring up your children," ventured a woman customer in the store. "Do you try to give us everything but the sugar, because his cause his brother is more fortunate?"

COMMERCIALING CUPID.
"It is true, Tom, that you are going to marry Mary."

DON'T DESPAIR.

Read the Experience of a Minnesota Woman and Take Heart.

If your back aches, and you feel sick, languid, weak and miserable day after day—don't worry. Doan's Kidney Pills have cured thousands of women in the same condition.

FIRE RECORD FOR LAST YEAR.
The fact that when a servant becomes master a cruel foe is suddenly developed is attested by the dreadful fire in the world in the fire loss, in bulk or pro rata, anywhere near our own. Last year, owing to the devastating fire that followed the earthquake in San Francisco, the loss was in great excess of the average, but the average for some years past has been \$200,000,000 a year.

Clover & Grass Seeds.
Everybody loves lush and luxuriant lawns for lawns, green, aborn and even.

Important to Mothers.
Examine carefully every bottle of CASTORIA, a safe and sure remedy for infants and children, and see that it is the Signature of *Dr. J. C. Watson*.

Laudable Ambition.
Myrtle—Why is Helen to marry Mr. Muchwood? He has already had three wives.

How's This?
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appeal to the Well-Informed in every walk of life and are essential to permanent success and creditable standing, therefore we wish to call the attention of all who would enjoy good health, with its blessings, to the fact that it involves the question of right living with all the term implies.

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