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The Birth of the Flag

Philadelphia, May, 1777

From the Original Painting by Henry Mosler

Betsy Ross and three charming assistants at work on the first Stars and Stripes, beloved symbol of that liberty upon which the United States of America was founded, and from an artistic standpoint one of the most beautiful of national flags. When Mistress Betsy fashioned her hand-sewn banner the break in the friendship of England and the United States seemed as irrevocable as the separation of governments. Yet the Fourth of July, 1918, found the two nations, allied by every tie of race, allies in actual fact; and Old Glory floated with the Union Jack over London's Houses of Parliament.