

A CLAIM TO HUMAN GRATITUDE

Charlotte Corday, the sad-faced, tender-hearted peasant girl of Normandy made great history by one desperate act.

Sickened by the atrocities of the French revolution, and moved to desperation as Robespierre and Marat were leading the force of France to the guillotine, she determined that she would put an end to Marat's bloody reign.

Marat had demanded a hundred thousand victims for the guillotine. He proposed to kill off the enemies of the Revolution to make it perpetual.

No wonder it fired the blood of this patriotic peasant maid!

Obtaining access to his closely guarded quarters by a sistering, she found him in his bath, even taking interest in giving written directions for further slaughter!

At these words, Charlotte drew from her bosom the knife, and plunged it with supernatural force up to the hilt in the heart of Marat.

"Come to me, my dear friend, come to me," cried Marat, and expired under the blow!

In the Corcoran gallery at Washington is a famous painting of Charlotte, represented as behind the prison bars the day before her execution.

It is a thrilling picture, full of sorrow for her suffering country, and of unquenchable love for her country's enemies.

What a lesson in this tragic story! Two hundred, nay, five hundred thousand people would Marat have sacrificed to his unholy passion of power!

Methods are being used, men and women, and their number their victims by the millions.

The page of history is full of murders by authority and by law, and in the practice of medicine alone how many hundreds of millions have been allowed to die and many more killed by unjustifiable bigotry and by bungling!

But the age is bettering. Men and methods are improving. A few years ago it was worth one's professional life to advise or permit the use of a proprietary medicine.

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WHEN I AM DEAD.

My earthly goods I bequeath To my dear friends and kin; Sing to me songs of praise; Plant them on roses at my head; No more will I be sad; Be the green grass above me; With flowers and dewdrops wet; And, if I should, I will forget.

DOROTHY WHITCOMBE.

Why She Called Herself "Moss Old Woman."

The sun was slowly rising in the East. Brighter and brighter grew the great round ball, until with a sudden movement it seemed to burst, and a golden, dazzling glow covered the sky; the birds were slowly waking; first a faint peep was heard and as faintly answered, then a sudden twitter, and the air was full of bird-voices. The flowers were lazily, drowsily, opening their dainty petals, and all nature, refreshed by a still night's slumber, awoke to a probable day of joyousness.

It was just after the battle of Long Island, where the Americans, pressed in every side, had suffered a serious defeat, and the Tories were everywhere; in the bushes, up the trees, taking possession of comfortable farm houses, anywhere where rest was to be found there also was found a Tory.

Good Farmer Whitcombe, among all this mass of British, was a true patriot in the cause of freedom, but, residing as he did in a Tory neighborhood, outside from very near neighbors he was thought to be a loyalist.

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"The Tories have varminted, not a rest or morsel of food will they get here, and if they demand it, why, they will find out with whom they have to deal," and certainly Mistress Dorothy looked fierce enough to make the bravest heart quail as she stood with one hand upon the door and the other with a large iron spoon which she held, and the other hand placed defiantly on her hip.

"Sh! sh!" murmured the old man, "if this enemy hunger—"

"Now, father, you just keep quiet; there's no harm in that," she said, and bound up the wounds of death, so in their new formation, as the power as Log Cabin remedies, they are sure to prove the "healing of the nations."

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Queen Victoria is the niece of William IV., who was the brother of George IV., who was the son of George III., who was the grandson of George II., who was the son of George I., who was the cousin of Anne, who was the sister-in-law of William III., who was the son of James II., who was the brother of Charles II., who was the son of Charles I., who was the son of James I., who was the son of Elizabeth I., who was the daughter of Henry VIII., who was the son of Henry VII., who was the son of Henry VI., who was the son of Edward IV., who was the son of Edward III., who was the son of Edward II., who was the son of Edward I., who was the son of Henry III., who was the son of Henry II., who was the son of Richard I., who was the son of Stephen, who was the son of William I., who was the son of William the Conqueror, or eight hundred years ago.

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Frog Lore.

It is surprising that so little has been written in late years of the frog. We must remember that ever since the world began the frog has figured conspicuously in the economy of human affairs.

The true American has a warlike place in his heart for the old Log Cabin. It's not "English you know," but from the Log Cabin of America have sprung men of every respect greater than any from the castles of Europe, the best from the Log Cabin Sarsaparilla is the best in the world.

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