

BALTIMORE'S FAMOUS FORT

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England's Futile Attempt to Capture It During the War of 1812—Francis Scott Key and the Circumstances Under Which he Wrote the Star Spangled Banner—Centennial of the Fort as a Military Post of the Government to be Celebrated.

BALTIMORE, Md., Aug. 11.—The centennial of Fort McHenry as military post of the General Government will be celebrated on the 12th of September. That is not the exact anniversary, but it is the special date in Baltimore's calendar of patriotism, rank next to that of not almost equaling, the Fourth of July.

In the war of 1812 Baltimore was the object of a special hatred on the part of Englishmen. Her citizens, then the swiftest boats that swept the seas, had given British commerce more trouble than it had ever known.

On the way up the bay the fleet stopped at Dead's Island, and many of the officers and men went to hear a local preacher whose fame was general in those days.

Old Defenders' Association, regularly celebrated every 12th of September, and in course of time the day became a local holiday.

The occasion promises to be notable in every way. Secretary Lamont has granted the use of the fort as a museum, and the Register of the society will read a historical address.

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Key is buried at Frederick, Md., where an association has recently been organized to honor the great patriot, Francis Scott Key, who wrote the Star-Spangled Banner.

The flag that inspired the poem. It has about 100 yards of bunting.

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HERE ALL STONE IS BROWN

A CONNEQTICUT TOWN WHOSE QUARRIES ARE ITS WEALTH.

Since Revolutionary Days the People of Portland Have Been Digging Out Material for Rich Men's Houses, but Now the Work is Done in a New Way—Remains of Prehistoric Monsters an Interesting Incident of the Brownstone Industry.

PORTLAND, Conn., Aug. 11.—This is a town of 5,000 inhabitants, half way between New York and Boston, and is given over to brownstone. The scent of brownstone is in its air, the taste of brownstone is in its mouth, the brownstone itself is imbedded in its soil.

But if it were not for brownstone Portland would not be. This is the point of origin of the famous Connecticut River triassic red sandstone, and the town is built by people interested in its quarrying, dressing and shipment.

The Free Stone Quarry, at Chatham, (known by the name of the water ARK) is north of Portland, and is the largest quarry in the State. It will supply the stone at the North and South, and in such quantities as may be required.

From this commencing beginning arose a company which worked the quarries for the benefit of the town, and which eventually acquired the title of the ground; so that the records of the year 1810 show that six acres in possession of the Middlesex Quarry Company were sold by the town to James Stanfill.

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teeth of a comb, and a trusty workman with a sledge raps these down after another in regular succession down the entire line, the light being the stone and metal under the stroke and the fierce grunt which follows each tap is delivered.

Years ago, when such things as steam derricks were unknown, the blocks were raised by hand, and the laborer, in the case with which the great derricks handle twenty-ton blocks is startling, and when one takes into account the surface piles of stone, the resident power of the machinery, and the immense chasms that yawn at the bottom of which, by peering over, one may see pilgrims of men cutting out more gigantic blocks and sending them to the surface in a twinkling by the derricks—all impresses one with a sense of the fantastic. One suspects one's self of a nightmare, and the near-at-hand sight of a human

For the past 250 years these quarries have been worked continuously. The earliest settlers appreciated the value of the stone, and it was then quarried for the benefit of the community.

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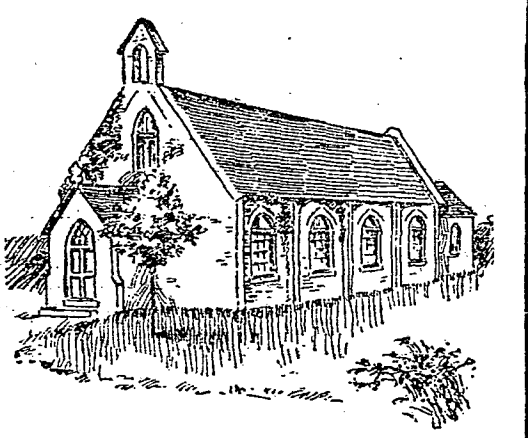
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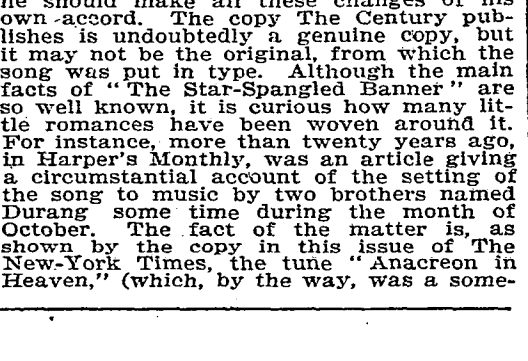
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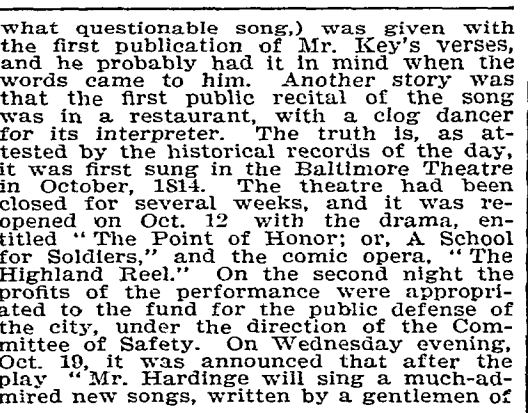
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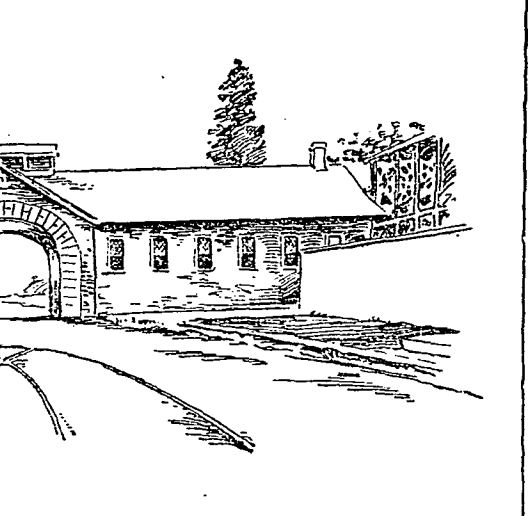
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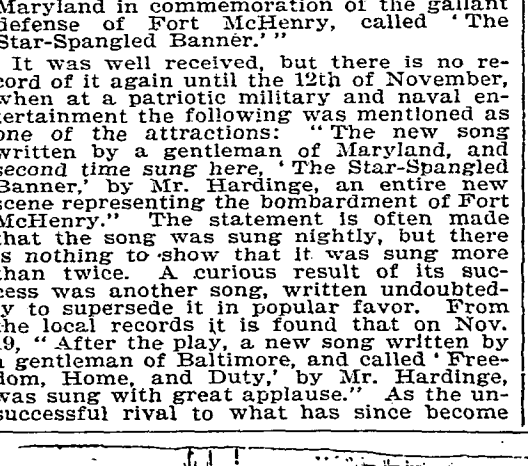
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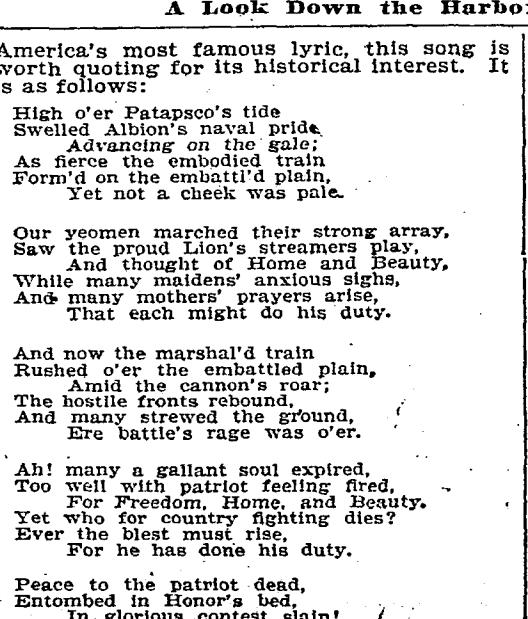
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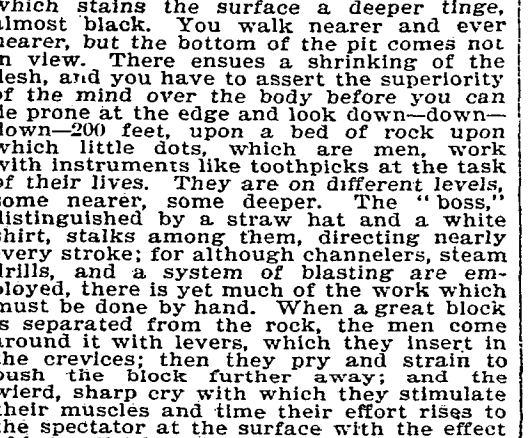
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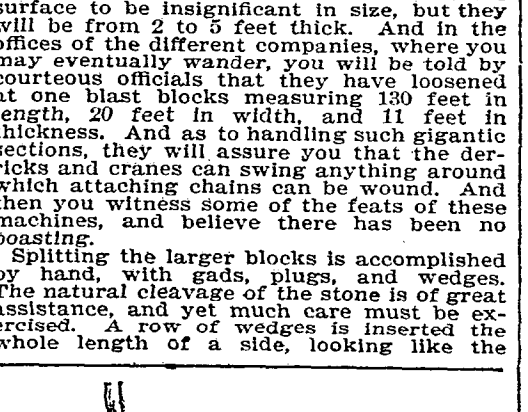
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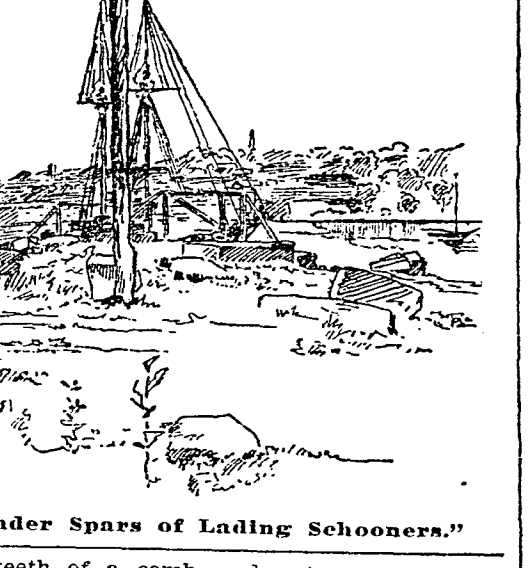
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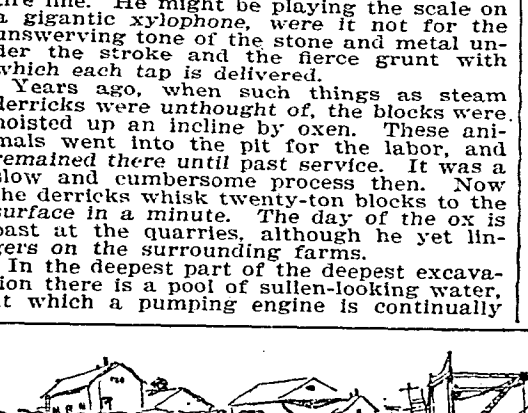
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And a Drop into Nothing Beneath You.



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