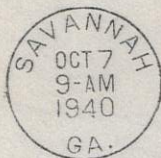


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ELI WHITNEY (1765-1825)

Eli Whitney, American Inventor, was born in Westboro, Mass., 1765. He graduated at Yale, 1792; went to Georgia; and, for a time, read law while living on the plantation of the widow of Nathaniel Greene. Here he invented the cotton gin, from which he realized but little financial profit. Between 1791 and 1803, the cotton exports were multiplied by 200, largely as a result of the use of Whitney's gin. In 1798, he became successfully engaged in the manufacture of firearms at factories which he established at Whitneyville, near New Haven, Conn. He died in 1825, and was elected to the American hall of fame in 1900.



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SAMUEL F. B. MORSE (1791-1872)

Samuel Finley Breese Morse, American Artist and Inventor, was born at Charlestown, Mass., on April 27, 1791. He studied painting and sculpture and with indifferent success traveled as a portrait painter. Returning from abroad in 1832, in the course of a conversation on recent discoveries in electromagnetism, Morse conceived the idea for the magnetic telegraph. Morse obtained his American patent in 1840, but it was not until May 24, 1844 that success crowned the public test of the telegraph between Washington and Baltimore. In 1856 Morse went to Europe to superintend the laying of the Atlantic cable. The year 1858 saw his telegraph in use to the almost complete exclusion of its rivals everywhere. Morse died April 2, 1872.



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CYRUS HALL McCORMICK (1809-1884)

Cyrus Hall McCormick, American inventor and manufacturer, was born in Virginia, in 1809. In 1831, he invented a reaping machine, which he patented and later perfected with further improvements. However, all of the essential elements of modern harvesting machines—the reel—the divider, the reciprocating knife, and the platform—were embodied in his original invention of 1831. In 1847, he removed to Chicago, where he formed a partnership with his brother Leander James McCormick and established a reaping machine plant, which became the most extensive manufactory of harvesting machines in the world. He contributed liberally to education and endowed a chair in Washington and Lee university. He died in 1884.



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ELIAS HOWE (1819-1867)

Elias Howe, American inventor, was born at
Spencer, Mass., in 1819. He worked at Lowell
and Boston as a mechanic. At the latter place,
he developed, constructed, and, in 1846, patent-
ed the lock-stitch sewing machine. He made an
unsuccessful visit to England to introduce his
invention and, returning in 1849 to Boston,
found his patent had been infringed. Harassed
by poverty, he then entered on a five years' war
of litigation to protect his rights and was ulti-
mately successful, in 1854. By his royalties, he
in time obtained \$200,000 per annum and amass-
ed a fortune of \$2,000,000. During the Civil
War, he served as a private. Died, 1867 and was
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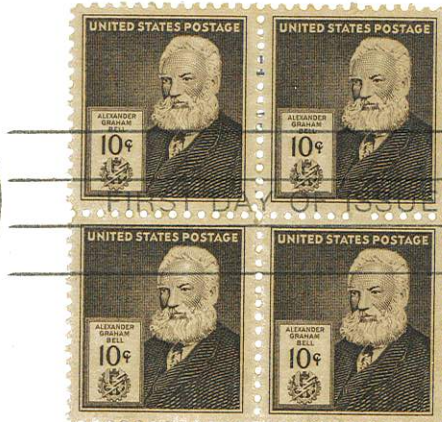
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ALEXANDER GRAHAM BELL (1847-1922)
Alexander Graham Bell, scientist and inventor,
was born at Edinburgh, Scotland, in 1847. His
family settled in Brantford, Canada in 1870. He
moved to Boston in 1872, after which he became
a citizen of the U. S. Bell constructed a practical
device for transforming the sound vibrations of
speech into variations of electric current which,
after transmission over a wire, might be re-con-
verted to sound waves and heard as speech. He
obtained the basic telephone patent, on March
7, 1876. The first telephone line was installed
at the residence of his father at Brantford, On-
tario, June 25, 1876. He recieved a substantial
fortune from his invention, and spent most of it
in scientific research and gave \$300,000 for the
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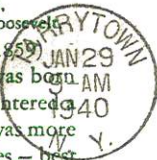
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WASHINGTON IRVING (1783-1859)

Washington Irving, American author, was born in New York City, in 1783. Irving entered a law office at 16, but found that writing was more profitable. He wrote many stories,— best known of which, are, perhaps, *The Legend of Sleepy Hollow*, and *Rip Van Winkle*, contained in the well known *Sketch Book*, published in 1819. Irving's *Life of Goldsmith* was published in 1849 and his great work, the *Life of Washington*, was published in 1855-59. He spent the last years of his life at Sunnyside, in his own "Sleepy Hollow," on the Hudson, near Tarrytown. He died, in 1859; and was elected to the American hall of fame in 1910.



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JAMES FENIMORE COOPER (1789-1851)

James Fenimore Cooper, American novelist, was born in Burlington, N. J., 1789. When very young, he was taken to Cooperstown, Otsego county, N. Y., where he lived in the frontier wilds until he went to sea where he obtained six years' experience in naval life. In 1820 appeared his first work, *Precaution*, followed in 1821 by *The Spy*, then appeared his sea stories,— *The Red Rover*, *Pilot*, and *Waterwitch*,— and his famous "Leatherstocking series" of Indian life and adventure, including the *Pioneers*, *Last of the Mohicans*, *Pathfinder*, *Deerslayer*, and *Prairie*. A *History of the Navy of the United States* was one of his last works. He died in 1851 and was elected to the American hall of fame in 1910.



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RALPH WALDO EMERSON (1803-1882)

Ralph Waldo Emerson, American essayist, philosopher, and poet, was born at Boston, Mass., May 25, 1803. He received his degree in art at Harvard university in 1821, and taught for a short time in Boston. In 1829, he became minister of the Second church of Boston, a Unitarian congregation. From this ministry he resigned for conscientious reasons in 1832. Among the many contributions to literature falling from his pen are: *Nature*, *The American Scholar*, *Concord Hymn*, — his — *Essays*, *English Traits*, *Conduct of life*, *Society and Solitude*, and *Sovereignty of Ethics*. His last years were spent in revising his unpublished manuscripts and in preparing a complete edition of his works. He died April 27, 1882.



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LOUISA MAY ALCOTT (1832-1888)

Louisa May Alcott, American juvenile writer, daughter of Amos Bronson Alcott, was born in Germantown, Pa., in 1832. When two years old she was taken to Concord, Mass. Her first volume was *Flower Fables*, published in 1855. During the Civil War, she was a volunteer nurse in the South and, in 1863, wrote *Hospital Sketches*. *Little Women* was published in 1868, and was followed at short intervals by *An Old-Fashioned Girl*, *Eight Cousins*, *Silver Pitchers*, *Under the Lilacs*, *Little Men*, *Rose in Bloom*, *Jo's Boys*, and others. These rank among the most highly esteemed American fiction for young people. She died in 1888 at Boston, Massachusetts.



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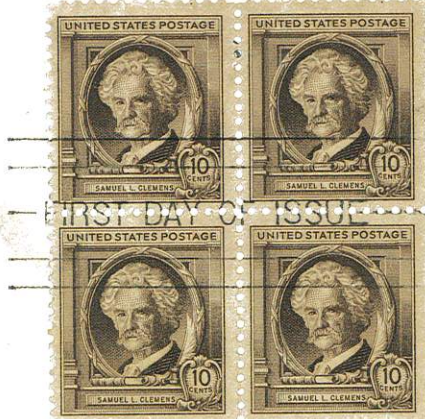
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SAMUEL L. CLEMENS (1835-1910)

Samuel Langhorne Clemens, ("Mark Twain") American humorist and novelist, was born at Florida, Mo., in 1835. He was educated in the common schools, Hannibal Missouri. In 1862, he became editor of the *Virginia City (Nev.) Enterprise*. Here he first displayed his powers as a writer of humor and sarcasm. In 1884, Clemens engaged in the publishing enterprise of C. L. Webster & Co., the failure of which some ten years later, involved him in heavy losses. He paid much of the firm's indebtedness and restored his own fortune by proceeds of lectures and books. He wrote more than twenty books: among the best known of which are; *Adventures of Tom Sawyer*, and *Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*. He died in 1910 and was elected to the American hall of fame in 1920.



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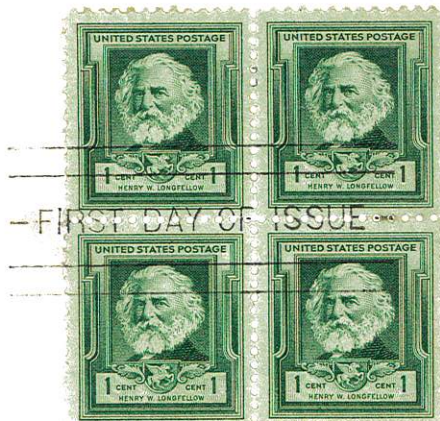
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HENRY W. LONGFELLOW (1807-1882)

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, American poet, was born at Portland, Maine, in 1807. Graduated from Bowdoin College at 18 where he began his poetical career. When 19 he was professor of modern languages and literature in his alma mater 1830-35. From 1836-54 in same capacity at Harvard. Among his early works—*Evangeline*, *Hyperion*, and *The Golden Legend*. After resigning from Harvard he wrote steadily for 30 years, and his later works included *Courtship of Miles Standish*, *Song of Hiawatha*. Longfellow is justly popular as the American poet who, above all others, expressed the simple, natural affections and sentiments with unvarying kindness, moral elevation, and fine artistic sense. He died in 1882; and was elected to the American hall of fame in 1900.



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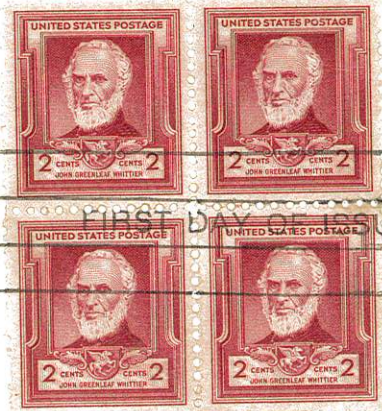
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JOHN GREENLEAF WHITTIER (1807-1892) John Greenleaf Whittier, American poet, was born of Quaker parents at Haverhill, Mass., in 1807. He learned the shoemaking trade, but early began to write for the press. In 1831, he published his first work, *Legends of New England*, in prose and verse. After editing several papers, he went to Philadelphia to edit the *Pennsylvania Freeman*, an Antislavery paper, the office of which was burned by a mob, in 1838. In 1840, he settled at Amesbury, Mass.

Distinguished by simplicity and sincerity, Whittier ranks with the foremost American poets. Among his best-known poems are "Barbara Frietchie," "The Barefoot Boy," "Maud Muller," "The Eternal Goodness," "The Pipes at Lucknow," and some that have been set to music as hymns. He died in 1892 and was elected to the American hall of fame in 1905.



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JAMES RUSSELL LOWELL (1819-1891)

James Russell Lowell, American poet, essayist, and diplomat, was born in Cambridge, Mass., in 1819. He was educated at Harvard university, and, at graduation in 1838, was class poet. His *Legend of Brittany* appeared in 1844, and, in 1845, he published a prose work entitled *Conversations on Some of the Old Poets*. In 1846 appeared the first of the famous satirical series of *Biglow Papers*.

In 1855, Lowell succeeded H. W. Longfellow as professor of modern languages at Harvard and held the chair until 1877. His writings during the period when he was professor and diplomat include *Under the Willows*, and *Other Poems*; and others. In brilliancy, suggestiveness, and force, his best prose has seldom been surpassed. He died in 1891; and was elected to the American hall of fame in 1905.



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WALT WHITMAN (1819-1892)

Walt Whitman, American poet, was born at West Hills, L. I., in 1819. He learned the printing trade, taught school, and wrote for newspapers and magazines. Later he was a newspaper publisher and editor, practised carpentry, built and sold houses, and traveled extensively on foot. In 1855 appeared his first collection of *Leaves of Grass*, to the elaboration of which chiefly he devoted the remainder of his life. It is largely unmetrical, but, for richness of poetic imagination, some of it is unexcelled in American literature. His *Drum Taps*, 1865, recalls the poet's experiences while an army nurse at Washington in the Civil War period. Altho a glorification of democracy and of the average man, Whitman's poetry has not been popular, mainly on account of its express defiance of literary and other conventions. He is, however, one of the outstanding figures in American Literature. Died, 1892.



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JAMES WHITCOMB RILEY (1853-1916)

James Whitcomb Riley, American poet, was born at Greenfield, Ind., in 1853. He received a common school education. Several years of his life were spent as itinerant sign painter, actor, and musician. This experience gave him opportunity to remodel plays and to compose songs, and brought him into intimate touch with the life and the speech of the common people, whom he later portrayed admirably in prose and verse. About 1873, Riley began to contribute poems to Indiana newspapers and for some time served as reporter. Riley is pre-eminent as an interpreter of simple life, of childhood, and of common, homely scenes. He has been styled the "poet laureate of democracy." Riley's works include *The Old Swimmin' Hole* and *Leven More Poems*, *The Boss Girl* and *Orher Sketches*, and others. In 1911, he was elected a member of the American academy of arts and letters. He died in 1916.



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HORACE MANN (1796-1859)

Horace Mann, American educational reformer and statesman, was born at Franklin, Mass., 1796. He graduated at Brown university, 1819. He became secretary of the Massachusetts board of education in 1837, and in 1853, was made president of Antioch college, Ohio. He wrote *Lectures on Education*; *Report of an Educational Tour of Germany, Great Britain, and Ireland*; and *On the Study of Physiology in Schools*. Horace Mann was untiring in his efforts in the cause of educational reform. It was thru his efforts that the first normal school in the U. S. was established. He has been justly called the father of the American free public school of today. He died in 1859, and was elected to the American hall of fame in 1900.



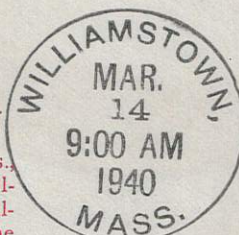
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MARK HOPKINS (1802-1887)

American educator, was born Stockbridge, Mass., in 1802. He graduated in 1824 at Williams college, where he became professor of moral philosophy in 1830. He held this chair thruout the remainder of his life. From 1836 to 1872, he was also president of the college, which he made well known thruout America. In 1857, he became president of the American board of commissioners for foreign missions. Hopkins was one of the greatest American educators of his time and possessed remarkable ability to inspire and develop the best powers of the individual student. He is the author of *Evidences of Christianity*, *Law of Love and Love as a Law*, and *An Outline Study of Man*. He died in 1887, and was elected to the American hall of fame in 1915.



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CHARLES WILLIAM ELIOT (1834-1926)

Charles William Eliot, American educator, was born at Boston in 1834 and was graduated from Harvard university in 1853. He taught mathematics and chemistry at Harvard. In 1865, he was chosen professor of analytical chemistry in the Massachusetts institute of technology, which post he filled for a period of four years. In 1869, Eliot, succeeded Thomas Hill as president of Harvard, and continued at its head until 1909, when he became president emeritus. The elective system as now known to American education was devised and developed by him. He also became widely known as a speaker and writer on educational subjects. Besides numerous addresses and chemical memoirs, he published in conjunction with F. H. Storer a *Manual of Inorganic Chemistry* and a *Manual of Qualitative Chemical Analysis*. Later he published *American Contributions to Civilization, Educational Reform*, and others. At the age of 92, he died in 1926.



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FRANCES E. WILLARD (1839-1898)

Frances Elizabeth Willard, American educator and reformer, was born in Churchville, N. Y., in 1839. After some years spent in teaching, she became professor of aesthetics in Northwestern university and was made dean of woman's college in 1871. She began active temperance work in 1874 as secretary of the national woman's Christian temperance union; in 1879, she was made president of that organization, and held the office for nearly 20 years. She founded the world's woman's Christian temperance union in 1883 and, in 1888, became its president. Her writings include *Woman and Temperance* and *Glimpses of Fifty Years*. She died in 1898, and was elected to the American hall of fame in 1910.



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BOOKER T. WASHINGTON (1858?-1915)

Booker Taliaferro Washington, American educator of the Negro, was born near Hales Ford, Va., about 1858, the son of a mulatto slave and of a white man. He graduated from Hampton institute, Va., Harvard, and Dartmouth. He was a teacher at Hampton institute until elected by the state authorities, 1881, as head of Tuskegee institute, which he organized and made notably successful. He became a well-known and able writer and speaker on racial and educational subjects. His publications include *Sowing and Reaping*, *Up From Slavery*, *Future of the American Negro*, *Character Building*, *Story of My Life and Work*, *Working With Hands*, *The Negro in Business*, and *The Man Farthest Down*. He died in 1915.



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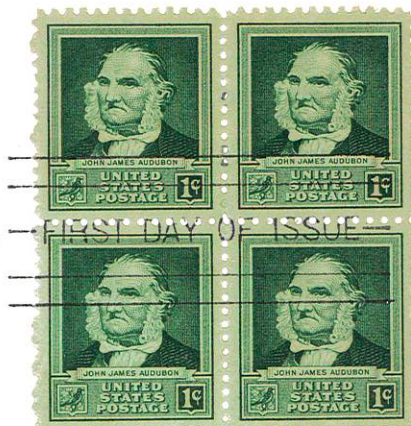
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JOHN JAMES AUDUBON (1780-1851)

John James Audubon, American Naturalist of French descent, was born near New Orleans, La., in 1780. In 1830 the first of the four volumes of his great work, *The Birds of America*, appeared. This magnificent collection of colored plates, which was sold for \$1000 a copy, was quickly followed by an explanatory work entitled *American Ornithological Biography*. Audubon also projected a similar work on the *Quadrupeds of America*, but much of this work was done by his sons, John and Victor. Audubon was not a learned scientist or a great artist, but his self-denying enthusiasm for his subject and the uniformly pleasing qualities of work made him the most distinguished and best beloved of pioneer American naturalists. He died in New York, 1851; was elected to the American hall of fame in 1900. 




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CRAWFORD W. LONG (1815-1878)

Crawford W. Long, American surgeon, was born in Danielsville, Ga., in 1815. He was graduated at Franklin college in 1835, and in medicine at the University of Pennsylvania in 1839. He was probably the first to employ ether as an anesthetic in surgery. In March, 1842, he administered ether to a patient and during the ensuing period of unconsciousness removed a tumor from the neck. Between this date and 1845 he operated upon several other patients under ether, but did not announce his observations. While Long was still hesitating, Dr. W. T. G. Morton of Boston, at Dr. C. T. Jackson's suggestion, made, in 1846, his first public demonstration, which was followed by the world-wide publication of the successful application of ether anesthesia to surgery. Long died in 1878. A statue of him was unveiled in statuary hall in 1926. 




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LUTHER BURBANK (1849-1926)

Luther Burbank, American plant breeder and horticulturist, was born in Lancaster, Mass., 1849; was educated at Lancaster academy; and early devoted himself to the study of plant life. He removed to Santa Rosa, California, 1875, where he established experiment farms and was later appointed special lecturer at Leland Stanford university. His success in developing valuable new forms of plant life aroused wide interest in plant breeding. These new varieties include the Burbank potato; gold, Wickson, apple, October purple, chasco, America, and climax, plums; giant, splendor, sugar, and stoneless, prunes; a new fruit, the plumcot; peachblow, Burbank, and Santa Rosa roses; gigantic forms of amaryllis; the Shasta daisy; giant, and fragrance callas; various new apples, peaches, nuts, and berries; and other valuable plants. He wrote *Training of the Human Plant* and *How Plants are Trained to Work for Man*. He died in 1926. 



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WALTER REED (1851-1902)

Walter Reed, an American surgeon and bacteriologist; was born in 1851. Educated in medicine at the University of Virginia, Bellevue Hospital, N. Y. City, and in bacteriology at John Hopkins. During the Spanish American War he investigated the typhoid epidemic among U. S. troops. He is known best for his research work in Havana during the yellow fever epidemic and for his discovery of the method of transmission of yellow fever. Three months after he had indicated the mosquito *Aedes aegypti* as the carrier of the disease the epidemic was controlled. He also did noted work in erysipelas and cholera. The Walter Reed Memorial Hospital in Washington is named for him. He died in 1902.



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JANE ADDAMS (1860-1935)

Jane Addams, social reformer and head resident of Hull House, Chicago, was born at Cedarville, Ill., in 1860; was graduated at Rockford college in 1881; spent two years in Europe, 1883-85; — studied in Philadelphia, 1888; and, in 1889, with Miss Ellen Gates Starr, opened the social settlement of Hull House. By her practical methods, notable executive gifts, and admirable humanitarian spirit, she became one of the foremost leaders of social settlement work in America. In 1919, she was elected president of the international congress of women at Washington and attended the peace conventions at Zurich in 1919 and at Vienna in 1921. Her publications include *A New Conscience and an Ancient Evil*, *The Spirit of Youth and the City Streets*, and *The Long Road of Women's Memory*. She died May 21, 1935, at the age of seventy-four.



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STEPHEN COLLINS FOSTER (1826-1864)
Stephen Collins Foster, American song Composer, was born at Lawrenceville, now a part of Pittsburgh, Pa., in 1826. He first wrote Negro melodies, "Old Uncle Ned" and "Oh, Susanna," which immediately gained a wide popularity. Of his song "Old Folks at Home" 300,000 copies were sold. — "Nelly Bly," "My Old Kentucky Home," "O, Boys, Carry Me 'Long," "Come Where My Love Lies Dreaming," "Louisiana Belle," "Massa's in the Cold, Cold Ground," and "Ellen Boyne" were among the most popular. He published 175 songs, many of which were translated into other languages. He died in New York, in 1864.



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JOHN PHILIP SOUSA (1854-1932)

John Philip Sousa, American bandmaster and composer, was born at Washington, D. C., 1854. He studied music and became first violin in Jacques Offenbach's orchestra. He was bandmaster of the United States marine corps, 1880-92, and, after 1892, was director of Sousa's band. His ability as a composer of marches won him the title of "the march king." His compositions include the operas *The Smugglers*, *The Queen of Hearts*, *El Capitan*, *The Bride-Elect*, *The Charlatan*, *Chris and the Wonderful Lamp*, and *The Free Lance*; five suites; a symphonic poem; and many popular marches. He made a tour of the world in 1910-11. His publications include *The Fifth String*, *Dwellers in the Western World*, and *Transit of Venus*. He died at Reading, Pa., in 1932. 32



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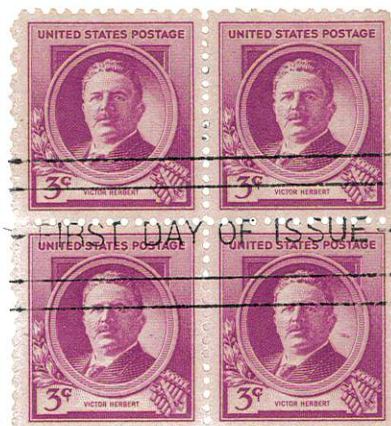
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VICTOR HERBERT (1859-1924)

Victor Herbert, composer and conductor, was born in Dublin, Ireland. He studied music in Germany and gained his first position of prominence as principal violon-cello player in court orchestra, Stuttgart. He came to the United States as solo violoncellist in the Metropolitan orchestra, New York, 1886. Subsequently he was connected with Theodore Thomas's, Seidl's, and other orchestral organizations as soloist and conductor. He founded and was conductor of the Pittsburgh symphony orchestra, 1898-1904, and became conductor of his own New York orchestra, 1904. Among his compositions are the comic operas *Prince Ananias*, *The Wizard of the Nile*, *The Serenade*, *Cyrano de Bergerac*, *The Ameer*, *The Viceroy*, *The Idol's Eye*, *The Fortune Teller*, *Bahette*, *Babes in Toyland*, *It Happened in Nordland*, and *Hearts of Erin*. He also wrote the oratorio *The Captive*; the operas *Natoma* and *Madeline*; compositions for the orchestra; and songs.



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EDWARD A. MacDOWELL (1861-1908)

Edward Alexander MacDowell, American composer, was born in New York City. His first important teacher was Teresa Carreño. In 1882, he met Liszt, who brought about the public performance of his *First Modern Suite*. In 1888, he located in Boston, where he soon rose to fame as a performer and as a composer of orchestral numbers. In 1896, he was made the first professor of music in Columbia University. He was one of the seven original members of the American Academy of Arts and Letters. MacDowell's music displays the most striking originality attained by an American composer. In the smaller forms of composition, he is ranked with Schumann and Grieg. Among his works are *Lovely Alda*; four sonatas for the piano, *Tragica*, *Eroica*, *Norse*, and *Keltic*; orchestral suites; concertos for piano and orchestra; and lesser compositions for the piano, including *Woodland Sketches* and *Sea Pieces*. His mind failed, 1905; and he died in 1908.



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ETHELBERT NEVIN (1862-1901)

Ethelbert Nevin, American composer, was born at Edgeworth, Pa. As a child he was a remarkable pianist; later he studied in Europe under von Bülow and Klindworth, exhibiting a rare gift for composition. From 1887 to 1893, he taught in Boston, then studied in southern Europe until 1900, when he returned and associated himself with Horatio Parker at Yale. His compositions, all cast in miniature form, are characterized by dainty originality and exquisite melody. *Narcissus*, one of a group entitled *Water Scenes*, and a song, "The Rosary," are perhaps the most popular.



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GILBERT CHARLES STUART (1755-1828)

Gilbert Stuart, American portrait painter, born in Narragansett, R. I. He began to paint portraits when a mere boy, and tho his work was crude his likenesses were good. He made two trips to the British Isles where he studied under Cosmo Alexander, and Benjamin West. He opened a studio in London and became the successful and fashionable artist of London. In 1792 he returned to the United States and painted the portraits of a number of public men, among them John Jay and Washington, of whom he made three portraits. He is best known by his third portrait of Washington, of which only the head was finished. He died in 1828.



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J. A. McNEILL WHISTLER (1834-1903)

James Abbott McNeill Whistler, the most original and gifted artist America has produced. He was born at Lowell, Mass., the son of a distinguished engineer. He worked in several mediums, oil and water color, pastel, and with the etcher's needle. As an etcher he was a supreme master, taking rank with Rembrandt; and in some of the subtleties of his art he surpasses even that great artist. The greatest of his portraits are *Thomas Carlyle* and that of his own mother, both enduring masterpieces. Whistler was a brilliant wit and satirist, and in his later life, turned to literature for the dissemination of his theories and the humiliation of his enemies. *Ten o'Clock*, *The Gentle Art of Making Enemies*, and *The Baronet and the Butterfly* are among his published writings. He died in 1903.



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AUGUSTUS SAINT-GAUDENS
(1848-1907)

Augustus Saint-Gaudens, American sculptor, was born in Dublin, Ireland, in 1848, and was brought to the United States in infancy. He studied here and abroad, and after a year spent in Rome, where his first work, "Hiawatha," was produced, he returned to New York in 1873. His "Lincoln," in Lincoln Park, Chicago, is considered by many the finest portrait statue in the United States. The Shaw memorial on Boston common, regarded by many as Saint-Gaudens' masterpiece, ranks among the best relief sculptures of the 19th century. The ideal sculptures of Saint-Gaudens, distinguished for refinement of design and poetic feeling, include "Amor Caritas," in the Luxembourg, Paris; "Peace of God," Washington; and "Diana," New York. In low relief sculpture, Saint-Gaudens stands pre-eminent in America. He died in 1907.



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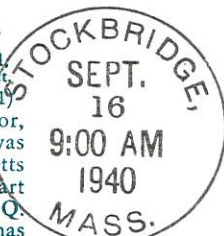
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DANIEL CHESTER FRENCH (1850-1931)

Daniel Chester French, American sculptor, was born at Exeter, N. H., 1850. He was educated in Exeter, and at the Massachusetts institute of technology, Boston; studied art with William Rimmer in Boston, with J. Q. A. Ward in New York, and with Thomas Ball in Florence, Italy. After a short residence in Boston and in Concord, Mass., he became permanently established in New York, 1887. Among his best-known earlier works are "The Minute Man of Concord," at Concord, Mass., and the colossal "Statue of the Republic," at the World's Columbian Exposition. Among his later works are the statue of Washington presented to the French nation; "Alma Mater," at Columbia university; and a statue of Lincoln, Lincoln, Nebraska. His style is distinctly American. By his versatility and the sustained excellence of his numerous works, he ranks next to Saint-Gaudens among American sculptors.



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FREDERIC REMINGTON (1861-1909)

Frederic Remington, American illustrator, sculptor, and author, was born in Canton, N. Y., 1861. He studied at Yale art school and at the art student's league, New York, after which he led the life of a cowboy and stockman and became noted as an animal painter and an illustrator of Western scenes. He subsequently achieved distinction as a magazine illustrator of military subjects and ranching life and, after the Spanish American war, of Cuban scenes and characteristics. His best-known paintings are "A Dash for the Timber," "The Last Stand," "Past All Surgery," "The Emigrants," and "Conjuring the Buffalo Back." Among his works in sculpture are "The Broncho Buster" and "The Wounded Bunkie." His writings include *Pony Tracks*, *Crooked Trails*, *The Way of an Indian*. He died in 1909.



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