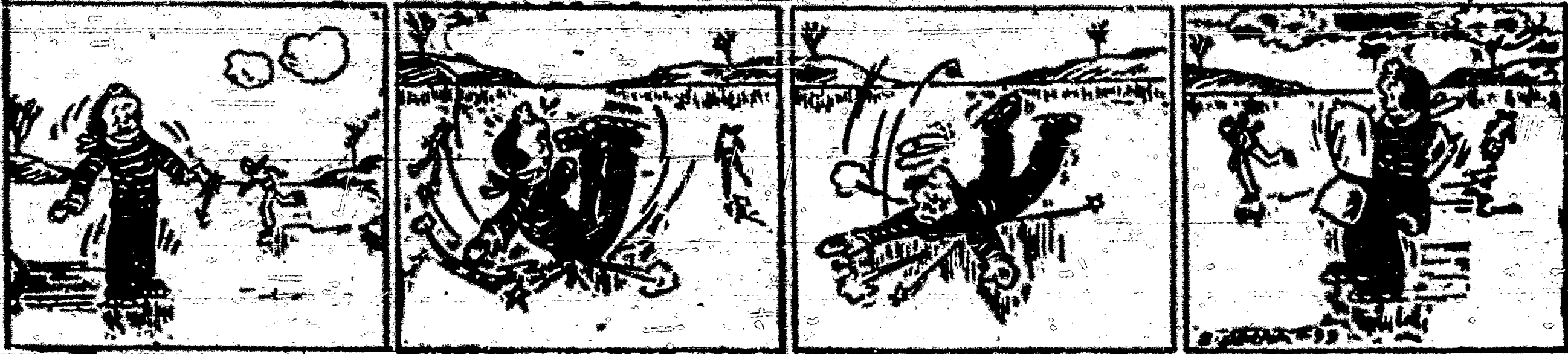


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## Angel of the Battlefield

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"SEE the baby smile," said David. "She likes having the Barton family all together, with herself in the center of the circle."

"Yes," answered Sally. "It is almost six weeks since Christmas. Some of our presents are broken and some are wearing out, but Baby Clara is a Christmas present which grows lovelier as time goes by."

Christmas in 1861 had brought the children of the Barton family a new baby sister. They named her Clarissa Harlowe Barton and never dreamed she was also a Christmas present to the whole world. For this baby grew up to become the "Angel of the Battlefield" during the Civil War and is known to all nations as the founder of the American Red Cross Society.

LITTLE CLARA was greatly loved by her family. Each one wanted to teach her something. From her father Clara heard thrilling stories of his fighting in the Revolutionary War. She learned history from him, and used to say "I want to be a soldier."

Clara's mother taught her to cook and iron and sew, to be a fine housekeeper. Dorothy taught her small sister to read and spell. Sally helped her learn to write well, and to enjoy poetry and literature. Stephen was very good at numbers, and he helped Clara with her arithmetic.

But it was Big Brother David who taught Clara many things which would serve her well later on. By the time Clara was five years old, David had taught her to ride and handle a spirited horse. He taught her to use tools, to drive a nail straight, to tie a knot that would hold, and to think and act quickly.

WHEN CLARA was 11, she in turn helped David, who had been injured by a fall. For two years this cheerful patient little nurse scarcely left David's bedside. All the family said she saved her brother's life.

As a young lady, Clara taught school. Whatever he did she did well. Her pupils loved her. They were sorry when Miss Barton gave up teaching and went to Washington, where she found a position in the Patent Office.

The Civil War began while Clara was in the capital. She heard Lincoln speak.

"I'M WELL and strong and young—young enough to go to the front," she said. "If I can't be a soldier, I'll help soldiers. Thank God, I know how to nurse."

Many wounded soldiers were brought to Washington during the Civil War. Clara helped care for them, and begged for money and supplies to use in this work.

As Miss Barton saw the wounded taken from the transports, she grieved because they were not getting proper care on the battlefields. She decided to go there herself. It was difficult

to obtain permission for a woman to go to the front, but countless soldiers later blessed her for keeping at it until the permission was given. Clara risked her life on 16 battlefields of the Civil War. She dressed wounds, cooked food for hungry soldiers, gave clothing to those in rags, brought up supplies of all kinds, helped the army surgeons operate, and nursed the sick.

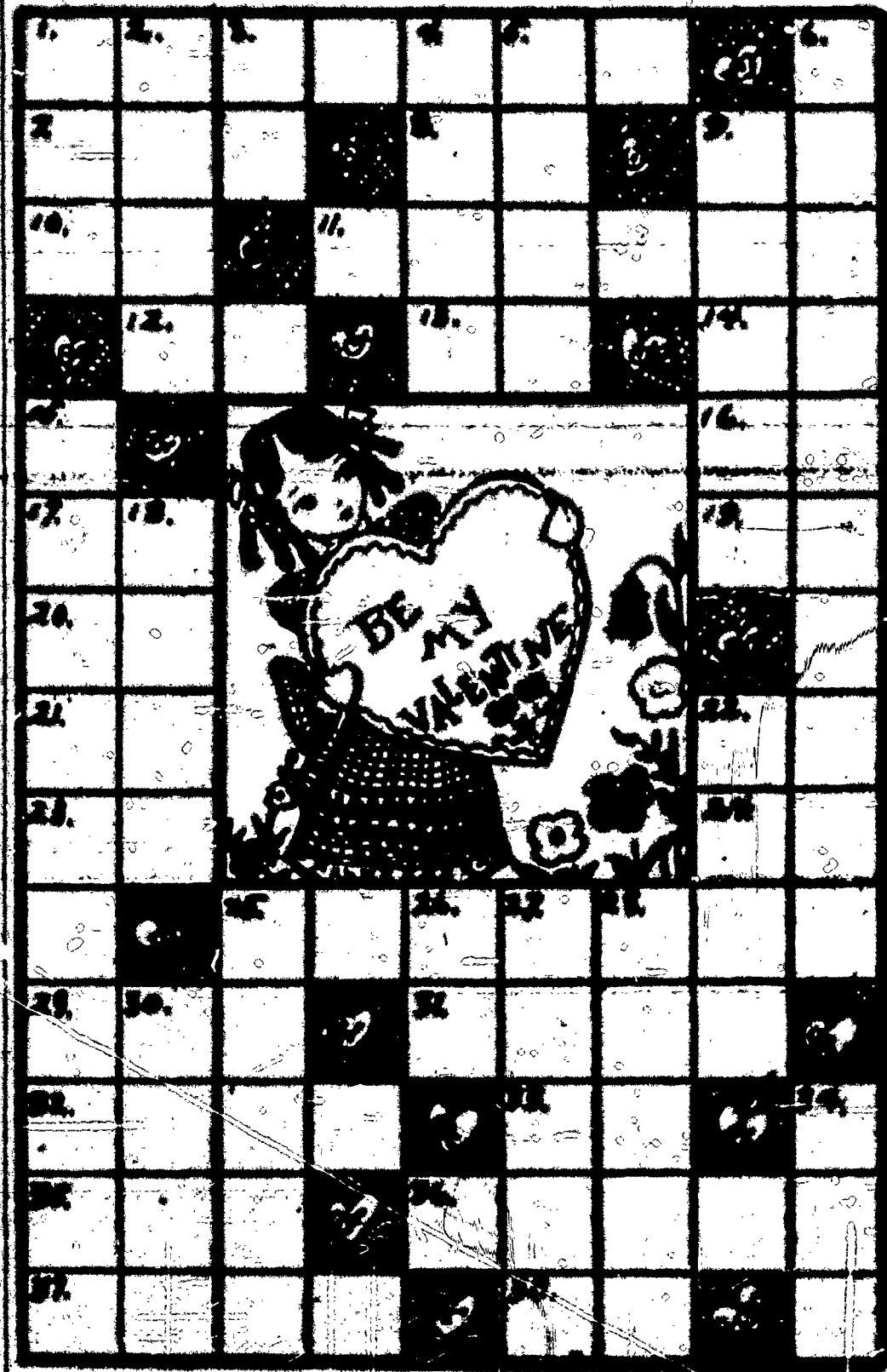
AFTER THE WAR, working under the authority of President Lincoln, Clara gave four years' work to tracing missing prisoners of war. While doing this work, the death of Lincoln brought sadness and grief to the heart

of one who had been his friend. Clara traveled to Europe to rebuild her health after the hard war years. There she learned of the wonderful work of the Red Cross societies. She determined to interest her own country in the Red Cross.

After years of effort Clara saw the American Red Cross Society begun in 1882. She was its president for many years. Our country has reason to be grateful to CLARA BARTON.

Clara's family had not guessed when she was small that she was a Christmas present the whole world would share, but Big Sister Sally was right when she said, "Baby Clara is one Christmas present which grows lovelier as time goes by."

### VALENTINE CROSSWORD PUZZLE



- Across
- 1—Felt
  - 7—Place for escape
  - 8—Fifth letter of alphabet twice
  - 9—South America (abbr.)
  - 18—Poetry uses this word for you or thou
  - 11—Decorate valentines with these
  - 15—Therefore
  - 16—Doctor (abbr.)
  - 18—Exclamation of wonder
  - 18—Ninth letter of alphabet twice
  - 19—Like
  - 19—Registered Nurse (abbr.)
  - 20—Scholar
  - 21—Nickname for Edward
  - 22—Pronoun
  - 23—North America (abbr.)
  - 24—Verb
  - 25—President during Civil War
  - 26—Frozen Water
  - 31—Pride
- Down
- 1—Cook with fat over a fire
  - 2—Reports of
  - 3—Whites
  - 4—Poverty
  - 5—Beloved
  - 6—First president of U. S.
  - 9—A step
  - 12—We give these to our loved ones February 14
  - 13—An ice cream treat
  - 22—Opposite of busy
  - 23—Bar for raising weight
  - 24—New Hampshire (abbr.)
  - 27—Drink made from apples
  - 28—Command
  - 29—Cavern
  - 31—Request

### FUN WITH NUMBERS

$9 \times 9 = 81$      $x = 10$   
 $\frac{x}{4} = \frac{10}{4}$      $\frac{10}{70+9} = \frac{1}{4}$

Start with the number of states in the U. S. Subtract the number of original colonies. Add the number of days in a week and the number which tells how old a man must be to become president of our country. Now add on 10 hundreds, the number of days in a year, and a half a century and you'll have the year when Columbus discovered America.

### St. Valentine

February 14  
Valentine was a priest whose holiness was known to all. During one of the early persecutions he was summoned before the Emperor Claudius, who urged him to adore the false gods and to save himself from martyrdom. So wise were Valentine's answers to the Emperor's questions, that Claudius said to those around him, "Romans, do you hear how well and wisely this man speaks?"

The bystanders grumbled that the Emperor was being deceived. Claudius hardened his heart, and gave Valentine to a prince of his court, to be guarded as a prisoner.

When he had come into the prince's home, Valentine prayed and said, "Lord Jesus, Thou who art the only Light, shed Thy light upon this home, that those who dwell herein may know Thee for the true God."

The prince heard these words and said to Valentine, "Thou thou proclaim that thy Christ is Light, and him to restore sight to my daughter who is blind. And if he does this, I shall do all that thou biddest."

Valentine prayed and the blind girl was immediately able to see. The prince and all his family were converted. But the Emperor's heart was not softened. He ordered Valentine beheaded.

The feast of St. Valentine, February 14, has become a day when messages of love are exchanged.

### BRAINY BETSY

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- Two famous presidents have birthdays celebrated in February. Can you answer these questions about presidents of the U. S.?
1. What state is called the Mother of Presidents because eight of them were born there?
  2. How many were born in Ohio?
  3. Who is president now?
  4. A president of the U. S. must be a citizen and must have lived at least 14 years in this country. How old must he be?
  5. Most of our presidents have been men of what profession?
  6. Name the president who was a tailor; a farmer; a teacher.
  7. What president was married in the White House?
  8. Name the president whose wife was called "Queen Dolly."

### Word Scramble

On February 11 and February 12 we celebrate birthdays of two great men. Can you unscramble the mixed-up words in the story about them?

Two famous men with birthdays in February are **EMOTAR DONESI** and **HARAMAN CILNOLN**. One was a great **TEVRI-NON**; the other, a **SIGT, PNE-NEPIST**. The first was born in **WEN REJYSK** and the second in **CYNUKETK**.

**DONESI** invented the **CEVIC-LIN GLHIT, HOOPOFRAN** and hundreds of other things.

**CILNOLN** was president during the **VILOI RAW**. He made the days free and worked to keep our country united.

### Answers

1. Ohio  
2. 12  
3. James Monroe  
4. 35  
5. Lawyer  
6. James Madison; George Washington  
7. James Madison  
8. James Madison
- EMOTAR DONESI = EDWARD TOWNSEND  
HARAMAN CILNOLN = HARRISON CILNOLN  
TEVRI-NON = TREVISON  
SIGT, PNE-NEPIST = ST. PENELOPE  
WEN REJYSK = WENDELL  
CYNUKETK = CYNTHIA