

# The Courier Journal

# Youth Section

## JOE and JUDY



## A Visit at Mount Vernon

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"WAS this doll's cradle my mother's when she was a little girl, Grandma?" asked Nancy, who was helping dust the treasures in the glass cases in the big parlor.

"Bliss you, child, I can remember the day your mother asked me almost the same question. She was just the size you are now. I told her the story of the cradle that day. Shall I tell it to you now?"

"Oh, yes, Grandma. I like your stories because they are true."

"THE STORY is about a little girl who had the same name as you and who lived long ago. This little Nancy's father was a soldier with General Washington and a friend of General Washington's stepson, Jacky Curtis. Washington, you know, had married a widow named Martha Curtis. She had two children whom Washington loved dearly. Patsy Curtis died when she was 17, Jacky grew to be a man and had children of his own.

"Nancy's father was telling her about Washington the day they were riding in their big carriage along the shores of the Potomac River. He told her how Jacky Curtis had died just before the Revolutionary War ended. General Washington took Jacky's children and brought them up as his own.

"NELLIE CURTIS is the general's pet and pride," Nancy's father told her. "I hope you will be good friends. Our new home is not far from Mount Vernon."

"Will we get to Mount Vernon today?" Nancy asked her father.

"No, Nancy. We will stop at the inn in the next village for the night. Tomorrow we will visit at Mount Vernon. The next day we'll go on to our own new home."

"IT WAS LATE afternoon when the carriage stopped at the inn. The children were hungry and tired after the long ride, and glad to run about and stretch their legs.

"Nancy was happy because the next day she would visit Mount Vernon, meet the great General Washington, and Nellie Curtis about whom she had heard so much.

"But that evening something happened which made Nancy change her plans. Nancy's little brother, racing and playing in the courtyard, fell and sprained his ankle.

"The children's father decided to leave the little boy at the inn. Their nurse would stay to take care of him.

"NANCY WANTED very much to go on with her parents next day, but she knew her little brother would be restless and lonely. She could play games with him and help entertain him until he was better. So Nancy offered to stay behind.

"Several weeks went by. The little boy's ankle was better, and he ran with Nancy to meet their father when he came for them.

"Nancy, I have a letter for you," her father said. "It is

from General Washington and Nellie. They want you to come to stay a week at Mount Vernon. They want to meet the little girl who gave up a longed-for visit to stay with her brother when he needed her."

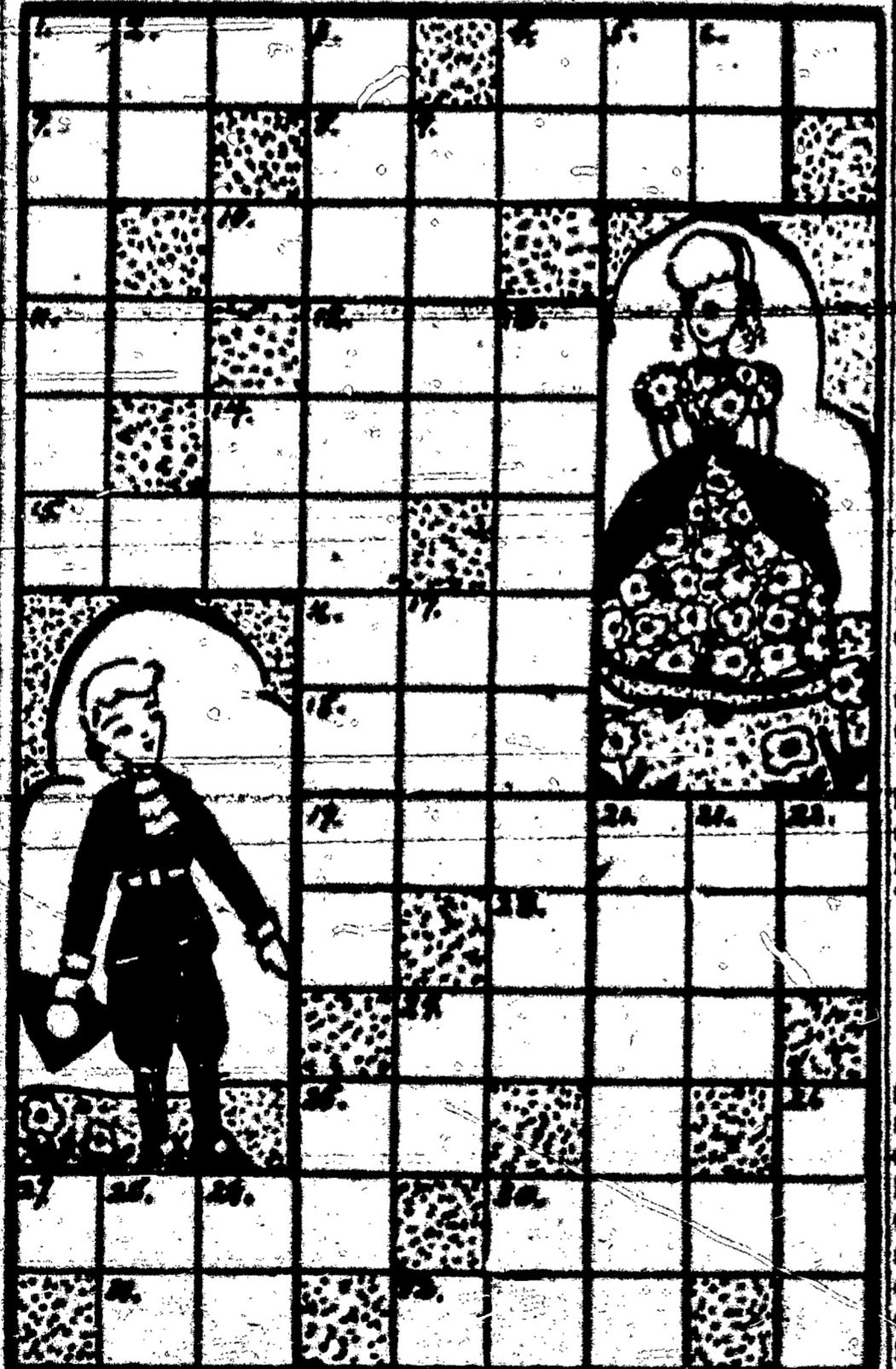
"SO NANCY visited Mount Vernon after all. She became Nellie's great friend. The little

girl went for long walks with Washington, and rode their ponies with him when he was for rides on his big white horse. Nancy shared Nellie's room, and they played together on the great porches.

"Washington loved children. Many a boy he gave to his pet. This cradle he gave to Nancy when she said goodby after her happy visit.

"This doll's cradle is a keepsake in our family, Nancy. It belonged to a generous little girl of long ago who had the same name as yours. And from now on it belongs to you."

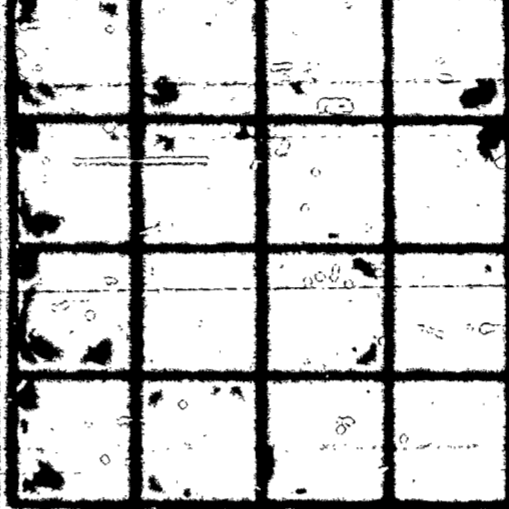
### COLONIAL CROSSWORD PUZZLE



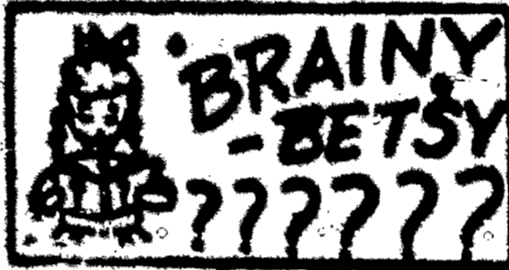
- Across
- 1 Pull along
  - 4 Apples grow on a \_\_\_\_\_
  - 7 Notice in newspaper
  - 8 Beautify
  - 10 United States of America (Abbr.)
  - 11 Company (Abbr.)
  - 12 Conceded
  - 14 Get up
  - 15 Beheld
  - 16 This one is "Oca," a small animal
  - 18 A marble
  - 19 Color made of red and yellow
  - 23 Coarse grass with hollow stem
  - 24 What ice will do in a warm room
  - 25 Pet name for father
  - 27 First name of Washington's stepson
  - 28 To take dinner

- 31 Opposite of Yes
  - 32 Tool for tilling soil
- Down
- 1 Moves nimbly
  - 2 Road (Abbr.)
  - 3 Our first president
  - 4 Towards
  - 6 Railroad (Abbr.)
  - 8 Half an em in printing
  - 9 Raised platform
  - 13 River Washington crossed
  - 14 Second note of diatonic scale
  - 17 Used to row a boat
  - 20 Jacky Curtis' little girl
  - 21 Procure
  - 22 Nickname for Edward
  - 24 Pet name for mother
  - 25 Package (Abbr.)
  - 26 Opposite of old
  - 28 Each; any
  - 29 Company (Abbr.)
  - 30 Puritan

## Word Square



- 1 A color in the American flag
- 2 Nobleman's title
- 3 Coat
- 4 Square of Parisian



Can you unscramble the names of these brave patriots of Revolutionary days?

The Indians called TOMMAYN HAWAY "The Chief Who Never Sleeps." Pennsylvania was proud of his courage.

A patriot who was hanged as a spy, HATMAN ANGEL said, "I only regret that I have but one life to give for my country."

BINETELAZ NEKA was a young girl who saved Fort Mifflin at Wheeling from an Indian attack.

The leader of the Green Mountain Boys, NANCY LEMAL captured Fort Ticonderoga.

Two brave generals who fought in the South were Gen. LEMBIT, called the "Gambler" and Gen. NACOMI, nicknamed the "Swamp Fox."

### St. Juliana

February 16

Juliana was a lovely young girl who had been promised in marriage to Eulogius, the prefect of Nicomedia, but who refused him unless he would become a Christian. Her father was very angry at his daughter's obstinacy, and handed Juliana over to the prefect to be punished.

Many torments were proposed for Juliana, but she bore them all bravely, because God protected her. The prefect then hid her in chains and thrown into prison.

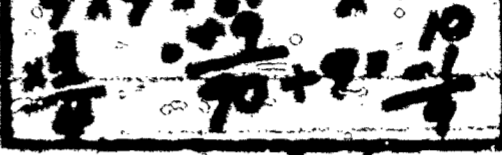
While the brave girl was waiting in prison for martyrdom, the devil came, disguised as a beautiful angel, and tempted Juliana, saying:

"Juliana, I am an angel of the Lord, and my Master has sent me to bid thee offer sacrifice to the gods."

Juliana knew that a good angel would never give her such a message. A voice from on high told Juliana not to believe the devil's lie.

Later Juliana was ordered to be beheaded. So brave was she in the face of death that many people were converted and suffered martyrdom with her.

## FUN WITH NUMBERS



Try your skill on these number puzzles.

At noon the three hands—hour, minute, and second—of a clock are together. At what time will they first be together again?

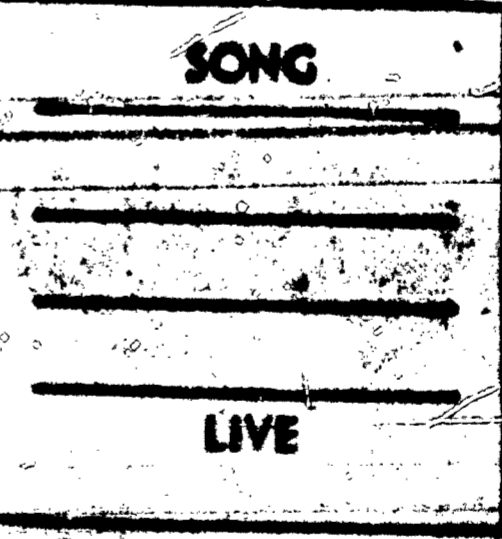
Which is correct to say, Five and six are 11 or to say Five and six is 11?

What is the difference between twice 20 and twice five and 20? Two leaps before a leap, two leaps behind a leap, and a leap in the middle, are how many leaps?

To have fun with the number 27, multiply it by each of these figures in turn, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19. Notice that the sum of the figures whose product equals that by which you multiplied the 27.

### WORD LADDER

Begin this word ladder with a SONG. Climb the ladder, changing only one letter at each step to LIVE. The song is in honor of the country in which you live.



### ANSWERS

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