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America the Beautiful.

("MATERNA.")



Mother is the name for God in the lips and hearts of little children, -Thackeray's Vanity Fair.



The Star-Spangled Banner.



*The Star-Spangled Banner-Service Version.

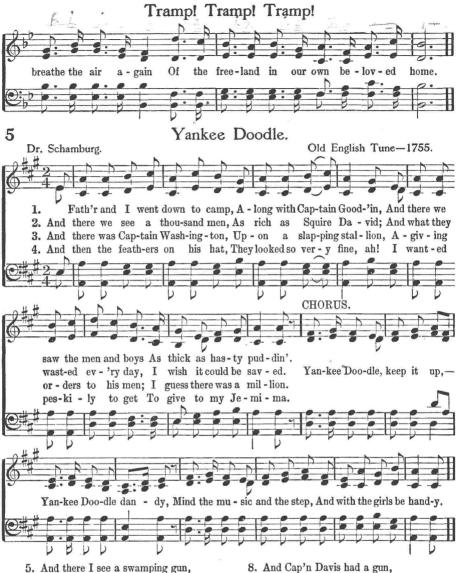
The great growth of community singing, and the systematic introduction of mass singing as a factor in the training of the American army, brought into prominence the fact that there has never been an authorized official version of our national anthem. Probably this accounts for the many variations in printed and sung versions. In an effort to bring about greater unity, a representative committee worked for almost a year on this Service Version with the hope that it might be widely used. The Committee of Twelve was composed of the following members: John A. Carpenter, Frederick S. Converse, Wallace Goodrich, W. R. Spalding, representing the War Department Commission on Training Camp Activities; Hollis E. Dann, Peter W. Dykema, Osbourne McConathy, representing the Music Supervisors' National Conference; C. C. Birchard, Carl Engel, W. A. Fisher, Arthur Johnstone, E. W. Newton, representing Music Publishers. In their conferences, the Committee were agreed, as a fundamental point of departure, that the Star-Spangled Banner was to be regarded as a "folk song" and that therefore their efforts should be directed to determining what is the present commonly accepted version of the American people rather than to endeavoring to establish the authentic and original version from the historic standpoint. This principle led to a unanimous agreement regarding the version of the melody and the greater part of the harmony. Details concerning the deliberations of the Committee may be obtained from the Chairman, Peter W. Dykema. University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wisconsin.

3 America.

(MY COUNTRY, 'TIS OF THEE.)



The new scale Conover is the best piano that ever left our factories.



- And there I see a swamping gun Large as a log of maple,
 Upon a mighty little cart;
 A load for father's cattle.
- And every time they fired it off, It took a horn of powder; It made a noise like father's gun, Only a nation louder.
- And there I see a little keg,
 Its head all made of leather;
 They knocked upon't with little sticks,
 To call the folks together.
- 8. And Cap'n Davis had a gun,

 He kind o' clapt his hand on't

 And stuck a crooked stabbing-iron

 Upon the little end on't.
- The troopers, too, would gallop up
 And fire right in our faces;
 It scared me almost half to death
 To see them run such races.
- 10. It scared me so I hooked it off, Nor stopped, as I remember, Nor turned about till I got home, Locked up in mother's chamber.





Mrs. John A. Logan, wife of the great Volunteer General, noticed while visiting Richmond, in March, 1868, that the Confederate women decorated the graves of their dead. Upon her return she mentioned this to General Logan, who was Commander-in Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic. He said it was a beautiful custom and worthy of being copied. Thereupon he issued the first order that May 30, 1868, he observed as Decoration Day, and this was so enthusiastically received that Congress made it a National holiday.

La Marseillaise.

FRENCH NATIONAL HYMN.

(Based on the Official French Version.)

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La Marseillaise.



Illinois.



The public school should lay the foundation of morals, and music is clearly recognized as one of the moral forces by all students of sociology. Haxuley.

Illinois.



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When the Cubans struck for freedom, Illinois, Illinois, Uncle Sam resolved to aid them, Illinois, Illinois, And for men on land and sea, Illinois said, "Call on me!

For the Cubans must be free!" Illinois, Illinois, For the Cubans must be free, Illinois!

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Some encamped at Chickamauga, Illinois, Illinois, Others fell at Santiago, Illinois, Illinois, Others, anxious for a call,
They will march, or fight, or fall,
They are heroes, heroes, all, Illinois, Illinois,
They are heroes, heroes, all, Illinois!



I count this thing to be grandly true that a noble deed is a step toward God, lifting the soul from the common sod. to a purer air and a brighter view—Hollana



