

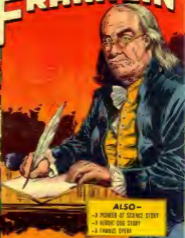
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A Biography of  
**BENJAMIN  
FRANKLIN**



THE HOUSE ON MILK ST. BOSTON, MASS., WHERE BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, GUILD OF DESTINY WAS BORN ON JANUARY 17, 1706.



OLD SOUTH MEETING HOUSE ACROSS THE ROAD FROM THE FRANKLINS WHERE BEN WAS BAPTIZED THE DAY HE WAS BORN.



FATHER:  
JOSIAH FRANKLIN

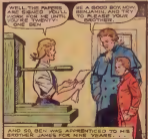


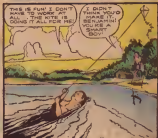
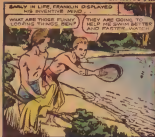
MOTHER:  
ABIAH FOLGER  
FRANKLIN

AMONG THE MANY GREAT AMERICANS, BENJAMIN FRANKLIN STANDS OUT AS ONE OF THE FIRST AND GREATEST. BORN IN AN ERA OF FEAR, FEAR OF GOD, OF WITCHES, OF THE INDIAN-INFESTED FORESTS, HIS LIFE IS A STORY OF COURAGE. HE ADDED TO THE GLORY AND REPUTATION OF AMERICA NOT ONLY BY ESTABLISHING SOME OF HER GREAT INSTITUTIONS, BUT BY MAKING HER UNDERSTOOD AND RESPECTED IN OTHER LANDS.

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN IS AMERICA FOR HE IS THE PERFECT EXAMPLE OF WHAT CAN BE DONE IN THE LAND OF OPPORTUNITY BY *ANYONE* WHO HAS THE DESIRE AND DETERMINATION TO SUCCEED.









HE WORKED HARD FOR HIS BROTHER BUT JAMES WAS DIFFICULT TO PLEASE...

THESE ARE DUMB POEMS YOU'VE BEEN WRITING! WHY DON'T YOU TAKE SOME OUT AND SELL THEM IN THE STREET!

I'M WRITING SOME NOW, DO YOU REALLY THINK I COULD SELL THEM?



WHAT IS THIS, BOY?

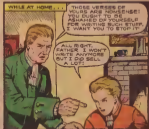
A NEW BALLAD, "THE LIGHT HOUSE TRAGEDY." ONLY SIX COPPER, SIR.



NOTHING SEEMED TO PLEASE JAMES...

I'VE SOLD SIXTY COPIES OF THE "TRAGEDY" BUT THAT WONDERFUL?

IF YOU DO MORE WRITING AND LESS SELLING, YOU'D DO BETTER, OH...



WHILE AT HOME...

THESE VERSES OF YOURS ARE NONESENSE! YOU OUGHT TO BE ASHAMED OF YOURSELF FOR WRITING SUCH STUFF. I WANT YOU TO STOP IT!

ALL RIGHT, FATHER. I WON'T WRITE ANYMORE BUT I DO SELL A LOT!



EVERY SPARE MOMENT WAS SPENT READING.

SOME DON'T I HOPE I CAN FINISH IT IN MY LUNCH HOUR, I DON'T GET MUCH TIME TO READ...



QUARRELS WITH BROTHER JAMES WERE FREQUENT...

YOU ALWAYS THINK YOU KNOW BETTER! I'M RUNNING THIS SHOP!

BUT I ONLY WANTED TO HELP!







BEH LEFT BOSTON THOUGH HE WAS STILL LEGALLY BOUND TO HIS BROTHER.

I'VE GOT TO GET TO NEW YORK, COLLETT. DO YOU THINK YOU COULD MANAGE IT FOR ME?

I THINK I CAN GET YOU PASSAGE ON A SHIP, BUT YOU'LL NEED MONEY.



THAT NIGHT...

THIS IS THE BOAT, BEN. DID YOU GET THE MONEY?

YES, HERE IT IS. I SOLD SOME OF MY BOOKS TO GET IT.



PERHAPS I SHOULDN'T HAVE RUN AWAY, BUT I COULDN'T STAND IT. I DON'T HAVE A CHANCE!

BRADFORD FEINT SHOP, NEW YORK.

I THOUGHT I'D GET IN WITH YOU, MR. BRADFORD.

I HAVE NOTHING FOR YOU, BUT MY BOSS IN PHILADELPHIA MIGHT NEED A HELPER. WHY NOT TRY HIM?



THE TRIP THERE WAS A ROUGH ONE.

GOD! THAT'S WHAT HE GETS FOR DRINKING TOO MUCH PUNCH, GRAB HIM, BRADFORD!

ANYTHING CAN HAPPEN IN A STOCH LIKE THIS!

GRAB THE BLCKER ON HIM!



AT AN INN IN BURLINGTON...

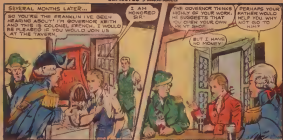
BOY IT WAS A RUNAWAY. WELL, IF SERVANT IN A FLEETER AND FOR BEN RECOMMEND A JOB IN PHILADELPHIA!

WELL, IF THAT'S THE CASE, NOW THERE'S A BOAT LEAVING FOR PHILADELPHIA TOMORROW!

THE BOY SPEARS THE TRUTH'S BELIEVE.







AS A RESULT OF SOBERNESS AND THE DECEPTION, BEN WAS STRANDED, BUT HE FOUND WORK AND REMAINED IN LONDON FOR TWO YEARS, SUPPORTING HIS FRIEND AS WELL.

I DON'T KNOW WHAT I WOULD HAVE DONE IF MR PALMER HADN'T GIVEN ME A JOB IN HIS PRINT SHOP.

YOU'RE JUST LUCKY, BEN. COULD YOU LOAN ME TWO POUNDS...



LOOK AT ME! CARRYING TWO TONS OF BOOKS AT ONE TIME!

THAT WATER YOU DRINK SURE IS STRONG!

YOU'D BE STRONG TOO IF YOU DRANK WATER INSTEAD OF BEER ALL THE TIME!



BUT OVERWORK AND HOMELESSNESS FINALLY DEPLETED FRANKLIN AND HE BECAME VERY ILL.

I WISH I COULD DO SOME AGAIN... IF I ONLY HAD THE TWENTY-SEVEN POUNDS RALPH OWES ME...



SOMEONE MONEY FROM FRIENDS, BEN WAS SOON HOWARD BOUND.

WHAT DO YOU MAKE OF THAT? YOUNG EDGARLIN HAS SWUM ALMOST ALL THE WAY AROUND THE BOAT!

AMAZING! SAYS IT'S HIS WAY OF TAKING A BATH!



FUNNY WHEN I WAS SICK, I NEVER THOUGHT TO LIVE TO SEE AMERICA AGAIN. IT CERTAINLY LOOKS WONDERFUL TO ME... I WONDER HOW OSBORNE READ IS?



BACK AGAIN TO HIS OLD JOB AT COPENHAGEN.

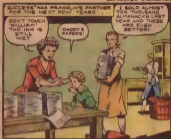
SO AS I, LUCKY I HAD FRIENDS FROM WHOM TO BORROW MONEY FOR MY PASSAGE.

THAT NEWMOLD YOU INVENTED FOR CASTING TYPE IS FINE, BEN. I'M SURE GLAD YOU CAME BACK FROM LONDON!









SUCCESS HAS FRANKLIN'S PARTNER FOR THE NEXT FEW YEARS...

DON'T TOUCH WILLIAM! THE INK IS STILL WET!

DADDY'S PAPERS!

I SOLD ALMOST TEN THOUSAND ALPHABETS LAST YEAR AND THESE ARE EVEN BETTER!



QUESTIONS, BENJAMIN! WE'RE HERE TO TELL YOU THAT YOU'RE THE NEW CLERK OF THE PENNSYLVANIA ASSEMBLY!

I AM HONORED, GENTLEMEN!

IN TIME, FRANKLIN BECAME PUBLISHER OF PENNSYLVANIA.



I LIKE THE JOB BEING A POLICEMAN! BUT SO BAD WHEN YOU GET SAID FOR IT. THANKS TO FRANKLIN!

HE ORGANIZED PENNSYLVANIA'S FIRST PAID REGULAR POLICE FORCE...

AND FORMED THE CITY'S FIRST VOLUNTEER FIRE EXTINGUISHING COMPANY.



IF IT WASN'T FOR YOU ORGANIZING A VOLUNTEER FIRE EXTINGUISHING COMPANY, WE WOULD HAVE LOST EVERYTHING, MR. FRANKLIN!

WE'VE GOT TO FIGHT IT!

IN 1792 CAME THE FRANKLIN STOVE...



THIS IS A GREAT STOVE, BEN! YOU OUGHT TO PATENT IT!

NO, I PREFER BY THE HONESTY OF OTHERS LEFT THEM PROUD BY MINE!



# BENJAMIN FRANKLIN

SON THEN TURNED TO SCIENCE...

I WONDERED WHAT CAUSES THAT SPARK, I MUST FIND OUT...



IN 1746 HE DISCOVERED THE PRINCIPLES OF THE MAGNET...

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU TURN ON THE ELECTRICITY, FATHER?

THE METAL BAR BECOMES A MAGNET AND PULLS OTHER METALS TOWARD IT.



TO PROVE ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTNING ARE THE SAME, FRANKLIN MADE HIS FAMOUS KITE TEST.

HERE COMES THE STORM!

FINE! THE WIRE AT THE END OF THIS KITE SHOULD ATTRACT THE LIGHTNING!



FATHER, IT WORKS!

EXACTLY, WILLIAM. NOW I KNOW THAT ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTNING ARE THE SAME!



AS A RESULT, THE FRANKLIN HOME WAS ADORNED WITH A LIGHTNING ROD.

IF THE LIGHTNING STRIKES, THE HOUSE IS SAVED!

THAT WILL SAVE LIVES AND PROPERTY, BEN.

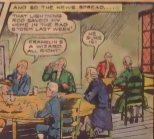


AND SO THE NEWS SPREAD...

THAT LIGHTNING ROD SAVED MY HOME IN THE BAD STORM LAST WEEK!

FRANKLIN'S A GENIUS ALL RIGHT!

HE SURE IS!



THE FRENCH-INDIAN WAR WAS THE INCIDENTS OF PENNSYLVANIA WERE THREATENED BY VICIOUS INDIANS.

AND IN THE VILLAGE OF SHADEN-BUTTEN TO CALLED FROM PHILADELPHIA, FRANKLIN WAS ASKED TO HELP.



THE INDIAN KEEP COMING SOMETHING MUST BE DONE...

WE'LL ORGANIZE A MILITIA AND BUILD FORTS!



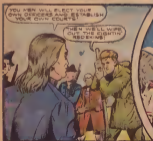
WE MUST BE PROTECTED!

OUR LIVES ARE AT STAKE...

AND OUR CHILDREN!



RETURN TO YOUR HOMES YOU WILL BE PROTECTED DON'T FEAR!



YOU MEN WILL ELECT YOUR OWN OFFICERS AND ESTABLISH YOUR OWN COURTS!

THEN WE'LL Wipe OUT THE INDIAN RESERVES!



FORWARD! THE PEOPLE MUST BE PROTECTED!

LET US MAKE MISTAKE!

FRANKLIN AND HIS MEN TOOK STEPS TO PROTECT THE COLONISTS . . .

YOU WILL BE STATIONED HERE TO CATCH ANY INDIANS LYING ABOUT THREATENING THE VILLAGE.

YES, MR. FRANKLIN! YOU CAN DEPEND ON US, SIR!

WE BUILT THE STOCKADE AND BURNED SOME AND STAVED FROM NEW YORK AS YOU SUGGESTED, MR. FRANKLIN.

AND I CAN STONE INDIANS FROM THE WALL!

GOOD!

THESE PEOPLE COME FROM ALL OVER OUR FOOD IS ALMOST OUT AND ALL THEY DO IS DRINK AND QUARREL!

ORGANIZE A PATROL, PERSONS WITH YOU ACTING MAJOR CLEAR AWAY THE BUSH AND ORDER SENTINELS TO WATCH FOR INDIANS!

IN REACHING OF A TREATY WAS ARRANGED WITH FRIENDLY INDIANS . . .

INDIAN AND WHITE MAN FRIENDS! GOVERNOR MORRIS!

KEEP YOUR PROMISE, OBEY, AND WE'LL KEEP OURS!

BUT . . .

WE THOUGHT YOU SHOULD BEAR WHY THE BUNNIE HAD TO SAY, SIR!

THE SOLDIERS AT CHADEN HUTTEN WERE TAKEN BY SURPRISE AND MASSACRED BY THE INDIANS, MR. FRANKLIN!

WHAT THE BUNNIE'S WE UN-PROTECTED!

YOU HAVE BEEN CHOSEN TO REBUILD THE FORT AND PROTECT THE PEOPLE FRANKLIN!

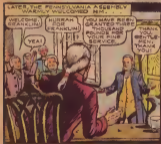
THERE WILL BE A BIGH REWARD FOR INDIAN SCALP, KILLED IN BATTLE, GOVERNOR!

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EVEN GOVERNOR PENN. AT HIS WITTS ENDS APPEALS TO FRANKLIN FOR HELP.



SOMETHING MUST BE DONE FRANKLIN. WHAT DO YOU SUGGEST?

ORGANIZE FOR DEFENSE COLLECT A REGIMENT!

I'LL MAKE MY HEADQUARTERS HERE AT YOUR HOME UNTIL THE SITUATION CLEARS UP. SEE WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP FRANKLIN!



THE INDIANS ARE QUARTERED IN THE BARRACKS. WE'LL GO OUT AND STOP THE WHITE MOB!



THE MOB IS ONLY SEVEN FEET AWAY! THEY'RE HEAVILY ARMED!

THANK YOU, BLUNDER. WE'LL GO TO MEET THEM.



ON THE TRENCH ALL AROUND. MY SQUAD COMMANDS THE CITY IS WELL GUARDED. SEE THAT THE BARRACKS ARE ALSO!

THAT'S WHAT WE MEAN TO DO. HE BRAGS IN THE INDIAN PEARL FOR THEIR LIVES!



LATER FRANKLIN MET UP WITH THE ANGRY ADVANCING MOB.

"I'LL DO NO GOOD TO GO ON. THE INDIANS ARE TOO WELL GUARDED FOR YOU TO CAPTURE. TURN BACK!"

WE'LL TAKE YOUR ADVICE IN THE END. BUT MEET THE WE'LL GET 'EM!



TROUBLE WAS Averted BUT FRANKLIN GOT NO THANKS FOR HIS TROUBLE...

I'LL POST THIS NOTICE OFFERING REWARDS FOR INDIAN SCALPS GOVERNOR!

FINE! THAT US LAIN. FRANKLIN WILL COLLECT NO DOLLET.

REWARD FOR INDIAN SCALPS GOVERNOR!

THE NEXT YEAR, 1764, FRANKLIN RETURNED TO ENGLAND TO BRING ABOUT AN UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE AMERICANS AND THE GOVERNOR, BUT IN ENGLAND HIS BUSINESS WAS OVER - SHADOWED BY THE PROPOSED STAMP TAX ON THE COLONIES.

LORD GRANVILLE CALLED THE COLONIAL AGENTS TO HIS CHAMBERS . . .

THERE'S NOT ENOUGH MONEY FOR SUCH A TAX!

I THINK THE COLONISTS WOULD PREFER THE TAX COLLECTED BY SOME OF THEIR OWN PEOPLE.

THEY WON'T LIKE IT, NO DOUBT, WHO COLLECTS IT!

THE COLONISTS WILL NEVER STAND FOR IT.

THIS WILL CAUSE TROUBLE!



WHILE IN AMERICA . . .

WHY SHOULD WE PAY SOME KING'S WAR?

IT'S ILLEGAL!

THAT'S NOT FAIR!

**NOTICE!**  
BY ORDER OF HIS MAJESTY KING GEORGE THE THIRD, A TAX WILL BE LEVIED



AT THE PHILADELPHIA WHARF . . .

HERE COME THE SHIPS WITH THE STAMPS. I HOPE THEY SINK!

SINK! SINK!

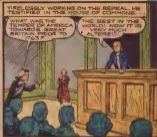
THE FLAGS ON OUR SHIPS ARE AT HALF MAST IN PROTEST, BUT THAT'S NOT THE ONLY WAY WE'LL SHOW OUR OBJECTIONS!

NEW HARBORS HERE DISPLAYED THEIR SENTIMENTS . . .

LIBERTY IS DEAD!

IT WAS COLLECTED BY STAMPS AND TAXATION!





BUT THE COLONISTS' PLEASURE WAS SHORT-LIVED...









FRANKLIN'S RETURN TO AMERICA FOUND MANY RAPID CHANGES. DEATH HAD VISITED HIS BELOVED WIFE AND THE FIRST BATTLES OF THE REVOLUTION HAD BEEN FOUGHT.

THAT NIGHT AT FRANKLIN'S HOME, HE LISTENED TO A GRIM ACCOUNT OF THE WAR.

"IF MOTHER WERE ONLY HERE TO GREET HIM, HE'LL GRIEVE SORELY FOR HER."

"HE STILL HAS US GALLY."

"AH! MY DAUGHTER AND HER HUSBAND AND THOSE MUST BE MY NEW ISLAND-BOOIN."

"AYE, THE BATTLES OF CONCORD AND LENOXINGTON WERE BLOODY BUSINESS."



"PAUL REVERE RODE TO WARN THE PATRIOTS."

"WHILE AT LENOXINGTON THE PATRIOTS GATHERED IN MASSAGE, CLOACELY ARMED, EVEN WITH THEIR HORN IMPLE-MENTS."

"FINALLY THE BRITISH ARRIVED."

"TAKE HEED REBELS, DISPERSE! LAY DOWN YOUR ARMS OR WE'LL ATTACK."

"THE BRITISH COME TO LENOXINGTON AT ONCE!"

"DEPEND ON US, WE'LL BE THERE!"

"WE'LL STOP THEM!"

"IT'S ABOUT TIME THEY KNEW WE MEAN BUSINESS."



"A SINGLE REPLY RANG OUT."

**NEVER!**

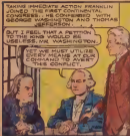
"VASTLY OUTNUMBERED AND PITIFULLY UNDERARMED, THE VALIANT MEN WERE SOON ROUTED BY BRITISH MUSKETS."

"FIRE AND FIRE AGAIN TILL THERE'S NOT A REBEL STANDING!"









REALIZING THE SERIOUS LACK OF EQUIPMENT BY THE PATRIOTS, FRANKLIN DESIGNED A NEW WEAPON, A FINE TO TAKE THE PLACE OF THE LACKING BAYONETS . . .



THE MOUTH OF THE DELAWARE ALSO RECEIVED AN NEW DEFENSE . . .



AND AT THE PHILADELPHIA WHARF A TWELVE-GUNNED TWO-GUNNED BOAT FORTHIBLY APPEARED . . .



AGAIN THE COMMITTEE MET . . .



NAVAL OFFICERS WERE CHOSEN TO COMMAND THE ARMED BOATS . . .



MEDICINE AND OTHER SUPPLIES WERE PREPARED IN ADVANCE FOR THE TROOPS . . .





FRANCE SAGER TO DISCREETLY SEE OLD BRISKY IN LONDON. UNEXPECTEDLY HELPED THE COLONIAL REBELS. ASSISTANT ARTHUR LEE AND BARRON DE BEAU-MARCHAIS CONFERRED IN LONDON...

HOW CAN WE DO THIS SECRETLY, BARRON?

LEAVE THAT TO ME



I HAVE SPOKEN TO THE BRITISH MINISTERS. THEY KNOW WHAT THEY'RE IN FOR, BUT THE AMERICANS NEED SUPPLIES!

I THINK I CAN GET YOU HELD, LEE. BUT NO ONE MUST KNOW THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT IS INVOLVED...



A RICHYRUS WOODS, PORTALS AND COMPANY HAS SET UP...

WE WILL OPERATE THE LIKE A REGULAR BUSINESS CONCERN!

NO ONE NEED KNOW THAT MESSINER'S HAS PROVIDED TO ADVANCE A MILLION FRANCES FOR AMMUNITION AND CLOTHING FOR AMERICAN SOLDIERS!



LATER AT A PORT IN MARTINIQUE AGENTS HERALDED THE ARRIVAL OF AMERICAN SHIPS...

HERE THEY COME AT LAST. TAKE 'EM FROM 'EM THROUGH ALL RIGHT!



GOODS WERE SHIPPED TO AMERICA...

THE AMMUNITION AND CLOTHING ARE SORELY NEEDED BY OUR TROOPS!

LET US HOPE THAT IT REACHES THEM SAFELY!



FRENCH NAVAL SQUADRONS PROTECTED OUR SHIPPING

I SEE NOTHING!

THERE ENGLISH ARE LIGHTEN THEM!



ON AN OFFICIAL LETTER THAT THE FRENCH MINISTRY WOULD SEND AMERICA, CONGRESS APPOINTED FRANKLIN AS COMMISSIONER TO THE COURT OF FRANCE...

BEFORE I GO IN HANDS, I WANT TO OFFER YOU THIS MONEY FOR THOUSANDS OF POUNDS TO TESTIFY MY FAITH IN OUR COUNTRY'S FUTURE.

WE ACCEPT WITH THANKS. IT IS A BRAGGARTS' GUESS THAT HE FRANKLIN.



ACCOMPANIED BY TWO GRANDSON, TEMPLE AGE SEVENTEEN AND BENJAMIN, AGE SEVEN, FRANKLIN PREPARED TO SAIL ON THE SLOOP REPRISAL...

WE'RE CARRYING THREE THOUSAND POUNDS OF GOODS ABORD TO PAY FOR THE FIRST COSTS OF YOUR MISSION, SIR.



AT SEA THEY WERE THREATENED BY THE ENEMY...

BRITISH ROBUEN'S CREWERS... CHASING US, SIR?

CLEAR THE DECK FOR ACTION BUT FULL SPEED AHEAD. WE MUST NOT BE CAUGHT WITH MR. FRANKLIN ABOARD.

I THINK WE'VE OUTRICKED THE BRITISH. I DIDN'T WANT TO FIGHT WITH YOU ABOARD, SIR.

IF THEY CAUGHT US, I'D BE HUNG FOR HIGH TREASON!



BUT I SEE YOU DID A LITTLE CHASING ON YOUR OWN ACCOUNT, CAPTAIN.

YES, THESE TWO BRITISH MERCHANTMEN ARE NICE RED RED SHIP.



AT THE COAST OF FRANCE, THEY LANDED AT ALBANY...

I THOUGHT WE WERE GOING TO SAIL UP THE LOIRE RIVER GRANDMATHER?

WE WERE TEMPLE, BUT THE CONTRARY WIND MADE THAT IMPOSSIBLE.



BENJAMIN FRANKLIN



WITH HIS GRACE AND CHARM, FRANKLIN CAPTIVATED THE FRENCH PEOPLE. IN RARELY CLOSED TO PARIS, HE MOVED INTO HIS NEW HOME.

OH GRAND FATHER... WHAT A BEAUTIFUL HOUSE!

YES, LITTLE BEN LOOKS AS IF WE SHOULD BE VERY COMFORTABLE HERE.

IF YOU ARE COMFORTABLE, WE'LL GO AWAY.



FRANCE IS HONORED BY YOUR PRESENCE HERE, DR. FRANKLIN.

I LOVE YOUR COUNTRY, YOUR HIGHNESS. THE PEOPLE ARE AS NOBLE AS THE TITLES AND THE COMPANY BEARS.

FRANCE HAS FLOODED WITH PICTURES OF FRANKLIN...



EVEN THE SHOPKEEPERS ADMIRER HIM.

THERE GOES LE SEIGNEUR DOCTEUR FRANKLIN.

SO KIND AND GOOD IS HE.

DISASTERS SOON AROSE



VERGENNES IS AFRAID AMERICA WILL LOSE THE WAR. HE HAS DECIDED LEAVING PARIS AND MONTELS AND CO. IS ALMOST BANKRUPT.

AMERICA WILL NOT LOSE! BRANBACHAUS BUT YOU NEED CLOTHING AND AMMUNITION TO GO ON.

MEANWHILE AT THE WHARF...



I MUST GET TO MR. BRANBACHAUS AT DUSSEY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!

IT WILL TAKE ALL DAY. MY GOOD FELLOW, BUT I'LL DO MY BEST.



PARDON ME, MR. BRANBACHAUS. A MESSAGE FROM AMERICA. WE HAVE NEWS FOR YOU.

AMERICA? TELL ME, SIR... IS BRANBACHAUS TAKEN?

IT IS OK... BUT YOUR DAUGHTER AND HER BROTHER AND YOUR OWN OLD BABY SECURED A BRITISH OFFICER IS LIVING IN YOUR HOUSE.



BUT SIR... I HAVE GOOD NEWS ALSO. OUR KING BRITISH GENERAL BRANBACHAUS IS IN THE BRITISH ARMY AND PRISONERS OF WAR.

THAT IS GOOD NEWS INDEED.

I MUST TELL VERGENNES AT ONCE! GIVE MY REGARDS.

AT BREAKNECK SPEED, BRANBACHAUS' CARRIAGE RACED THROUGH THE STREETS OF PARIS...



THE GOOD NEWS WAS RELATED TO VERGENNES...



NO DOUBT NOW THE AMERICANS WILL WIN, THE BRITISH ARE NO MATCH FOR THEM.

I MUST CONGRATULATE YOU, GENERAL. I'M SURE I CAN LET YOU HAVE MORE MONEY NOW.

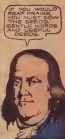






WITH A SILVER-HEADED STICK, SPECIAL BEARS HIS NOSE AND THE BROWN FUR CAP, FRANKLIN CAUSED THE COURT CHAMBERLAIN A NERVOUS SHOCK, APPEARING IN SUCH AN ALARMING OUTPUT. . .







AFTER FIVE YEARS IN FRANCE THE SEVENTY-FIVE YEAR OLD FRANKLIN LONGED FOR HOME.

I'VE JUST OPENED THE MAIL. YORKTOWN HAS FALLEN AND THE BRITISH ARE BEATING!

YES, AT LAST! BUT WHY TRY TO GO TO HELP WITH THE PEACE TREATY THAT MEANS I CAN'T RETURN TO AMERICA YET? TEMPLE!



FINALLY IN 1783 THE PEACE TREATY WAS SIGNED AND JEFFERSON CAME TO BRING FRANKLIN HIS CREDENTIALS WERE PRESENTED TO WASHINGTON.

YOU COME TO REPLACE DR FRANKLIN?

I COME TO SUCCEED DR FRANKLIN NO MAN CAN HOPE TO REPLACE HIM!



THIS FRANKLIN AND HIS TWO GRANDSONS TOOK LEAVE OF EASY.

WE'LL MISS LE GRAND FRANKLIN!

GOODBYE, MY FRIENDS!

THERE IS NO OTHER LIKE HIM!



THAT NIGHT WAS SPENT WITH THE GOOD ARCHBISHOP OF ROUEN.

YOU HAVE DONE MORE THAN ANY OTHER MAN TO PROMOTE GOOD WILL AMONG NATIONS DOCTOR FRANKLIN.

THANK YOU THAT HAS BEEN MY DREAM!



FINALLY, THEY EMBARKED AT LE HAVRE.

DON'T FORGET US, DOCTOR FRANKLIN.

I SHALL ALWAYS REMEMBER LA BELLE FRANCE AND ALL MY CHARMING FRIENDS.



NOW EIGHTY YEARS OLD, FRANKLIN ARRIVED IN HIS NATIVE LAND AFTER AN ABSENCE OF NINE YEARS...



BUT HIS PUBLIC LIFE WAS HARDLY OVER.

AT THE SEVENTY-SEVEN-YEAR-OLD DR. FRANKLIN HAS RECEIVED SEVENTY-SIX, HE IS PRESIDENT OF PENNSYLVANIA FOR THE THIRD TIME.



IN 1787 HE RENDERED HIS COUNTRY HIS LAST GREAT SERVICE... THE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION.

"IF WE GIVE CONGRESS TOO MUCH POWER, WE SHALL CEASE TO BE A REPUBLIC!"

"WHY? THEIR TEMPER AND AS HOT AS THE WEATHER."



THE CONSTITUTION ADOPTED... PHILADELPHIA HAD A GREAT CELEBRATION...



"THERE MUST BE THE DIVIDES YOU WROTE, GRANDFATHER!"

"DEGRADE! ALL SEE ME THAT PRESS TAKES ME BACK TO MY YOUTH."

HIS PUBLIC SERVICE OVER, SICK IN BODY AND MIND, IN 1790, FRANKLIN RETIRED TO HIS HOME...



"IT IS KIND OF YOU, GENT. MEN, TO BRING ME THE NEWS OF THE DAY."

AGE DON'T DULL FRANKLIN'S INVENTIVE MIND...



"YOU SEE, MY CHAIR SERVES TWO PURPOSES... IT'S BOTH A SEAT AND A LADDER."

"INGENIOUS CONTRADICTION!"

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN

THE LAST THREE YEARS OF HIS FULL AND USEFUL LIFE HE HAS SPENT AMONG HIS FAMILY AND FRIENDS.



HOW'S THAT SPELLING LESSON COMING ALONG ELIZABETH?

WILL YOU HEAR ME GRANDDAD?

KEET, RATHER... ARE YOU COMFORTABLE?



YES, THANK YOU BUT FOR THAT CALL I'D STILL BE UP AND AROUND...

JEFFERSON LATELY RETURNED FROM FRANCE. WRITED HIM...

I HEAR WITH GREAT PLEASURE SIR, THAT YOU'VE BEEN WRITING A HISTORY OF YOUR LIFE.

HAND ME JEFFERSON THOSE PAPERS WILLIAM. WOULD YOU DO ME THE HONOR OF READING IT GIRL?



ON APRIL 12, 1790 THE GREAT MAN DIED...



HE'S AT REST, WE MUST TELL MOTHER.

THE WHOLE WORLD WILL MISS HIM, WON'T THEY TRIPLET?

ON HIS TOMBSTONE WAS CARVED THE EPIGRAPH HE WROTE HIMSELF IN WHICH HE WAS TWENTY-THREE YEARS OLD...

ALL PHILADELPHIA PAID FINAL HONORAGE TO A GREAT AMERICAN.



THE BODY OF BENJAMIN FRANKLIN FUNER

LIKE THE COVER OF AN OLD BOOK ITS CONTENTS WERE TURNED OUT AND STRIPPED OF ITS LETTERING AND ITS OAK LEAFS HERE, GOOD FOR NOTHING MORE THEMSELVES SHALL NOT BE LOST FOR IT WILL AS WE BELIEVED APPEAR OUR HOME IN A NEW AND MORE ELEGANT EDITION REVISED AND CORRECTED BY THE AUTHOR

# PIONEERS OF SCIENCE CAROLUS LINNAEUS

"Father of Botany"

WHEN MEN lived in caves, there was no study of plant life. Our ancestors paid little attention to the green things that grow about them. Trees furnished food and shelter; plants and berries were good to eat. But the primitive man took these things for granted.

But as man advanced intellectually, he began to look at plants with greater interest. He had given up his superstitions and beliefs in cures by leeches, cat's claws and snake fangs. He turned to plants to help him fight sickness and death. The American Indians were well versed in the use of plants and foods. But botany as a science did not develop until a Swedish doctor, Carl von Linnæus, made a thorough study of plant and animal life and classified plants for future botanists.

Botany is the study of bud and blossom. It covers every form of plant existence, from the tiny, one-celled alga to the towering Redwoods of California. It describes the thousands of living things included in this form of life; identifies them by their parts and habits; and tells how they live. How impossible this study would have been without the aid of the great pioneer of science, Carl von Linnæus!

Linnæus was born May 23, 1707 at Roshult, Sweden. The son of a pastor, he received the best preparatory education and then attended Uppsala University. There he became assistant to Olof Celsius, the leading botanist of the time. Linnæus became extremely interested in the subject and after extensive study and experimentation, became even a greater botanist than his teacher.

Linnæus was appointed lecturer in botany at Uppsala University, and was quickly considered the world's greatest authority on the subject. Two years later, he took leave of the university to explore Lapland for the Academy of Sciences. After turning in his report, Linnæus decided he would like to



study medicine. He went to Harderwijk, where he obtained his degree.

After a visit to England in 1738, Linnæus published his book, "Genera Plantarum," a volume which must be considered the starting point of modern, systematic botany.

Linnæus then settled as a physician in Stockholm. He was soon

appointed naval physician, and in 1741, was appointed professor of medicine at Uppsala. But so great was his love for botany, a year later he gave up his chair of medicine for that of botany at the university.

Linnæus continued to publish books on botany and one, "Species of Plants," published in 1753, is the first book of botany in which specific names are fully set forth. All later books on the subject, even to today, are only improvements upon the original.

In 1758, the king of Spain offered Linnæus a huge salary to teach the subject to Spanish nobles. But Linnæus declined, saying he preferred to live in his own country. His loyalty was soon rewarded for he was given a patent of nobility and honored with the title of Karl von Linné.

Linnæus was the first to classify everything on the ground into three kingdoms of nature. They are the animal, vegetable and mineral kingdoms. From a chaotic, semi-superstitious, disorderly study of nature, a scientific classification and understanding of the things about us came through Linnæus' efforts.

In his later years, Linnæus became interested in the tea plant. He saw its possibilities for commercial use and had it introduced into Europe.

The great Swedish scientist suffered an apoplectic attack in 1774. Although weakened by his illness, he carried on his scientific research until his death on January 10, 1778, at Uppsala, in the cathedral where he is buried.





FAMOUS OPERAS

LAKME

By Leo Delibes

GERALD and Frederic, two officers of the British army in India, are enjoying a walk with several English ladies, when they unwittingly enter the sacred grounds of the temple of Nilakantha, a Brahman priest. Informed that they are trespassing, they all leave, with the exception of Gerald, who unconcernedly remains to sketch some very beautiful Oriental jewelry which he has found in the garden.

The trinkets have been left there by Lakme, the daughter of Nilakantha. Hearing someone approaching, Gerald hides in the shrubbery and Lakme herself enters, bringing flowers that she places at the feet of an idol. Lakme cannot understand the peculiar state of her emotions and the curious feeling of foreboding that has come over her. Moreover, she seems to sense the fact that a stranger is nearby. When she suddenly sees Gerald, she cries out in fear, calling the attention of her attendants who hurry to her side. Some strange influence keeps her from exposing Gerald, however, and she sends her servants away.

Lakme then rebukes Gerald for trespassing, and orders him to leave. He is reluctant to go, and pleads with her to listen and talk with him, as he has become entranced by her beauty and charm. Lakme is very much attracted to the young officer, and is almost won over by his words. She knows, however, that Nilakantha will wreak his vengeance on Gerald for treading on holy ground, so she sends the officer away.

No answer has Gerald departed, thus Lakme's attendants return, bringing Nilakantha, who is very angry. He announces that the intruder must die, and rushes out with his servants to search for the Englishman.

Disguised as a beggar, Nilakantha later goes to the public square, talk-

ing with him Lakme dressed as a dancing girl. They mingle with the crowd of visitors, and hoping that Gerald will recognize his daughter's voice and betray himself, her father orders Lakme to sing. She complies with the demand and beautiful "Bell Song," and Gerald discloses his identity, whereupon Nilakantha goes to summon his Hindoo slaves to assist him in his wicked plan. Lakme is terrified, and tries to persuade Gerald to escape to a hut in the forest, but he protests that this would be cowardly. She finally convinces him, and he is leaving the market place with Lakme, when Nilakantha returns and stalks him. Nilakantha then flees, in order to escape the judgment of the English officers.

Gerald's wound is not fatal, however, and with the help of her faithful Steve, Hadji, Lakme is able to take him to the secret retreat in the forest. The days pass, and as a result of Lakme's watchful care, he gradually regains his strength. Nappy is his love for Lakme, Gerald seems to have forgotten entirely the past, and has no desire to return to army life. But one day Frederic finds him alone in the forest and begs him to return to duty, saying that he is needed to help suppress an uprising among the Hindoos. Gerald finally promises to be at his post at a certain hour, but refuses to go until he has said farewell to Lakme. When Lakme returns, she realizes that something has caused Gerald to change. She asks him what has happened, but before he can answer, she hears in the distance the sound of bugles calling the regiment together, and she suspects immediately that he intends to return to his British friends. Overcome by grief, Lakme sets the flowers of the deadly poisonous stramonium tree, and just as her father and friends arrive, she dies in Gerald's arms.



## DOG HEROES

### "HOWDY DOODY"

*Saves Family of Four*

**H**OWDY DOODY, a Cocker Spaniel, was just sixteen weeks old when he saved the lives of his master and three others.

Howdy Doody was named after a famous children's television program. Now, everyone knows that the Cocker Spaniel is mainly considered a pet dog. Of course, he is sometimes used as a hunting dog. He is used in hunting birds like the woodcock, from which he gets his name. So it is very seldom that we find his name connected with acts of heroism.

But on October 5, 1943, Howdy Doody got his name in all the New York papers, and his act of heroism has been recorded for posterity. "COCKER SPANIEL'S BARKING GIVES FIRE WARNING . . . SAVES FAMILY OF FOUR" said the headlines. The lead paragraph of the story was: "Howdy Doody is only a puppy but he was big enough and loud enough to save two small children and their parents from death or injury today when fire broke out in their Brooklyn apartment."

It was about six in the morning; everything was peaceful in the apartment. The two little girls, Arden, 8, and Laurel, 5, were sleeping as were their parents in another room. Only Howdy Doody was awake. The first faint odor of smoke was coming to his sensitive nostrils and his nose was twitching uncontrollably. He knew he mustn't wake the household without reason, and yet, if the danger was real, he must give the alarm without delay.

Howdy Doody waited another few seconds. The odor of smoke was becoming stronger. It was time for action! He began to bark furiously at the edge of Arden's bed. But the child was deep in slumber and did not hear.



The Cocker Spaniel then left off his barking to tug at the bed covering. Arden tossed in her sleep. The pup sensed that the girl was half awakened and he began to bark again.

The dog's actions awakened Arden. Smelling smoke, which by this time was very pronounced, she got her little sister up, too. Then the children, with Howdy Doody still barking loudly, rushed into their parents' room.

Here, a horrible sight greeted them. The parents' bed was in flames. The smoking coils of fire were edging perilously close to the sleeping people.

But the children did not become panicky. Joined by Howdy Doody, they shouted as loudly as they could. The combined efforts of the three of them had the desired effect. Their parents awakened just as the flames were about to close in, and realizing their peril, they leaped from the burning bed.

About the same time, the superintendent of the twelve-story apartment building saw smoke pouring out from the window where the fire was spreading and he turned in a fire alarm. Firemen quickly came to the rescue, but not before Howdy Doody's master had burned his hands attempting to beat out the flames.

Thanks to Howdy Doody, the other three members of the family escaped injury. The police, who quickly came upon the scene, accorded full credit for the rescue to the plucky little pup.

But Howdy Doody wasn't interested in credit or glory. For a dog's life is devoted to the people who are near to him and who love him. He will unhesitatingly endanger or sacrifice his own life to protect the lives of those he loves.



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