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NORTHAMPTON, Mass., June 11.—Practically everything in the way of original records of the discovery, exploration and settlement of our country is in Europe. A great deal of Colonial history also is located there. In Scandinavia and Iceland documents possibly exist, relating to this country before the time of Columbus. Scholars report a vast amount of material in the archives of Spain, France and Holland concerning our early history that has never been carefully investigated. The Vatican is supposed to be another source of important material. London has been only partially examined.

All these original sources of the history of this country ought to be thoroughly explored by competent scholars. The new method of photographing documents on films so that they can be reproduced on a screen when wanted would seem to be an inexpensive method of making these ancient records available to students. This work might well be undertaken by the national government, by a university, or some of the charitable foundations. A great mass of important documents is known to exist from the observations of those searching for facts concerning some specific event or individual life, but they have never been systematically studied. The whole record should be disclosed.

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NORTHAMPTON, Mass., June 12.—National Flag Day has been observed for some years by official direction on June 14. It is the anniversary of the adoption by the Congress of the flag of the United States. We do honor to the Stars and Stripes as the emblem of our country and the symbol of all that our patriotism means.

The stars and the red, white and blue colors have a significance of their own, but when combined and arranged into the flag of our nation they take on a new significance which no other form or color can convey. We identify the flag with almost everything we hold dear on earth. It represents our peace and security, our civil and political liberty, our freedom of religious worship, our family, our friends, our home. We see in it the great multitude of blessings, of rights and privileges, that make up our country.

But when we look at our flag and behold it enbazoned with all our rights we must remember that it is equally a symbol of our duties. Every glory that we associate with it is the result of duty done. A yearly contemplation of the meaning of our flag strengthens and purifies the national conscience.

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