

## The Colors

THE ARMY salutes and the civilian in awe and respect removes his hat, at the sight of the colors. It is not that the thirteen stripes represent the thirteen original states, or that the stars represent the present number of our states, or even that the red portrays strength, the white purity, and the blue the grandeur of the universe.

It is only that in the flag we see the east, the west, the north, and the south; the cities and the fields; the plains and the mountains; and that in them all we feel the might and the beauty of America—where democracy, fraternity, and equality stand paramount—those ideals which have been instigated by our forefathers, enobled and preserved in our colors and revered by us all.

