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THE PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

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The records show that this pledge was written by James B. Upham, a member of the Perry Mason Company, of Boston Publishers of the "Youth's Companion".

The Pledge was first printed in the "Youth's Companion" of September 8, 1892.

It was first used officially during the National Public School Celebration of October 21, 1892. On that occasion, it was repeated by millions of school children throughout the United States.

The first pledge read as following:

"I pledge allegiance to my Flag, and to the Republic for which it stands; one nation, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

At the First National Flag Conference, 1923, the words, "the flag of the United States", were substituted for "my Flag". The Second National Flag Conference, 1924, added the words "of America."

-----Past Matron--1933.

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