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American Exclusionary Flags



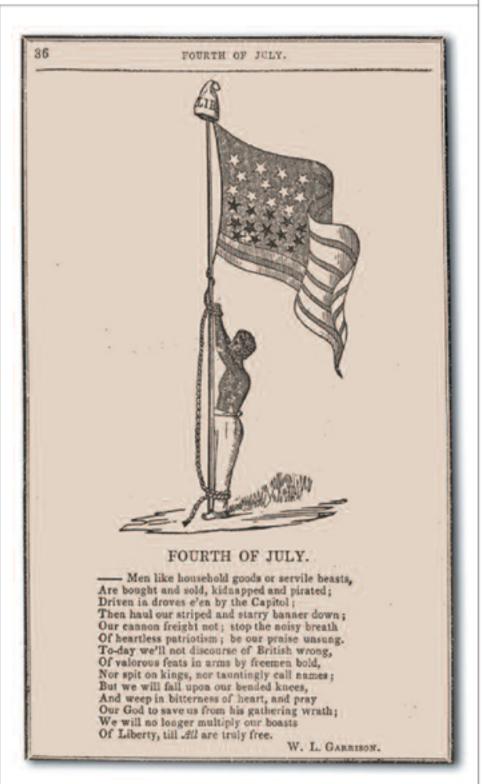
ZFC2512 16-Star Grand Luminary Exclusionary Flag appropriate to the period 1851—1858; this machine sewn flag represents only the Slave States.



ZFC3085 15 Star U.S. Southern Exclusionary Flag, 1850's. This 15 star 13 stripe cotton flag is machine sewn and thus excludes it from belonging to the period of 1795 to 1818, when 15 star flags were current.



ZFC0022 This 17-Star flag dates from the 1858—1859. No explanation for the unusual arrangement of the stars in the canton has yet been found.



This page from the July1844 Anti-Slavery Almanac draws attention to the US sectional strife. This strife would come to be represented in Exclusionary Flags before secession became a reality. See page 58 of The American Flag: Two Centuries of Concord and Conflict.



ZFC0630 The 18-Star Exclusionary flags date between 1859 and 1861. This example was flown on the United States when it left to explore the arctic in 1860.



ZFC0126 19-Star Exclusionary flags like this machine sewn example would have been seen in 1861, and utilized a popular star pattern, a ring of stars accented by corner and center stars.