edress of grievances, formed in 1774, and based upon the enfrumgmenus of principles, imposed by the British parliament, for ele-
= en years previous, was looked at with scorn and derision, and considered only
as a stepping stone to liberty (and sure it was, for soon she cast off the galling
yoke of oppression placed over her by the Mother
Country, and declared herself henceforth and
forever free.) England thought to drive her into
ranks would be only a plaything and am-
usement for the times.
In vain did the high minded Chatham, aided
by the patriotism and genius of Burke warn
them of their danger; but it seemed that
invention was exhausted, reason fatigued, but
ordinary had yet to be conquered.
Hand in hand did Americans North, South,
East and West meet the ruthless invaders on
the beach determined rather than live plans
to die freemen. Well did they maintain their
rights. The blood of all was shed in one common
pool.