

Downers Grove Reporter.

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DOWNERS GROVE, ILLINOIS.

Fully half the jokes that are made have a foundation of earnestness...

The indications are that Chicago aldermen make more money than the highwaymen...

People who conceal thoughts that would please or improve other people come dangerously near to criminal practices.

In raising prices the diamond trust strikes a wanton and cruel blow at the municipal representatives of every city in this country.

A man eighty-one years old committed suicide in Maine lately because the selectmen would not repair the road leading up to his farm.

An instance of faithful effort to follow copy occurred recently in a New York newspaper office. It is not easy to tell the story in print, and part of it must be supplied by the reader's imagination.

Because it was too hot to live Joseph Moore committed suicide at Monongahela City, Pa., last week. During the afternoon, while hunting a cool place around the house he became exasperated, and told his wife it was "too hot to live."

Mr. Charles Griswold, traveling salesman, living in Brooklyn, is glad for the first time in his life that he weighs over 300 pounds.

John Barry of New Brunswick, N. J., was arrested recently on a charge of disturbing the peace by snoring. Martin Albert, the leader of a band and cornet player, said his instrument was not in it with Barry's snore.

According to recent reports, the Cuban enthusiasts have removed the base of their filibustering operations from New York to Boston.

E. H. Plumacher, United States consul at Maracaibo, reports to the state department that the government of Venezuela has made contracts with William Harper, representing the Philadelphia Museums and American Manufacturing Association...

Two men in English, Ind., having been blessed with an increase to their families, have named their unoffending offspring Abraham Lincoln Ulysses Grant William McKinley and Thomas Jefferson Andrew Jackson James Monroe William Jennings Bryan.

Now that some one has set the example, the world may expect to witness another era of bomb-throwing and shooting at the rulers of Europe.

GREAT NORTHERN IN JAPAN.

Will Put on a Line of Steamers from Seattle to Yokohama. St. Paul, Minn., July 17.—S. Iwanaga of Tokio, Japan, general manager of the Nippon Yusen Kabushiki Kaisha...

Harvest Excursions. In order to give everyone an opportunity to see the grand crops in the Western states and enable the intending settler to secure a home, the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul R'y. has arranged to run a series of harvest excursions...

Stupidity of Men. "Jack paid me last night the compliment I have always coveted," remarked Maude, complacently, as she straightened her necktie.

A Superbly Appointed Train. Undoubtedly the handsomest train between Chicago and St. Paul, Minneapolis, the Superiors and Duluth is the "North-Western Limited," which leaves Chicago at 6:30 p. m. daily via the North-Western Line...

Defective Eyesight. Mrs. Smithers—What an elegant gown Mrs. Bilson has; I do believe I never saw anything lovelier. There she goes now; isn't it a perfect dream? I—

Cheap Excursions to the West and Northwest. On August 13, September 1, 15, 29, October 6 and 20, 1896, the North-Western Line (Chicago & North-Western R'y.) will sell Home Seekers' excursion tickets at very low rates to a large number of points in the West and Northwest.

A False Story. Mrs. McNulty (early Sunday morning to McNulty, who has just reached home)—"So ye air home, eh, and phere did ye git them lovely black eyes—workin' overtime, I suppose?"

Half Rates to Omaha. Via the North-Western Line (Chicago & North-Western R'y.) August 15, 16 and 17, 1896—one fare for the round trip. On August 24 excursion tickets at very low rates will also be sold from Omaha to Denver and the famous Hot Springs of South Dakota.

Two Sorts of Sweeping. Mrs. Higgins, I never saw a woman sweep into the parlor with such stately grace as your lovely daughter. I wish my lovely daughter would sweep out the parlor occasionally, and the dining-room and bedrooms as well.

Low Rates to Salt Lake. Via the North-Western Line (Chicago & North-Western R'y.) August 6 and 7, 1896. For full information apply to ticket agents of connecting lines or address W. B. Kniskern, G. P. & T. A., Chicago, Ill.

Not for the "Board." New Arrival—They charge enough for board here, don't they? Boarder—I don't think it can be for the board. I guess it's for the climate and scenery.

The people who last year predicted that the bicycle was a fad are now standing in line at the stores inquiring when their wheels are coming.

IN WOMAN'S CORNER.

INTERESTING READING FOR DAMES AND DAMSELS.

Some of the Fashionable Dresses Seen in Town—An Old Fashioned Gown for Up to Date Maids—Notes of the Modes.

HE fashionable world has paused for a moment in its mad rush. Many of its inmates have flown to their summer quarters for a quiet spell.

we can easily gain some hints of modified modes. Each day and each week brings something a little different, in spite of the fact that the early spring gave the general outlines for the year. Several typical gowns are worth mentioning. A simple, pearl-grey crepon had no trimming whatever except some bands of coarse white lace insertion inserted lengthwise in the loose bodice.

An Old Fashioned Gown. Fun is always to be had in an "Answers to Correspondents" column.

A NEW IDEA IN MILLINERY.



None, however, furnishes quite the amusement afforded by English periodicals when, in response to queries, they advise readers to take numerous dresses with them for wear in New York, as that city is quite up-to-date in fashions.



taste in dress far exceeds that of the Englishwoman. This applies mainly to summer dress, for in it the American girl secures a sprightly touch entirely lacking in the severe lines of English garments.

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that will make round folds instead of sharp ones. These white girdles are also worn with bodices of gauze or mousseline de soie, which are innumerable. Those more conspicuous are of mauve, green, straw or have mousseline, made over a fitted lining of white satin.

IN THE ODD CORNER.

SOME QUEER AND CURIOUS FEATURES OF LIFE.

The Soldier was a Woman—His Hopeless Love—The Earth's Rotation and Moving Trains—A Genuine Canine Mascot.

AW'SY me! how times is changed since I was a little gal; We used to mind our parents— There don't plague the baby, Sal— Now give it back that rattle, An' come over here to me.

Grandma wants you to be good— Jest as good as good can be; Bess put up your spectacles, You will break 'em square in two;

The Old Soldier was a Woman. From the St. Louis Republic.—Topeka, Kan., Special: A story comes from Butler County that while a terrific storm was raging Otto Schaffer, a hermit farmer, who had lived there many years, took shelter in his cabin and was offering up a prayer for protection when a bolt of lightning demolished the house and killed Schaffer.

Neighbors found the dead body on the floor and summoned the coroner. This official prepared the body for burial, and in doing so made the discovery that has been the talk of the county. He says Schaffer was a woman. The deceased was an ex-soldier and participated in many of the battles of the war.

Invested in Beer. The capital invested in the beer brewing business in this country amounts to \$250,000,000, according to statements made at the national convention of brewers, held recently, and sales of beer amounted to \$36,000,000 last year, against \$8,500,000 in the year 1876.

His Hopeless Love. From the Chicago Daily Tribune: A certain store in State street has a wax figure of remarkable beauty and true to life. It is used for high-priced millinery and dress displays.

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Mother Killed, Child in Her Arms Spared. From the St. Paul Dispatch.—St. Paul, Minn., Special: Mrs. Simon Paulson was killed by lightning this morning. Her husband, in the same room, and her two-year-old son, whom she was holding in her arms, were stunned, but not seriously hurt.

Boston's First Church. The first church building erected specially for that purpose and used for no other was put up in Boston in 1632. Before that date the Puritans held their meetings in private houses or in a house which also served for a school room.

Can't Lose Money When This Dog Follows.

From the Newark Daily Advertiser.—Elizabeth Special: John A. Staats, proprietor of the Sheridan Hotel, has a valuable setter, for which he has refused several large offers of purchase money.

Mr. Staats made up his cash and checks yesterday and put it into his bankbook to deposit. When he reached the cashier's window at the bank the book and money had disappeared.

He retraced his steps hurriedly to locate the missing roll, if possible, when Fannie, the setter, came running down the street with the missing bankbook in her mouth. Mr. Staats dropped it near the hotel as he pulled a handkerchief from his pocket. Fannie discovered the loss and ran after her master with the money.

Careworn Honesty.

From the New Orleans Times-Democrat: Every one around the Illinois Central city ticket office was talking about the finding of the \$50 gold watch and "Honest" Bradley, who returned it. Bradley was getting a good deal of praise for his honesty, but he remarked that he would have preferred a half dollar.

A Mince Rat Story. From the Rockland, Me., Star: Tuesday afternoon, when Fred Sweetland came home he found his son's wife sitting on the door step mourning the loss of ten little chickens which she believed to have been carried away by a rat.

Matrimonial Difficulties in Maine. From the Lewiston Saturday Journal: It was not "a very pretty home wedding"—the one that didn't come off at Old Orchard the other night. It would have been a wedding, though, if the clergyman hadn't asked the man if he drank, and on being answered in the affirmative, refused to perform the ceremony.

He Bit a Horse and Got the Worst of It. From the Kansas City Times.—Topeka, Kan., Special: Perry McClure, a farmer, flew into a rage yesterday because his horse rubbed against him, soiling his Sunday clothes, and as a punishment he bit the animal's ear. As McClure's teeth closed on the horse's organ of hearing it tossed its head high in the air, breaking the man's jaw in three places.

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After Years of Service. In a lot of old paper stock received lately in a mill at Andover, Conn., was a Bible, the inscription in which reads: "This Bible was used in the pulpit by Rev. Steven West, pastor in Stockbridge, Mass., from 1759 to 1818."