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POISONED BY PIE.

Mrs. H. Vix and Family Got Sick and Almost Died From Eating a "Shop Made" Pie.

On Monday morning Mrs. Henry Vix bought a lemon cream pie from a passing bakery wagon and Mr. Vix not being home at dinner time, the mother and her six children got down to their lunch in which was included this lemon pie. All went well until about two-thirty in the afternoon, when the oldest and the youngest boys complained of a sick stomach. They rolled around on the floor in terrible pain and vomited a great deal. They soon quieted down, but were unable to arise from the floor. Mrs. Vix continually told them to get up and lay on the bed. She received no answer. On touching them she found that they were cold and apparently unconscious. Mrs. Vix turned to one of her other boys and told him to go for the doctor and he replied that he could not hardly move, he felt so sick. In a very few minutes after this the other three children complained of the same trouble and the mother in her dilemma hardly knew what to do. She rushed from the house to go for help at her neighbor's, Mrs. Emil Marchand, there she telephoned for their family physician, and he soon arrived. He stated that things looked pretty black ahead and proceeded to give the children some medicine. Before he had finished attending to the children Mrs. Vix herself was taken with a fit of vomiting and was terribly nauseated. The doctor was unable to make any medicine whatever stay on the children's stomachs. He tried medicine on Mrs. Vix, but the results were the same. Mrs. Morgan, a near neighbor, was called and she attended the sick ones until late at night. Mr. Vix returned from his work in the country and was very much surprised at the sight of his family. After continuous efforts the doctor finally cleared up the mystery and all the family were feeling better and sleeping nicely about one a. m. When called on Wednesday all the sick ones were feeling very weak, but still alive.

Local Happenings

Know your work and work your knowledge.

Edward Lacey is spending a week in Iowa City, Iowa.

Doctrines are dead until they are converted into deeds.

T. B. Baldwin and family will spend Sunday at Lake Como.

One is proven by what he approves, tested by what he detests.

Gene Haymond is taking care of a badly sprained thumb this week.

Mrs. John Zell and three children spent several days in Chicago last week.

The Happy Thought Circle spent a pleasant day in the woods last Saturday.

Frank Blair and wife, of Chicago, spent Sunday with I. P. Blodgett and family.

Mrs. Edith Ernest is spending vacation with friends at Saugatuck, Michigan.

Mrs. John X. Modaff and son are spending a few weeks with relatives in Aurora.

Mr. F. K. White, of Topeka, Kansas, is spending a few days with Mrs. L. Hanson.

Mrs. E. E. Stevens and children returned from a two weeks' visit in Kansas on Monday.

Mr. Henry Uplyke and daughter were guests at Mr. W. E. S. Trowbridge's on Sunday.

Mrs. Fred Hall and children left for a trip to Bay View and other northern points in Michigan.

Miss Nora Graham and Mrs. Maxwell of DeKalb county, were visitors at D. G. Graham's this week.

Mrs. E. W. Lewis and her two grandchildren returned on Monday from a visit at Malta, Illinois.

Miss Katherine Lee, of Hinsdale, is making a short visit with Mrs. M. McGregor on the Duane estate.

Miss Beattie Herring gave a luncheon last Saturday in honor of Miss Genevieve Norton and her guests.

Mrs. E. C. Stanley returned from Chicago Sunday evening, but will soon return to her mother's side.

Miss Alice Rosa, of Hinsdale, has been spending the past week with her sister, Mrs. T. H. Murray.

Miss Ruppel, formerly a teacher in Downers Grove, is visiting at the home of E. E. Stevens this week.

Mrs. Alfred Heckman and Miss Catherine Heckman spent last week with Mr. and Mrs. Straube.

Mrs. Laura Gurley, of Zanesville, Ohio, is making a short visit with her sister, Mrs. John Fairweather.

Have you noticed the difference in our village water? We are now getting water from our new well.

M. K. Bush returned from the hospital where he has been recuperating from an operation, on Thursday.

Thank the Mary Diener's school advancement week. There are lots of the school children.

COUNTY FAIR—SETTLERS' DAY.

Under the Auspices of the Congregational Trustees.

Preparations are nearly complete for the annual County Fair to be given Thursday, Friday and Saturday, September 5, 6 and 7, at the Auditorium under the auspices of the trustees of the Congregational church of Downers Grove. One of the principal features of the County Fair is Settlers' Day—the day when at twelve o'clock, noon, scores of those who came to DuPage County years ago, will sit down to an old-fashioned dinner of roast beef, flanked by brown bread and Yankee pudding, will precede a series of toasts

A MAN HOUSEKEEPER

James W. Tucker Entertains Friends from Hinsdale and Proves His Ability as a Housekeeper.

James W. Tucker, one of our "old timers," gave a bachelor's dinner at his residence to Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Cole and their three daughters, from Hinsdale, on Sunday, August 18. Dinner was served promptly at one o'clock p. m. and the menu was as follows: Fried veal steak with butter gravy, Boiled potatoes, Bread and butter, Coffee, Imperial cake, sponge round jumbles, Apple pie, bananas and assorted California plums. The table was decorated with dabbas, sweet peas and golden glow

SKELTON UNEARIED

Question is, Is It the Remains of an Old or Young Settler?

Mr. Duder, a farmer just west of Du Page river and on the Naperville road, is erecting a new barn and in excavating for this barn it was his fortune, as we may call it, to dig up "and" of an Indian mound. He dug to his hired man to come and help dig this mound out and found a skeleton digging down about one foot, a skull. This, of course, made quite an interesting discovery. It was taken from the mound and placed in a hole, four feet in diameter and a trifle over four feet deep, in a sloping position with his hands and forearms on his knees and his head and shoulders bent over as if to his knees. We speak of the body as being a male because the bones show a certain ridge which is very prominent that proves that the person must have been very muscular. It is a question whether this was a body of an old settler or an Indian. The shape and size of the skull leads us to believe that it was an Indian, though there were no Indian relics of any kind to be found in this mound or grave. Most every bone that was found proved that he was a powerful being and especially his shoulders, legs and feet show that they once held powerful muscles. From the condition of the bones we are led to believe that this body was buried some fifty years ago. The teeth show that he was an old man and are terribly worn down, even the double teeth, or molars, are ground down almost flat on top. The other succeeded in getting a few of the remains from the mound and has them at his office where they can be seen at any time.

THAT BOY JIM'S HOME.

Rev. B. L. Prescott Resumes His "Talks."

At the Baptist church, Sunday evening, August 18, the pastor, Rev. B. L. Prescott, resumed his series of summer Sunday evening talks, which have been so interesting and so profitable to all who have taken the opportunity to hear them.

The following is an excerpt of the fourth of the series of six:

"I said a few minutes ago that we were trying to get acquainted with that boy 'Jim.' We have had three introductions to him already. First we tried to find out just when in the history of the human biped he became a boy. First, a child, as we used to call them (now they say 'kids'); then there came a very important period when the baby name and the 'kid' name were dropped, and then the child was 'Jimmy'—but after a little while it is 'Jim.' It does not seem quite right to use that nickname and so the boy himself rejects very strenuously to being called 'Robbie,' or 'Jimmy.'

"A boy is a tremendous factor in the world's work; there is more important; there is none with greater responsibilities. Then we talked about the father of the boy, and we found that that father was in the opinion of the boy, a king and a prince among men, until that opinion was trifled with, and he was looked upon as being the embodiment of all that is wise and good and true. We then thought of the mother, queen, crowned, accepted and garlanded. Reigning in the home not because of her physical strength, but because of her love that never dies. We come tonight to a very important period in the history of the boy—that is his home—that boy 'Jim's' home. Is there ever a time when he thinks that he has no home? To my mind there is no thought more fraught with consequences, important consequences than this: What is a home to the boy? He is entitled to such a relationship as this. What is it? Not simply the four walls of the house. The house may be ever so beautifully decorated, fine carpets on the floors, etc.; there may all exist and still there be no home at all. Jim is entitled to a home, not something of this kind where people stay—just a stopping place over night. In some so-called homes there is no love there, no influences to bind the hearts together that dwell within. Sometimes it is even worse than this, not only is there disagreement and silence between the members of the household, but there is actual antagonism."

To illustrate the influences and harmony (?) that prevail in some homes, Mr. Prescott told of a conversation that took place in a justice court, between the judge and an Irishman, which was about as follows:

Judge: What are you here for, Mike?

Mike: Yer Honor, me wife has been



A STORY WITHOUT WORDS.

telling and anti-railroad and anti-belgium days.

piano to and from the tent, and also assisting with the chairs and the tent.

After the dinner old times were talked over and mention made of the fact that 'Old' host, while conducting on the C. B. & Q. was in the habit of stopping his train opposite a little farm house just east of what is now East Grove station to let off a couple of good looking young men on Saturday nights. At five o'clock the guests having departed for their homes the host washed up and put away his dishes and reset his table for one person feeling that he had demonstrated that a man can do much in the housekeeping line when he gets his war paint on.

Local Happenings

Miss Leta Puffer is expected home today. Leta has been having a lively time this summer at Manitou, Colorado, where she was visiting her aunt, Mrs. D. D. Escher.

The work on South Main street has been very slack during the past week, but the workmen are at last getting busy. We hope that they will hereafter, have no delay.

The school children of Downers Grove will be delighted (?) to hear that the schools will open the third of September this year. Is not this opening earlier than usual?

The parkway in front of the auditorium is looking fine, the grass having been recently mowed and the auditorium itself has a thin coat of paint on the main street front.

Ernest Dawson will spend his vacation with E. C. Kuenzel, of New Bremen, Ohio. Mr. Kuenzel formerly lived in Downers Grove, but is now engaged in a prosperous woolen business.

Rev. Stamm is attending the general Y. P. A. convention at Loganwood Park, Ohio. From there he will go to Niagara Falls, then to Ebenezer Orphan's Home at Flatrock, Ohio.

Miss Walker, who was on the teacher's staff last year, spent Wednesday with J. W. Graves. Miss Walker has accepted a position as teacher in a school at Indianapolis, Indiana.

John Smith, who is employed at the depot and whose home is in Belmont, celebrated his fiftieth birthday last week. A great many friends from Chicago gave him quite a surprise.

Mrs. A. Heckman and daughter, formerly of Downers Grove, returned to their home at Rogers Park, Chicago, on Tuesday. Mrs. Heckman has been visiting C. R. Caldwell and family.

An afternoon tea will be served by the ladies of the Woman's Guild of the St. Andrew's church on Wednesday afternoon, August 28, at the home of Mrs. Rose A. Waples, 124 Prince avenue.

Miss Fannie Whitney, daughter of G. H. Whitney, recently visited in Provincetown, Mass., where she met President Roosevelt and his party. The president's escort consisted of eight gun boats.

Rev. and Mrs. C. A. Billig and daughter spent Sunday and Monday with friends in Downers Grove. They were returning from a trip up the St. Lawrence to their home in Little Falls, Minnesota.

The Primary and Cradle Row babies of the Methodist Sunday school and their mothers were entertained at the home of L. M. Cook last Thursday afternoon by the primary superintendent and assistants.

Miss Daisy Padon gave a party in honor of Miss Laura Binder Tuesday evening. Dainty refreshments were

Downers Grove boasts a number of residents who well deserve the title "Old Settler," and with them helping to consume the old-time food will be other settlers from other towns. "Before the railroad came thru" will preface many a memory, and no tale more modern than that gathering of the "boys" to march at Lincoln's call will be permitted.

In keeping with the program of early memories the Priscilla Quartet will sing several numbers.

After dinner automobile rides will be provided for those who care to leave the festivities.

At three o'clock in the afternoon the judges will view the various exhibits, which form a large part of the fair, and in the evening a cantata, "The Gypsy Queen," will be given under the leadership of J. R. King. Three choruses, the Gypsy, the Tyroleans and the Fairies will enliven the cantata, forty-five voices carrying the melody.

The agricultural display and exhibits of bakery goods, hand-painted china, needlework and crafts handiwork will receive much attention Friday afternoon.

In the evening a supper will welcome the visitors at six o'clock, and later the orchestra will discourse sweet strains as a prelude to the efforts of J. H. Ehlers, of Chicago, a reader of national reputation, to dispel all thought of gloom. Mr. Ehlers excels in impersonation, and while powerful in depicting tragedy, has remarkable ability as a humorist.

A special invitation is given to each little girl in town to come to the fair Saturday afternoon and join in the doll parade. Little ones will march around the hall holding their dolls and blue ribbons await the proud little misses whose dolls meet the approval of the judges.

Moving pictures, superintended by T. S. Baldwin, will close the program for Saturday evening.

Through all the fair candy and popcorn booths will be in operation and many of the exhibits, notably the bread, pies and cakes and pieces in the needlework and painted china displays, will be on sale.

Much time and labor is being spent by the various committees having charge of details of the work to make the affair a success.

A detailed programme will be published in this paper next week.

The trustees directly in charge of the affair are J. W. Graves, Samuel Johnson, Judge M. Stusser, M. B. Downer and John Gollan.

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Note.—Pardon the editor, but he would like to have the two good looking young men, mentioned in the above article, make a report relative to the above charges.

HUNT COON—FIND WOODCHUCK.

E. O. Stanley Gets a Warning, but Party Succeeded in Getting Game.

A party of men and boys, including E. O. Stanley, E. W. Farrar, Pierce Downer, Logan Stanley and Leo Stanley and Hugh Wylie, started coon hunting on Wednesday night at two-thirty p. m. Mr. Farrar had good evidence that there were coons in the vicinity and the party armed with guns and clubs together with John Holland's dog, started on the war path. They went through the woods of Marshall Field towards Belmont and the dog hurrying on ahead of them made things quite exciting. It soon became necessary for them to cross the creek and with the help of a limb, which they found nearby they all, with the exception of E. O. Stanley, succeeded in vaulting to the opposite shore, but when it came to E. O. Stanley's turn, he being quite elderly, had forgotten in all these years how to vault and instead of going right over after he had reached the center, he went sideways and the result was a cold dose in the creek, which has been swelled by the late rains. Notwithstanding this delay Mr. Stanley kept on with the boys in his chase. They soon reached a corn field just west of Field's woods on the south side of the railroad tracks and here they came up with the dog who had treed a wood-chuck. Not intending to return without game the boys held a consultation while the wood-chuck looked on with wonder. It was decided that the wood-chuck should be killed to prove that they were hunters. Leo Stanley raised his gun and fired at the wood-chuck, who was just above their heads on the limb of a tree and the game fell to the ground. The happy party picked up their game and by this time it was almost one o'clock in the morning. Mr. Farrar said this wood-chuck, which weighed twenty pounds, was one of the largest ones that he had ever seen and E. O. Stanley agreed to it.

LINCOLN CHAUTAUQU.

Finances, Results, Etc.

The general committee of the Chautauqu, comprising all the special committees, held their final meeting to settle up all matters pertaining to the assembly, on Monday evening, August 5th, at Naramore & Foster's real estate office. All bills were presented and ordered paid—the total expense being nearly \$500.00, leaving a small sum of hand for the gathering next year. It is desired to assure the public that this

SOMETHING DOING.

The following letter was found on a Pullman car a few days ago and was handed to the editor with the wish that it be published in order that some really love sick young people will see how foolish their letters may be and if found what the result may be:

Ashland, Wis., May, 1907.
210 ——— ave., East.

My dearest little sweetheart—Well, my dear little sweetheart, it has been a long time since we have seen each other and since you left me I am learning to love you more and more each day we are apart and I wish we had never parted at all, and why didn't you run away with me when I wanted you to we could be as happy as a King and you know it to. Well my dearest little sweetheart when I think of you I don't know what to do with myself and when I go to bed

Among the Churches

Congregational church—Sunday, August 25. Morning service, 10:30. Subject, "The Language of Confession." Sunday school at 12:30. The pastor and women's aid society will

TOMATOES GROWN WITH SYSTEM.

T. F. Potter Demonstrates

For many years T. F. Potter has made a study of tomato growing with the object of producing fruit much earlier than the ordinary grower does at present. Everyone knows that tomatoes placed on the market early in the season command the highest prices. After several years' study and experimenting Mr. Potter has succeeded in working out a method whereby tomato plants may be forced to produce ripe fruit nearly four weeks earlier than the usual ripening season. In quality and quantity tomatoes grown by Mr. Potter's system are superior to those produced in the ordinary garden.

The tomato is an extensively grown as any other vegetable on the market and brings enormous returns to growers every season.

The cut here shows will give the reader an idea of what an enormous crop can be harvested from a tomato plant grown according to Mr. Potter's system. This system is simply a worked-out plan of assisting nature to produce the fruit which every grower desires. Mr. Potter will be glad to show any one his patch of tomatoes if they would take the trouble to call on him.

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