

Downers Grove Reporter

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BOOST—DON'T KNOCK

The sleeping porch is located first nowadays and then a house is built around it.

New York has a society burglar, which shows how easy it is to break into society.

Washington is a city of magnificent distances. Also it is magnificently distant for many an aspiring statesman.

New York now has a special force of policemen to guard shoppers, but even that will not prevent bargain counter rushes.

A woman in Philadelphia was lately convicted of being a common scold. But why stangle out a single poor woman?

News of an elopement of a young school girl in Atlantic City corroborates the report that marriage is still prevalent.

The meanest husband has been discovered in New York. He wanted his wife's alimony cut down because she had gone to work.

Tarring and feathering anarchists is not the best way to demonstrate that all the fools and misguided people are anarchists.

Stuffed humming birds are now up against potted English sparrows. Everybody is invited to eat sparrows, the more the better.

Now it is a German aviator to be killed. At the present rate there is no danger of accumulating a surplus population of airmen.

Maybe the toeman will come down from his lofty perch when he hears that a machine has been invented for making ice in the home.

One of the beauties of the sleeping porch at this time of the year is that one can enjoy a shower bath without arising from one's couch.

A rich California girl has just broken her engagement with a European nobleman. This is infinitely better than repenting at leisure.

England planted its first settlement in this country 305 years ago, but to-day American millionaires are making settlements on the English.

An eastern housewife has discovered a way to make jam out of spinach. Perhaps she'll make shredded wheat out of sideburns next.

A Philadelphia man has gone to Brazil to take moving pictures of the boa constrictor. Imagine asking a boa constrictor to look pleasant!

Two brothers have been brought together, after many years of separation, by means of a tattoo mark—which is the only excuse for tattooing.

With baseball and presidential campaigns going on simultaneously, congress is one of the dulliest institutions on this justly celebrated earth.

Boston is to try using a "jointed snake" car on its crooked streets, showing that the Hub's versatility is equal to its classic picturesqueness.

A Chicago judge says it ought not to cost more than two dollars a week to keep a baby. But babies have a habit of growing out of the two dollar class.

Cornell scientists put radium, wireless, the telephone and antitoxins among the seven modern wonders of the world. But why overlook the kitchenette?

Some Chicago bachelors would like to adopt sons, but object to wives: This shows to what depth of desperation the prevailing styles of feminine garb will drive particular men.

One Pittsburg man's wife left him because he had his automobile painted red without consulting her. There is no possibility of exhausting the causes of marital infelicity.

Emperor William is introducing fox hunting in Germany. This may please England, but it looks like a poor way to tickle the humble German tiller of the soil, whose crops may be ridiculed.

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COUNTRY LIFE CONFERENCE.

State Gathering to Convene in De Kalb, August 1, 2 and 3—Notable Speakers Present.

Announcements are now going broadcast over Illinois for a statewide conference on Country Life to be held in De Kalb August 1 to 3. This meeting will call together representatives of every type of rural organization and will discuss all phases of country life. Farmers, teachers, country ministers, grange members, farmer's institute workers, and all persons in any way connected with country life will find great value in this conference.

Program and Speakers.
The program promises to be one of the meatiest ever placed before an Illinois audience. One special session is devoted entirely to the country school and another to the country church. Speakers of national reputation will address the conference. Among those promised are Dr. Warren H. Wilson of New York, who will speak on the Country Church; Oliver Wilson, Master of the National Grange; Professor William D. Hurd, College of Agriculture, Amherst, Mass.; Professor Edward J. Ward, "Social Engineer," of the University of Wisconsin; Superintendent O. J. Kern, of Rockford; and William G. Eckhardt, agricultural advisor of De Kalb county.

Country Life Exhibit.
A special feature of this conference will be a country community exhibit. This exhibit will show what is being done for progress in the local country communities of Illinois and will also display the activities of state organizations and institutions interested in country life. The State Grange, State Highway Commission, State Farmer's Institute and a score of other state forces will make contributions. Farmers, teachers, ministers, and local rural leaders everywhere are invited to participate in this exhibit.

Illinois Federation for Country Life Progress.
This conference convenes as the second annual meeting of the Illinois Federation for Country Life Progress, a new state-wide movement inaugurated in Bloomington last February for the purpose of enlisting the aid of all rural organizations in a comprehensive campaign for country life improvement. As an organization the Illinois Federation differs from the ordinary association in that it is an organization of organizations. Its plans and policies for rural reconstruction as set forth in the following platform have been strongly endorsed by national country life leaders. For circulars, programs and other information address the secretary at Normal, Illinois.

PLATFORM.

The Illinois Federation for Country Life Progress Advocates:

1. Local country community building.
2. The federation of all the rural forces of Illinois in one big united effort for the betterment of country life.
3. The development of institutional programs of action for all rural social agencies. This means a program of work for the school, another for the church, another for the farmer's institute and so forth.
4. The stimulation of farmer leadership in the country community.
5. The increase and improvement of professional leadership among country teachers, ministers, and all others who serve the rural community in offices of educational direction.
6. The perpetuation among all people of the country communities of a definite community ideal, and the concentrated effort of the whole community in concrete tasks looking toward the realization of this ideal.
7. The recognition of the country school as an immediate initiator of progress in the average rural community of Illinois.
8. The study and investigation of country life facts and conditions.
9. The holding of annual country life conferences.
10. The protection of this Federation and of all country life from every form of exploitation.

A PANIC PREVENTER.

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CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATION.

Postoffice Clerks.

An examination for clerk will be held at the postoffice in Chicago on July 8, 1912, for the Downers Grove, Ill., postoffice.

Age limit, 18 to 45 years, on the date of examination. Married women will not be admitted to the examination. This prohibition, however, does not apply to women who are divorced or those who are separated from their husbands and support themselves, but they are eligible for appointment only as clerk.

Applicants must be physically sound, and male applicants must be not less than 5 feet 4 inches in height without boots or shoes, and weigh not less than 125 pounds without overcoat or hat. For application blanks and for full information relative to the examination, qualifications, duties, salaries, vacations, promotions, etc., address immediately.

ELBERT C. STANLEY, Secretary, Board of Civil Service Examiners, Postoffice, Downers Grove, Ill.

AT THE AUDITORIUM TONIGHT.

The high school play "Esmeralda," which is to be given Friday, June 14th at the Auditorium is unique in many ways. There is no villain, which is a charming variation from the ordinary play, and each of the eleven characters is a real person with a distinct personality.

The plot is simple and wholesome containing a charming romance; just the kind of a story one would expect from Frances Hodgson Burnett, and the staging is natural and realistic. The popularity of the play was marked from the first. When first played in New York it ran for 350 nights and although the play has been before the public since 1881 the demand for it is still great enough to make it a royalty play.

GREAT MASS OF PROOF.

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A Model Servant.
Miss Ann Ansell of Weybridge, Surrey, who recently died at the age of 87 years, was an example of long and faithful domestic service. Throughout her whole lifetime she had only one "place." At the age of 16 she entered the service of the family of the late Sir Prescott Hewett, and she remained in the same family, as nurse and faithful friend, for 71 years.

Keeping Air Fresh.

A good way to keep the air of a room fresh and slightly perfumed is to place a jar in some inconspicuous place in the room and put in the jar a small block of ammonia, over which pour some ordinary cologne water. This makes a faint, pleasant odor of which one is hardly conscious.

Swiss to Use Their Water Power.
No country is better off than Switzerland in the matter of water power, and vast resources of force are still untapped. It is now proposed to electrify all the state railways and to supply the energy needed from the numerous water powers not yet developed. Already most of the funicular railways employ electricity.

Cause of Suffering.

Consider how much more you often suffer from anger and grief than from those things by which you are annoyed or injured.

BASE BALL

The Suburbans of La Grange defeated the D. G. Colts at La Grange by a score of 6 to 1. The Colts were without three of their players, Kirsh, O'Mara and Whitney being absent, but it is doubtful whether the Colts could have won as the Suburbans have a very good little team. The boys had to walk quite a ways to the grounds as they are about a mile north of the station. Both teams fielded well but La Grange did the best hitting. The box score:

Downers Grove—R	H	P	A	E	
Wauder, ss.	0	1	1	4	0
Binder, 2b.	0	2	2	6	0
Reha, lf.	0	1	2	1	0
Hinz, 3b.	0	0	1	1	2
Duncan, 1b.	0	12	0	0	0
Gerwig, cf.	0	1	0	0	0
Morden, c.	1	6	1	1	1
Vix, rf.	0	1	0	0	0
Nash, p.	0	0	2	1	1
Totals	1	8	24	15	4

La Grange—R	H	P	A	E	
Nelson, ss.	0	1	1	1	1
Mandel, 2b.	1	0	3	2	0
Huelsberg, c.	0	2	12	2	1
Laning, rf.	1	1	0	0	0
Thatcher, cf.	4	1	2	1	0
Bollnow, 1b.	1	2	7	0	0
Sanborn, 3b.	0	2	1	2	1
Paulmeyer, lf.	0	0	0	0	0
Rienke, p.	1	1	0	2	2
Totals	6	10	27	10	5

The score by innings:
La Grange 1 0 0 2 0 1 1 1 *—6
Downers Grove. . . 0 0 0 0 0 0 1—1
Two base hits—Binder, Thatcher, Bollnow. Stolen bases—Mandel, Bollnow, Reha, Gerwig. Double plays—Nelson to Mandel; Binder to Duncan. Struck out—By Rienke, 11; by Nash, 1. Umpire—C. Steiger.

OLD ABE MARTIN IN FLESH

Says He Never Heard of Kin Hubbard, But Knows All the Family.

"It ain' s'much what yuh do as where yuh are when yuh do it." He was Abe Martin. In the flesh from his brogan square-toed shoes to the three hairs awry at the crown of his head and his homely philosophy.

"Hullo there, Abe," said Deputy Prosecutor McCarty, scanning in astonishment the jeaned figure. "How'd you get into police court?" Judge Collins looked him over from head to foot. Abe grinned good naturedly and continued:

"Fer instance, if I'd took three drinks down home nobody's that much 'bout it—up here t' ind'n'tis the p'lice arrest me an' I ain' got a thing agin' 'em fer it, nuther."

The resemblance to Abe Martin was so striking in outline that some one believed he had found the original, the artist creator's original.

"Do you know Kin Hubbard?" "Sure, I know all the Hubbards down t' Clayton—mighty nice folks, tew. Who'd yuh say—Kin. They ain' none of 'em named Kin—not as I knows of."

He denied strenuously being from Brown county. He was from Hendricks, he said.

"An m'name's like my daddy before me. An we're plain farmers. I don't know where folks get this Abe Martin they all call me. I ain' never read nothin' 'bout no president or congress-man of that name. Some one said his picture wuz in the paper, but I ain't never seen it."

And Judge Collins dismissed the charge of drunkenness and let him go.

SHE GAVE HER AGE AS 34

But the Witness Was Flustered and Told Her Bust Measurement by Mistake.

One of the court attaches tells of a rather amusing incident which occurred one day in municipal court. An important criminal case was pending. All the testimony was in, and the attorneys had finished their arguments. It was a tense moment. The court had turned to the jury and was about to make his final charge when a woman arose in the audience.

"Can I say a word?" she asked the judge. The court gave permission. The woman had been one of the chief witnesses for the defense.

"What effect would it have on my testimony if it became known that I told a falsehood on the witness stand?" she asked.

Attorneys for both sides leaped up and the jury looked startled.

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