

# The Downers Grove Reporter

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## BOOST! -- Don't Knock

### ON GETTING TOGETHER.

Who is your worst enemy? What do you most abhor? Upon whom or what is your deepest hatred centered? Stop and think, and when you have pondered well, ask yourself if you have tried to understand your opponent.

A man and a woman, who all their lives had stood at the two extremes of the social balance, approached each other a few days ago and, after a half hour's talk, each was astonished to find that they were in agreement upon practically all of the questions brought up. The man was John D. Rockefeller, Jr., and the woman "Mother" Jones, the labor leader.

"He has been misunderstood. No one has wronged him more than I have," said Mother Jones after the interview. "I found that her mind is remarkably clear. She knows a great deal about these matters that I do not know. On all matters which we discussed we were in agreement," said Mr. Rockefeller.

Who would have thought it probable that two such statements ever would be made—by two such people? But these two people met and each discovered that the other was a human being, far less unreasonable and menacing than the other supposed. Misunderstanding is caused by that aloofness which has, all these years kept Mother Jones and John D., Jr., far apart. Hatred, enmity and misunderstanding vanished with a half hour's conversation. Each saw the other's viewpoint and each realized that the other was working toward the very same end, but along another route.

It is more than likely that all of us who differ on questions of politics, religion and social questions would be truly happier if we could lay aside our prejudices and get together for a half an hour with our dearest enemies—if we could only understand the other fellow's viewpoint. To do this we must cast out the devil of fanaticism—just as Mother Jones and John D., Jr., did—and in its place let enter a spirit which will keep whispering in our ears the words of the Golden Rule.

### HELP YOUR TOWN.

If you want your town to improve, improve it. If you want your town to be lively, make it so. Don't go to sleep, but get up and work for it, and talk favorably.

If you have property, improve it. Make your surroundings pleasant and property will be worth much more on the market. If you are doing reasonably well, go and advise your friends to come and invest near you. Work for your home interests; trade at home, help your home dealers; keep your money at home as much as possible and it is likely to help you in return.

The successful towns have been made by the citizens working together. Public improvement is an investment that pays. Don't believe every little scandalous rumor that is put in circulation concerning a fellow townsman. Crush the report in its infancy instead of relating it to others. Don't waste your time over dirty quarrels and hold back your aid from good objects through spite, but work for some good and you will find yourself benefited.

### Character Told by the Fingers.

When long fingers (with shorter palm) are knotted at the joints we find an extreme love for the minor parts of construction, whether it be in the building of a bridge or the endless tasks pertaining to a kitchen.

These persons are also logical, and not at all influenced by prejudice or gossip. They make our best housekeepers, for they are orderly; never caring how many little things they are called upon to do and generally doing them all well.

As scholars they are good mathematicians, making our best accountants. Many times these hands are found upon doctors who have taken up some special branch of study and are making themselves masters of it. These are our specialists.

### Peter the Great.

What Alfred the Great is to early Britain, that Peter the Great, in his wide way, is to Russia. If ever a man of people found adequate expression in one person, that man was the Czar in their great czar—Czar Peter.

### Unconquered by Gosh.

"Gosh" is the word which consists of nothing more than the noise and the sound of the jaw muscles in contact.

### Guard Against Taking Cold.

We all know about wet feet and drafts as causes of colds, but these are only two of the many means of taking cold, and two to which many people are not in the least susceptible. No two persons are the same in these matters, and you may assiduously avoid sitting in drafts and then find that you have taken a bad cold because you have kept your house overheated. The first step to prevention is to study yourself and find out to what you are most susceptible. Here are some of the most common causes for catching colds—bad air, crowded rooms, drafts, underheated or overheated houses, too heavy clothing, so that one becomes easily overheated in a warm room; overwork and fatigue, that leaves one subject to infection; damp clothing, and chill.

### Not Asleep.

Comments by the bishop of London (Doctor Ingram) on the falling birth rate were quoted by counsel in a case, when Judge Cluer interposed, "What has the bishop to do with it? He is not married. Example is better than precept."

And when a doctor remarked, in giving evidence, that "everything is possible," Judge Cluer replied, "No, it is not; or many a man would like to undo what he has done." While, when counsel put a question to a witness twice, he was sharply rebuked by the judge, who said, "If you see me asleep, tell me, but do not assume it by asking questions twice."

It was Judge Cluer, too, who once dryly retorted, when a prisoner said, "I am only speaking the truth." "You must not take unusual exercises here."

### Those Innocent Ducks.

Father James Healy, the Sydney Smith of the Irish metropolis, figures in many anecdotes told by Judge Bokkin in his "Recollections." Father Healy was poor, and used to say, good-humoredly, that he did not know how he would live at all if it were not for the "outdoor relief" he received. A fine clutch of young ducks reached him, and, seeing them sporting in the water, he exclaimed, with a whimsical compassion, "Poor innocents, how they enjoy themselves, never thinking that my green peas are growing on the other side of the garden wall!"

### The Future Men.

A street car conductor in Kansas City said to a passenger as his car rattled past one of the playgrounds of that city: "Why, there's an entirely different bunch of kids when they are on that playground from what they were running the streets. They used to be hoppin' cars and puttin' things on the track and up to all sorts of deviltry. They seem to behave all right over there. Guess it's because they have something to do." That is the importance and value to the community of every playground, measured in human terms. The boy of today is the man of tomorrow. It is not a waste of money to make of him the best possible man he can be made.

### Healthy Healthy Person.

The healthy person is one who uses all his powers of mind and body to their full capacity, and this is what brings happiness as well as sense of power. The emphasis should not be upon what one hears so much about—relaxation; but upon keeping this normal health of every organ and every function. This requires activity, exercise and always a pure and noble life.

### Habits of the Crocodile.

Although the crocodile does not possess lungs of extraordinary size, it can remain beneath water for any length of time. It has the power of hibernating as well. In many parts of India these creatures are buried, during the hot season, beneath the dried-up mud at the bottom of the lakes. The mud hardens above them and they stay thus buried in a torpid state for long periods.

### Never Time for Content.

The men who do big things in the world and lead the way to success for others are never quite contented. Whenever a man is willing to let well enough alone he has struck 12 and his life of usefulness is practically over.

### Daily Thought.

Blessed are the happiness makers; blessed are they that remove friction, that make the course of life smooth, and the intercourse of men gentle.—Henry Ward Beecher.

## WOMEN PRIZED AS PROPERTY

Have a Definite Value Among African Natives and Are Treated Accordingly.

Although woman in Africa is regarded as property, she has certain rights which are seldom infringed upon, and of these the most important is her right to marry whom she pleases, or rather to refuse to marry one who does not please her, the Southern Workman says. There are two grim reasons for this. First, women married against their wills have been known to commit suicide. Second, women married against their wills have murdered their unloved husbands, usually strangling them when asleep. And to these reasons may be added the fear of marital unfaithfulness. So, in forcing oneself upon one of these women there is liability to a great loss—the loss of valuable property or of no less highly prized life. The young girls are well cared for, partly that they may be comely and draw many suitors. Every girl will tell you frankly that she wishes to marry and have a good husband and children. Every father is anxious to have his daughters marry well. To secure a wife one must pay a dowry in cattle to the father, or, should the father be dead, to the nearest male relative. If a girl is much sought after her father naturally asks a larger dowry. When a man has paid part of the dowry the father may give consent to a provisional marriage and permit the couple to live together. Should the husband be too slow in paying the remainder of the dowry his wife is taken from him. Trial marriages are common and can be set aside by either party. Their principal objects in marriage are mutual helpfulness and the perpetuation of the race.

### For Nervous Persons.

No one can help feeling nervous at times in this age of rush and racket, but it is quite possible to put on the brake, as it were, and not let the nerve run away with us. Here are a few hints on the subject:

"If people fret you, it is not necessary to be rude to them. Try, instead, to avoid them. Don't read books that irritate you. Books are plentiful, therefore put away the offending volume and choose another. If noise at night worries you don't let it continue to do so. Get up and see to the matter and put it right.

"Don't let yourself get into the habit of being bored. It is not worth while. When you feel it coming on plunge at once into some task that will take all your time and energy. It is better to run away from certain things than to let them irritate you. Such martyrdom is usually unnecessary and bad for you all round."

### Force the Dominant Factor.

In a speech delivered in 1896, Lord Dufferin said: "One conviction has been borne in upon me during my long contact with the outside world—that in spite of Christianity, civilization, of humanitarian philosophies, of the lessons of history and the bitter experience of the more recent past, force and not right is the dominant factor in human affairs. . . . It would be madness on our part to be so misled and deluded by that kind of amiable optimism which always prevails among people who have had no personal experience of the real, hard, cruel conditions of national existence, as not to maintain in full vigor, by sea and land, the preparations necessary for our own preservation."

### Microbes That Eat Rubber.

If your automobile tires or your rubber boots don't wear so well as they should it may be because microbes are eating them. When perfectly dry commercial rubber is not capable of furnishing nutriment to any form of microbe, but when sufficiently moist it is frequently attacked by certain bacteria or molds which feed on the albuminoids, resins and sugars it contains. The red, yellow, brown and black spots which often appear on rubber are due to the presence of microbes. At least two varieties of microbes are able to assimilate the hydrocarbon of rubber and by so doing destroy its value.

### Has Had Many Rulers.

The name Roumania comes down from the days of Roman rule, the country previous to that being overrun by semi-nomadic Getae and Dacians. Its vicissitudes, transformations, malformations and reformations have been innumerable, being ruled by this and that exploiting nation, and it only reached its present independence after the Russo-Turk war of 1877, and with the settlement for that time of the "Eastern question" by the congress of Berlin in 1878, Roumania became in area and impulses the little kingdom of today.

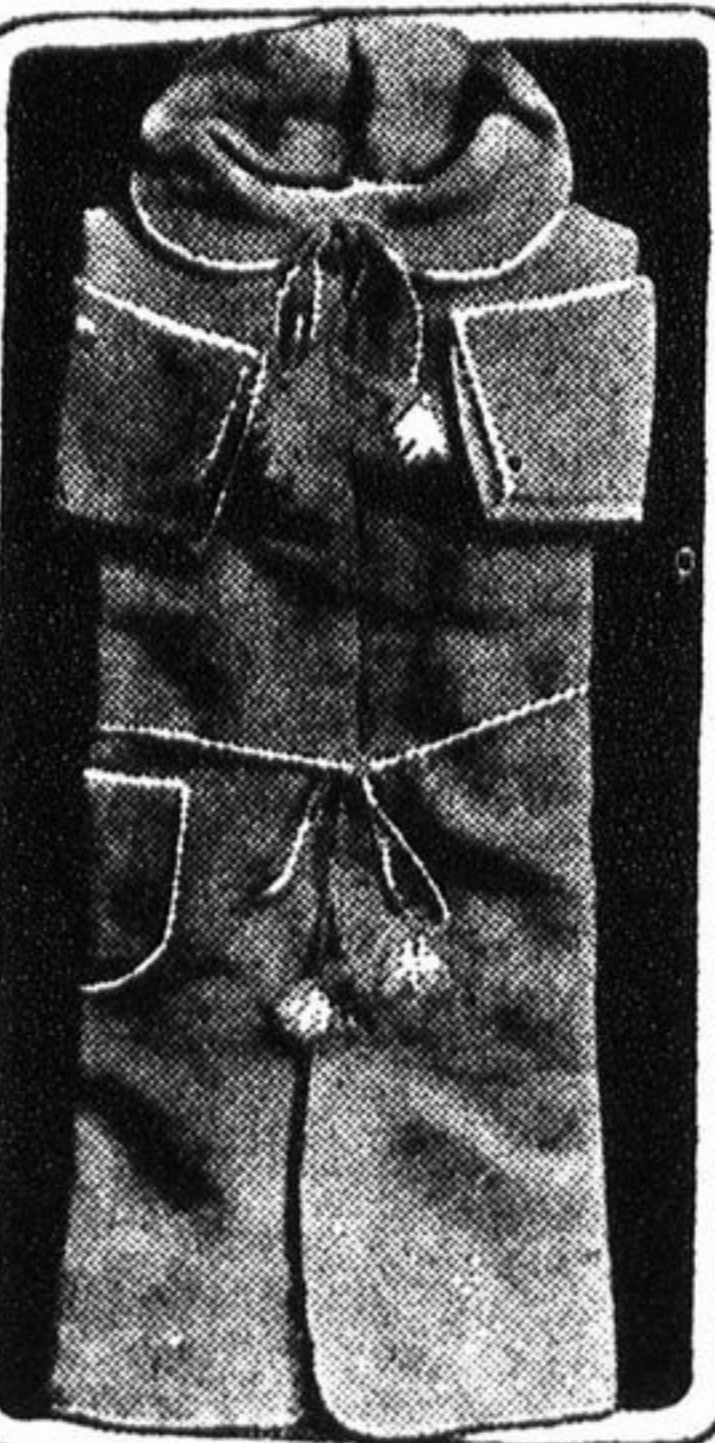
### Beauty in Righteous Acts.

Postponement of a righteous act is never right. The sooner we sow the seeds of love, the sooner we begin to reap the bountiful harvest of happiness and joy. The sooner we give to the world the best we have, the sooner the best will begin to come back to us—if not in visible material things, then in what is much to be desired—spiritual and mental delights.—Unknown.

### Chapter on Finance.

It is not what a man earns but what he saves that makes him rich, and it is not what he owes but what he pays that keeps him poor.

## Useful Presents for the Little People

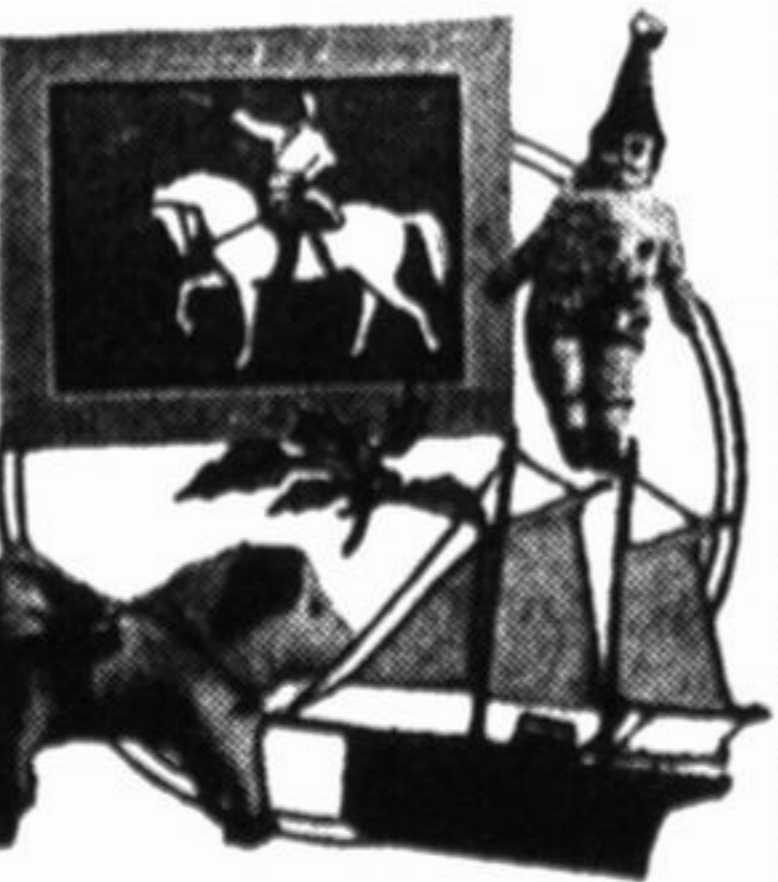


A WARM robe of elderdown flannel is among the many delightful gifts that are to be made for the baby or for the little ones who have outgrown babyhood. Elderdown flannel is woven in light colors and figured in white with Teddy bears, rabbits, birds and other figures that delight the youngsters. It is the softest and most comforting of materials for cold weather.

Bath robes like that pictured are bound with narrow ribbon on all the raw edges, provided with collars and pockets (except when made for infants) and have ties of silk cord, finished with tassels at the neck and about the waist, like the elderdown in color. For the little infant the pocket and waist cord are not needed.

Bed slippers of elderdown finished and tied with ribbons are very comfortable for little ones who are apt to kick off bedclothes in cold weather. They are among the most easily made of gifts. Shoes and booties, for little infants' daily wear, are also made of this material which is so well suited for a baby's garments. Other articles are short socks, hoods and blankets for the baby's carriage. The last are decorated with big bows of wide, handsome satin ribbon.

## Toys Made in the Home Workshop



THERE are some toys that can be made at home for the smaller children and they are among those that are most durable and most cherished. Among them are Teddy bears, dogs, elephants, rabbits and kittens made of cotton flannel or plush. Rag dolls, printed on strong muslin, can be bought ready to be cut out and made at home. The animals are cut by patterns to be had at pattern companies and are stuffed with sawdust. Small buttons or beads make their eyes and heavy yarns are employed in outlining the mouth or nose or other details.

A small white dog shown in the picture illustrates how well these toys look. He is furnished with eyes made of little black buttons and ears cut from black cloth. A ribbon carrying a tiny bell is sewed about his neck and he is bedecked with a narrow band of red ribbon about his body, tied in a bow at the side.

A clown doll is shown with the head made of ribbed goods like a stocking top. The body is made of blue cambric and the shoes of red. The tall hat is of red also, and the costume is finished with a ruffe collar of white lace. This doll has eyes made of small black beads with eyebrows and eyelids defined with black yarn. His nose is formed by making a short ridge in the face drawn together by a few stitches. A etitch, in red yarn, forms his mouth and a mustache and whiskers are made of black yarn. By separating the yarn into strands, and sewing it about the head below the cap, an abundance of curly, black hair is simulated. The cap is topped with a tiny bell and red yellow and blue yarns represent buttons and embroidery in his apparel.

Among the new things brought out for this year are pictures to be made by cutting out figures from colored tissue paper and pasting them on a thin paper background. The tissue is placed over an outline picture and the figure wanted drawn in outline with a pencil. It is then cut out. Different objects are drawn on different colored paper, as trees on green paper, horses on white or brown paper, and other objects on appropriate colors. After all the required figures are cut out, they are pasted on the background.

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Humility of Knowledge. The ignorant imagine the learned, whom they have never seen, to be always talking in dark sentences and fine language; the simplicity and humility of real knowledge—of a Sir Isaac Newton—passes their understanding.—Catherine Stanley.

Take Your Choice. There are two kinds of people—those who work for somebody else and those who have others working for them. You can be either that you prepare to be. Take your choice.

Their Days of Fate. Certain days of the week or month have constantly been marked ones in some persons' lives. Nearly all the chief events of Thomas a'Becket's career, including his murder and the translation of his body, occurred upon a Tuesday. Henry VIII and his three children—Edward, Mary and Elizabeth—expired upon the same day of the week—Thursday.

For Cramp in the Leg. When the cramp comes on take a good long string—a long garter will do—wind it round the leg over the place that is affected, and take the end in each hand and give it a sharp pull—one that will cause a little pain. Instantly the cramp will depart, and the sufferer can return to bed assured it will not come on again that night.

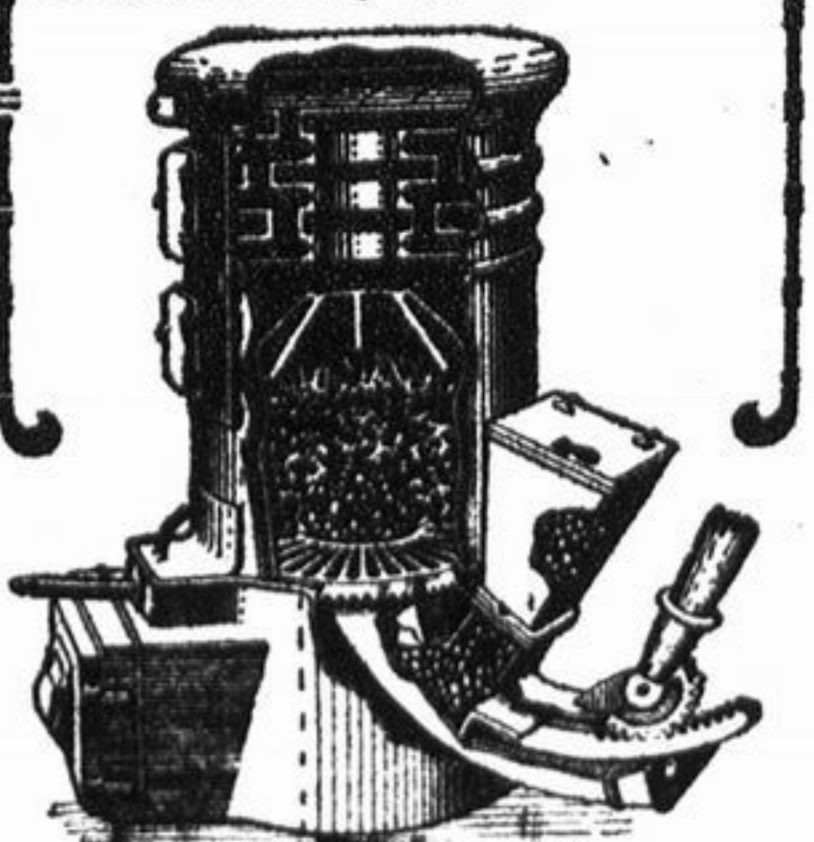
Guns in Salute. The number of guns fired in salute are: The president, 21; vice-president, 19; senator, congressman and vice-admiral, 15; rear-admiral, 13; mayor, 11; commodore, 11; captain, 9; commander, 7. The cost of firing the greatest guns, including the wear and tear on the gun, amounts to over a thousand dollars.

Medicine of the Future. The medicine of the future will be deeply concerned with the distribution and conditions of work in the community. The three great foundation stones of national health and efficiency are food, housing and work, but the greatest of these is work, for food and housing depend upon wages, and wages upon work.—Civilization and Health.

The Tragedians. What sadder fate than that of being ridiculous? asks the Smart Set. A fat woman in a tight blouse! An actor making love to a gnarled old star, and compelled to apostrophize her beauty! Any man over thirty-five at the hymeneal altar! An old maid ranting for sex hygiene! A socialist marching off to war!

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Racket or Raquette. When you use the racket in playing tennis you do not stop to think what it means and how difficult it has been to trace the word. Some thought that it was so called because of the noise made by the ball striking it, but this is impossible. The real origin is from the French raquette, the palm of the hand, which was originally used in the game before the racket was invented. It's all very simple when you know.