

THE JUVENILE PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION

While exercising the right, which any citizen has, of looking over the Court records the following analysis of alcoholic liquor by State Chemist Leslie Lewis came to notice. The fact is clear that three poisons are present. The man who sold it made some money, but the man who drank it nearly lost his eye sight. The letter of Mrs. Crandall and the analysis are as follows.

Gilbert H. Newland.
Judge R. D. Blakey,
Downers Grove, Ill.,
My dear Judge Blakey:
Enclosed you will find report of analysis of the liquor which you gave me the day I spent in Downers Grove. In addition to the technical report attached, Mr. Lewis the chemist, told me that if the boy had drunk half the remaining contents of this bottle he would have permanently lost his eye sight from the large quantity of wood alcohol contained.
I would suggest that you send for this boy and tell him the facts in this case and show him that he surely is in luck to be alive after drinking this stuff. I was very glad to have had the conference with you in regard to the conditions in Downers Grove and believe that you can do a valuable community service there. However I know the small town atmosphere and that you will not be popular if you enforce the law without fear or favor.
Very cordially yours,
Mrs. Elizabeth L. Crandall,
Officer, Juvenile Protective Assn.,
Representing the U. S. Interdepartmental Social Hygiene Board,
616 South Halsted St.,
Chicago, Ill.

Laboratory Report
of Analysis of Sample of Alcoholic Liquor obtained from Judge R. D. Blakey, Downers Grove, Ill., and submitted by Mrs. E. L. Crandall, Officer of Juvenile Protective Assn.

Qualitative only. Received direct to Laboratory.

GENERAL:

Original sample—78cc
Specific gravity—.9600
% alc. by wt.—28.56
% by vol.—34.54
% under proof—34.47
Boiling point—high
Non-volatile residue—.017
Bromine absorption—low
Acidity—neg.

SPECIAL:

Methyl Alcohol (wood)—present.
Aldehyde—present
Formaldehyde—trace
Amy Alcohol (Fuel Oil)—present
Acetone—trace
Pyridine—trace
Furfural—negative
Esters (as ethylacetate)—neg.
Nitrates—absent
Sulphur Compounds—trace
I. S. No. 192
Substance—Alcoholic Liquid.
Lab. Premier.
Label—None.
Manufacturer—Unknown.
Dealer—Unknown.
Ins.—Not Stated.
Analyst—L. Lewis.
Received 3-23-22. Reported 3-30-22.
Condition of sample. 1 4 oz. bottle unsealed.

Conclusions: This liquid is a very impure form of spirits fermenti; probably an undistilled ferment.

The impurities present are above stated. The poisonous effects are due to the Methyl and Amy Alcohols and to a lesser degree to Thealdehydes, probably present in the form of Formaldehyde.

A 2 oz. dose of this should be enough to cause serious developments.

(Signed) Leslie Lewis,
Chemist in charge.
Certified 3-31-22.
Leslie Lewis—192.

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Downers Grove 37 Years Ago

The following was taken from a book in our possession entitled "A Brief History of Downers Grove, Illinois," published 37 years ago, in 1885 by John Holland & Co. Mr. Holland was at that time residing in Downers Grove. It gives a brief history of our village and shows "its location, interests, advantages and attractiveness as a place of residence and as a suburb of Chicago." It will, no doubt, interest many of the older residents and will be news to most of our present residents. We are sure it will interest you as it did us when brought to light. The book will be reprinted in installments.

Following is the "Dedication."

"For the guidance of the thousands of tenants and boarders who are chafing under the weight of large expenditures for small accommodations and profit, and who are longing to become occupiers of their own home, this book has been expressly written, and to them is especially and cordially dedicated, by The Editor."

Introduction

This little book has been prepared with a two-fold object in view, the first being to attract the attention and benefit a large number of home-seekers who are now struggling tenants and boarders, the second to advance the interests of Downers Grove by adding to its number of inhabitants. If these are attained, as we have reason to hope and sanguinely believe they will be, a mutuality of advantage will result therefrom to the satisfaction of all. A perusal of its pages will give a general idea of the location, beauty and advantages of the village, notwithstanding which we advise and earnestly request a personal inspection of the place by all intending purchasers. It being situated on the deservedly popular Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad, and forming the western terminus of the suburban service thereof, Downers Grove has unrivalled facilities in this important particular, while for healthfulness and picturesque loveliness it has but few equals and no superior—certainly not within the same distance from Chicago. The village is peculiarly fortunate in affording suitable building sites to a very varied class of per-

sons. The rich and well-to-do may find lands exactly in accordance with their different tastes and circumstances, while salesmen, foremen, mechanics and tradesmen, who are anxious to reduce the heavy burden of city rents, taxes, and other seemingly necessary or compulsory expenses, may find lots and dwellings at Downers Grove whose cheapness and desirability cannot be duplicated at any other place of equal size and possessing the same advantages, of which we have knowledge. The following pages have not been written to "puff" something that is worthless, for Downers Grove needs no puffing. They have been written in the hope and with the deliberate intention of awakening a renewed and active interest in what is acknowledged one of the handsomest suburbs of Chicago, and in order that home-seekers may derive benefit thereby. If you are among that number, please read them carefully, weigh over the facts and advantages presented, and then come and see the place for yourself or communicate with some one of our real estate agents and dealers, and in due time we feel sure you will become a permanent, healthy, prosperous and happy citizen, by doing which you will ever feel obliged and grateful to, Yours very respectfully, The Editor.

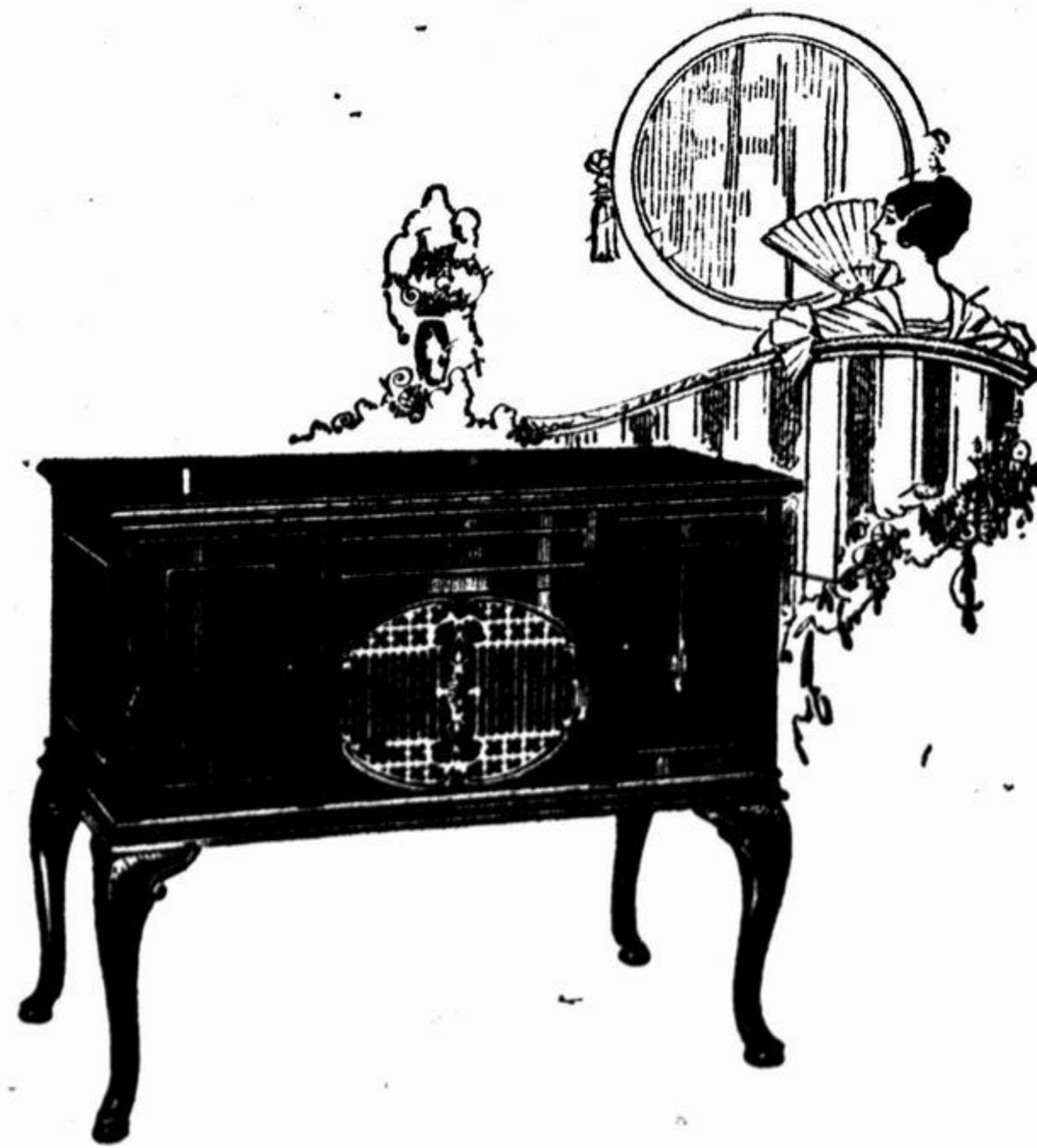
More than half a century ago stories were told in New England of the rare fertility of soil, the beautiful groves and charming landscapes of the far-off "Dut'age country," near Chicago, in Illinois. As a result of the glowing accounts, many hardy yeomen forsook their stony patches and barren hillsides and set out for the new El Dorado. Among these was a "Green Mountain boy" by the name of Pierce Downer, a native of Vermont, but who at this time was a resident of Rutland, Jefferson county, New York. This was in the year 1833, at which time he left the latter place and settled on what is now known as Section No. 6, Downers Grove Township. Mr. Downer was the first actual settler in or near the beautiful grove that has since borne his name. So attractive and desirable were the lands in the vicinity of "The Grove," that nearly every acre was held by "claim right" long before it was "opened up" for settlement, and notwithstanding it has since been steadily cultivated for fifty years, it is still unsurpassed for productiveness. Property in "The Grove," was greatly enhanced in value by the completion in 1864 of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad. It at once became a "suburban town," and the number who "go in

and out" of the city of Chicago daily has steadily increased ever since. And while this is true, yet property has not advanced in price commensurate with its improvements and advantages to the residents, as it has never been largely held by speculators, most of the people owning their own homes. Today Downers Grove is one of the most attractive suburbs of Chi-

cago, and one of the most truly democratic towns in the State, every person being as free and independent as the "lord of the manor" is supposed to be, so long as he does not trespass upon the rights of others. There are no rings, no cliques, and nothing to hinder a person from dwelling in peace and happiness, and is truly the workingman's paradise

for quietly and peacefully acquiring a home, and equally as well adapted for the more wealthy to enjoy in nature's best way all the comforts of life. Among the most salient attractive features that make it a desirable place of suburban residence, are its beautiful natural groves of forest trees. (To be continued next week.)

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