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OLD-TIME PICNIC THING OF THE PAST

RARE AS HORSE & BUGGY

Anyhow, It Had Its Drawbacks,
and Flivver and Sandwich
Have Taken Its Place;
Not Mourned

"The passing of the old-fashioned
basket picnic is viewed by old-timers
with regret," says a writer in the
July number of the Outdoors Pictorial
(Washington). "Time was when the
picnic was the favorite means of
celebrating family reunions and of
providing an outing for the office
force, the club or any other organi-
zation with which one was affiliated.
The annual Sunday school picnic was,
of course, inevitable, as were innum-
erable other picnics for special occa-
sions. The picnic was the "get-to-
gether" meeting par excellence of two
decades ago.

Becoming Rare
"But the basket picnic is becoming
as rare as the horse and buggy—no
longer to be found except in rural
districts—and even there with less
and less frequency.

"Yet the waning popularity of this
mode of entertainment is not regard-
ed as an unmitigated calamity by the
mother who spent the preceding day
in the kitchen. The untold quanti-
ties of sandwiches or salad which she
made usually turned out to be in-
adequate for the unpredictably large
gathering and caused whispers among
the neighbor women as to her stingi-
ness. Or her estimate would prove to
be too great and the food would
either be wasted with many twinges
of the thrifty housewife's conscience
or would be brought home to be con-
sumed.

Disturbing Factors
Then no one ever wanted to look
at another sandwich or plate of salad
so long as he lived. The once popu-
lar saying "more fun than a picnic"
was never originated by the woman
who spent a hot summer morning
tending an oven full of cakes which
didn't turn out as well as those of
Mrs. B., who, after all, was supposed
to have brought fried chicken. Moth-
er usually started on the outing ex-
hausted. There was difficulty in get-
ting the crowd to agree on the ideal
picnic spot and always some misun-
derstanding as to how to get there in
which part of the crowd arrived just
in time for the ice cream. No picnic
was complete without a few minor

casualties, such as lost children, a
fall in the creek, chiggers, snagged
silk stockings and grass stains. Then,
there was an unbelievable amount of
litter to be cleared up by the con-
scientious. And on the way home
most of the party suffered from acute
indigestion.

Beneficial Feature
"Still, with all its imperfections,
the picnic had its point, chief of
which was that it got people out of
doors. True, the accompanying bed-
lam left little of the peace dear to
the true nature lover.

"The modern successor to the old-
fashioned picnic embodies all the ad-
vantages with practically none of the
disadvantages. The family simply de-
cides at any time to take its supper
out of doors and, without any great
a-do or very special preparation, piles
whatever would ordinarily have been
served at home into a basket and
piles itself into the flivver and betakes
itself to the nearest park or stretch
of open country. No extra work, no
waste, no indigestion, no confusion."

**"DUMPELL" IS GOOD
WORD SAYS KNOTT**

Professor of English at Iowa
Lectures on "Slang" at
Northwestern

"Dumbell is such an expressive term
it is too bad that it was not origi-
nated by some literary genius so that
it would be accepted as the best of
English," declared Professor Thomas
A. Knott, professor of English at the
University of Iowa and a member of
the summer session faculty of North-
western university, in a lecture on
"Slang" before the Northwestern stu-
dents. "I place no taboo upon slang;
in fact I am deeply interested in the
study of it and use slang expressions
frequently myself," continued Dr.
Knott. "It is interesting to see terms
originated, flourish and die. I believe
that most of my colleagues in the uni-
versity will agree that slang should
not be discarded or tabooed, but rather
that it should be regarded from an
objective viewpoint and a scientific
study made of it.

"Slang is an exhibition of the boi-
sterous play spirit in a language," the
professor stated. For the person who
wishes to say or write the bizarre or
unconventional things, it is perfectly
legitimate for him to originate new
words and figures of speech. But
slang is used to express the grotes-
que and humorous and there are times
when it is bad taste to use it," the
lecturer added. "There is nothing to
the statement that 'slang expresses
better one's feeling than correct Eng-
lish.' Anything that can be expressed

by the use of slang can be phrased
in good English and be just as effec-
tive. What is demanded of the in-
telligent person is that he shall be
able to use correct English at all
times and not be dependent upon
slang. The slang addict is usually of
meagre conversational resources, even
in the use of slang."

Professor Knott was graduated
from Northwestern university in 1902
and received his doctor's degree from
the University of Chicago, and served
as a member of the faculty for 12
years at the latter institute. He is
at present on the faculty of the Uni-
versity of Iowa and this summer is
teaching in the English department of
Northwestern university. He is author
of the "Anglo-Saxon Elementary
Text Book"; "Writing and Re-Writ-
ing," a college freshman composition
text book; and "Minimum Essentials
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