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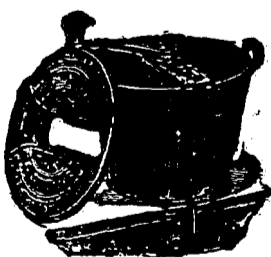
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The first re-union of the Reynolds family, since revolutionary days was held in the beautiful grove at Hudson Indiana, Saturday, August twelfth.

During the early part of the day, they came together bringing their lunch baskets with them. From Terra Coupie, New Carlisle, Rolling Prairie, South Bend and LaPorte, Buchanan, Chicago, Green, Iowa and Kansas City, came people whose name is now Reynolds or has been Reynolds, or who are descendants of some of that name.

The forenoon was spent in family visiting. "Do you remember?" probably being the phrase most often heard. At noon all together around long tables and disposed of some of the contents of those basket's mentioned before.

After dinner, one of the number gave a very brief sketch of the family since the first members came to this country from Ireland. A permanent organization was then formed and officers were elected for the ensuing year.

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Owing to the many facilities for enjoyment, the rest of the day was spent in various ways.

Miller-Zigler-Roe Family Reunion. About 75 representatives of the Miller-Zigler-Roe families, of South Bend, Buchanan, Mich., and vicinity enjoyed the 12th annual reunion yesterday in Battell park, Mishawaka.

BUCHANAN LODGE No. 68 A. F. & A. M. holds its regular meetings on or before the first full moon of each month.

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Weekly Climate and Crop Bulletin

Grand Rapids, Mich., August 15 1905. The mean daily temperature for the week ended August 14 was 71.7 degrees, or 4.7 degrees above the normal, the average precipitation was 0.82 of an inch, or 0.18 of an inch below the normal; the sunshine averaged 73 per cent of the possible amount.

Cultivation has been brought forward so that late corn, beans and potatoes are much less grassy. Plowing for winter wheat and rye has been quite generally begun in the southern counties and some of the central.

Garden truck, especially cucumbers and onions, are very good.

C. F. SCHNEIDER, Section Director.

BENTON HARBOR

Paul Plimpton formerly of Buchanan was over from Chicago Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Woods have been visiting in Buchanan and South Bend.

Irving Spencer is the proud possessor of a 22 horse power Buick auto. Grace Anderson went to Buchanan yesterday to be the guest for a few days at the Loren B. Sweet home.

Twenty four coach loads of excursionists came in over the Big 4 from points in Indiana. The peach crop certainly a monster one. 49000 cases left this port last night and the shipment has only fairly begun.

A new cigar company has started in Charlotte and named itself the Columbian. By so doing they trod on W. J. Harper's toes, who is the owner of the Columbian cigar factory in this city.

Miss Emma Dreger, of Michigan City was a guest of Miss Daisy Redden Monday.

Mr. Chas. Foster and sons Mr. S. A. Ferguson and son, Mrs. H. L. Cauffman Daisy Redden, S. Hinman and J. Hinton were St. Joseph visitors Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Best, Mrs. Allie Blodgett and Roscoe Lamb spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Willis Tomlinson near New Carlisle.

Mrs. Kate Main, of Chicago, visited last week. Mrs. John Redden and niece Miss Effie Perry visited in New Paris, Ind.

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Mr. and Mrs. Boyce were guests of Mrs. Sarah Leiter over Sunday.

PORTAGE PRAIRIE

Elza Karns has returned home after a week's visit with parents and friends in Akron, Ind.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rhoades and Mr. and Mrs. Otis Rhoades returned home Sunday, from a trip to Niagara Falls.

Mrs. Peter Hood and daughters, Flossie and Martha, of South Bend, visited in this locality a few days this week.

Eva, Zella and Roy Reogner have gone to Beaver Dam, Ind., to spend a week among relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Miller spent a few days in Jackson, Mich., the guests of the latter's parents, Rev. and Mrs. Wm. Wagner.

Jay Rhoades went to Chicago Tuesday to spend a few days.

Miss Lanor Newton who has been spending the summer with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rhoades, returned to her home in Chicago Tuesday.

Carl Reed and Wilber Loman went to St. Joe on an excursion Tuesday.

Church Notes

CHRISTIAN. Preaching next Sunday morning and evening by Rev. C. B. Black. Prayer meeting Thursday at 7:30 p. m.

PRESBYTERIAN

Preaching both morning and evening. Sunday school, 11:45, C. E. Prayer meeting 6:30.

M. E. CHURCH

Remember, services at the M. E. church at the usual hours Sunday. Come.

We have a number of the premium lists of the West Michigan State Fair which we will be pleased to give to any who is interested.

Public is Aroused

The public is aroused to a knowledge of the curative merits of that great medicinal tonic, Electric Bitters, for sick stomach, liver and kidneys.

EXCURSIONS VIA THE PERE MARQUETTE

LABOR DAY EXCURSION

Tickets on sale to stations distant not more than 50 miles Monday, Sept. 4th, at rate of one fare plus 25 cents for the round trip.

TO TORONTO, ONT.

Canadian National Exhibition, Toronto Canada, August 28th to Sept. 9th. Tickets on sale August 27th.

G. A. R. AT DENVER

For the National Encampment G. A. R., at Denver, Colo., Sept. 4th to 7th inclusive, tickets will be sold August 29 to Sept. 3rd, exclusive.

NORTHERN RESORT EXCURSION

Via Pere Marquette Railroad Sept. 5th. Annual low rate excursion good for ten days' trip to the resort country.

Tickets will be sold to following points, but may be used to intermediate stations north of and including Baldwin.

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Bus will meet all trains and will make two regular trips daily leaving town at 9 o'clock a. m. and 7 o'clock p. m., fare for trip 10 cents.

There will be no services at the Evangelical church Sunday on account of campmeeting.

IN MEMORIAM

ALEXIS S. VAUGHN.

Alexis S. Vaughn was born in Reading township, Hillsdale county, Michigan, May 26, 1844, and died in Buchanan, Michigan, Aug. 14, 1905 at the age of 59 years, 2 months, and 18 days. Jan. 21, 1876 he was married to Mrs. Eva Shaver of Cass county, Michigan. To them two children were born, a son now in Wyoming, and a daughter, Mrs. Nora Antisdal residing in Buchanan. Mr. Vaughn leaves a wife, two children, one brother, and two sisters to mourn his departure. In 1878 he moved with his family to Nebraska and he remained in the west till August, 1894, when he returned to Mason, Michigan. In 1898 he moved with his family to Buchanan where they have since made their home. Mr. Vaughn was most of his life a great sufferer from asthma which terminated in dropsy and heart disease.

When 16 years of age he united with the Baptist church, but in later years he did not hold membership in any church. Funeral services were conducted by Elder Wm. M. Roe and held at the Christian church at 2 p. m. Aug. 16. Beautiful music was furnished by J. J. Roe and his daughter, Mrs. George B. Richards. Interment took place in Oak Ridge cemetery.

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JUNE THE MARRIAGE MONTH

New York, Though, Almost an Exception to a Worldwide Rule as to Weddings.

June is the favorite month for marriages the world over. In Scotland, for instance, 175 of 1,000 marriages take place in June, and in Sweden the proportion is 150.

In New York city the number of marriages in a year is 40,000 and the distribution by months is so even that the lead of June is very small. Last year June led with 3,723 marriages, but there were 3,709 in December, a favorite month for marriages, and 3,604 in November.

The month in which there are the fewest in New York city is March. May and August are two other months in which the number of marriages is small.

Though in most European countries June is the favorite month, there are some exceptions. Thus, in Holland, May is the favorite month for marriages, and in Italy February, which includes the period preceding the beginning of Lent.

In Germany, April, regarded as the first of the spring months, is the favorite one for marriages, and in Greece October is the favorite. In Russia, January is the favorite marriage month.

It is in consequence of these Old World preferences, no doubt, that the somewhat curious result is shown here: June is the favorite marriage month for those born here, whether of American or foreign parentage, but it is not for those foreign born.

Last year, according to the board of health figures, there were more marriages in December than in June of foreign born couples, and more in January, too.

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By the old form of microscope only inactive microscopic matter could be photographed. Any activity, unless very slow, was lost altogether. Even the very slow movements caused blurrings.

Under the new microscope bacteria of all sizes stand clearly revealed, their slightest movements being plainly visible. The effect, of course, will be to render immense assistance to science in exploring the wonder world of microscopic things.

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Among present-day royal musicians Princess Henry of Battenberg is well known. A sprightly march written by her was a good deal played by the L. C. C. bands in the Embankment gardens a season or two back, and last year, too, a song by her was sung by Mme. Ella Russell.

The kaiser, of course, has produced several musical works. His part songs recently written for Berlin choral societies embodied his theories for a return to a simple style of music.

The czar of Russia wrote a Christmas anthem a year or two back, and Grand Duke Constantine has also produced a few works. Not long ago, when Vescey, the prodigy violinist, visited St. Petersburg, he played one of the duke's pieces for violin and piano at the palace, the royal composer himself playing the accompaniment.

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In the matter of the estate of Barbara Susan deceased. Having been appointed commissioners to receive, examine and adjust all claims and demands of all persons against said deceased, we do hereby give notice that four months from the 7th day of August A. D., 1905 were allowed by said court for creditors to present their claims to us for examination and adjustment, and that we will meet at the First National Bank, village of Buchanan, in said county, on the 7th day of October A. D. 1905, and on the 8th day of December A. D. 1905, at ten o'clock in the forenoon of each of said days, for the purpose of examining and adjusting said claims.

Dated August 7th A. D. 1905.
HENRY F. KINGERY,
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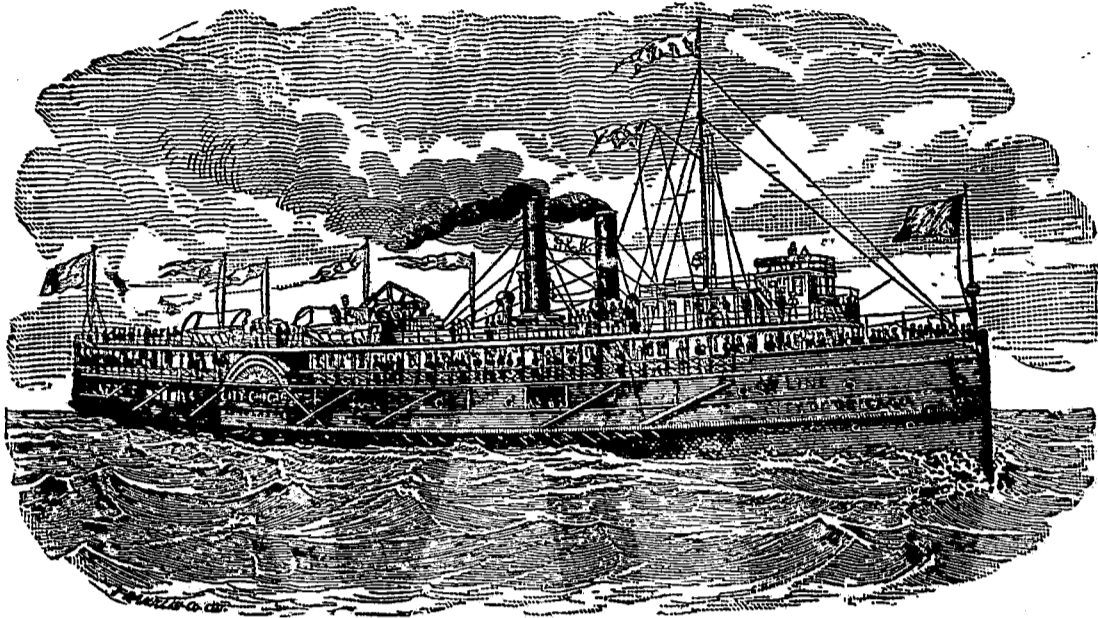
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Nothing and Everything

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The tune done, there came some perfunctory applause. The violinist, a little man, with trousers generously long, bent in acknowledgment, and, taking his cap from his pocket as an artist of greater pretense might a bit of cambric, he wiped his face on it with the gentle pathos of Naples. This drew more applause. He put his hand upon his heart and bent lower. Even his companion smiled, but only at him; her face held rather away from the audience.

Stooping then, the musician dusted with his cap a spot on the macadam no bigger than a dinner plate. He dusted in turn the ill used cap apologetically on his trousers and stuck it back into his pocket—all of this with an air of introduction. He bowed again—this time to his companion—and profoundly. It was as if he humbly said, "Signora, will you honor them?" and, smiling, he looked toward his audience as though to beg their consideration. The pantomime was Italian and good—applause, a slight courtesy from signora and a tuning at the violin to enhance the importance of the introductory steps.

Then a queer little dance tune rippled from his fingers. Signora, slowly drawing up her little body, swayed to it, at first as if by suggestion. Then a little more bending and smiling, until with a quivering, a soft trembling, of the tambourine, she charmed her spectators with her into the rhythm of a plate dance.

Never for once did her feet leave the dusted spot. It was done without a step; just a swaying, molten motion, light as fancy—done so marvelously and so quickly that men and women found themselves shouting and clapping and the dancer nodding and nodding her thanks before they realized it was over. No one had eyes except for her. No one saw the autocrat staring helpless. He had leaped abruptly forward and watched with amazement.

Look and look as he would, he never caught her eyes; unless once, in the repeated nodding—so peculiarly girlish—no nod for him. Her thoughts seemed far from her business, and her companion nudged her to circulate among the audience for such coin as might drop into her tambour. Yet her eyes were cast always away from those between whose chairs she stepped, scant beggary in her manner. The autocrat, sitting a little apart and back, watched

her savagely. Him she could not pass without perceptible dodging. She barely hesitated—taking two steps forward, she held out her tambourine, her eyes not on him, but on it.

The autocrat put out his hand. Something heavy dropped from between his fingers in upon the gathered coin. Then leaning across the arm of his chair, he looked under, up and into her face, his fingers resting on the rim of the tambourine, just to detain it. It was a



She charmed her spectators.

challenge she dreaded, yet she would not retreat. Her eyes rose clearly to his.

"He is not the same who was with you in Colorado—Switchback?" he exclaimed abruptly in Italian.

"Si, signor."

"I say no. Why didn't you come back—ever?" he blurted in the impatient southern tongue.

"Si, signor."

"Hang it! Can't you talk your own lingo?" he muttered in English. "You must be Mexican," he growled in Spanish.

"Oh, no, signor. Please letta d' go."

By that time every Buffalo eye was riveted on the autocrat and the dancer; every Buffalo ear was attuned to their restrained tones. But fewer languages are picked up in Buffalo than among miners, and Buffalo curiosity was only inflamed by the unknown tongue.

porch toward the next group of idlers. The autocrat was close.

"Let me take the tambourine," said he, putting out his hand. "I can get more than you."

She turned almost frightened. "Oh, no, signor," she protested, with a timid quiver. He laid a finger on the instrument. They were just out of earshot between two watching groups.

"Tell me, will you not, who you are?" said John Blair, speaking almost over her shoulder as she paused at the foot of a flight of steps. "I know you are masking. I saw you in Colorado last summer with the bear. I will swear my life on it. Didn't I?"

"Won't you please leave me, signor?"

"How can I tell I know more? That man with you is a gentleman. It is a mask. Why did you mask there at Switchback—and now here?"

"Every one is looking."

"But I do not care, signora."

"I do."

"You send me away without a word?"

"I must go."

"Then I must follow."

"Do not persecute."

"Do not torture. Say you will come back."

Two hundred eyes were focused on them.

"What can John mean?" faltered his sister. And the Yale man laughed. But John clung like a turtle to his inaudible conversation.

"He acts as if he meant business," suggested Mr. Howard Tift mildly. "I reckon he's dropped in too much money, and he's kicking fer change, but she's not giving up."

When the big engineer finally rejoined his group the Italians were scurrying down the road, and Hattie was ready to be carried upstairs.

"It's nothing," explained John lazily. "We had a lynching at Switchback three years ago—bad affair; three Italians. I was sure that girl was one of the two who escaped. She insists not to sit it near dinner time for an apolinaris or lemonade?"

"It will take something more than lemonade to square this, J. B.," declared Howard Tift, with dignity, whereupon John offered to pay whatever penalty might be inflicted.

It was the regular night of the Lawford dance, and the Lynn crowd from Stelle's had come over in force. The autocrat, if anything, sleeper than usual, trailed with the Buffalo contingent.

"Aren't they just too swell?" exclaimed Hattie excitedly. "Oh, why don't they make shoes in Buffalo, John? See that baldheaded man. Is it his picture we see on the billboards, John? I'm going to meet some of those people or die. Howard Tift knows that stunning fellow with the mustache, John! There she comes!" It was the Lynn girl with the queen's sweep and the basket hat.

"Green dress and black hat—and green shoes. Did you ever?—Well, it is swell, isn't it? Why don't you wake up?" rattled Hattie. "Oh, there comes Howard—by by!"

It was not until long after the dancing had begun that Hattie came back under the shadow of the Lynn mustache. But on the other arm leaned an especial prize—she whose costumes had so long been Hattie's despair, she of the black hat.

"Oh, John! Come down, brother! I want to present you." The autocrat, staggering a bit within, stepped out on the dancing floor.

"My unknown friend, Miss Rucker, John. My brother, Miss Rucker." Miss Rucker hardly bowed under her prize hat. It was more of a nod, which just frightened the black plumes and set them shivering.

"John," added Hattie after more presenting, "I have dragged Miss Rucker all the way from Lynn for an ice with us."

"I could not escape her."

"My sister is never satisfied with less than the reddest apple," bowed the autocrat.

"The greenest apple this time, dear," retorted Hattie, eying the Lynn gown.

"You confuse the leaves with the fruit," persisted the autocrat, not looking at Miss Rucker.

"Your brother is not dancing to-night," remarked Miss Rucker, looking at Sister Hattie. "I am sure," she added, with the easy indifference of society, "because I have noticed him sitting so long in this corner. And I thought," she continued, with a little pause perfectly mastered, "that he appeared absorbed. Are we to be seated? Oh, thank you, Mr. Blair. No; you sit there, Miss Blair. Leave me the shadow."

"Why?"

"There's still a number on my card, and I've no mind for it."

"John," interposed Hattie, "don't forget your table manners. Get your refreshment started this way. You know how slow they are. We may have to make it a breakfast order."

"Let's adjourn to the porch, then," suggested her brother. "The tables are less crowded."

"Cooler, isn't it?" remarked Miss Rucker as the night air struck her shoulders. "I shall need a wrap." And after all the gentlemen had offered to go for it Miss Rucker decided that she herself must go, and the orders being given, John Blair went with her. She started through the dance room.

"Not that way," he begged.

"Which way?" she asked, with a silent laugh.

"Round."

She turned on an impulse. "Then I must take your arm," she said, almost in a bubble of mischief. As they went on his silence, growing like a portent, seemed to alarm her, and she said pretty little nothings to ward it off. The autocrat responded not. At the cloak room he took her wrap from the attendant and held it silently over her

shoulders. "She smiled as the web settled across them. "Thank you."

"It is I who have you to thank. I am trying—to think—how to do it."

"Pray, for what do you thank me?" she asked.

"For coming tonight."

She stood, pausing in the glare of an arc light. He was looking with his dusty lashes hardly raised.

"I don't understand," she responded, in the gentle infection which only suggests a question.

"I am not sure that I do," he continued evenly, but the heavy eyes were burning. "It's this." He took from his pocket the gray kerchief of Switchback. "Unless I am very wrong, this is yours."

"What is it?" she stammered, panting a little in spite of herself as she put out her hand.

"You have forgotten?"

She gazed at the clinging thing, speaking evasively, "You are so mysterious."

"I have staked a good deal," he persisted, "on being right."

She passed it over her hands. "It is spotted," she mused, but could not for her life raise her eyes.

"That is my fault. If it isn't too late, may I be pardoned for using it on my arm?"

And she felt then something compelling, and she looked openly, fairly, honestly at him.

"If it is not too late," replied Miss Rucker rapidly and steadily; "may I thank you for rescuing me from a very dangerous escapade?"

"Not unless I may thank you for getting into it. And it was really you," he said, as if, with the doubt gone, he could do no more than believe the reality.

"Since you have unmasked me, yes. And I have something for you, Mr. Blair—oh, may I keep this?" she asked, holding the kerchief and looking at him.

"It is yours."

"No; yours. But if you give it back to me I will keep it."

She tucked it hastily in her bosom and produced from somewhere—no man could say just where—the El Tole-dore nugget the autocrat had dropped into her tambourine.

"We do these crazy things in our set for charity," laughed Miss Rucker lowly. "But this"—holding the nugget between her thumb and finger—"this I could not turn in to my padrone. I kept it for my own self. Still, it is yours."

"No," he protested. "'Twas fairly earned."

"You frightened me so yesterday I vowed I would never mask again."

"I hope you never will—to me."

"Let us go back," she urged nervously. "They will think we're lost."

"I am lost."

"Oh, pray!"

"It isn't all quite for nothing, is it? Why did you come tonight?"

"It was ungenerous of you to make me promise, but how could I disregard my word after Switchback? We must return."

"Tell me all your name."

"Juliet Rucker. Shall we go?"

"May I come to see you tomorrow?"

"I shall be home all morning, Mr. Blair," she rippled, with half a laugh. "If you will bring your sister I will present my cousin, Robert Gales. He is the musician of our combination, but since you hurried us out of Switchback in the baggage car I call him Toay—do you remember?"

"I can't remember a thing!"

"If you do not take me back I shall run; indeed, I shall."

"Don't do it; they'd possibly notice me running after you. And—before we go—may I trouble you for one more thing?"

"Pray, what?"

"My breath."

"Your breath!"

"You took it night before last in the ballroom"—She darted away, but he kept up.

"I was heartbroken over the poor bear losing its life," she murmured, nearing their party, "and all through our silly performance. Bob shouldn't have tried to take it up to the Peaks."

"I'm painfully glad he did."

"Did it"—hesitated Juliet Rucker softly, shading into a tone that was all new—"did it hurt you very much?"

"That was nothing," answered the autocrat; then, stealing her pause, he added in her own distinctive way, "but this—is everything."

Cooking Stove Was a Curiosity.

Discussions, concerning the good old times when the festive stagecoach added zest to a life rather too placid for real enjoyment revealed a strange fashion in the cook stove of the long ago. "The first stove ever brought to Bowdoinham," said the one who never forgets, "was brought from Topsam with a yoke of oxen. Father got it for a surprise, thinking mother would be pleased with his gift. It had a handle on it and was called a rotary stove. It could be swung around by the handle, and there was a piece that went on top of the stove that formed another oven. When father put it up, he ran the funnel right into the fireplace instead of putting up a fireboard and having a hole cut in the usual way—that is, it seems the right way to us nowadays, but in those days of course no one knew how a stove funnel went. The neighbors, came from every direction to see that stove. It was a great curiosity and for a long time occupied the place of honor in the minds of the whole neighborhood."—Lewiston (Me.) Journal.

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