

IN THE OLDEN TIME.

CELEBRATION OF INDEPENDENCE DAY LONG AGO.

Hessian Band Furnished the Music for the First Official Celebration...

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READY TO CELEBRATE HIS BIRTHDAY.



That Was How the Slender Man Was at Temple.

They were making up opposing teams in one of the swagger bowling clubs.

When the first match came off he did only fairly well, but he appeared as the last man on the last frame, and with 200 to beat.

But all was not good luck, for an occasional pin would stand up in apparent defiance of all nature's laws.

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He had vowed no plaster at all, but he had pitched fourteen years in an amateur base-ball team.

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IDEA FOR FARMERS.

THE CO-OPERATIVE COLONY OF ROCKWELL, IOWA.

Nearly Six Hundred Farmers Combined Twelve Years Ago—Plain Business, with No Philosophy, Creed, Politics Nor Factions.

Co-operative living without community life, active practice in buying in the cheapest market and selling in the highest; without a common religion, common politics or daily association...

Rockwell is eleven miles south of Mason City, on the Iowa Central Railroad. Twelve years ago the colony now centering there adopted a basic principle of co-operation not following "trust" lines.

According to recent reports, Rockwell is handling more grain than any other point in Iowa. The people are prosperous, the motto of the society is "Honesty among ourselves, small profit."

ALL A MATTER OF BUSINESS.

He Was Taking No More Chances on Bicycle's Thick Heads.

On the top of a very steep and dangerous hill in Yorkshire a reckless cyclist was about to mount his machine the other evening, when he was accosted by an aged native of the locality.

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Texas Girl Captured a Wild Beast and Took Him Home.

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She had traveled hardly out of sight of the ranch house before she seriously regretted that she had left the weapon at home. A monster Mexican lion sprang over the fence just in front of the girl's pony, and after looking at her for a moment out of glaring eyes it uttered one of its wild shrieks and sprang away in the direction of a small bunch of cows and calves.

The old cows instantly charged the lion and the mother of the calf gave him such an ugly thrust with her sharp horns that he was forced to relinquish his hold on his prey.

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"I want to marry your daughter," said Forey. "Have you spoken to her yet?" asked the father. "Yes," replied the son. "You see, I want to get you a new coat, so that I will have something to work on."

Quick Lunches.

It is the habit of the modern time-saving young man upon entering a quick-lunch establishment to discharge the bill of fare and give an order.

A really accomplished luncheon can assimilate his last "quarter" of cakes, wiggle into his coat, and pay his check at the desk at the same moment.

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Value of Patriotic Celebrations.

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