



The Dunkards originated in Germany, out of which country they were driven by persecution early in the eighteenth century.

It was from one of the Pennsylvania communities that sprang an even more curious and interesting development—that of the monastic Town of Ephrata, Pa.

Nearly 200 years ago Conrad Beissel, of Dunkard parentage, was baptized into the German Baptist Church.

struck with the strange fact that all the doors are extremely small and of the same size, measuring exactly five feet in height and twenty inches in width.

These Dunkards are inclined to live together in communities, though this is less pronounced than formerly.

Every congregation of the Dunkards is entirely independent of the rest and elects its own deacons, ministers, and Bishops.

ness is sent to the elders of the church, and at an appointed time they appear, pour oil upon the head of the sick man, lay their hands upon his head, and offer prayers in his behalf.

Almost all of the Dunkards are engaged in farming. They will suffer a wrong rather than go to law about it, and are not accustomed to take any part in politics, though more and more of the young men of the church are to be found among those who vote regularly and take an intelligent interest in matters of public policy.

A Complimentary Indorsement.

A farmer was traveling to London in quest of legal advice, and during the journey became impressed with the belief that he had left behind certain important papers.

"If I did leave those papers I'm a fool!"

He continued the search, and a moment later exclaimed:

"I'll bet it'll turn out I'm a fool!"

For the third time he rummaged through the bag, and as he reached the last bundle he repeated:

"Yes, sir, I believe it'll turn out I'm a fool!"

Now the traveling British public greatly resents any disturbance of its solemn silence, and a man on the other side of the compartment, who had listened frowningly to the farmer's definition of his own status, looked over his newspaper and said, with sarcastic interest:

"Oblige me, sir, by laying a little money that same way for me."

The proposition was not accepted, partly because betting is immoral, and partly because the farmer felt that his companion would have a sure thing.

A Kentucky Author.

Mrs. Lucy Cleaver McElroy, the author of "Julety," was born in Lebanon, Ky., and has lived all her life in that State.

As a girl Mrs. McElroy joined in all her father's sports and lived an out-of-doors life. This manner of living she kept up after her marriage, and it was while riding to hounds with her husband that she was thrown from her horse and made an invalid for life.

She wrote "Julety" under the most trying circumstances. While the author lay on her back or when scarce able to hold a pen, she picked out the words with one hand on a typewriter. Yet she writes with a fullness of life and joyousness that any lover of field sports might envy.

Great Men's Playfellows.

Thomas Jefferson's happiest hours were spent in working and playing with his children and grandchildren. Charles Dickens found his best recreation in the same way.

The Biggest Clock in America.

The biggest clock in America is in the tower of a public building in Philadelphia. It is 351 feet from the pavement. Its bell weighs over 20,000 pounds.

Some Distinction in That.

She—Don't let my refusal of your proposal embitter you, Mr. Simpkins. He—Oh, no; after all, it is something to have been rejected by a girl who owns a \$500 dog.

Only fool husbands ever attempt to satisfy a wife's \$50 wants with a \$5 bill.



CHICAGO'S FORMER FIRE CHIEF DENIS J. SWENIE.

Chief Denis Swenie's retirement from the Chicago fire department, after a service of over fifty years, marks an epoch in fire department annals.

Denis Joseph Swenie was born in Glasgow, Scotland, on July 29, 1834. There is a story that the first thrashing he ever received was for burning a pile of boxes near a stable, where he directed a young volunteer company with small buckets of water.

March he was made chief engineer, and was assigned the work of organizing the paid steam fire department, a mighty step forward for Chicago. He went to work, with the whole volunteer force against him.

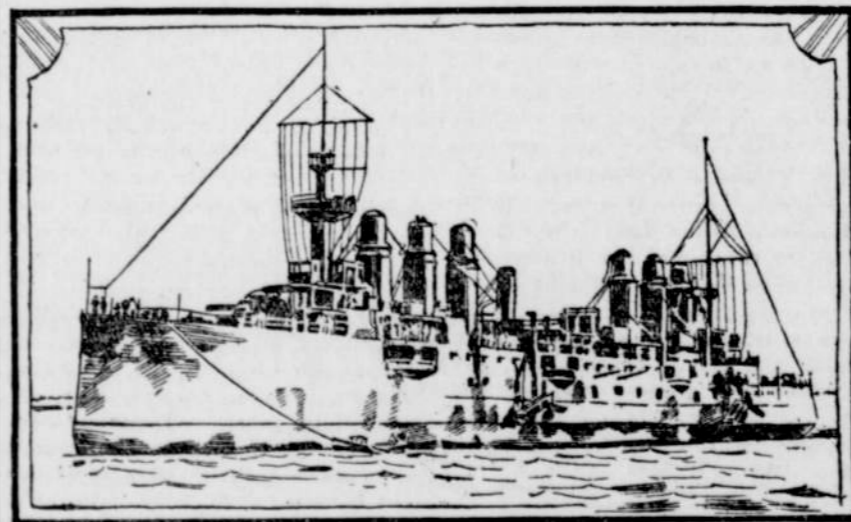
NEW NAVAL TERROR.

The Swift French Armored Cruiser Jeanne d'Arc.

France has just put into commission the newest naval terror in the world, the cruiser Jeanne d'Arc. With her six funnels and great length she looks like two ordinary warships joined together.

A Picture for a Fee.

Among the "laughable experiences" narrated by the Rev. D. M. Steele, in his account of "Some People I Have Married," in the Ladies' Home Journal, is this one: "It was after my first ceremony. The groom shifted uneasily from one foot to the other and observed that they were 'surely very much obliged.'"



FRENCH ARMORED CRUISER JEANNE D'ARC.

day's run on record at the rate of 23 1-5 knots per hour, could easily be overhauled by the Jeanne d'Arc. The Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse, of the North German line with her 22 3/4-knot speed and the swift Cunarder Luanica, that has crossed the Atlantic in five days and five hours, would also fall a prey to the Jeanne d'Arc.

we can send you some present.' I bowed them out as graciously as I knew how, and forgot all about it. Six months later I received by mail a package and a letter from these people. They had not forgotten my kindness.

Origin of "Grass Widow."

Society in India, it appears from the Bengal papers, is being disturbed just now over the origin of the term "grass widow," and a considerable amount of research has been directed to the subject.

World's Greatest Match Factory.

The biggest match factory in the world is at Tidahalm, Sweden. It employs over 1,200 men, and manufactures daily 900,000 boxes of matches.

India rubber is almost as elastic as the conscience of a politician.



KISS OF PEACE. WASHING THE FEET. COSTUMES OF DUNKARDS.

into what was then a wilderness and made his home in an old cave on the bank of a river, where he lived the life of a hermit.

church members will contribute to his support. When there are questions which involve more than one congregation district and general conferences are held, and the Dunkards meet by the thousands in the open air to settle them.

At every conference, as well as at the love-feasts which are held in every congregation twice a year, the first ceremony is that of the washing of feet.

In the meeting-houses the back of every third bench is so arranged that it can be turned on a pivot and transformed into a table, about which the faithful gather for the sacrament of the Lord's supper.

Now the mills are almost all in ruins. The great estate of the old community has practically passed out of the hands of the few surviving members of the society, and the last of the brothers in white gowns has long since passed away.

The old cloisters, where the brothers and sisters lived until a few years ago, are now leased to a number of families and are fast crumbling into decay.

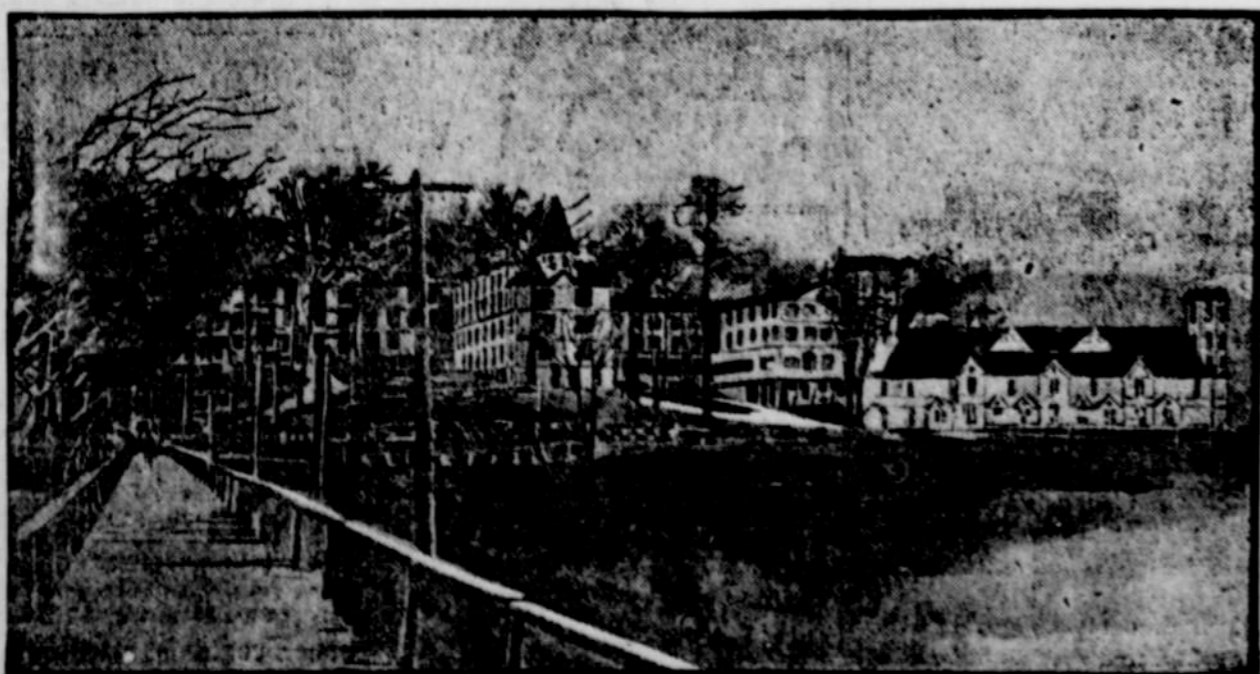
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All the men of the congregation sit on one side of the meeting-house and all the women on the other side. Then, as the candles are lit, the members on the front benches remove their shoes and stockings. Men and women come in, carrying tubs of lukewarm water, and a man on the man's side and a woman on the woman's side then wash the feet, one by one, shaking the right hand of each individual as the washing is completed and giving the kiss of peace.

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In case of sickness among the members of the church the orthodox members cling to the ancient ceremonies of anointing the patient with oil and praying over him.

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MRS. JENNIE NOBLE.

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TAPE WORMS

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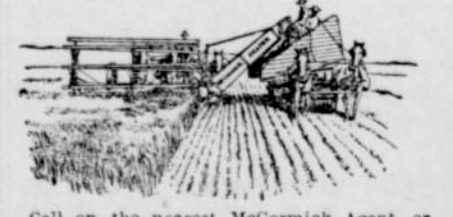


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