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**Friends of Irish Freedom Hold Large Picnic**

Over five hundred people attended the picnic of the Padraic H. Pearse Branch of the Friends of Irish Freedom at Durand-Eastman Park last Sunday. A fine program of athletic contests were run off and the winners were as follows:—100 yard dash for men, Herman Lower, Andy Cummings; 75 yard dash for ladies—Grace Murray and Marcella Brown. Boys' Race (8 to 12 years) 50 yards—John McCasker, Michael Tydings. Girls' Race (under 8 years)—Kathleen O'Neill, Beatrice Casey. Three-legged race 100 yards—Thos. McGarraghy W. McQuigan. Ladies race (members only) 75 yards, Catherine and Anna Blake. 100 yard race for men (members only)—M. J. Moynihan, Tim Flynn.

Putting the Shot—Tim Flynn and M. J. Moynihan. Ball Throwing Contest for ladies—Lillian Hartly. Fat Man's Race 100 yards—Jerry Connelly Mike Crowley. Largest Family on Grounds—Owen McHugh. Fat Ladies Race—Lillian Hartly and Susan McCarthy. Children's Race 50 Yards (Under 6)—Andrew Darcy, Edward O'Grady. Hop, Skip and Jump—M. J. Moynihan and Tim Flynn. Tug of War—F. O. I. F. vs. A. O. H.—won by A. O. H. Irish Step Dancing (men)—Daniel Horgan, Tim Corcoran (ladies) Ella Cullinan, Mrs. Stuart and Mrs. Mary Ford. Best Gaelic Speakers on the Grounds—Jerry O'Brien, Catherine Barry and Mrs. Edw. Barry.

**NEWS NOTES.**

Sunday marked the silver jubilee of Rev. M. J. Nolan, D. D., chancellor of the Rochester diocese and president of St. Andrew's Seminary, who was ordained to the priesthood in Rome, Italy, twenty-five years ago.

**Canandaigua.**

St. Mary's parish is to hold its annual outing and field day at the playgrounds Wednesday, August 11.

The new rest room of the Catholic Women's Club opened on Monday at 47 Clinton avenue north, with a large attendance.

**New Telephone Rates**

The New York Telephone Co. has filed with the Public Service Commission, second district, new schedules of rates for its various classes of telephone service in upstate exchange districts with increases ranging from \$30 a year for individual line business service in certain places down to \$6 a year for four party line and rural service over rates new in effect. The new schedules are filed as effective on September 1.

The public service commission has no power to suspend the operation of these new rates on Sept. 1. It introduced in the Legislature last winter a bill giving it authority to suspend rates of telephone as well as certain other public utility companies, while under investigation as to a determination of a just and reasonable rate for the service rendered but the bill failed to pass in the closing hours of the Legislature.

The commission will send notice of the increased rates to all cities, villages and towns interested for action by the local authorities. It has the power on its own action or on complaint to investigate the proposed new rates.

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**UNCLE HENRI**

By JACK LAWTON.  
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Beatrice and Dora were learning for the first time what it meant to be strangers. They never had been strangers in the home city where hospitable doors were opened in welcome at their coming. This routine a tiny cottage in Wellstown village was one of Beatrice's ideas. Both girls were studying ambitiously for their future chosen careers.

It was Beatrice who heard the remark which first rankled and later brought amusement. The two girls wondered vaguely, after a time of residence elapsed, why their village neighbors failed to return their overtures of friendliness.

"It was leaving the post office," Beatrice said, "and Miss Callie, the postmistress, thought I was out of hearing."  
"Those queer girls in Barton's cottage were at the lawn fete last night," he told a caller, "but I guess they found out that Wellstown doesn't take notice of strangers who belong to nobody."

Dora looked up from her French. "So we are strangers," she said. "Shall we send for the mayor of our city to present us, or settle down resigned in our ignored state?"  
"I am going to astonish this exacting village with my commendable relations," Beatrice precisely answered, "adopt—say an uncle and aunt of renown and send to them lovely intimate post cards—via Miss Callie. Who shall the receiver be? I'll add a line to the effect that 'uncle' need not reply to my postal messages."

"Stop raving," Dora interrupted. "I've thought out your man—your uncle, I mean. As we are not sisters he can't be my uncle, too." Don't you remember the name Henri Smith on that big lumber factory over in Gaston? Some one said that Henri Smith was a millionaire, owned most of the town. Smith's a good universal name. How would you like an Uncle Henri?"  
"Fine!" agreed Beatrice. Merrily she ran for some village view cards, and with a giggling observer, inscribed her first postal.

"Dear Uncle Henri," it read, "Dora and I are having a quiet time in Wellstown, hope to go over to see you soon. Your loving niece —"  
Beatrice hesitated. "Just sign 'Trix,'" Dora suggested. "No one has ever called you 'Trix.'" The card was not returned. Neither was a second, which told Uncle Henri how the girls had enjoyed his short visit with them at "Rose Lodge." Love to Aunt Elma was added to this communication. The girls congratulated themselves over the naming of the imaginary aunt.

"Might be her family pet name," Beatrice said. Miss Callie was certainly interested. Moreover, certain heretofore distant young Wellstown women smiled and bowed to the strangers in passing. The postals had done the work. A niece of the great lumber manufacturer was worth cultivating.

"Reckon" Miss Callie said soundly, as she handed over a square white envelope, "that's an invitation for you to the usual midsummer celebration at Green Acres, your Uncle Henri Smith's place. We always read in the paper of the famous garden party he gives each year."  
All at once Beatrice was possessed of an uncomfortably guilty feeling. The letter that Dora had merrily mailed from Gaston during her shopping trip of the day before, might seem opportune, but the joke was going a little too far. It was weighing heavily on the girl's conscience. She wished desperately that the prank had never started. It must stop now and with some explanation. But what could the honest explanation be? A man was waiting on the steps of Rose Lodge when she returned, a youngish kindly-faced man with a quizzical smile.

"Miss Fairfax?" he inquired. Beatrice wonderingly nodded. "I am Henri Smith of Gaston," the man appealingly announced. "I have received several communications from a certain Miss 'Trix' of Wellstown. As I spell my name Henri, to distinguish it from the other Henry Smiths, I could not think the address mistaken. For I have no niece. So upon driving through your village today I asked your postmistress experimentally, if she could direct me to the niece of a certain Henri Smith. Directly she sent me here. I'll confess, the man added frankly, "that I was curious concerning the solution of the small mystery."

**RESEMBLES THE HUMAN HAND**

Skin of Bat's Wing Stretches From the Finger Tips to Ends of Toes and Nails.

The wing of a bat is a most wonderful instance of adaptation to a special end, for it is nothing but a greatly modified forelimb or hand. If you spread out your hand and imagine the four fingers grown enormously long, while the thumb remains short and stumpy and that the skin between the fingers has also been stretched until it extends from tip to tip of the fingers and on along the side of the body to join the hind foot, you will have a good idea of the structure of a bat's wing; it is simply a much exaggerated hand.

The elongated bones serve, like the ribs of an umbrella, to keep the skin stretched and taut when the owner is in flight. When the bat alights it doubles up its "hands," the skin falls in wrinkly folds and using its thumb joints as forefeet it is able to run about almost as quickly as a mouse.

**CREDITS TREES WITH SENSE**

Scientist Declares They Possess at Least Three Which Also Belong to Human Race.

The curator of the British Gulana museum, James Rodway, who is an eminent botanist, declares that plants possess at least three of our five senses—feeling, taste and smell—and that certain tropical trees smell water from a distance, and will move straight toward it.

But trees not in the tropics can do as well. A resident of an old Scotch mansion found the waste pipe from the house repeatedly choked. Lifting the slabs in the basement paving, he discovered that the pipe was completely encircled by poplar roots. They belonged to a tree that grew some thirty yards away on the opposite side of the house.

Thus the roots had moved steadily toward the house, and had penetrated below the foundation and across the basement until they reached their goal, the waste pipe, 150 feet away. Then they had pierced a cement joining and had worked their way in long, tapering lengths inside the pipe for a considerable distance beyond the house. There seems something almost human in such unerring instinct and perseverance in surmounting obstacles.—New York Post.

**Sheep-Raising Industry.**

Sheep raising is perhaps the oldest of all industries, for it was practiced even before agriculture. Wool is a product of cultivation or domestication, for there are no wild animals which closely resemble the wool-bearing sheep. Floyd W. Parsons, in the Saturday Evening Post, says that with the discovery that cloth could be made from wool came an effort to improve the fleece by selection and breeding. The early Romans were most successful in this pursuit, and their endeavors along this line resulted in developing a fleece of great fineness. After the conquest of the Iberian peninsula Roman sheep were introduced into Spain, where they so greatly improved the native flocks that even during Roman supremacy Spanish wool led the world's markets, a prestige held for many centuries.

**Telltale Faces.**

"Nature seems to decide in advance, by face and gesture, what many people are best fitted for." That is the theory of Dr. Henry Chelliew, who holds that by studying the faces of children, parents and teachers may obtain valuable guidance as to their future careers. The following list is a brief summary of some of his deductions: Triangular full face—Essentially a mental type. Unromantic, strenuous, eats little; thinks much. Feels little, sleeps little. Usually makes good accountant or engineer. Round full face—Essentially a vital character. Sentimental, easy-going; sleeps and eats all the time, does little work. Makes usually a good mathematician. Pointed profile (such as the Chamberlain family)—Uncompromising, inclined to procrastination.

**In Old New York.**

Chelsea, in the neighborhood of Twenty-third street and North river, New York city, was the home of Clement C. Moore, who wrote the childhood classic, "Twas the Night Before Christmas." One of the admirable old houses of Chelsea is that where dwelt Edwin Forrest, the actor. It is at 438 West Twenty-second street, a substantial-looking square fronted house, with a door of a great single panel. On the spot where the New York city hall stands, George Washington paraded his little army on a July day in 1776, and with grave solemnity a document was read to them that had just been received from Philadelphia, and which was forever to be known as the Declaration of Independence.

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