

AT A PICNIC.

AN excursion is seldom a picnic, but the excursion to the Falls given by Warwick Bros. & Rutter to their employes, on Saturday last, was a picnic in every sense of the word, and everybody and their friends enjoyed themselves.

It is said that a certain member of the firm has become a wire-puller, and that he is so successful and daring that he stands in with the man who runs the weather. As a consequence the day was very pleasant, the sun's hot rays being obscured by hazy clouds.

At seven o'clock the Chippewa took most of the employes with their wives and sweet-hearts, and a merry crowd they were. At nine o'clock the office, which always keeps later hours, got aboard. Mr. Rutter, George Warwick and Charles Warwick were along, all looking as if business worries were left behind, and as if there was a considerable amount of satisfaction in giving employes a jolly day at employers' expense at least once a year. Mr. Rutter had some cigars and a jolly party with him.

During the day Mr. Robertson was seen with a copy of the "Royal Templar" in his pocket. Mr. Murray was doing nothing all day—just trying it to see how it went. Mr. Hathaway was principally concerned with—well, a fellow is only young once. Mr. Austin was with the boys making as much racket as usual. But where, oh where, was Mr. Johnston? Somebody said he was off

poring over the details of a new invention. His frock coat and boutonniere were conspicuous by their absence.

It was eleven o'clock before all the jolly crowd reached the city again, and many a heart was thankful for the breath of fresh air and the glimpses of fruit laden orchards, smiling waters, and wooded fields. It is by such acts as these that Warwick Bros. & Rutter have achieved the reputation of being the most considerate and the most desirable employers in Toronto.

A BROWN PAPER MAGNET.

A very simple and interesting electrical experiment may be made with a sheet of brown paper, illustrating in a remarkable manner how the most astonishing effects may be produced by the simplest means. Take a sheet of coarse brown paper, and, after holding it before the fire till it is perfectly dry, fold it up into a long strip of about two inches wide. The magnet is now complete. To exhibit its attractive power, cut some strips of writing paper about three inches long, and about as wide as one of these lines, then place them upon the table, three or four together. Now take the magnet and draw it briskly under the arm two or three times; its electro-magnetism is instantly developed, and becomes apparent when held over the small strips of writing paper, for they fly up from the table towards the paper magnet veritably "by the wings of lightning."

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