

The Boys' Athletic Club

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In a little town in Maryland, there was an organization called "The Boys' Athletic Club." The ages of the club members ranged from 8 to 13 years, and they were as bright and wholesome a lot of fellows as one could wish for.

As the hot July days set in The Athletic Club called a meeting of its members for the purpose of talking over the ways and means of providing the club with a tent and "equipment" for a camping expedition.

The meeting of the club took place in the old barn in the rear of an untenanted house. Middleton Parker, the president, called the meeting to order in a most original manner. Stamping his foot loudly on the echoing floor he cried out: "Kids, everybody sit down an' listen. Now, we've met to make some sort of arrangements to get hold of a tent so we can go a-camping next week. All in favor of this signifying by sayin' 'I'?"

"I!" cried all the members, save one, in excited voices. "Contrary, signify by sayin' no" added Middleton, stamping his foot for order.

"Nope!" came a weak voice from a far corner. All eyes turned on the master of the dissenting voice. "Say, Piggie, Thomson, what you makin' a kick against the campin' out for?" asked "Long Tom"

obliged to lend their help to Shorty. Then it was found that the insects that fly about in the summer air were extremely fond of diving into the jar of lemonade, and Piggie appointed himself chief bush-sweeper over the jar to keep the intruders away. Taken all in all, the Athletic Club had their hands full with the lawn fete preparations and waited with a good deal of impatience for the crowd of visitors to come in the evening and buy and eat and drink.

At eight o'clock the candles were lighted and all was ready for the "fete." A table presided over by Shorty's sister—hold the "fancy articles" at five cents each. There were parties of fancy articles, fishing lines, a cabinet picture of Shorty, a match safe, a pair of cuff buttons, a kite (Middleton's handiwork), a stuffed squirrel, an Easter egg, a non carbon and a grand of glass beads. These articles had come from the homes of the club members, odds and ends from the boys' own rooms or from the household rag-bags of cast-offs. But they made a good showing and sold surprisingly well.

About 9 o'clock the lawn fete was in full swing. Middleton, at the ice-cream freezer, was giving vent to his lungs calling and shouting at the boys, "Come, come, come, partake; with each dish a slice of cake." And across the yard from him stood Piggie and Long Tom at the lemonade stand, which was being sold in full swing. Middleton, at the ice-cream freezer, was giving vent to his lungs calling and shouting at the boys, "Come, come, come, partake; with each dish a slice of cake." And across the yard from him stood Piggie and Long Tom at the lemonade stand, which was being sold in full swing.

"Sure, that's the way," assented several of the sanguine members. And that resolution caused the following



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Grey, one of the big boys of the club, and at one time its president. He asked the question of a small boy who was perched on top of a crumbling old manger. "Cause me, she won't let me go off an' stay over night," explained "Piggie."

"Oh, if we've got any babies in this here club I vote to leave 'em at home with their mothers," said Long Tom with biting sarcasm.

"Second the motion," said Art Jones, the club's treasurer. (As each member of the club carried the record of its meetings in his own head there had never been the need of a secretary. Hence, the club boasted of no such officer, and the president and treasurer conducted the business with the help of the various members.)

"It's moved and seconded that The Athletic Club leave the babies at home," declared Middleton, stamping his foot by way of emphasis. In fact, Middleton's right foot played a lively part at the club's meetings, and its owner could scarcely have presided without its assistance.

"Well, I don't mind the rest of you fellows goin', even if I can't," declared Piggie, raising and standing on the porch edge of the old manger. "I'll not vote against it again if you leave me stay in the club." Then Piggie, in endeavoring to sit on the manger again, lost his balance and fell himself standing on his head in a mess of old straw.

An obliging and friendly club member assisted him to get right-end up, and amidst the snickers and jokes of the club Piggie crept out of sight and the meeting was again called to order by the president's right foot and lusty voice.

"Well, we are ready for the question," ventured Art Jones, bowing to the president.

"Question!" vociferated a dozen voices. Middleton who prided himself on his knowledge of parliamentary law, again stamped his foot, looked about on the members, then said: "The question is, how're we to get the money to buy a tent for campin' out. Any you fellows got a plan in your heads?"

"Up went a dozen hands. The president looked about among the hands' owners; then singled out one by pointing his finger."

"Say, Shorty, what's your plan to raise money?" he asked of a stoggy little chap in blue blouse and red hair.

"A lawn fete," said Shorty, his face radiant with anticipation at the mere mention of "fete." "An ice-cream and soda-pop fete's my plan."

"Second the motion," cried Long Tom. And so it came to pass that Shorty's plan for a fete—a real lawn fete—was decided upon by unanimous vote of the club. Then the real business of the meeting was transacted; committees appointed to "find the lawn where nobody lived, and where they might hold the fete with-

sign to be tacked up on dozens of trees about the village:

"LAWN FETE TONIGHT. GIVE BY THE BOYS' ATHLETIC CLUB. AT 100 DASH AVE."

And all that day the boys were as busy as it is possible for boys to be who have a dearly-loved object in view. The lawn that was chosen for the fete was neatly trimmed, and flags and scraps of bunting—remnants of the Glorious Fourth—were hung about the porches and festooned from tree boughs. One of the mothers donated a dozen candles while another loaned as many Chinese lanterns.

So the lawn was not wanting in gay adornment and light. About the grounds were half a dozen small tables of varying shapes and extent of dilapidation. These had been ransacked from attics and store rooms belonging to the homes of the club's members. Likewise the chairs were of their own small purses, as free as their funds would allow; but their parents, and their parents' friends, and their parents' friends' friends, had helped them out beautifully; and all who were present pronounced the "Lawn Fete" given by "The Boys' Athletic Club" a perfect success.

Only a few accidents happened during the evening, and they were not of a serious nature. During a moment of excitement Middleton sat in the dishpan which, fortunately, held only water. Soon after that Long Tom opened a bottle of soda pop, but was so full of these matters and shot from the bottle into Long Tom's eyes, causing that young fellow to fall backwards into the lap of a very large lady, who was on the point of drinking a glass of lemonade. But the lady, being Tom's own mother, made no complaint, of course, though she felt called upon to buy another glass of lemonade. But arising from a few such little happenings the evening passed off most pleasantly, and the Boys' Athletic Club found themselves rich enough to buy a second-hand tent which would enable them to "go a-camping in the woods."

Art Jones, Piggie Thomson and Long Tom were busy mixing the lemonade in a five gallon jar. They were substituting their hands for lemon squeezers and using a pine stick for stirring the water and sugar together. All of a sudden Piggie raised his eyes from his work to let them rest on the mouth-watering water and sugar temptingly near. As he did so he exclaimed loudly: "Gee whiz, the ants are eating up the biggest layer cake we've got. And sure enough, to the consternation of the club, they found one of their choice cakes well coated with ants, taking time for the forelock, as it were, and having their feet before the huge monsters of people began theirs."

"Oh, they haven't hurt it," explained Shorty, running to the cake's rescue. But it took more hands than Shorty's to get rid of the little army of cake-eaters, and three or four other club members were

Daily Fashion Hint for Times Readers.



MOIRE SILK HATS ARE A NOVELTY.

Some of the smartest of the fall hats are covered with moire silk. These silks are in tones that harmonize with the leading color of the costume the hat is to be worn with. The high crown and rather straight brim shape here illustrated is covered with a brown moire, and trimmed with a wide crushed scarf of the moire.

which ends in a broad bow in the front. In the centre of this is set a fancy feather the coloring in shades of brown with tips of dull blue. This hat would be excellent with any matching brown costume or with any of the new fancy striped broadcloths or slibo serges in combination of brown and blue.

WILD WOMAN IN QUEBEC WOODS

Prof. Macauley, of Harvard, Relates a Queer Story of the Gatineau River.

OTTAWA, Sept. 17.—Professor Macauley of Harvard, who has come here after having spent a few weeks in the country surrounding Blue Sea Lake and Manitowish on the Gatineau River, says many of the natives on the Quebec side, brings down with him a strange story of a woman roaming wild in the forest of that district.

He states that while hunting one day in the woods near the Gatineau, a rush and scurry in the undergrowth caused him to quickly turn his rifle in the direction of the sound. To his surprise the wild face of a human being, tanned to a dark brown by exposure to sun and air, framed by masses of dark coarse hair, and unmistakably that of a woman, peered at him from the shadows. The hunter quietly approached her, but before he could speak she turned and fled. Professor Macauley says she seemed to be dressed in nothing more substantial than leaves, twigs and matted together so as to form a covering for her body.

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Heart Strength, or Heart Weakness, means Nervous Weakness, and a hundred is in it, is not one weak heart in a hundred is in it. It is the result of a weak heart, and it is the result of a weak heart. It is the result of a weak heart, and it is the result of a weak heart.

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Moncton, N. B., Sept. 17.—Leslie Chapel, former chief of police, left today for Montreal to take a position with the C. P. R. as a detective.

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C. P. R. and Allans Announce Their Sailings in the Liverpool Service--The Sand Point Berths.

A schedule of the winter part sailings of the mail steamers and direct boats of the C. P. R. and Allan lines has been issued by William Thomson & Co. The list shows that in the twenty-one sailings of the mail steamers the Empresses will represent the C. P. R. and the Victorian, Corsican, Tunisian, Virginian and Victrolan at different periods during the season will comprise the Allan fleet.

Table with columns for Mail Steamers, Class, Destination, Date, and Agency. Lists various ships like Empress of Britain, Empress of France, etc., and their schedules.

No decision by the board of works as to the allotment of berths has yet been made, but it is generally believed that the C. P. R. will occupy Nos. 1, 2 and 3, the Donaldson No. 4 and the Allans No. 5, the berth come up for serious consideration at the regular meeting of the board of works Sept. 24, when Hugh Allan is expected to be present in the interests of the Allan line.

INSANE MOTHER'S TERRIBLE CRIME

She Killed Her Three Young Sons and Then Cut Up Their Bodies.

Middle, Sask., Sept. 17.—Saturday afternoon Mrs. John Anderson, wife of a farmer residing about a mile from Middle, on the Soo line, took her three children, all boys, to a potato patch and there knocked them on the head with a hammer, after which she cut them up in a horrible manner with a draw-knife.

She is probably thirty-five years old. The police of Weyburn were notified and Constable Ing arrested the woman, who is insane. The woman shows no remorse for what she has done and expects to be hanged. She believes it was some kind of a blood sacrifice.

She also made a desperate attempt to kill her eleven-year-old daughter. She put a rope around the girl's neck, but the child struggled bravely and, assisted by a dog, which attacked the mad mother, escaped.

O'night, wind, steal through the casements. Who the slumbering darling is! Kiss her, then go give her father A touch of rheumatism.

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