

# THE MERRY PICNICKERS

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Helen is one of those dainty girls. Very helpless on picnics, but very appealing, so that all the men love to do things for her. Which, of course, burns up the other girls who do all the work.

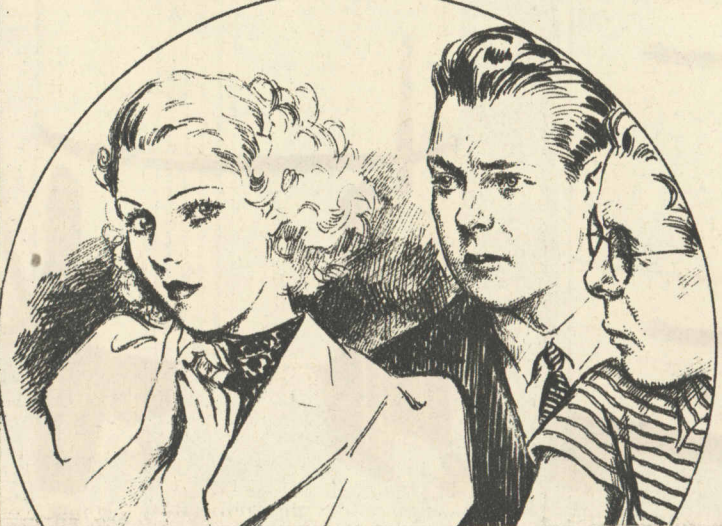
Lovely girl from the auditing department on the annual company picnic, who thought it would be a swell idea to wear sports clothes. Because some of the boys might ask her to go canoeing or something.



Caviar sandwiches are all wrong on a picnic. What with the usual quota of black ants getting into everything. This girl picnicker thinks she sees something moving in the caviar, and is undecided what to do about that big mouthful.



The married men and the single men are picking sides for the annual baseball game. Harry (in the dark shirt) is going to pitch for the married men. And no one, says he, will be able to hit his famous round-house fadeaway curves. (Tomorrow there will be the usual assortment of pulled tendons and charley horses.)

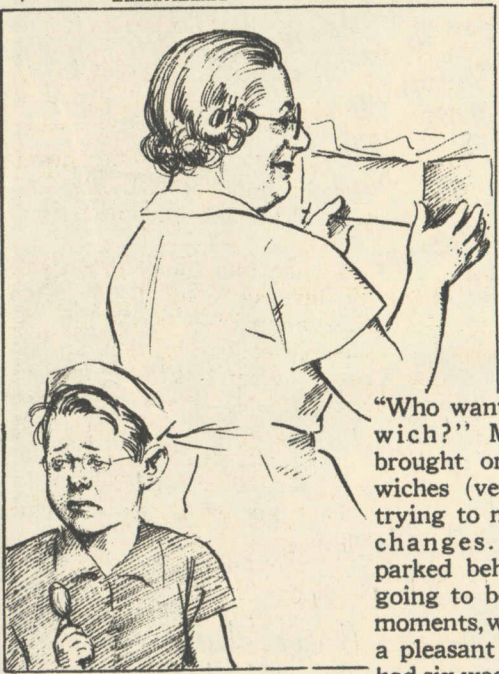


Nothing like a picnic for everyone to get acquainted. These boys from the shipping department have finally got up enough courage to speak to the chief's secretary. She is playing a mean advantage, and is being so coy and so arch the other girls can hardly bear it.



The vice-president at the annual company picnic offers the usual speech beginning, "Dear fellow co-workers: We are just one big happy family," etc., etc. At which at least one girl stenog down in front will turn around and stick out her tongue in contradiction.

"Who wants a ham sandwich?" Mrs. Goss has brought only ham sandwiches (very dry) and is trying to make a few exchanges. Junior Goss, parked behind his ma, is going to be sick in a few moments, which will create a pleasant diversion. He had six weenies, four slices of devils' food cake, and seven stuffed eggs from friendly picnickers.

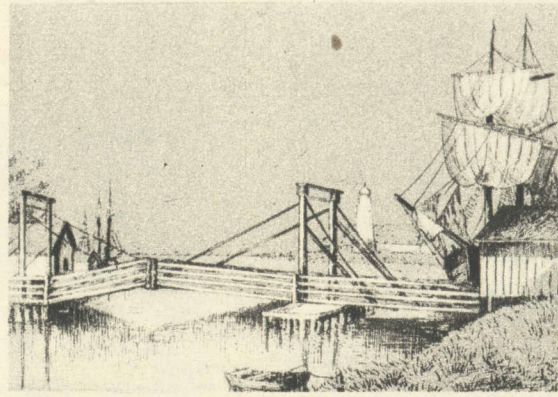


Julie and Ed are getting better and better acquainted as the day progresses. And is there going to be a lot of gossip among their co-workers in the office on Monday morning!



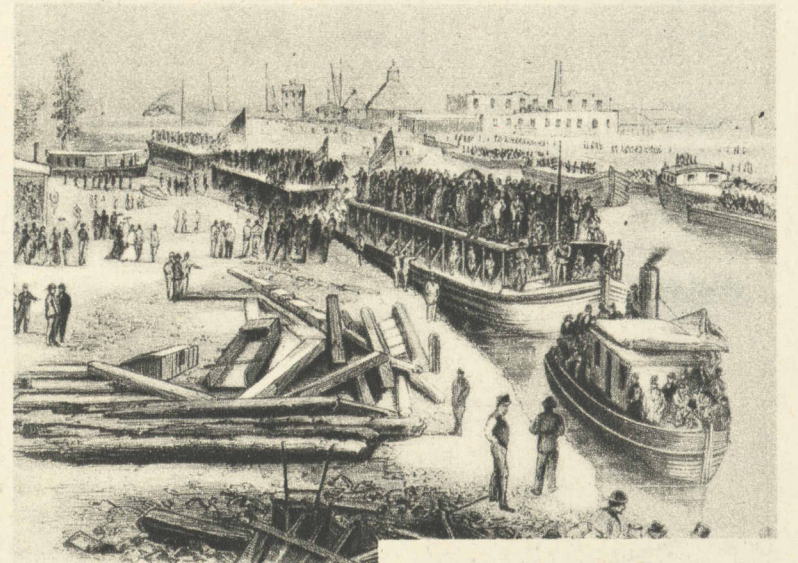
These boys should never be allowed at a company picnic. In the foreground is the wet blanket. Only attended because it was "good policy" to be seen there. The youth in the background is a great practical joker. Loves to scare the girls by holding up a bug, worm or garter snake, begging them to take it. When they draw away, he shouts, "Aw, Jennie can't take it, haw, haw!"

# History Is Made in July



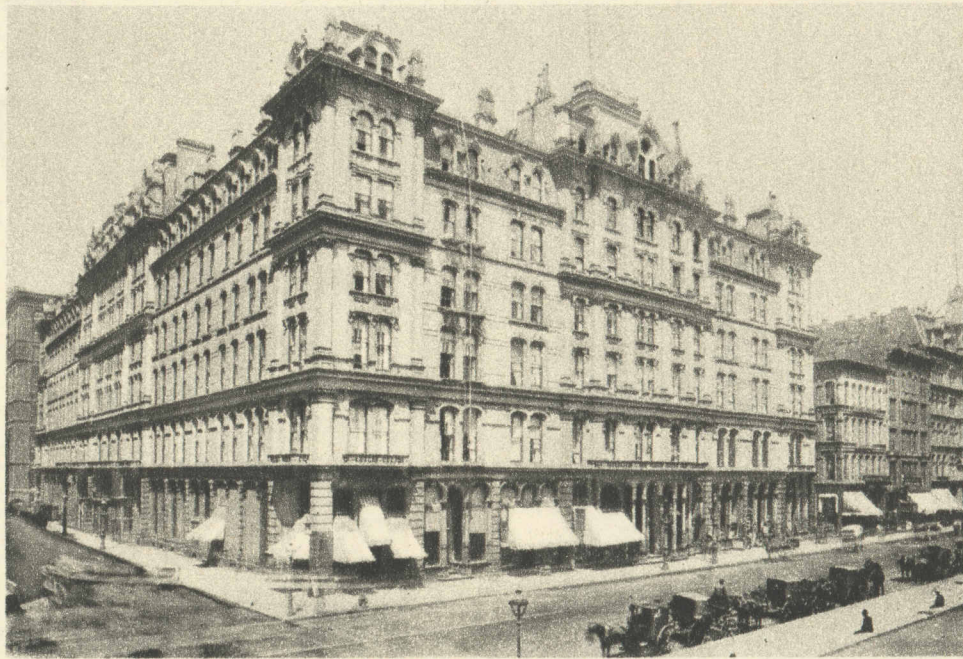
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1 Chicago's first drawbridge, linking north and south sides at Dearborn street, was built in 1834. Because the draw often jammed and the abutments imperiled river traffic, removal was ordered in July, 1839. Fearing the order would be revoked, citizens gathered one morning and wrecked the bridge.



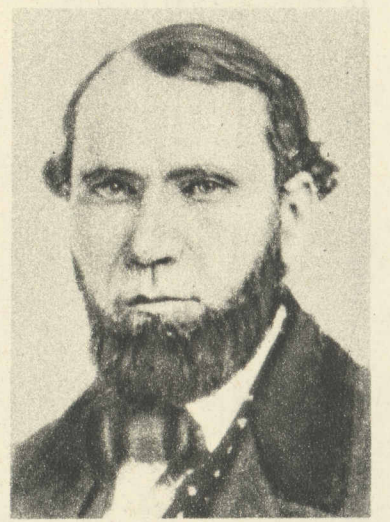
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2 On July 4, 1836, Col. William B. Archer turned the first spadeful of earth in construction of the Illinois and Michigan canal, the first lakes-to-gulf shipping link. Above, boatloads of celebrants.



(Photo from Chicago Historical society.)

3 The first Grand Pacific hotel had just been completed when it was destroyed by the fire of 1871. Rebuilt at a cost of a million and a half, it opened in July of 1873. John B. Drake took over management in 1875; his annual game dinners there were an institution. The famous hotel stood at the northwest corner of Clark and Jackson.



(Photo from Chicago Historical society.)

4 Notable death on July 1, 1884, was that of Allan Pinkerton, the great Chicago detective who founded the United States secret service.



5 Most tragic of all disasters in Chicago was the sinking of the steamer Eastland at its moorings in the river with a loss of 812 lives on July 24, 1915. The cables had just been cast off when the vessel, with some 2,000 holiday makers aboard, rolled over in thirty feet of water. This picture of rescue was made by Fred C. Eckhardt, Tribune photographer.



(Tribune photo.)

6 On July 21, 1919, thirteen persons were killed and more than a score injured in one of Chicago's worst aerial disasters when a blimp burst into flames and plunged through a skylight of the Illinois Trust and Savings Bank building at Jackson boulevard and La Salle street. This scared wreckage littered the bank following the tragedy.



(Tribune photo.)

7 Justice finally caught up with John Dillinger on July 22, 1934, when the then public enemy No. 1, most notorious criminal of recent years, was shot and killed by federal agents a few seconds after he had left a north side theater. Directly or indirectly Dillinger caused twenty deaths. It is estimated he cost society \$1,000,000.