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ABOUT THE ECONOMITES.

GRAPHIC SKETCH OF A PECULIAR PEOPLE AND THEIR HOMES.

Harmony the Basic Principle of the Organization—Early Experiences—Two Removals—The Present Contrasted with the Past.

[Special Correspondence.]

PITTSBURG, May 22.—On a bluff overlooking the beautiful valley of the Ohio, eighteen miles below Pittsburg, is a peculiar village, inhabited by a peculiar people. Although possessed of many millions of dollars, the people and their town are precisely where they were forty years ago.

The Harmony community was founded by George Rapp and his band of followers, numbering nearly 1,000, on Feb. 15, 1805, at a point in Butler county, Pa., twenty-five miles north of Pittsburg, near what is now Zelmanople.

Strangely enough, the Indiana land was sold to another colony possessed of peculiar views. Just about the time the Economites had fully made up their minds to make a change an Englishman named Richard Flower, who represented Robert Owen's community, of New Lanark, Scotland, appeared on the scene.

The question of a name was a serious one. Harmony was getting to be too common, and although a large proportion of the community favored the name for the third town, the name Economy was decided upon.

It was followed by a cotton mill and a flour mill. The flour of the Economites was always the whitest, the cotton the purest, and the blankets and broadcloths were not equalled.

A hotel, commodious and well kept, was one of the attractions, and half a century ago its corridors and piazzas resounded with the merry laughter of summer boarders.

For a number of years one of the attractions to Economy was the museum. In the great public hall, a three story building on the main street, was a magnificent collection of old paintings, and a museum of rare minerals, birds, shells, insects, etc., besides a large number of Indian relics and several treasures brought from Germany by the older members.

The thousands of grape vines soon bore bountifully, and enormous vases were

constructed in which to keep the wine. These are of the present, and so also is Elder Ernest Wolfel, the keeper of the cellars. But little wine is made now, as but little is needed, yet the short, smooth faced, but rotund elder, can, with but little search, find hidden in the dusty recesses oddly shaped bottles that have lain undisturbed since 1847.

The most distinctive feature of the religious creed of these worthy people is their condemnation of the married state and their practice of celibacy. During the first two years of the society's existence a number of weddings took place solemnized by Father Rapp himself.

Feb. 15, the eighty-fifth anniversary of the formation of the society, was celebrated with the usual ceremonies that have marked the passage of the years.

When George Rapp died the community decided there should be two heads instead of one, and they selected R. L. Baker and Jacob F. Hewrick, who, during the latter years of Rapp's life, had been his trusted advisers and agents in business transactions.

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The Late John Kelly's Wife.

NEW YORK, May 22.—"What shadows we are and what shadows we pursue," spoke Edmund Burke in a burst of eloquence years ago. I could not help recalling these lines this afternoon as I saw a small, stooped shouldered, weary looking little woman with a child held by the hand walking in Central park.

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No. 154.—Hidden Fruits. 1. Bring me a sweet pea, Charlie. 2. Get me my cape, Arnold. 3. Is a slaty pleasant?

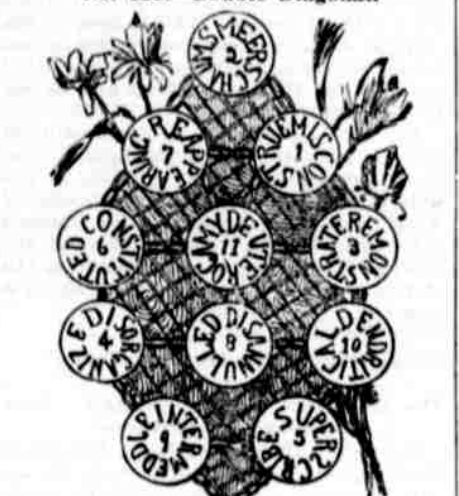
No. 155.—Double Acrostic. My initials will spell the name of a noted American; the central row of letters will spell the name of a noted Englishman.

No. 156.—Numerical. 4, 5, 3, 3 remarks unkind. And the complete you'll quickly find. 1, 6, 7, 8 a worthy name.

No. 157.—Easy Diamond and Square. 1. In consonant; a conjunction; a vegetable; an animal; a consonant.

No. 158.—Concealed Animals. As able a man as I know Is Lionel Haremen Snow; Although how he came By such artistic a name, The records do not clearly show.

No. 159.—Double Diagonal. When the words in the numbered circles are arranged in order one under the other, the diagonals beginning at the upper left hand corner will spell a day observed at this season, and the diagonals beginning at the upper right hand corner will spell what the slaves were at the close of the civil war.—St. Nicholas.



No. 160.—A Charade. My first, "the center of a system of planets." My second, "a domestic animal." My whole, "a luminous spot occasionally seen a few degrees from the sun, supposed to be formed by the intersection of two or more halos."

No. 161.—Drop Letter Puzzle. B-o-o-s-t-e-d. A-d-e-w-o-l-l-e-y. A quotation from Kingsley.

No. 162.—An Enigma. I am something mysterious: I bother the brain, And am quite out of character when I am plain; Though your mind I may torture and keep you awake, You often seem pleased with the bother I make.

Varieties. In favor of pools—Frogs. Finest of voices—Kosina. Not a curious—Hare beef. A movement on foot—Dancing.

Key to the Puzzle. No. 154.—A Noted Novel: Ivanhoe. No. 155.—Pictorial Anagram: Rebus. "Two heads are better than one."

The stars: Daffodil, Eglantine, Carnation, Orange, Rose, Amaranth, Tulip, Iris, Oleander, Nasturtium, Daisy, Aster, Yucca. The rings: Myrtle, Elder, Moss, Olive, Ribbon-grass, Ivy, Arbor-vitae, Laurel.

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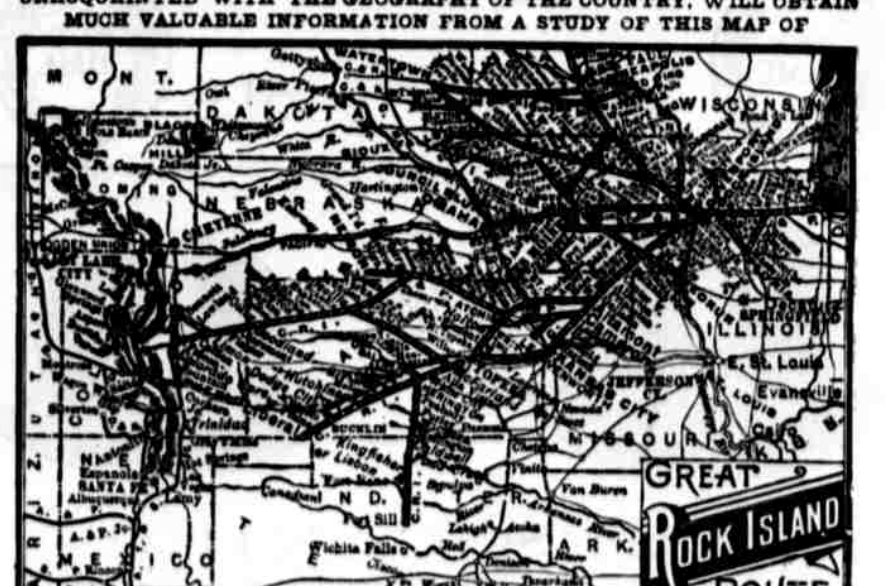
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