

Madden, Samuel Chew: Unnumbered Notebook:

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TOPS ON BUGGIES, CARRIAGES &c

The first vehicle I ever saw with tops on instead of linc pins was brought into this neighborhood by William Turner. It was made in Harveysburgh Ohio. It was regarded as something wonderful so much so that one of his neighbors who had not the best of feeling towards him thought that he was putting on a little too much Codfish Aristocracy too get a Buggy; let alone one that had tops on. So he went over one night and finally succeeded in getting one of the top off and carried the wheel a mile or two away and hid it under a hay stack for several weeks. It made quite a hellabolu in the neighborhood, untill he took the wheel and placed it by the road side where it was found by a passerby.

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A MAN WITH WHISKERS

The first man that I ever saw that wore whiskers was Dr Butler whose name has been mentioned before.

He had made an agreement a bargain or a vow that he would not shave untill some certain thing should come to pass. and consequently there was no other alternative but he wore his whiskers which looked very odd. This was in about eighteen hundred forty.

The reverse is almost the case today.

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SACK COATS

The first sack coat I ever saw was in La Fayette in about eighteen hundred and forty five.

Every body seemed to be wearing them. They fit tight and all wore them buttoned from top to bottom. You may reasonably suppose that they looked queer to a country jake. Hip pants, and made to button up in front were introduced about the same time and was regarded by some of the more refined as bordering on to vulgarity.

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JAMES BRIGHT

James Bright and old pioneer living on Wabash Mill Creek on realizing that he must shortly pass from this to a world beyond while making a distribution of his ~~property~~ property remembered that he had an only hound and having two neighbors that he thought a great deal of who were fox hunters in deed and in truth. It became a serious matter at such a trying time as this. But after mature reflection he finally concluded that the one that took the hound must pay the other Neighbor one dollar. And this I think was right as all three of the men were true and tried friends. The two neighbors were Andrew Baker and Samuel Pavey.

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FLAT BOATS

All the surplus produce raised was shipped down the river as it was usually termed.

New Orleans being the principal market. The first boats that were built were usually about sixty feet long by sixteen wide and were manned by three men the Captain or steersman with two side Oresman. They later on made then larger until ((sic)) they were one hundred and twenty feet long by twenty two feet wide. It would require a steersman ((sic)) and four side Oresman to manage a boat of this size. Cannot say of how many tons burden such a boat would be.

They were usually sided up about six feet above the gunwale. They were made a little later in the center, so that lumber a little longer than the boat was wide was sprung over the top of the boat. It answered for roofing for the boat and was sufficiently flat on top to make a walk way where the bow hands could ply their Oars.

They had large rope cables for the purpose of tying them up. They always kept a skiff along by which means they could take the cable to the shore, to make the boat fast. They used a check post on the boat in order to slow up so as not to break the cable.

They also used a stern line to keep the boat from swing out into the current after it had been made fast at the bow.

They had a Cabbin in the stern of the boat where they cooked eat and slept. They were usually a jolley set of tars.

I remember an incident of many years ago in which Cards and religion took a hand. At least the Deligate did.

A yong man had went from liberty township to Iowa. He was a quaker by birth and after being in Iowa a year or two he wanted to come home on a visit and as there was no quarterly meeting of friends in Iowa The monthly meeting appointed him as a deligate to Bloomfield now Bloomingdale quarterly meeting. A visit to relatives was his mane object in coming east. He remained until # spring and when the boats cut cables and set sail for New Orleans he took passage on one and after the reached the Ohio river they lashed two boats together. The yong man proved to be a representative Card player whether he was a reprasentative yong Quaker or not. As they boatsman all threw up the sponge and said he was an expert.

I will relate another Circumstance that I have heard the old boatsman tell on old Uncle Mark Grimes. He was a regular Harum Sarum and splutter from away back. (He was a mason and plumbed his wall by spitting dow them.) And when on his first trip to Orleans and on a verry still night he Commenced some of his loud spluttering talk and the echo came back and he thought it was somebody on the shore a mocking him and he became enraged and bawled out that he was a Tennessean and a Jacksonian, and that he would fight in blood to his knees and if he was out there he would mop the earth with him.

The Moral is that if he had kept his mouth shut the other fellow would.

And still we look back and reverence Mr Grimes that good old soul.

We near shall see him more

He wore a presbyterian coat

AA1 Buttoned down before.

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RUSH CREEK

Rush Creek which meanders its way clear across the Township was so called from the immense quantity of rushes that grew in sutch vast quantities that the cattle of the early settlers would winter on them. Just think of and old Cow eating and licking ruches. It would raise the hair on your head and Cream on the milk.

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DISTILLERIES

There was a distillrre started about west of the lower bridge on sugar Creek on the road to Campbells Ferry by a man by the name of Chesnut or Allen or by Chesnut & Allen. Of Course distilliries must of Course needs be and of Course pressed its self right to# the front Selah.

Henry Houghman also started one near the swallow rock on sugar Creek, near where the feeder dam was afterwards built, as soon as there was any body to drink it; at that early day.

We had enterprze and ##### tact and skill,

To by a worm and start a still,

And raise our spirit to such a hight,

T'would make us sware and ##### scratch and fight.

And still we hold on to the still like grim death.

The Men that tramped the nettles that blazed the paths that opened the roads that split the rails that built the fence that grubed the brush that chaced the deer that killed the Turkey that clubed the snakes that built the Cabbin without a nail that always had the latch string out are growing scarce without a doubt.

I will mentkon a fiew of the fowls and fir growing animals and reptiles that first greeted ar first settlers.

The Paroquite was quite numerous. Their plumage was much the same as the parrot. They usually went in droves. Were mostly confined to Creeks and rivers. Were said to feed largely on cockle burs but during the time mulberrys were ripe they scoured the Country in every direction for which berry they seemed particularly fond.

The wild geese and sand hill Cranes passed over from south to north in the spring of the year in almost innumerable quantities and returned to the south in the fall of the year. The cranes have almost disappeared while geese in much less numbers continue to come and go which shows that they are gradually growing scarce.

We will make quite a decent and say a word about the little tiny Pewee that used to build its nest near ar Cabin windows and with regret we have to say that it is fast becoming extinct as is also our little house wren and native sparrows. Sapsucker ar on the wane, and as much can be said of the robin, which have massed themselves in certain localities as our people do in cities.

The barn swallow which a few years ago were numbered by the thousands have almost entirely disappeared but oh the little pesky English sparrow is driving our native birds away at the rate of 16 to 1.

Our small animals such as the Coon and Opossum are being driven away by the felling of our ~~#####~~ forest and the hunters rifle and shot gun. Squirrels are not as numerous as the once was. While the grey was the native the fox squirrel has supplanted the grey. I think the first skunk that ever came to this township I formed a personal acquaintance with that I shall never ~~#####~~ forget. It was secreted in a hollow log. John Woody commenced chopping it out. I caught the scent and I told him to stop. I had heard my mother give their pedigree and tell how numerous they were in Virginia and how offensive they were. The Squire was determined to see it and see it he did. And of the scene that shortly followed the half was never told. Oh that emetic. Not tartar emetic nor ipecacuanha or Antimonial wine but it was a torturing emetic which I have been reminded of from that day to this. And they are largely on the increase and should I be attacked by one I should ask its pardon and seek a city out of sight.

Rattle and Copper head snakes were the only poisons snakes we had in early times. Garter water and black snakes were quite numerous. Vipers or spreading adders made their appearance later on. I think all varieties are gradually disappearing. Still there is enough left to make things lively when a woman comes in contact with one while she is gathering berries.

I said in the beginning that I was not accustomed to writing and that I would be likely to commence in the middle and go both ways. After looking over it, it reminds me of a skein of yarn that had been in possession of a young pup for a day and a night.

A LIST OF JUSTICES OF THE PEACE

Daniel Hogan	William Reynolds	Thos K Harvey	a Whig
William Whilehead	James W Beade	Mr McConnell	
John Gilkeson	John M Givens	Isaac Hobson	Whig

MY FIRST VOTE

Samuel Richmond	Dem	James Redferron	Whig	Marquis Sicira Damon	Whig
J H Woody	Republican	Gillespie		James Burton	Whig
Samuel McMaster	R	William Lenard	R	Frank Welton	
Henry Durham	R				

I believe that John S McMurtry was once County Assessor, as was also Gabriel Hoffman of Rockville. John G Thompson was township assessor for many years as was also Josephas Burton & others D; D W Dowdel D; Thos W Compton D; William H Harvey R; Newton Hobson R; John Bright W. R; Clay Thomp D. fusion; Whitefield Swaim R.

They men who I recollect as taking the senses was John S McMurtry of Washington township Elijah N Burford of Washington township Joseph Tpsell & Wilson H Hadley of of Liberty township.

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