How Roland Park Was Founded And Developed

THIS IS THE FOURTH of a series of occasional articles dealing with the suburban towns surrounding Baltimore, with especial reference to their little-known history. Later articles will be devoted to Relay, Catonsville, Lutherville, Arlington, Mount Winans, Brooklyn, Curtis Bay, Canton, Highlandtown, Waverly, Hampden, Forest Park, Powhatan, Carroll, Woodberry, Calverton, Sudbrook, Pikesville and 6ther old and new towns within and beyond the present city boundary. Mount Washington, Govans and Sparrows Point have been discussed in recent issues.

HE most fashionable and, undoubtedly, the most pretentious suburb of Baltimore is Roland Park.

The mad, mad rush to get to Roland Park in the last few years has been appalling. Stand on the new St. Paul Street Boulevard and you can actually on their way to the suburb, and the tate is still standing and is occupied and Washington (Washingtonville it was called by you like Rossetti's new souls going The Heulsler house, not far away, is said into heaven. If you were to ask many of the citizens

of Baltimore where they would like to live if they didn't live where they do live now, they would reply Roland Park.

With English Capital. The development of Roland Park has been phenomenal. Not a generation ago it was a majestic and rather disorderly stretch of orchard forest and meadow land. Now it is a beautiful, tidy, ultra-civilized and altogether attractive residence district. schemes, but they could hardly have foreseen, even in their most inspired moments, that these would materialize so delight-

They started their project bravely on large capital, borrowed for the most part from foreign sources, and it grew and grew it was a favorite picnic ground. Chestnut coachman whom McDonald, who owned, at like Jonah's gourd. Two of the founders trees, huckleberry and blackberry bushes, one time, the Guilford estate, brought from have gotten out of the company, with large and a gravel pit—that's all Roland Park England to look after his horses. fortunes safely stowed away. One of the used to be. Clymer Whyte's house is built founders remains, the present president on the site of the gravel pit."

Continuing her reminiscences, Mrs. Baker The Roland Park Company was organ-

ized in July, 1801, and it was financed house is now there used to be a great nat- the Spathes. The Dakers own from Cold The first landscape architect employed is largely by Englishmen. It had a capital ural spring known far and wide in the lo- Spring Lane, the commencement of the by the company was George E. Kessler, of \$1,000,000. The three men who conceived and got up the company were Charles H. Grasty, now bestknown through liam Edmunds and Edward H. Bouton. These gentlemen saw that the city was building north. Mount Washington was then just in the noonday of its favor as a fashionable suburb, and they say that the tides of polite society were sweeping toward it. They saw a magnificent tract of wooded land on a spine of hill by Jones' Company of England was feeling around this country for a good investment, through its agents, Jarvis & Conklin, of Kansas City, Mo. They saw all these things, and then they mixed them together.

Many Estates Bought. The property first purchased by the comtained in several sections. From Hiram Woods, father of Dr. Hiram Woods, of

Woods, father of Dr. Hiram Woods, of Park avenue, it purchased the largest part of its holdings, comprised in the estate riety and were generally drawn by two of Woodlawn. From the Penningtons it mules. The driver also acted as conductor obtained Oakland, another large strip, and and the fare was deposited in the "Slawson from the Maynadiers, Hepburn. The ground lay between Jones' falls and Stony Run, and it had an elevation of about 400 feet. Since then the Roland Park Company has purchased additional tracts of ground that bring its holdings up to date to about 750 acres. The ground purchased in the last few years is that lying principally to the southeast along the new boulevard Roland Park, altogether, is made up today of the following tracts of land: . Woodlawn, formerly owned by the late Hiram Oakland, formerly owned and occupied by the

late Mrs. Emily Harper Pennington. Armat, owned by the Misses Armat. Poplar Hill, owned by James Edward Ward. Hepburn, formerly owned by J. Y. Maynadler, The Hull tract, formerly owned by C. J. Hull.

The Roland Park Business Block.

Vauxhall, formerly owned by C. O'D. Lee.

The McCormick tract, formerly owned by John P. McCormick.

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The Garrett tract, formerly owned by John Paradise, formerly owned by The Birckhead tract former!

Birckhead. The Whitridge tract, formerly owned by Dr. William Whitridge. The Dulin property, owned by Dulin estate. And there are various very small not included in this list. In The Early Days.

Park, was about 200 acres in extent, and from a tavern which bore as a sign two

to be made of stone from the old Woods greenhouse. Before the Woodses acquired Mather, and John Mather's wife. It was the property it had belonged to the Caprons, and before that to the Fendalls.

Mrs. Charles H. Baker, one of the oldest community of houses nestling by it beneesidents in the neighborhood of Roland fited by its trade. Park, spoke of the land upon which the park stands now, before it was developed, as follows last week:

house is situated, by the way, near Cross passing it. Keys, on the western outskirts of the park), "and there were patches of huckleberry No doubt the founders of the place had and blackberry bushes. Set back in the was married, died. The surviving brother ambitious and hopefully far-reaching trees was the Woods house. We always married the widow and then he died, too. called it the Capron house, because the Then the widow ran the place for herself Caprons had owned it a long time, and a while. the edge of the estate ran beyond where the Ridgewood road is now. .

> to go up there and gather chestnuts, and Continuing her reminiscences, Mrs. Baker The Cross Keys of the present is owned said: "Where the Roland Park spring principally by the Bakers, the Gills and

here and some of the water was used by esidents in Cross Keys. Then the Roland Park Company built its spring house. Cross Keys Is Older. Long before Roland Park thought of

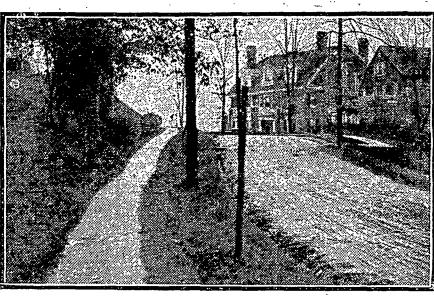
coming into existence the village of Cross Keys, which skirts the Jones' falls base of the eminence upon which the park is built and is now given over chiefly to darkies was living in a quiet, uninspiring fashion. Just when Cross Keys began nobody The Hiram Woods estate, which com-prises a great part of the present Roland by recent times of the Civil War period almost count the families struggling by, it lay just at about the middle of the preswith their family chattels piled in vans, was about 200 acres in extent, and from a tavern which bore as a sign two it lay just at about the middle of the present park. The mansion house of the esvillage sprang up coincidently with Mount wishes of those people who don't live there and would like to live there whiz near pure water and had good pasture land. The Cross Keys tavern was opened be-

> The old sign of the inn has long since anished, but the inn house still remains. It men. It is owned by the Carroll estate. is that big square stone structure that can "There used to be a large grove of chest-nut trees on the top of the hill here" (her the windows of the Mount Washington cars The proprietors of the place have been

community of houses nestling by it bene-

Later she married George Washington and they were the last owners of the famous "The children of the neighborhood used olu place-Mr. and Mrs. George Washing-

The Baker Family.



A Typical Roland Park Road.

Spathe, a German, who lives farther up

omes, but their number is not large. Spring dairy; Davis Baker, present proprie- of the owners. tor and manager of the dairy his father established; a Miss Baker, who lives with her mother on Cold Spring lane, and Parker Baker, the attorney, who lives in another of the family houses on the Falls Mrs. Baker's father, Samuel Davis, was

the Davis who opened the Bare Hill copper mines at Mount Washington. He was an associate of the first Jesse Tyson in many enterprises. On the south side of Cross Keys, east whose top is the Roland Park water tower. This stretch has never been developed, though the land all around it has been built up and innumerable offers have been made to its owners for it by real estate

The Oldest Inhabitant. of the water tower, lives old Aunt Lucy two or three lots at a time. Hoe, probably the oldest inhabitant in the ore the Woods, who owned it before the Roland Park Company. She is very old. Edward H. Bouton, president; George Millor apartm. She has quite a valuable stretch of propler, vice-president; Robert J. W. Hamill, coachman. erty, which her husband bought for a song many years ago and upon which she now Marchant, Jr., secretary. lives a peaceful old age. As soon as it had acquired its property the Roland Park Company started to work interested in the Garage Amusement Com-

laid, a sanitary system of sewerage was feet of roadway, constructed about 100,000 of Baltimoreans. It is one of the foremos the Falls road, owns all the rest, and is built under the direction of the designer, the principal landholder. Some of the residents in the village own their own land the road of the landholder. Some of the residents in the village own their own landholder. Some of the residents in the village own their own landholder. Some of the residents in the village own their own landholder. Some of the residents in the village own their own landholder. Some of the landholder is the rest of the residents of the residents in the village own their own landholder. Some of the residents in the village own their own landholder. Some of the residents in the village own their own landholder. Some of the residents in the village own their own landholder. Some of the residents in the village own their own landholder. Some of the residents in the village own their own landholder. Some of the residents in the village own their own landholder. Some of the residents in the village own their own landholder. Some of the residents in the village own their own landholder. Some of the residents in the village own their own landholder. Some of the residents in the village own their own landholder. Some of the residents in the village own their own landholder. Some of the residents in the village own their own landholder. Some of the residents in the village own their own landholder. little houses down by Cold Spring lane The oldest family in Cross Keys is the that marred the beauty of the prospective Baker family. The principal members of it park thereabouts were moved back bodily are Mrs. Charles H. Baker, widow of some distance from the property line of Charles H. Baker, founder of the Cold the park, with the permission (paid for) The new property was beat into shape. The roads were laid out nicely and Roycroftic. Then in 1893, when there was

something to be shown instead of a bare hilltop with a good view, the Roland Park Company invited visitors to come out and began its phenomenal sales. How The Park Grew. The development of the park subsequen

o the laying out of plat No. 1 is recent On the south side of Cross Keys, east history. Plats 2 and 3 were developed of the car tracks, is a large bare hill on after plat 1 in due order. The Olmsted brothers, of Brookline, Mass., were the andscape architects. Plats 2 and 3, it may be mentioned, lie wholly west of Roland avenue. Plat 1 is to the east.

The lots in the last two plats were laid out with frontages of 100 feet each. Those in plat 1 were laid out in 50-foot widths, Hard by the Carroll stretch, just back although many of the purchasers bought In 1903 the stock controlled by the Lands Roland Park district. Lucy Hoe is a negress who served the Fendali family for out by Messrs. Edward H. Bouton and may rent single stalls or apartments, which many years. The Fendalls owned Wood- George Miller, and the company was re- provide space for two horses. In each inlawn before the Caprons, who owned it be- organized. The officers who serve at pres- stance carriage space is provided as well ent were elected at that time. They are:

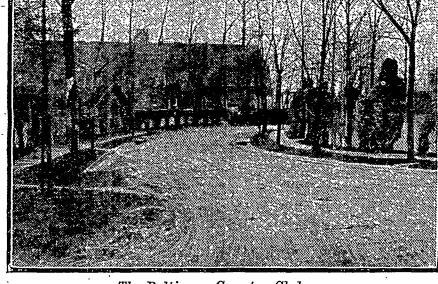
second vice-president, and Richard W.

The first two officers are the largest stockholders. Mr. Miller is also largely with great energy. It began to lay off pany, which introduced roller skating to the southeastern end of the tract it had bought, which is the first quarter of the eastern half of the Roland Park of today.

The first landscape architect employed ing figures:

"In developing its property the Roland"

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The Baltimore Country Club.

Roads were constructed, sidewalks were 60,000 feet of sewers, built about 50,000 now, as its membership is largely made up feet of gutters and about 100,000 feet of organizations of its kind in the State. It place by the planting of trees, shrubbery it owns outright and the rest of which it and formal gardens.

> A Good Water Supply. "The water supply is from artesian wells, irilled to a depth ranging from 180 feet to entire property for cooking and lighting Falls Valley, it can be seen for a long dis-"The present population of Roland Park

400 houses, which cost \$3,500,000. There is at present invested in homes in Roland Park between \$4,500,000 and \$5,000,000. "The company has thrown around the property a few well-chosen restrictions which tend to regulate the use of the property and preserve it for strictly residential purposes. In some sections of the park houses are permitted which cost as low as \$2,000 each. In the greater portion of the park, however, no residence is permitted more time. which costs less than \$5,000. The plans of all buildings must be approved by the company. A regular building line is also maintained.

"In the newer section of the park no tables are permitted. To provide for this there are apartment stables, in which one as storage space for feed, and in the case of apartments sleeping rooms for the "There is also a public garage, in which

esidents may store their automobiles.", Churches And Clubs. The churches in Roland Park are: St David's Protestant Episcopal Church, Rev. There is also the Civic League, which is a Dr. T. C. Foote, rector; the Presbyterian federation of all the residents. The officers Church, Rev. John W. Douglas, pastor, of the Civic League are Dr. Henry P. and the Methodist Church, Rev. W. V. Hynson, president, and Dr. T. C. Foote There are two clubs - the Baltimore | The maintenance of public improve-

has a membership of 2,200. It occupies a golf course. It owns its club buildings popular. and bowling alleys, which, together, cost

nearly \$125,000. Probably no country club in America is about 2,000. There are at present about tical as well as an æsthetic purpose, as mind. the members have constructed from the clubhouse to the foot of the hill the only toboggan slide in the South, and upon this

they disport themselves during the winter. The only trouble with the toboggan slide is that it is so long. After you have got to the bottom-only a matter of a few de-

in the sport to Baltimoreans, to whom it is ather unfamiliar anyhow. tennis tourneys have been held on its courts in the last two years.

The Roland Park Woman's Club is, as The president is Mrs. E. W. Davison, who lives on the Hawthorn road, in Roland

How It Is Governed. Roland Park is not incorporated. Its government is taken charge of by the Roland Park Company, assisted by advisory committees from the three plats.

Hynson, president, and Dr. T. C. Foote,

ments in the park is taken care of by a special tax provided for in the deed of sale, which, generally speaking, is based on the number of square feet in a resident's lot. It is guaranted not to exceed 20 cents a hundred square feet per annum. No business houses are permitted in Roland Park except in the block reserved for that purpose. This block is at the terminus of the St. Paul Boulevard and Roland Park car lines, and just below it is

There are here a drug store, conducted by Dr. George W. Trultt; & green and fancy grocery, conducted by the Jordan Stabler Company, and a bake shop and confectionery, conducted by Carl Hein-

The physicians in Roland Park are Drs.

Samuel Chew, L. Gibson Porter, Henry F. Cassidy, W. H. Feddeman, C. L. Thudi-The park has police protection from Baltimore county and from an efficient private. sauad of the finest.

There are two schools for children in Roland Rark. They are the Roland Park

Its Beautiful Homes.

The prevailing types of architecture in has a membership of 2,200. It occupies Roland Park, according to Secretary Marabout 135 acres of land, 30 acres of which chant, are English, Flemish, Queen Anne, Colonial and mission. In the last few years rents from the Roland Park Company for the mission type has become exceedingly

Whatever may be the charm of Roland Park from the inside, its great charm to the casual visitor, who simply looks on, 500 feet. In addition to electricity for has a more beautiful situation. Seated at lies in its serene, curving, shaded drives, lighting there is city gas throughout the top of a high hill overlooking the Jones' its spacious lawns, with houses set back retiringly from the road, and its delightful, tance, and its windows afford a glorious ivy-covered walls. These things are the view. This exalted station serves a prac-bits that the visitor carries away in his

> A good illustration of the wide-awake methods of the Roland Park Company, which prosperity has not been able to make slothful, lies in the way it is grading its new property along its new Parkway, as the new boulevard is called. There is a large hill here, which the comlightful seconds after you have started pany wished to shift around a bit and from the top-you have to trudge back to level down so that neighbors on it could live comfortably together. It tackled the proposition with the old-time plan of ne-This disproportion of descent and ascent groes, carts, mules and shovels. Then it has rather dulled the fine edge of pleasure saw that it was up against a larger proposition than it had bargained for. To continue work in this way would have meant During the summer the club conducts an expenditure of money that would have many tennis tournaments, and the State sent the prices of the lots soaring to points where even a prospective Roland Parker would not touch them.

> So it thought awhile, and as the result its name implies, an association of ladies, of its cogitations decided to adopt a Western method of doing things that a certain Mr. Walzi, an engineer, suggested to it. And now it is shifting hills by water

> > Washing Away A Hill. This plan of engineering, by which the city of Washington, in the State of Washington, has been built, is an application of placer mining. Immense streams of water are directed against the hill that is to be leveled, and the stream of water, dirt and stones thus formed is carried away in flumes and redeposited, so leveling and grading goes on simultaneously. To make the matter clearer, the Roland Ago apparatus and Mr. Walzl, is cutting away a hill at one point and laying it down at another. It is removing an eminence and

filling a hollow at the same time. deal longer time. There has been found The first impulse was to dub him "Cap'n valuable sand and gravel in the Roland Cuttle," after the naval hero in "Dombey Park hill. By screening the stream of and Son," who was similarly endowed with water that comes from the sluices the coman iron hook, but Mr. Knapp's own indi- pany has been able to secure enough sand viduality was too marked to admit of the and gravel to pay, by the sale of this, for nickname. He took a lively interest in the the entire cost of its hydraulic operations. The St. Paul Street Boulevard, which is now to rejoice in the name of University "I just thought you needed cutting," he Parkway (a suitable compliment to the Johns Hopkins), is another instance of the

company's business foresight. The boulevard was a necessary thing. The residents wanted it. The company saw this and purchased the land upon which the thing could be built. Then it took up a subscription among its wealthy residents and announced to the city that it was ready to build the road.

tracks on it, over which the new boulevard pany owns the property along the boulevard and is building some very pretty homes

A Successful Suburb: Roland Park is a singularly good example of one good idea gone straight to the mark. Its originators planned it as a first-They built for the future and she, kind

on a band of marauders—small boys—who from the Falls road, is one of the attrac- his previous familiar acquaintance with lady, accepted their suit. The first plans that ilk, that he was a most efficient guard- were far-sightedly made and all that has come after has been simply an amplifica-

Roland Park Was Orchard Land And Countryside Twenty panion on many weary journeys we had Lutheran Church, then up the steep grade of Zion." Being sternly silenced, he reland jackets full, they could hardly walk, only one arm, the other being of wood, with become accustomed, being missed from his of Roland avenue to Merryman's lane. lapsed into slumber. and flight was impossible! an iron hook in lieu of a hand, he was, BY FRANCES M. BUTLER. only one arm, the other being of wood, with an iron hook in lieu of a hand, he was, hand and mule power would have cost a Note eighties the Daft electric cars, from Huntingdon avenue to Merry-man's lane, were still running. The man's lane, were largely patronized by schools and girls going in to the city tages, and St. Mary's Orphanage, at Cold-schools are not simple a solitary was built up with several large summer cottages, and St. Mary's Orphanage, at Cold-schools are not simple a solitary was built up with several large summer cottages, and St. Mary's Orphanage, at Cold-schools are not simple as only simple and simple as only simple Mr. Woods sold Woodlawn to the Roland nevertheless, an industrious, capable and whole lot of money, besides taking a great reliable out-of-door man.

falls, and they say that the Lands Trust line was about to be converted into the ply. ordinary horse-car railway and was out for crimes against the company? There carried a copy of Harkness' Latin Gram-Park Mr. Hiram Woods had a beautiful

into the city on the electric cars, which was it some form of punishment peculiar book became more and more soiled and tat- farms in this vicinity—Medfield, the home into the city. Mr. Bonaparte usually drove consisted of a motor car trailing a passenger car, he was never sure of the manner of his return. Frequently the cars were pany aggregated 550 acres, and it was ob- taken off for a day or so and passengers conveyed in large omnibuses. box" under his watchful eye.
. The cars went from Huntingdon avenue

and Oak street three times an hour. There was a single track, with switches when the cars passed each other. The Suspicious Driver. erally seemed to be embittered by his hard lot and difficult duties and to have but little confidence in human nature. As a rule, he was watchful, suspicious used to keep the stump of a well-worn the ready and confident reply.

broom by him and prod the mules with it They were liable to sudden disappear-

is a phrase "to swing for it." Did he mar open at the first declesion of nouns. country home, called Woodlawn. When the dweller in the suburbs came take a holiday, to "have his swing"? Or Regularly he slept in his corner and the to horse-car drivers? The riddle is still

unsolved. The route to Merryman's lane was one of many curves and steep grades, passing quite a bit of wild scenery in the narrow valley now spanned by the Cedar avenue bridge of the United Railways. "The Old Man's Home." The cars went up Remington avenue,

past the Wyeth mansion and the Marine Hospital, high on its slopes of verdure, trim and well kept. In fine weather the convalescents were seen on the grounds, doubtless enjoying the peace of this quiet Once we were amused by hearing a woman on the car explaining to another, The driver was exposed to the heat of woman on the car explaining to anothe summer and the cold of winter and genher guest and a stranger in these parts: "This is the Old Man's Home."

"Indeed, why are there so many buildings?" asked the friend. "They divide them according to their and inclined to sarcasm in his speech. One ages, so they will be more congenial," was By rows of houses occupied by the operatives of the shops and factories of Woodberry, around a curve by the Mount Vernon

ably the volume was worn out. Anxious women who pored over shopping ists and surreptitiously counted their

money; a few old men, probably retired from active life, but who went into see what was going on and, like Mr. Turvey-drop, to "show themselves about town," and many others bound on business or pleasure filled up the contingent of passengers. Now and then, but very rarely a tipsy man would come out under the zealous su-pervision of the driver. One of these, being severely reminded to sit still and keep quiet, as there were ladies present, was quite insulted by this hint. "I know ladies on car; I 'preciate la-dies," he stammered, making an abortive effort to doff his battered hat; " I love all

adies; 'preciate all ladies." Ante-Park Days. He fell into a doze in the corner where the driver had placed him; then, waking and finding the driver's watchful eye upon

We dared ask no more. Was he hanged colored youth attracted attention. He the eastern side of what is now Roland Roland Park. Before Mr. Woods' time there were two tered. Finally he ceased to appear. Prob- of the Prentiss family, a large stone house on the west side of Falls road, still stand-ing in a state of dilapidation and recently bought, with its surrounding fields, by a the Maryland and Pennsylvania was called syndicate. This was once the seat of hos- then.

> pitable and abundant life. The Fendall property lay to the east of Roland Park. The homestead, a large, oldfashioned frame building, was pulled down by the Roland Park Company, which bought from the Fendall family. One of the seen grew on the lawn and was said to over a hundred years. have grown from a nut planted by a Fendall dame more than a century ago. Woodlawn was beautifully laid out and

pleasure of the owners.

On one occasion the ladies came suddenly him, he began again in a deeply injured on a band of marauders—small boys—who tone, "What look at me for? I 'preciate ladies." Then, affecting nonchalance, he ples. Tying strings around their legs, even ances. One individual, to whom as a com- Methodist Episcopal Church, another by the began to sing "I'm a Veteran on the Walls | their trousers were utilized as bags; shoes | park was Mr. Knapp. Although he had fully justified their confidence in him.

schools. Among these at one time a solitary spring lane, was quite in the country. On parte and Mr. Dushane, now all merged in

They Drove To Town. The country dwellers generally drove in twice every day. The ladies and chil- to be summoned. dren patronized the narrow-gauge road, as

This route was subject to so many mis adventures that it was nicknamed the "Narrow-Escape Road.' The western side of Roland Park was then a beautiful piece of woodland, and ley" Goodman, the watchman of the park. largest and finest black walnut trees ever the Rock Spring had been celebrated for Charles H. Grasty's house now stands, was the site of the Harper house, burned in the or one constant here. The com-

the site of the Harper house, burned in the seventies. Many of the fine shade trees On account of these he was a tremondous planted. There were two entrances, each seventies. Many of the fine shade trees On account of these he was a tremondous with a porter's lodge—one on Roland ave-planted by Mr. Harper still flourish, and hero to the small boys of the park, who nue, the other on the east of the grounds. in the old days dasfodils, jouquils and the were all devoted to him. Extensive orchards of fruit trees added dainty flowers of the "Star of Bethlehem" to the attractions, but the ravages of the mestled in the long grass in the spring. A sick dog had his sympathy and care at Woodberry boys were a drawback to the time—survivals of the flower gardens of once. The citizens congratulated themthe burned mansion. The fine brick ave- | selves that as he would be sure to imme- | class suburb. nue, which was the approach to this house diately recognize any "crook," owing to tions of this part of Roland Park.

work committed to his care, never waiting

would remark as he appeared with the lawn mower, How he deftly manipulated lawn mower, wheelbarrow, pruning knife, rake and spade with one hand and his book was a marvel

Another noteworthy character was "Char-He appeared the picture of good nature, smiling and rotund, but was credited with having slain more than one man in his

He seemed fond of children and animals. Well known to the early denizens of the lan of their property. As far as I know ne

"Couldn't the artist put in another sky,

"I suppose he could, but he refused. He

A Queer Occupation.

POR more than a week the man had

been out of work. One Monday night,

sent it here and here it remains."

Baltimore Hunters Who Chase Venomous Snakes

the country in all directions in search of the fleet-footed "cotton-tail," the gregate about their prey and make a careful elusive quail and the speckled pheasant. study of its anatomy and leading characterrienced the delights of tramping of the sack, located under its mouth, is emptied from the fangs. These are needlelike briars after game of some sort. While snake's efforts to reach its enemy. this game, in most instances, is not worth the shells exploded, and the hunt-. ers return home empty-handed and hungry, still the fresh air and vigorous ex- been cut off. ercise amply compensate them for the time and energy expended.

game there is an element of sameness and sale suicide of flies. To my surprise, they the annual indulgence and repetition of ate their fill and went off rejoicing, to tell the sport has become monotonous to some their fellows of the feast. Truly what is of the more strenuous of the clan in Bal-SNAKES IN OLD HOWARD.

booed the ordinary forms of game and now void of rattles. He thinks the noise is made spend their time in search of copperhead by the tales of the snakes in quick visnakes, which sport affords both an element | bration. of danger and extreme excitement. Clarence H. Oldfield, one of the inspectors at the Custom House, is the moving others will call me a nature faker," said spirit in the new organization. His chief Mr. Oldfield. "This is a perplexing queslieutenants are Leonard Walters and Harry tion and I would like some light thrown on

ert S. Copeland, pastor of the Church of the passion, and in an intelligent manner. As-Mr. Oldfield lives in Howard county, near Ellicott city. The hills of Howard are those holding contrary views, no matter said to abound in rattlesnakes and their how many, will have to show me that I am kindred—the copperhead. Every few days in error. I am thoroughly convinced that this band of hunters congregates at the there is a wrong impression about the mat-

the perilous hunt.

ings, the snakes are a little stiff from the imprisonment, and its acts are no criterion cold and are to be found among the corded of what its brother can or will do. wood or in hollow logs. But these hunters "It is true," said Mr. Oldfield in answe wood or in hollow logs. But these hunters will not take a mean advantage of a snake, to a question, "that the meat of the snakes so they wait until the sun is high in the is white and appetizing. My enthusiasm, heavens and the snakes have become lim-bered up before they go on the hunt. where I can taste it. I would rather eat Crow." minimizes the danger. Many times, he has then disjointed them with a well-aimed enough for a feed at nominal cost. blow of his switch.

OW that the hunting season is in break the back of a snake, as their ver full blast, thousands of game tebra are very brittle. Then the reptile is at your mercy." sports can be seen daily scouring HE BREAKS THEIR BACKS. After disabling a snake the hunters con-

Few there are who have not expelistics. By teasing the snake all the poison through fields, forests, brambles and and are used with great rapidity in the A few days ago Mr. Oldfield caught a large copperhead, and more than a teaspoonful of brown fluid issued from the

"In a few minutes," said Mr. Oldfield, "a number of flies had pounced upon it and mopped it up with apparent relish. I looked In the hunting of the common forms of on with great interest, expecting a whole-Mr. Oldfield contends that the so-called

fangs, filling its mouth after its head had

timore, so that they have longed for some- rattles attached to rattlesnakes, one of thing in the same line which promised which is grown every year after the third, are not instruments by which the noise peculiar to the snake is made. According to him he has caught copperhead snakes and Recently a band of these disgruntled on teasing them they have made the identihunters has been formed. They have ta- cal noise, despite the fact that they are de-

NOT A NATURE FAKER. "I know that President Roosevelt and Hundley, the latter a nephew of Rev. Rob- it. Let us discuss it without prejudice or sertion is valueless without proof. "Before I am convinced that I am wrong

the perilous hunt.

The ball of Mr. Oldfield and starts forth on the perilous hunt.

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The first is a wind in interest and the first is a wind in the wind in the first is a wind in the wind in the first is a wind in the first is a wind in the first Armed with leggins, limber switches and to study the rattlesnake at close range. pronged sticks they amble forth. In a The caged variety is as unlike those which short while they are in the region of the run amuck in the hills and mountains as snakes and now all is scrutiny, suspense the bear in confinement is different from his brother in the jungle. The one has lost its At this season of the year, in the morn- personality and chief instincts through long

Continuing, Mr. Oldfield said: says, he has seen snakes curied up in the act of striking, but with stoic calmness he friends who are looking for a novel menu has allowed them to make their leap and wish some of the meat I will supply them "It is true that the snake makes a desper- and well-preserved.



A Snake Hunt in the Howard County Wilds.

themselves and that the meat will be fresh seeking whom they may poison, and that half their length. They can only utilize and well-preserved. They can leap many feet. They can only utilize their muscles so as to muster strength for cluded Mr. Oldfield, "when face to face mitted to the art committee they refused "Yes, but" Thave broken the backs of scores of ate effort to bite itself when it finds it is at the mercy of its hereditary enemy—man. It requires, only the slightest stroke to Yet I will see that none of them poison "In truth they only bite when they are curied up. They with a rattlesnake or copperhead, there is to accept it."

"In truth they only bite when they are curied up. They with a rattlesnake or copperhead, there is that they are likely to be tread upon, and never bite when stretched out full length no reason why we should be bitten. "What was then they can only reach a little more than or in the act of running. "You see the continued Mr. Oldfield, "in that he believes that they are likely to be tread upon, and there is the leap when they are curied up. They with a rattlesnake or copperhead, there is the leap when they are curied up. They with a rattlesnake or copperhead, there is the leap when they are curied up. They with a rattlesnake or copperhead, there is the leap when they are curied up. They with a rattlesnake or copperhead, there is the leap when they are curied up. They with a rattlesnake or copperhead, there is the leap when they are curied up. They with a rattlesnake or copperhead, there is the leap when they are curied up. They with a rattlesnake or copperhead, there is the leap when they are curied up. They with a rattlesnake or copperhead, there is the leap when they are curied up. They with a rattlesnake or copperhead, there is the leap when they are curied up. They with a rattlesnake or copperhead is a copperhead in the leap when they are curied up. They with a rattlesnake or copperhead is a copperhead in the leap when they are curied up. They with a rattlesnake or copperhead is a copperhead in the leap when they are curied up. They with a rattlesnake or copperhead is a copperhead in the leap when they are curied up. Th

and as I said before, they only bite in self- tist put in a gathering storm like an imfense. All a person needs to do is to pending calamity. The art committee said make a sure stroke with a stick or a cane, which he should have in his hand when State; that a storm such as is represented the snake makes the fatal leap—fatal to was unknown in that latitude." if the stroke with the stick is surefatal to the man if he loses his nerve and one that accorded with the State's reputation for sunshine?" wits and allows the snake to land." To show his utter contempt for the rattlesnake Mr. Oldfield picked up a large one said that the rumpus kicked up by the art by the tail, which he saw sunning itself committee warranted the storm effect on on the ledge of a rock, and, using it as a the canvas and he refused to budge. He

whip, cracked its head off. HIS LIFELONG STUDY. Mr. Oldfield has been interested in the study of snakes since boyhood. When quite young he horrified his whole family by cabbaging nearly all of his mother's empty preserving jars and filling them with

Later on, while his father was away from home, he caught a number of differ- friend. ent varieties of snakes and tied them to stakes about the place. On the return of a position in a cake and cracker factory. the father there was a wholesale slaughter of snakes, while the son was treated to They have people in those concerns who the bastinado. This, however, did not do nothing but crack eggs. They begin it lessen his interest in the reptiles. Charity As It Is.

66TF CHARITY," said Health Commissioner Darlington, of New York, as we incline to think it is, disease would ilmost disappear." He shook his head and smiled. sembles that of the Norwalk woman. A tramp, on a gray and freezing day, presented himself at her back door. "'Madam,' he said, 'my feet are nearly froze.' He pointed to his shoes, a tangle

of string and strips of leather and holes, through which his bare feet showed. 'Have you got an old pair of boots you could give me, madam?'
"The woman, after rummaging in her closet, returned to the tramp and said "Poor fellow, I know you must suffer

I have none to fit you, but here is a pair of my late husband's skates you can have." Art Above Weather. N A GALLERY there hangs a large caning shows a waterfall in one of the said:

States famous for startling natural scenery. The picture has occupied its present place for several years. "Does it belong here?" asked a visitor of the man in charge.
"No more than the others you see." of the State where this scenery is," said good-sized trunks here, and they always the visitor. "It was painted for the State," replied

"What was the objection?"

however, when he came back to the odging house he reported good luck. "What are you going to do?" asked his "Break eggs," was the reply. "I've got

at 8 o'clock in the morning and keep it up till 6 at night. In that time, they tell me, a man who has become an expert can break 9,000 eggs, or an average of 1,000 an hour. And he doesn't smash them all at one clip, either. He tackles them singly and "were really as fine and serviceable disposes of them in-groups of five. That is, in order to avoid any accident with overripe eggs, five of them are broken into a bowl and then added to the general "Great heavens!" ejaculated his friend. "What a monotonous grind. How much do you get for it?" "One dollar a day to start with," said the lucky, man. "When I get up to the 1,000-an-hour mark I'll get \$1.50."

Then He Wilted. ADAM BEDE, of Minnesota, the humorist of the House, whose humor still bubbles, despite the fact that he was elected to stay at home, tells the fol-

"My friend," said Bede, "is of a saving turn of mind, and he recently had to make a long journey with two trunks. Arriving at the railroad station he approached a vas in an imposing frame, The paint- stranger standing on the platform and

> "'Are you going to Chicago on this" train?

"'Have you any baggage?'
"'No.'
"'Well, friend, you can do me a favor "Seems to me it should be in the Capitol and it won't cost you a cent. I've got two make me pay excess for one. You can get one checked on your ticket and save me "'Yes, but I haven't any ticket." ." But you said you were going on this

"You see the sky is overcast. The ar- "So I am. I'm the conductor."

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