

behind the counters, gazing at a pompadour here, a marcel wave there, a pink cheek in this place and a ethereal one in another. From his selection which he retains from memory he will figure out that composite type which will mark the Charles Dana Gibson drawings of 1909.

#### FINDS MANY PRETTY GIRLS

Before he left the city the artist declared he believed Des Moines had as many pretty girls as any city he has ever visited. "No particular type, you know," he explained. "Just a whole lot of fresh young, handsome girls whose thoughts are not centered about clothes and fashion entirely, but in whose eyes gleam the cordiality of good health."

The Gibson Girl with the marceled hair, the long kangaroo walk, the sickly-placid face is to be gone forever. In her place will be instituted the bright, fresh, visage of the western type. Not so tall, perhaps, but in the bloom of good health, no steel encompassed waists of 18-inch measurement; a girl with an eye that twinkles and cheek that carries with it the flush of health, happiness and right living.

Charles Dana Gibson and his noted companion left for Omaha where they are still searching for "types." There the same ideas will be carried out and the result will be a "Girl of the Central West."

She will have a Des Moines forehead, a St. Louis nose, an Omaha head; but if it be entirely an Iowa girl it will be known that Charles Dana Gibson spotted his type on the streets of Des Moines and found his artistic ideal somewhere in the city.

---

### Born Same Cabin Different States

*Des Moines Daily News*

SUNDAY AUGUST 2, 1908

The six Ayres children, one of whom now lives here, have a unique record. They were born in the same log cabin on the same farm, but in three different territories and one state.

On a farm two and one-half miles northeast of Ft. Madison, Iowa, Samuel A. Ayres was born in the then territory of Michigan in March, 1835; Gertrude Ayres Burch was born in the territory of Iowa, and Marion Oscar Ayres in the state of Iowa, all within ten years.

The explanation of this remarkable fact is that the territory of Michigan was divided, part of it becoming the territory of Wisconsin, on April 20, 1836. The Territory of Wisconsin was divided June 12, 1838, part of it being named the Territory of Iowa was made a state on Dec. 26, 1846.

Lycurgus E. Ayres, the member of the family residing in Des Moines lives at 520 East 5th Street. He was formerly chief clerk in the auditor's office, and for fifteen years did service in the chief executive's office in the state house. He is 63 years of age.

---

## Stolen Nonsense

*Journal*, KNOXVILLE, IOWA, FRIDAY, JANUARY 29, 1909

Ladies may all be taught to swim,  
 With little work.  
 Upon the ocean green and grim  
 Grave dangers lurk.  
 And we may save disasters dark  
 And sudden jars,  
 By teaching them to disembark  
 From trolley cars.

---

Mrs. O'Harrigan—"Phoy have ye stuck this empty flask under the baby?"

Mrs. Carey—"Th' doctor's orders. He told me Oid hev to kape th' baby on a bottle."

---

A London doctor says that people who like jam and sugar are not likely to crave alcoholic drinks. Little Willie should make a note of this and bring it to the attention of his mother the next time she catches him hanging to the pantry shelf.

---

An old physician was noted for his brusque manner and old-fashioned ways. A lady called him to treat her baby, who was slightly ailing. The doctor prescribed castor oil.

"But doctor," protested the young mother, "castor oil is such an old-fashioned remedy."

"Madam," replied the doctor, "babies are old-fashioned things."

Copyright of Annals of Iowa is the property of State of Iowa, by & through the State Historical Society of Iowa and its content may not be copied or emailed to multiple sites or posted to a listserv without the copyright holder's express written permission. However, users may print, download, or email articles for individual use.