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## EVENING MEETING.

Mr. Cragin offered the Boarding-house for criticism. All concurred in the opinion that the experiment of introducing a Community family there had proved a perfect success. But little was said by way of criticism of the organization.

A little too much effort is made to entertain our own people when invited there to dinner. The steward thought the organization was better now than formerly. Still he had the impression that Mrs. Thayer and Mrs. Bradley might meet on some convenient half-way ground, in respect to cooking, in a way to benefit both. He had thought there was some tendency in Mrs. Bradley to be extravagant.

Mr. Woolworth thought the presence of Mrs. Story there was the point that principally needed investigation. She seems to be a good woman and is liked to a certain extent; but she has been deeply involved in Spiritualism and is not now free, though she is struggling hard to break its meshes. Mr. Woolworth felt that she was a good woman at heart, and had tried to be reconciled to her residence there, and frequent attendance of our meetings; but there was a secret feeling all the while that she had better return to her friends.

Mrs. Thayer said Mrs. Story had volunteered to withdraw or do anything the Community should think best. We are bound by no promises to her. This does not seem to be the time to attempt to digest a Spiritualist. The mind of the family was ascertained by a vote and Mr. Cragin and Mrs. Thayer were appointed to pay Mrs. Story liberally for her services, and invite her to retire for the reasons mentioned. It was hoped nothing would be said or done to hurt her feelings unnecessarily, or offend one of God's little ones.

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The W. P. family had a *falling out* yesterday ; not with mother O. C. exactly, though it came under her observation, excited her fears and awakened her most motherly solicitude for the beloved offspring. It happened on this wise:—The superincumbent mass, making in the aggregate twenty-eight souls and an avoirdupois of about 4000 lbs., was packed into one sleigh behind four spirited steeds for the usual Sunday turn-out and reunion with O. C.

All went merry as a marriage-bell, and as the fates would have it, the unlucky (or lucky) spot was not reached till a grand spectacle could be made before numerous spectators, and an immense sensation created. At the critical point the road was narrow and drifted. The snow yielded to the concentrated bulk, first one way, giving the mass a lurch to the larboard side ; there was an involuntary shifting of the ballast,

when down went the runners on the starboard side, and before the balance could be recovered, the center of gravity had fallen without the base, and—reader, you can imagine what followed better than it can be described. Such a confused, motley, topsy-turvey mass, with assorted sizes and very little attention paid to the arrangement of “heads and points” was not only indescribable, but irresistible.

The twenty-eight had no sooner emerged from their snow-bath, and struggled from under buffalo-ropes, cushions, and other more substantial weights, than a chorus of shouts and laughter rang out, which was taken up by the lookers on; laughter and hand-clapping echoed and re-echoed, and the hilarity did not subside entirely for a half hour, during which time the scratched and bruised were cared for, and their wounds pronounced insignificant.

P. S. The “Canadian trapper” facetiously, remarked to the Jehu of this occasion that he should have had his *lanterns* on, and thus avoided the catastrophe.

W. H. W.

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In the noon-meeting yesterday George E. related his experience respecting the measles. When Theodore and he visited Carlton Rice, they found two of the children down with the measles. They had been in the room some time before George knew what ailed them, and when he learned he thought it best not to run. He and Theodore talked it over afterward, and Theodore thought it possible that George would take the disease and communicate it to the

children at home. George however felt a strong assurance that he should not take it; he could not feel that it was necessary. They returned home, and all went well.

George then visited Mr. Rice in company with Mr. Kinsley, and found three children sick with measles. They were in the same room with them two hours, and took supper there. The air was close and rather unpleasant.

After being home a day or two George began to feel queer. In fact the symptoms of measles were well defined. Still he felt that it was not necessary that he should have them. After consultation it was decided that he better remain in his room and not expose the children unnecessarily. He remained still Saturday, and did not attend the meeting in the evening. He really felt sick. Sunday he was better; and in the evening he came to the Hall and played for a dance. A row of the little children sat on the stage in front of him, well exposed. None caught any disease. He felt nothing further of the attack. The impression prevails that he never had the measles, though no one is positive. He ascribes his escape from this attack, be it of what nature it may, to faith. His experience has served to strengthen his faith in the doctrine that disease may be resisted and overcome.

He believes from this experience, that the resurrection spirit is growing strong in the Community and that it is not necessary that our children should have such diseases as measles, hooping-cough, chicken-pox etc. The power of Christ is sufficient protection against such diseases.

These views were heartily indorsed, and thankfulness was expressed for the excellent health of the Community. Several had obtained victories in answer to prayer.