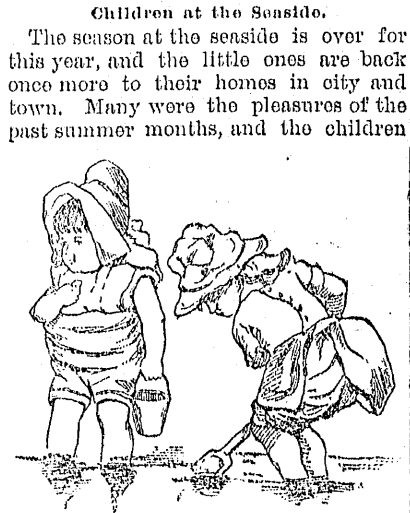


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Children at the seaside. The season at the seaside is over for this year, and the little ones are back once more to their homes in city and town. Many were the pleasures of the past summer months, and the children will talk of the good times they had until the nearness of Christmas holidays brings forward new and more interesting thoughts.

Bisping Says He Is Very Much Alive.

John Bisping, of London, O., sat in the public square this morning near the soldiers' monument reading over the list of dead inscribed on the shaft. When he found his own name among the list he halted and tried to refresh his memory with a view to recalling the time and place of his death. This he was unable to do, and arriving at the conclusion he was still living he told a reporter that on July 1, 1861, he enlisted in Company G, Captain John R. Britton, One Hundred and Sixty regiment. At that time he lived in Gwynedd, Pa. He served in a number of battles and was wounded at Antietam. He was then sent to the Frederick City hospital, and later to Baltimore, where he was honorably discharged.

Bisping then enlisted in Philadelphia in a company for state defense. He participated in the battle of Gettysburg and later returned to Philadelphia, afterward being appointed to a position in the quartermaster's department at Washington. In 1865, he was detailed to similar duties at Springfield, and in November of that year was discharged and went on a visit to London, O., where he has since resided. He has a wife and three children.

This is his first visit to Norristown in twenty-nine years. His brother, David Bisping, lives in this borough at 127 West Marshall street. Bisping never knew that he was reported dead, and is at a loss to understand how his name came to be inscribed in the list of fallen.—Norristown Times.

A Landlord's Little Message.

Saratoga hotel keepers are modest, and they like their guests to be modest too. They do not, of course mind the regulation décollete dress, but they do object to real bareness. Saturday night there came floating into the dining room of one of the largest hotels in Saratoga a girl who may be temporarily called Ophelia, clad in a gown which Ophelia would not have worn even after she went mad. Ophelia, you remember, lost her reason for her clothes. This Saratoga Ophelia had on a dress out of which the sleeves were completely cut. It was awfully low and had a dip in the back, so that it showed Ophelia's back-bone as plainly as it showed her back hair. As soon as the proprietor got wind of the panorama which was going to be shown in this dining room he sent one of his maids to her with the message, "Shawls obligatory at dinner."

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