

# DICKINSON COUNTY HISTORY – STYLES AND TRENDS OF THE TIMES

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## Rummage Sales.

A custom prevails in the east which could be introduced here to advantage, namely, rummage sales. It is announced that on a certain day an auction will be held and that all who wish may send things to be sold; any old things. You have in your attic a lot of stuff which you have been wanting to get rid of for years – broken furniture, worn carpets, old lamps, a box of screws, old clothes, old bottles, etc. You send these to the auction and they are sold for what they will bring, or above a minimum price if you prefer. There is always somebody to whom the old traps are of value and the result is a redistribution of property to the advantage of all.

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## BARBERS PROFIT BY BOBBED HAIR

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### One Out of Every Five Customers Nowadays Is a Woman

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For every four men entering an Iron Mountain barber shop, one woman trots in right behind them – or maybe they find her there ahead of them.

And on some days mere man, after deciding to get “scarped” and, ascertaining

that he has the necessary “two bits,” walks into a barber shop only to find seven or eight women awaiting the call of “next.”

George Huguet, proprietor of a hair clipping establishment on East Ludington street, is responsible for the above figures. On some days his women customers run as high as 80 percent, while on others they drop to 20 percent of the patronage.

Usually on entering a barber shop for their first “bob”, women and girls induce some girl friend to accompany them. After it is once cut they go alone.

Nervousness usually features the emotions of the fairer sex when they step into a barber’s chair. Few express regret when they see big long hanks of hair being cut off; and once it is cut they vow up and down that it will stay cut.

Some women who had their hair bobbed a year or so ago decided to “let it grow,” but most of them have changed their minds – womanlike – and decided they want it cut again.

“Women are not as particular as many men,” Mr. Huguet said. “They take it for granted that we know more about cutting hair than they do. They tell us whether they want it ‘shingled’, Dutch cut or how they want it, and that’s all there is to it.”

“It takes nerve to get ones [*sic* – one’s] hair cut for the first time,” he said in commenting on the nervousness of some women. “But, weren’t you nervous when you had your first shave in a barber shop?”

One woman, he said, went to the barber shop in a taxicab, stepped into a chair without waiting, watched him pin on the apron and, after he had combed out her hair said her nerve had failed her and she “guessed she didn’t want it **[finish copying this article]**”

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## **He Favors Calling 'Em 'Bobber Shops**

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Edward O'Donnell declares himself heartily in favor of changing the name of barber shops to "bobber" shops. He registers his kick on the grounds that when he went into a Norway shop Friday afternoon, seeking a haircut, he found six girls ahead of him. O'Donnell postponed his haircut until that evening hoping for better luck. Upon his return he found nine girls there.