

the poor bird's head, giving it a sudden twist would break its neck, and then probably the man who followed would be able to take off the bird's head. It was not so much a contest for the purse, as for the rollicking fun that resulted, and as to cruelty, it was innocence itself, compared to a modern game of football.

The foregoing sketch is made up from descriptions given by ancestors and their friends during the writer's boyhood days [in Spencer county], and is new to the younger generation, in most particulars.

ISSAC McCOY

THE following letter concerning Rev. Isaac McCoy, a pioneer missionary among Indiana Indians, is of interest:

"I am a grand-daughter of Rev. Isaac McCoy and great-grand-daughter of Mrs. Charles Polk, who was captured by Indians at Kinchelo Station, Kentucky.

"My grandfather McCoy died when I was six years old, but I remember him, especially his dignity and his gentleness. We, his descendants here, regard him as a truly great man. I have only one of his books, *The History of Indiana Missions*. His other works are in a vault in the State Capitol of Kansas, which vault was built especially to preserve them. He was never a resident of Kansas, only sojourning there for a brief period while establishing a mission for the Indians, but the State Historical Society asked for the privilege of keeping the books and my father consented.

"Did you know that my grandfather, Isaac McCoy, named a stream near Elkhart, Indiana, 'Christiana,' for his wife? and that a lake, mills, launch and a club all bear this name? He wrote when he called this hitherto unnamed stream for his wife, that the clear, placid, cheery little brook made him think of her, so he deemed it a fitting title."

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GENERAL BEADLE died at Los Angeles, California, Nov. 13, 1915. He was a member of a large pioneer family of Parke county. He graduated from the University of Michigan in 1861. He entered the war as a private in the 31st Indiana and came out a brigadier general in the Ninth Corps. After the war he studied