

# Publisher liked to share a laugh

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tions" to a "select party." The recipients were given the prospect of an hour of conversation, after which they would "repair to the dining room, where, after partaking of a light repast, dancing would be in order."

Anticipating a festive evening, apparently some Bloomingtonians "expended their surplus change in decorations, fasted after breakfast, and with sunken eyes and empty stomachs, repaired to the place designated at as early an hour as etiquette would allow."

barely penetrated their darkened minds . . ."

Apparently the host told his guests that, "as it was but an hour since each guest had eaten his supper, it was hardly probable they would appreciate lunch so soon after."

Was there ever such a party? One wonders if Gabe wasn't having his own little joke at the expense of his readers. He concluded with the following observation: "Many of the guests, whose garments fitted in a manner 'wonderfully loose,' excused themselves long before nine o'clock, and the party is said to have been the most dismal one of the season."

It should be noted at this point that Gabe neglected to mention in his article the name of the host of the All Fools' Day party. There is the implication that the whole affair turned a lot of enthusiastic guests into sheepish ones.

Continued Gabe, the rooms were crowded, and the hungry guests got mighty restless. At last the host commanded that the folding doors to the dining room be opened, revealing "a long table, covered with snowy linen, and with neatly trimmed lamps occupying the places usually allotted to the plates. Those nearest the door reached the table before the 'light' supper had