

J. J. Bascom of this place, while at work in his garden Wednesday afternoon, received quite a painful accident and narrowly escaped from being fatally injured. Two young ladies (whose names are withheld from print at their request) were engaged at hunting gophers and shooting at various objects with a 22 calibre rifle in the vicinity of where Mr. Bascom was at work and in some unknown manner Mr. Bascom was hit with one of the bullets, it entering his left hip and lodging in the flesh. He dropped to the ground instantly and made an outcry for help. D. R. Swartwout happened close by and helped the injured man to his home and summoned Dr. Wanner who pronounced the injury as not being serious but advised Mr. Bascom to go to Valley City that evening where the X-rays was used in locating the bullet but the physicians decided not to remove it unless they found it necessary later on. At this writing the patient is doing as well as could be expected and will probably return to his home here within a few days. It is supposed that it was a glancing bullet that caused the accident. The young ladies naturally feel very sorry that the accident occurred and in the manner it did. It should be a lesson, however, to many in the future, who indulge in such sport. One can not be too careful in the handling of these guns, that although small, they are dangerous.