“This photograph was taken in 1896, the year the baby of the family was born,” writes Sabrina Rabe of New Iberia, La., the contributor. She is the great-granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hermann Henry Hauser, who are shown here with their five children. The infant is Hermann Hauser, the contributor’s grandfather.

The two other boys in the photo are Joseph, left, and Alfred. The girls are Lena, left, and Margaret.

There is no question that the photograph was a real oldie—just look at the clothes worn by the two older boys. Their loose-fitting coats resemble smocks more than anything else; their white collars look like sailors’ middies. And those are eye-catching bows which are substituting for ties.

If the two Hauser boys would wear such outfits to school this year, they would have to do to get to school in the morning, and to get back home in the afternoon.

The Hauser girls are pretty as pictures. Their mother must have spent many an hour making those dresses, and an hour or so for good measure getting the girls ready for this photo.

Children being what they are, there is little doubt the girls kept their fresh appearances long after this photo was taken at the Handley studio in New Iberia. But the boys? They look as though they’re ready to shed those fancy duds and get on with the serious chore of being boys—climbing trees, digging holes, playing cowboys, and generally messing themselves up.

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