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Nameless couple from Arvika

This picture of a young couple was found in a flea market in the Minneapolis area, and the only clue to their identity is that the photo was taken in Arvika (Värml.).

The photographer Amelie Rydberg has been identified as Amalia Rydberg, born in 1862 in Arvika, and she started her studio in 1892, so this photo must have been taken at the earliest that year.

Looking at their dress, it might be more of an engagement picture and not a wedding picture.

Any information is most welcome!

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An unusual name



The above death notice was found in a collection of old newspaper clippings, called the *Kugelberg Collection*. It is a DVD, produced by the *Sveriges Släktforskarförbund*.

The deceased is a little girl who died at the age of 1 year 4 months and 18 days in the year 1896. She had three given names, *Irma Helena Ant-*

verpia, and it is the last name which is most unusual.

The solution was found in the death notice for her father, Sven Olof Strömbom, who died in 1901 Feb. 20. It turned out that he was a sea captain, and that his ship was the steamer *Saga*, which sailed regularly on the trade route from Gävle, Sweden, to Antwerp, Belgium. It seems like he enjoyed being in Antwerp, so he made up the name for his new little daughter.

It is not found in the 1900 Swedish Census, so this little girl was probably the only one with that name.

A Swedish camp

There is a small nonprofit nature center, Hunt Hill Audubon Sanctuary, in Northern Wisconsin.

They have many programs open to the public, and among those there is one called “På svenska: Adult Swedish Language and Culture Immersion” during the period of Sunday, June 12 – Friday, June 17.

You will receive instruction in how to cook a number of popular Swedish foods. You will be exposed to modern and not so modern Swedish culture, history, and politics. And of course, you will be challenged to learn all you can about the culture you love.

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