

Yankee Aids to Luxurious Camping. The days are past when men from homes of luxury are willing to do what the pioneers of the west called "hitting the grit with a blanket and a rifle." While here and there will be found heroic, independent souls, accustomed to the best things of the creature life, who do fairly revel in the bare necessities of the cruise, the great majority of the out-door enthusiasts of this day demand the latest luxuries. And the Yankee, as might be expected, says James A. Cruikshank, in Recreation, is well to the fore in providing novel implements for the outdoor life. In the number of new inventions, their wonderful utility and compactness and lightness, no nation is within hail of our own. This is not an idle boast; it is fully supported by the adoption of these new devices into the regular equipment of the military troops of the leading nations of the world. Than this no higher compliment could be paid. That wonderful palace car of the wilds, the canoe, is now made by white men in Maine better than the Indian ever made it; the Indian himself says so. He will even choose a canvas-covered Maine canoe for a long cruise in preference to one of birch bark. It is no little thing for the Yankee to have achieved this signal triumph over a people renowned for their wonderful skill in the art of canoe building.

Our Fire Losses. Speaking of big expenditures, both actual and possible, there are some suggestions in connection with the enormous fire loss in this country. In round figures, about \$400,000,000 worth of property in the United States went up in smoke in 1906. To be sure, the California earthquake and fire combined swelled the total to these forbidding proportions. But it is generally admitted that much more of our possessions are burned than should be the case. The record shows the vast drain on the national resources. Much of this could be stopped by proper care. Men speak of the mammoth dimensions of the Panama canal and other great projects under way. Yet, says *Traveller*, the fire loss of last year represented a sum which would have constructed the Panama canal more than twice over and would have left many millions to be advantageously employed in deepening rivers and harbors and constructing channels valuable for commercial uses or devoted to other objects equally beneficial to the public. A large part of that fire loss represented an absolute waste as would have been the burning of so much money.

At Foreign Hotels. Hot water is not "laid on" (piped) at foreign hotels. If you hear a gentle tap on the door in the morning, you may interpret it as meaning that a copper ewer of hot water has just been set down outside for your personal use. If you order a bath, it will be prepared for you accordingly, and a sweet-voiced maid will give you notice when it is ready. You are not expected to operate the water valves at all, and it is doubtful you would succeed if you tried. From a variety of vacant rooms at a hotel shown you, you select the one you prefer, with a definite agreement as to price. You are not required to accept humbly and thankfully, in blind faith, whatever room the clerk deigns to assign you, as in America. It is expected, however, says *Travel Magazine*, that you will order your breakfasts at the hotel, being free to get your other meals elsewhere, if you prefer. Electric light switches are not commonly turned on by a push button or a flat key, as in our buildings, but by a small brass lever. Many of the best hotels have a reading light in the headboard of each bedstead.

Out in Missouri a man under a 12 years' sentence for murder has just been pardoned after a year's imprisonment because of conclusive proof that he is entirely innocent of the crime. He may, perhaps, consider himself lucky in getting out after a year, but what recompense can a state make for having inflicted such a wrong on an innocent man? asks the *Indianapolis Star*. Money would not repay him for the injury, but it would at least be an acknowledgment that a debt was due. In view of the frequency with which such things happen a law should exist in every state providing for such compensation.

The New England man who believes that life may be prolonged indefinitely by continuous drinking of pea soup, evidently does not know that many people would rather die than be doomed forever to such a diet. It would be too much like eating crow.

The \$65,000 fetched by the Troyan at the New York art sale isn't quite top price for a picture sold in this country. The \$66,000 paid for a Meissonier at the A. T. Stewart sale still leads. But it's only by a nose.

Defective eyesight, declares an authority, is often caused by the wearing of tight collars, which interfere with the circulation of the blood to the head.

A young man in New York was arrested for stealing two bars of soap. As he was caught in the act, his accusers had a clean case against him.

It cost \$7,200 to equip and maintain the Columbus expedition that discovered America, but Columbus knew nothing about capitalization.

In Famine-Stricken China.



Thousands of Chinese are perishing daily, it is reported, as a result of the famine and plague that has visited their country. Here is a photograph of the king of beggars in the famine district.

SPOONS SAVE ROADS.

MONEY RAISED THROUGH SALE OF SOUVENIRS.

Kane County, Ill., Federation of Women's Clubs Has Novel Plan of Preserving Historic Features of Highways.

Aurora, Ill.—The most novel means to build a public highway in Illinois has been taken by the Kane County Federation of Women's clubs. Recently not less than 1,000 silver spoons, valued at \$2 each have been sold to improve and to preserve certain historic features of the roadway lying along the Fox river from Aurora as far north as Elgin and Carpentersville. The Kane county women have been working on this project for over a year, but it has only been within the last few weeks that they hit on the novel plan of raising the money with which to carry out their plans which are intended to benefit the whole people.

The work of preserving landmarks and beautifying lands abutting on the roadways was commenced in the fall of 1905, when they interested the farmers to the extent of inducing them to keep their weeds cut down. Then the women engaged a landscape man and drove him over the route, the result of which was that he drew up an elaborate plan calculated to establish and maintain one of the most attractive driveways in the state. After this came the project of raising the money. Rich men, automobile owners, drivers of blooded stock, were appealed to, but subscriptions came few and far between. During the most of the last summer there was nothing done that led the women workers to hope for the consummation of the project.

Then one of the Aurora women broached the project. She suggested that the fund be started by selling silver spoons of a special design. Then the women workers got their heads together in working out a design. At the start it was determined that a leading feature in the design should be a good likeness of old Chief Shabbona, who thousands of times had passed over the trail now marked by the roadway sought to be improved. The name of Shabbona is an honored one in Illinois. To the white settler of pioneer days Shabbona was a friend indeed. History recites that he saved settlements from massacre and in many other ways so endeared himself to the white people that they reverse his memory unto this day. They named a town for him, and erected a fine monument at his grave. Shabbona's likeness has been made to appear in the bowl of the spoon and the artist has done some clever work on other portions of the souvenir. The stem is made to represent one of the predominating woods of the Fox valley, on the spreading end of the stem there is a pretty view of the valley, and at the tip is the crouching form of a fox, emblematic of the historic river and valley along and through which the roadway courses its way.

A New York silversmith was given

the task of producing the spoons. At first only 500 were ordered, but the spoons began selling like the traditional hot cakes. Where at first it was next to impossible to stir up any interest in the project, people in all of the towns, including Aurora, Batavia, Galena, St. Charles, and Elgin, began buying spoons for themselves and for presents. The local clubs of all the towns kept the matter humming, and by this time, could old Shabbona come back from the happy hunting grounds, where he has been sleeping for 48 winters, he would find that his likeness in white metal has been carried to almost every state in the Union, where spoons have been sent by remembering friends.

Inclosed in each box with a spoon is a bit of history, which reads as follows:

"Shabbona, the Indian chief whose picture adorns the bowl of the Fox river valley souvenir spoons, was probably the most conspicuous Indian among the many who made their homes in the beautiful Fox river valley before the advent of the white man. He was born in Canada about 1780, of the Ottawa tribe. He married the daughter of a Pottawatomee chief, and, according to the custom of the Indians to adopt the tribe of the wife, he became a Pottawatomee. He was known as 'the white man's friend,' saved many from massacre, particularly during the Black Hawk war in 1832. He died at Seneca, Ill., July 18, 1859, and is buried in Evergreen cemetery, Morris Ill., where a monument was erected to his memory."

The success that has attended this novel venture in road building is highly gratifying, not only to the women workers who originated the scheme, but to thousands of people of Illinois who love its historic traditions and who glory in the romantic character of its river scenery.

Divorce Prize at Card Party.

Findlay, O.—A free divorce, a load of crushed stone, a monkey-wrench, a ton of coal, a meal ticket and the free services of a blacksmith to shoe a horse, were the prizes awarded at a card party given here by the City Federation of Women's clubs. A free funeral was offered as a prize by an undertaker, but it was declined. John Shaffer, a business man, won the prize offered by a lawyer, his free services in obtaining a divorce. Mrs. Charles Kirk won the load of crushed stone, and Mrs. Joseph Kegg, who has no horse, the free horseshoeing. The proceeds of the card party will be devoted to civic improvements.

Reflection from Ore Deposits.

German observers recorded as long ago as 1747 that a luminous emanation of variable shape will appear in the dark at points on the surface of the earth below which there are extensive ore deposits. Immediately before or during a thunderstorm these phenomena are said to be especially striking. Similar observations have more recently been made in North America in the neighborhood of ore deposits. The electric emanation given off from the surface of the earth has been repeatedly ascertained photographically.

Imprisoned for His Double.

Mother Tells Governor Remarkable Story of Close Resemblance.

Annapolis, Md.—Claiming that her son was wrongly convicted because of his close resemblance to a clever sneak thief, the mother of Joseph Leury has appealed to Gov. Warfield to release him from the state penitentiary, where he has served four years.

The woman said her son was so nearly a counterpart of a thief named Cohen that even she could hardly distinguish them apart. She charged that Cohen's crimes had repeatedly got her boy into trouble. Records in Philadelphia and Baltimore were looked up and indicated that Leury had been arrested 26 times on two charges alone, but had generally been acquitted or the prosecution had been abandoned. Mrs. Leury claimed it was proven in several instances that Cohen was the real offender. Leury formerly lived in Philadel-

phia, but moved to Baltimore, his mother said, on account of the trouble caused him by his resemblance to Cohen, but the latter followed him.

In Greater New York.

In New York, by which it is understood the metropolitan district, or Greater New York and its environs, there are in round numbers 300,000 buildings, 20,000 business buildings, 8,000 manufacturing buildings, 7,000 mercantile buildings, 1,700 fireproof buildings, 100 fireproof buildings in course of construction, 150 large hotels, 120 wholesale groceries, 100 theaters, 90 breweries, 75 piano factories, 75 department stores, 50 wholesale drug houses, 50 large furniture stores.—*Journal of Fire.*

For Higher Education.

Illinois alone is credited with 29 colleges and universities; Indiana boasts of 14 and Wisconsin ten. All told the United States is already provided with over 450 such institutions.

HOME MERCHANTS

GOOD REASONS WHY THEY DESERVE YOUR SUPPORT.

MEANS MUCH TO COMMUNITY

He is at the Head of the Things That Are Good for the Town and Yourself.

(Copyright by Alfred C. Clark.) The above head is a subject that can well be treated as open for discussion and consideration at any and all times. It is also a subject that should interest all persons who have at heart the welfare of the community in which he lives and who wishes to see it grow and prosper.

No person can afford to do what he knows will work an injury to the community in which he lives. In justice to himself he cannot refuse his support to the home industries that are striving for existence and the welfare of the town in which he goes to do his trading.

In considering this question it should be borne in mind that the country people, like all other American citizens, are always on the lookout for a place to invest their money that will bring them the biggest returns for the least expenditure; in this they are right and are justified in so doing, but, at the same time they should remember that they are dependent on the home merchant for the money that they send to foreign markets.

If they should stop to think how these catalogue houses are operated, and look into, and know, the true condition of affairs, probably they would reconsider the stand they had taken toward them. In many cases the people are ignorant of the true surroundings and inside operations of these concerns and think they are doing right in sending them their money. They are led to believe that what they get from the catalogue house is the same article that the home merchant sells, only at a much lower price. The majority of the people do not know that they are buying the cheapest article that can be manufactured and



It's a Shell Game—You Pay Your Money Without Knowing What You Are Going to Get.

that they are in reality paying more for an inferior grade of goods than those sold by the home merchant, which probably cost them a few cents more. Since the catalogue house has sprung into the commercial world and begun operations in the United States, all kinds of schemes have been tried and worked to get the money from the people that are always looking for bargains. No expense has been spared in their struggle for the almighty dollar of the country people, and they have been so far successful, at the great expense of the home town of the people that sent their money to these concerns.

Magazines have been started for the sole benefit of the catalogue house, and these circulated among the country people at ten or 15 cents a year. They build up a circulation on this low price of hundreds of thousands; this circulation brings to them millions of dollars in advertising from the catalogue houses and this money expended for advertising is more than doubled from the sales of these concerns to the country people who are losers by the transaction.

Catalogues are sent out telling the people that the house from which they came is the cheapest place in the country to buy, and it is, if the person receiving this catalogue wants a cheap article, not only in price, but also in make and material. The farmer receives this catalogue, looks it over, and after reading the well composed guarantee or assurance that the goods described in it are the very best that can be found anywhere, sends in an order. The house receives the order and immediately ships the articles wanted. The farmer drives many miles to get them and when the box is opened it is found to contain something much below his expectations, but this does not satisfy his mind on the fact that he has been duped and that he is not getting his full money value. In a second order he may be treated the same as the first one, but still he may think that he has saved money by buying it where he could get it cheap.

At the same time the merchant at home has the goods on the shelf in his store waiting for them to be taken away so that he can replace them with newer goods, thereby keeping his stock fresh and up-to-date. If he has not the article wanted he can order it from the wholesaler or manufacturer and it will be sent to the purchaser as if it had been ordered from a catalogue house. The home merchant's business must be kept up and in order to do this it is absolutely necessary that the people at home patronize him and help him keep up with the times, or else he will soon be out of the struggle for existence among the country people.

The home merchant should not be expected to pay the highest price for produce and farm products and then

be turned down by the seller of these articles when he wants anything in the merchant's line. He should be the first one to be consulted when the farmer intends buying. He should be seen and arrangements made for the purchase of the article, if he does not carry it in stock.

The home merchant advertises or should advertise, in the home paper. This keeps the home paper in the field and helps the community along. The people take the home paper because it gives all the local news that they cannot get any other way and thus the advertisements of the merchants are read by them. If the people do not patronize the home merchant he cannot afford to advertise, and without advertising a paper will soon prove a failure. Soon the home paper is sent to the wall for the want of support from the merchants; it may have a large circulation, but without the merchant's help it will soon be lost to sight. Then the merchant is next to get out of business for the want of support, and the town will decrease in population, and the people will wonder what the trouble is when the editor and the merchant leave town together.

The home merchant contributes to the support of the church, he pays his taxes to keep the schools up, he contributes to the horse show, the fall festival, and the hundred and one things that he is supposed to help out and give his support to. He is at the head of the list for everything that is for the good of the community and he deserves the honest and hearty cooperation of all the people, all the time, that are interested in the welfare of the community in which they live. The merchant helps to elect the men that are to represent them in the city, county, state and national affairs, and he is ever on the go looking to the interests of the people.

The people like to be entertained and they will come many miles to some amusement given by the merchants of the town where they are ever ready to go to sell their farm products. The merchant cannot give these entertainments unless he has the support of the people and it is not fair to expect this of the men that are striving for a livelihood, when the people send their money to a concern in some far away city that will neither contribute to any of these enterprises

GOOD PRESCRIPTION

SIMPLE MIXTURE THAT IS SAID TO BREAK A COLD QUICKLY.

Ingredients Can Be Easily Purchased at Little Cost From Any Good Prescription Druggist and Mixed at Home.

A noted authority on lung trouble advises that as soon as a cold is contracted the following simple treatment should be given. The ingredients can be purchased from any prescription druggist at small cost and easily prepared in your own home. It is said to be so effective that it will break up a cold in twenty-four hours and cure any cough that is curable.

Take a half ounce Virgin Oil of Pine (Pure), two ounces of Glycerine, and eight ounces of good Whisky. Shake well and take in teaspoonful doses every four hours.

Be sure that the Virgin Oil of Pine (Pure) is in the original half-ounce vials, which are put up expressly for druggists to dispense. Each vial is securely sealed in a round wooden case, with engraved wrapper, with the name—Virgin Oil of Pine (Pure); guaranteed under the Food and Drug Act, June 30, 1906. Prepared only by Leach Chemical Co., Cincinnati, O.—plainly printed thereon. Only the adulterated oils are sold in bulk; these create nausea and never effect the desired results.

Typical Soldier of Fortune. Though many of the descendants of the illustrious Edgar Allan Poe inherit some of his illustrious instincts, it is probably more marked in the case of "Johnnie" Poe, who can well be styled a typical soldier of fortune. Mr. Poe belonged to the great Fifth regiment of Baltimore and served during the war with Spain, after which he went to the Philippines, where he was offered a commission for efficient work. For the second time, however, he refused the honor and remained a private. At the expiration of his term he came back to this country and wandered to the famous Death valley and from there to the Tonopah district, from which he was lured in the late fall by the call of the gridiron.

VERY BAD FORM OF ECZEMA.

Suffered Three Years—Physicians Did No Good—Perfectly Well After Using Cuticura Remedies.

"I take great pleasure in informing you that I was a sufferer of eczema in a very bad form for the past three years. I consulted and treated with a number of physicians in Chicago, but to no avail. I commenced using the Cuticura Remedies, consisting of Cuticura Soap, Ointment and Pills, three months ago, and to-day I am perfectly well, the disease having left me entirely. I cannot recommend the Cuticura Remedies too highly to any one suffering with the disease that I have had. Mrs. Florence E. Atwood, 18 Crilly Place, Chicago, Ill., October 2, 1905. Witness: L. S. Berger."

Good Type of New Woman.

One of the youngest assistants ever appointed by Vassar college is Miss Corliss Babson, who also has the distinction of being the champion woman high jumper. Miss Babson was recently appointed assistant to President Taylor. A graduate of the class of 1905, Miss Babson made her wonderful jumping record in the class games of 1904, when she cleared the bar at four feet two and one-half inches, a full inch above the best previous record by a woman. Excellence in athletics, however, is not Miss Babson's only forte, for she secured the prize for the best class poem two years in succession.

Oats—Heads 2 Foot Long.

The John A. Salzer Seed Co., La Crosse, Wis., are bringing out a new oats this year with heads 2 feet long! That's a wonder. Their catalog tells!

Spetz—the greatest cereal hay food America ever saw! Catalog tells!

FREE

Our mammoth 148-page Seed and Tool Catalog is mailed free to all intending buyers, or send 6c in stamps and receive free samples of new Two Foot Long Oats and other cereals and big catalog free.

John A. Salzer Seed Co., Box W, La Crosse, Wis.

Clung to Old Fashions.

Augustus Squire, for 65 years a member of the Cutlers' company, London, whose death, in his ninety-third year, is announced, always burnt candles in his house, for he would never have gas or electricity laid on. He never sent a telegram in his life, never used the telephone, and hardly ever rode in a train, traveling by bus, carriage, cab or boat.

With a smooth iron and Defiance Starch, you can launder your shirtwaist just as well at home as the steam laundry can; it will have the proper stiffness and finish, there will be less wear and tear of the goods, and it will be a positive pleasure to use a Starch that does not stick to the iron.

California's Prune Crop.

California's prune crop in 1905, was 185,000,000 pounds, against 62,500,000 pounds in 1905. This has only been exceeded once in 17 years. That was in 1902, when the crop was 197,000,000.

Defiance Starch is the latest invention in that line and an improvement on all other makes; it is more economical, does better work, takes less time. Get it from any grocer.

The man who knows nothing outside of his own business may have a good income, but he is mighty uninteresting.

ONLY ONE "BROMO QUININE"

That is LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE. Similarly named remedies sometimes do not. The first and original Gold Tablets is a WHITE PACKAGE with black and red lettering, and bears the signature of W. G. GROVE, etc.

Clever French Imitation.

The French manufacture a paper linen so cleverly that it is almost impossible, without examination, to detect the difference between it and damask; and even to the touch the articles made of paper linings are very much like linen, and are often used in its place.

Sixty-four balloons were sent out of Paris during the siege of 1870-71.

Lewis' Single Binder straight six. You pay 10c for cigars not so good. Your dealer or Lewis' Factory, Peoria, Ill.

You can have a mighty hot time on a cool million.

The Motor Voice. The tennis elbow, the bicycle foot, the clergyman's sore throat and all manner of disabilities that come from modern conveniences are familiar to us. The motor-omnibus voice was discovered by a young woman who was riding outside a motor-omnibus, and trying (as is her habit) to talk. And the horrible truth suddenly flashed on her mind, and from her lips. "I c-can't keep-pip-pip my voice shut-till!"—The Reader.

Advertisement for Pure White Lead is the Natural Paint Pigment. Includes an illustration of a woman in a white dress and a small image of a product container. Text describes the benefits of the paint and provides contact information for National Lead Company.

Advertisement for Cuticura Soap. Features the text 'COMING OF THE STORK' and 'SUGGESTS Cuticura SOAP'. Includes an illustration of a stork carrying a bundle.

Advertisement for Canadian Government Free Farms. Text describes the opportunity for American farmers to obtain land in Canada and provides contact information for the Canadian Government Agent.

Advertisement for OVER NINETY MILLION BUSHELS of wheat from the harvest of 1906. Text describes the quality and availability of the wheat and provides contact information for the Canadian Government Agent.

Advertisement for CARTER'S LITTLE LIVER PILLS. Text describes the benefits of the pills for various ailments and provides contact information for the manufacturer.