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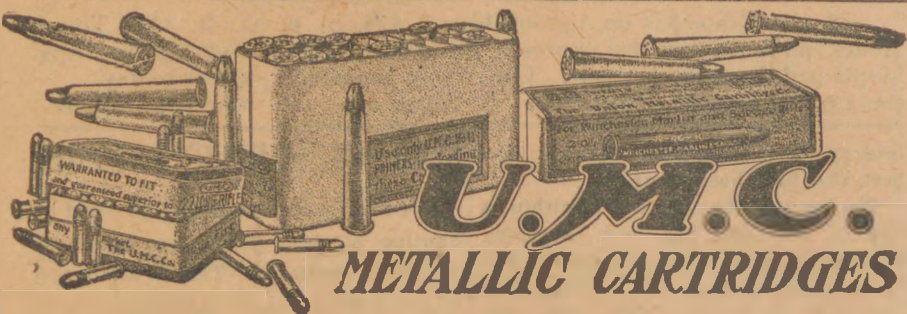
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Fish and Game Oddities.

Tilden And The Trout

An anecdote about a dogfish and his successful interview with the President published in a recent number of Harper's Weekly, leads a correspondent of that paper to recall another incident in which the late Samuel J. Tilden was the chief figure. Mr. Tilden and W. M. Evarts were walking one day along the banks of the Ammonoosac, in the White Mountains, when they espied a fish a few feet from the shore. "I think I'll have that big trout," said Mr. Tilden. "How do you expect to catch him without a hook?" exclaimed his companion. "Wait and see," was the reply and, removing his coat and vest, he knelt down and nimbly seized the fish, though with such marvellous agility that he lost his balance and went in up to his neck. Nevertheless, with characteristic tenacity, he held on to his prize, and the two anglers between them succeeded in taking it to the hotel. "There!" exclaimed Mr. Tilden as he exhibited it to the landlord, "did you ever see a finer trout than that?" "Trout!" was the reply; "It's nothing but a sucker."

HEALD POND CAMPS.

Deer Are Reported Here as Plentiful as Ever.

JACKMAN, Sep. 20, 1904.

To the Editor of Maine Woods:

In looking over the reports and statements made by some persons or persons stating that the deer are on the decrease and that lots are dying, I will tell you my experience, as I always put in a lot of time, trapping and cruising round the woods in winter and take careful notice of the game. I will say that the deer are more plentiful than I ever saw them at any time and moose are increasing rapidly. Why I was in five different moose yards last winter, two of them within three miles of my camps at Heald pond, this certainly would not be if they were decreasing. My guests all say the deer are more plentiful than they ever saw them. They never have to go out to see them, the deer come right to camp. Last evening two came within 20 yards of the camp occupied by Mr. Grant of Springfield, Ohio.

I don't make these statements to bloom my business, but I will at any time guarantee any man a full quota of deer any time in one week if he can only shoot them. He can pick his deer at that.

A party from Jeffersonville, Ohio, headed by Lossen Day, killed in two and a half days, eight deer, seven of them large bucks, while five men hunted all the time and shot at deer every day for two weeks and went home empty handed. Why? Because they couldn't hit. Some of them ask me this fall, "Can we get our deer if we come up?" I simply say if you have learned to shoot I will guarantee you can get your deer all right.

Bears are also very plentiful and partridges were never any more plentiful in my time and I have lived in the woods for 18 years most of the time. If I have misrepresented any one statement I hope to be reminded of it later on. I will say the only dead deer I saw last winter was killed by a dog and the dog was killed by a man shortly after.

The past summer was a very prosperous one, as the camps were filled and fishing was very good.

The parties who visited the camps were as follows:

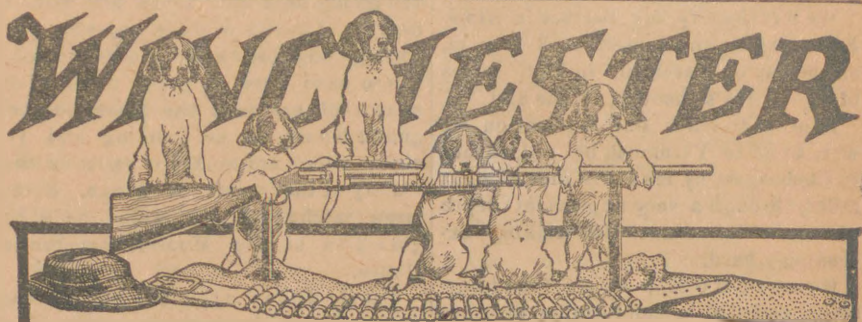
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Fishing at Rangeley.

Mr. C. F. Hutchins and family of Boston have joined Capt. R. A. Tuttle and family at Lake Point cottage, Rangeley lake. The Hutchins's have been abroad this year and now Mr. H. will do a little September fishing with Chas. L. Harnden, guide,

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"Isn't it about time for some of you newspaper men to spring that old chestnut about the spectre moose of Lobster lake?" queried John Hildreth, a well known local guide of the Commercial correspondent recently, with a sly twinkle in his eyes.

"Of all the fairy tales that have been spun about the wonders of the North woods," he continued, pulling a well worn newspaper clipping from a pocket book, "this yarn is the limit. Listen to the first part of it:

"The enormous moose that has been the wonder of all sportsmen and the terror of superstitious woodsmen since 1891, has again been seen and people who have always laughed at the stories of the white moose and the spectre moose are beginning to believe that after all, there is some kind of an overgrown freak wandering between Lobster lake and Mt. Katahdin."

"The story then goes on to say that the animal stands 15 feet high, has antlers ten or 12 feet across, with 22 points on a side and a bell 28 inches long.

"Owing to the fact that I perpetrated this joke originally I think an explanation is due to the public now that the subject has been worn threadbare by the newspapers.

"In the fall of '91 I spent a good deal of time in the vicinity of Lobster lake and one evening I came across what I supposed to be a monster gray moose, disappearing down a tote road. A night or two later I saw the same beast in about the same place and I crept up very close for a better view, when to my surprise, I found that the animal was nothing more or less than a huge gray draught horse, which later on, I found was disabled and had been turned loose by some lumber operators near by. The beast had been roaming about for some little time and had become wild

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enough so that any unusual sound would put it to flight and this together with its resemblance to a moose, prompted me to play a joke on a fellow woodsman.

"Not long after that I met my friend and told my story and sure enough he too, saw the monster.

"That was enough. Inside of a week the story was a subject of conversation from Chesuncook lake to the North East Carry and a little later on it had reached Kineo, been written up for the Bangor papers and was being generally copied.

"It wasn't long, however, before quite a number of us knew the facts, but the 'spectre moose' had then become altogether too good a thing from the advertising standpoint, to be other than pushed along, so we kept 'seeing him' every now and then and we were careful to let the wide-awake newspaper men and the credulous visitors, know all the details and to give the stories a fascinating sense of mystery.

"The moose grew with amazing rapidity the first season, nearly doubling in size and early next fall we were careful to have the animal back in his old haunts early in the season, in spite of the fact that the big gray horse had long since disappeared. By way of variety we added the superstitious element and let the beast keep on growing. By the middle of the season the animal was so big that he couldn't go down a tote road without touching the trees on both sides with his antlers, and his hoof prints were as large as an army hat.

"We thought we'd done fairly well and were willing to let the matter drop, but about this time a sure enough gray moose of unusual size put in an appearance in the vicinity of Katahdin and helped things along mightily.

"It does seem rather sad to give the thing away," concluded Hildreth, "but confession is good for the soul, and a few of us would like to see the facts in print.

"For the sake of advertising we can find a panther now and then and have a hand to hand encounter with a she-bear and perhaps, later on, we can spring something about a ten-legged caribou."—Bangor Commercial.

The first man shot in mistake for a deer in the Adirondacks this season was a guide, and the strange thing is that he was shot by his own brother, who, like the usual fool visitor, fired because he saw something moving in the bush.

Whistler Shooting In Casco Bay.

BY WILLIAM G. HILL.

Special correspondence to MAINE WOODS.
RANGELEY, Sept. 27, 1904.

It was during the early part of March we began planning our shooting trip down the bay for a few days with the whistlers (American golden-eye.) Owing to the severe winter of 1903 it was impossible to make connections otherwise than a long tramp across the waters of Casco bay to a small island called Chebeague, some ten miles distant from Portland.

We left the city, my partner in crime, Eddie James, and myself at 3.30 p. m. on the day of March 30, in high hopes of a good day's shooting on the 31st.

In order to reach our destination we were to go to Yarmouth by rail, thence to Chebeague, by ice a distance of eight miles, through a very unpleasant depth of snow which made the walking exceedingly hard.

However, at 9.30 p. m. we found ourselves seated at a comfortable fireplace where a good, hot supper was in waiting for us, to which I can truthfully say we did justice.

After talking the matter over and arranging our decoys we decided to retire with a series of pleasant dreams of the morrow. As I heard the ringing of our old alarm at 3 a. m. I quietly turned over and punched my companion in the ribs warning him that unless he got his eyes open wider than that our chances for ducks would be slim.

After considerable resistance on his part, I finally persuaded him to come from under the warm blankets and enter into the joys of a hot breakfast. Having completed our lunch we then started for the shore where our boat had been made ready on the night before and as the sunrise began to illuminate the horizon we found ourselves building a blind that was to be our hiding place during the flight.

The whistler, being a northern bird, feeds almost entirely near the edge of the ice and in order to get to their feeding grounds we were to shoot from the lower border of a huge field of ice some 15 inches thick, which had been constantly broken up by the heavy under-tow from the ocean.

Hardly had we gotten our decoys out when a solitary bird came down the wind straight at us and as it scaled over the wooden forms my full choked left put an end to the first bird that came.

With the approach of the rising sun the flight began and as they came along from one to four and five at a time we offered them congratulations with us usually four loads of infallible—sometimes stopping them but truthfully speaking, not all the time, as this same sturdy little duck is capable of logging off considerable lead.

Eddie not having shot at any of these before, was unable to land them (strange to say) and declared he was shooting at the wind and a half mile beyond them.

The shooting held good until noon and at that time we had bagged a reasonable number of ducks and were both quite satisfied with our day's sport.

So after returning to Chebeague and once again reviving the inner man we started on our weary journey across the bay, arriving in the city that evening, well pleased with a good day's shooting.

Kingfield Sporting Notes.

Special correspondence to MAINE WOODS.
KINGFIELD, Sept. 28, 1904.

Some section hands on the Franklin & Megantic railroad near Riverside cottage in Bigelow saw a large bear Wednesday of last week. The bear was coming down the track when first seen and as soon as he detected the men walked off into the woods and disappeared from view.

Mr. Wilbur of Bigelow and a friend recently got a good catch of trout on the Carrabassett.

Mr. John Sullivan contemplates a trip to Tufts pond sometime in the near future.

Dr. H. S. Viles has returned from a fishing trip to Eustis.

Messrs. Horatio Clark and Warren Sweett of New Portland, two veteran fishermen, have been at Tufts pond recently.

Messrs. M. Mitchell and Chas. Sweett captured seven partridges recently.

The bird hunters in town report plenty of partridges this fall. The signs are also said to be just right for good deer hunting later on.

Mr. Lail Tarr reports seeing a large black bear in an orchard about five miles from Kingfield, Sunday. Mr. Tarr said the bear was quite tame and would have been easy game had Mr. Tarr had his trusty rifle by him at the time.

MOOSELOOKMEGUNTIC HOUSE.

A Few Enjoying the Last Days of Fishing.

Senator Frye at His Camp at The Narrows.

Special correspondence to MAINE WOODS.

MOOSELOOKMEGUNTIC HOUSE, }
HAINES LANDING, Sept. 28, 1904. }

Although the close of the season is almost at hand there is still lots of life and gaiety here and there are still a number of guests who are enjoying the closing days of a most eventful season. There have been a great number of memorable events at the Mooselookmeguntic House, Haines Landing and vicinity, which are worthy of space in the history of the woods of Maine. Some large catches of fish were made by guests of the Mooselookmeguntic House.

The fly fishing, while not up to the standard, has been fairly good. The majority of the sportsmen who are here are fly fishermen yet there are a few who are trolling as usual. The majority of fish recently taken have been taken on the fly. Mr. H. F. Stevens of New York, who has been here for some time, had a successful catch a few days ago. He was accompanied by his little 6 years-old daughter. His largest fish among six was a beautiful 4-pound salmon. The little girl also landed a 3½ pounder.

Mr. J. L. Hamer of New York, who is also in Mr. Stevens's party, is getting a few fish on the fly and has been successful in shooting a few partridges.



HOW'D YOU LIKE TO PLAY PEEK-A-BOO WITH ME?

Mr. J. E. Chapin of Springfield, Mass., who has been with us all summer, left a few days ago for his home after a much enjoyed vacation. Mr. Chapin's mother accompanied him here and remained several weeks. Sue proved to be one of the most successful anglers of the feminine sex. Her largest of many fish taken while here was a beautiful 8 pound salmon which she had mounted by Nash of Maine.

Senator Frye, who spent a week at his camp at The Narrows with his daughter, Mrs. Briggs, left a few days ago. The Senator was not so fortunate with fishing as he has been in the past but it is well known that the Senator fishes only by the cast of the fly.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Carpenter of Pawtucket, R. I., are here for the balance of the fishing season. They are both expert fly fishermen and have already begun to bring in trout and salmon landed on the fly. There are several others who still remain here.

Farmington Sporting.

Special correspondence to Maine Woods.
FARMINGTON, Sept. 28, 1904.

The following merry party were recently at Varnum pond: Misses Addie Briggs, Belle Jones, Florence Shorey and Caro Jacobs, Messrs. Arthur Norton, Ernest Butler and Roy Stewart. Miss Jacobs acted as chaperone for the party. In the rifle competition, held in honor of the ladies, Miss Jacobs easily won the championship by some remarkably fine shooting.

Percy Roberts and a friend have gotten several partridges of late.

York County News.

Special correspondence to MAINE WOODS.

KENNEBUNK, Sept. 26, 1904.

Saturday evening the moon was full and quite a number hereabouts took advantage of the fine night to go coon hunting. The coons must have seen them coming for they kept close.

The law comes off deer in York county Saturday and the sportsmen are getting their rifles out and replenishing their outfits for the month's hunting. Guide Watson and his brother while out for a walk one morning recently saw one of the largest bucks ever seen in this vicinity. Signs are very numerous and we predict that more deer will be shot this fall than last. If the cold weather holds the last of October may see snow on the ground and that will be a great benefit to the hunters.

We are reliably informed that four of the hounds that have been chasing deer hereabouts have been shot, the owners refusing to take care of them. As soon as these dogs are got rid of the deer will be found more plenty as they were the first of the summer.

About 40 members of the Sanford grange enjoyed an outing at Bodwell Bros.' camp at Square pond, Sanford, last Saturday.

Walter P. Scott of Sanford was fined \$5 and costs in the municipal court at Sanford last week, for having partridges in his possession during close time. He settled.

Among the Somersworth news in the Biddeford Journal I noticed the following: "A fawn about 4 months old was captured last week on Market street, Somersworth. The beautiful little fel-

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bird was in fine condition as all have been that have been secured.

The herring situation until within a day or two ago has been anything but encouraging. The fishermen had almost given up hope of catching any this year, but latest reports from the coast are to the effect that the herring have struck in and that the fishermen are having all they can do to get them in readiness to ship to the markets.

A very sad drowning accident occurred in the Saco river last Saturday. Harry P. Billings together with Rufus Small and Arthur Wheeler started out Saturday morning to go gunning up the river. The trip up was made in good luck, getting up by Little falls, which are always more or less dangerous, without mishap. Wheeler was rowing the boat, with Billings at the stern and Small at the other end. When near the Gilpatrick farm Small said he guessed he would have a smoke and in attempting to get some tobacco from Billings at the other end of the boat, he caused the boat to tip to one side and it soon filled and capsized. Small could swim well but Wheeler could not, so Billings aided Wheeler, but he was obliged to let go of him and swim to shore as he was loaded down with rubber boots and cartridge belt. As soon as he reached shore he removed his boots and coats, but Wheeler and Small were not to be seen. Their bodies were found later in the day. Billings was heartbroken over the drowning as the three were very close friends. The two guns and rifle which they had with them were lost.

WINCHESTER REPEATER.

The White House and Birches.

Special correspondence to MAINE WOODS.
GRAND LAKE STREAM, Sept. 26, 1904.

The fishing season is drawing to a close and the hunters are looking about for their guns and ammunition. Already the partridges and ducks have had to look lively and some of them did not look soon enough we would judge from the strings A. W. Blake brings back from the morning trips he takes with Steve. One morning I counted seven heads swinging in the wind as he turned the corner.

Blake's new cottage is finished and being occupied. George Blake and his young bride left for home Saturday after a happy month's outing. As regards fishing and hunting they were very successful.

The September salmon fishing has been very good. The Stearns party of three in five days caught six salmon and 46 trout.

The Crocker party are expected to morrow and will stay over for the deer hunting.

Mr. O. F. von Arnim left for home Friday after a stay of two weeks, part of which was spent in camp on Dobsilake.

The new church which is being built in the village is being pushed rapidly and a meeting was held in the unfinished vestry last Sunday. It is hoped that the vestry will be finished this fall so that the Sabbath school can use their new home this winter.

The autumn foliage on the ridges is now in its glory and to many this is the most beautiful time of the year.

The recent arrivals at the White House are Mr. and Mrs. Judson H. Root, Mrs. Shiras Morris, Hartford Conn.; Dr. A. R. Moffit, Winthrop Brooks, Paul Randall, L. Fraissinet, O. F. von Arnim, A. S. Schoonmaker, New York City; E. M. Coats, Springfield, Mass.; E. H. Stearns, Bangor; Marian Herve, Melrose, Mass.; Nina P. Sprague, Dr. C. E. Johnson, Princeton; Allerton Cushman, Lieut. Guy Cushman, Washington, D. C.

To Camp Owners.

Many owners of camps who have MAINE WOODS regularly, but who have had no camp news in our columns for a long time past, if ever, would do well to send us a little news about their people and their attractions. We would print it and it would pay the camps well. We like to have mail sent to us as early as Monday, for the current week, when possible.

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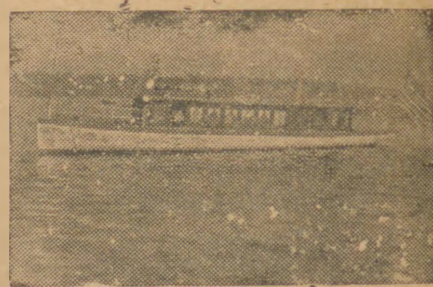
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Black Brook Camps.

Special correspondence to MAINE WOODS.

BLACK BROOK CAMPS, DEAD RIVER, Sept. 27, 1904.

The fishing has held good throughout the entire season and no one has had any reason to find fault.

The partridge season has opened fairly well so far, but the weather has been very unfavorable most of the time.

There is every promise of the most successful fall hunting season we have ever had and apparently no one is staying at home this year on account of the license law.

Deer are by far more plenty than ever before. Moose also are plenty, being seen almost daily by someone in camp. Five of them were seen in one day last week.

Bears are apparently nearly as numerous as deer as almost every day some one reports seeing them and every one knows these camps are famous for bear shooting and have made big records in years past something of interest will be made here this season.

J. G. Harlow, proprietor of Black Brook Camps, says he has one party coming for big game hunting that will take \$300 worth of licenses for them.

One of the finest parties ever visiting these camps was Mr. J. S. Maxcy of Gardiner, president of the Franklin & Maine railway, his two sons, Robert and Richard Maxcy, his daughter, Miss Helen Maxcy and niece, Miss Barbara Maxcy of New York City. They were all on for a good time and declared it was the time of their lives. Of course the boys thought they were the only hunters in camp and said the ladies must sit on the back side of the table, which they pleasantly agreed to do, but it was not long before they had Jim's 22 rifle and were out early and late looking for game. They made a record for themselves and so had the honor of changing seats with the boys. A trip was also made to West Carry Pond Camps, H. E. & H. H. Harlow, proprietors, and again they won the laurels by landing a fine 2 pound trout before breakfast and at 5 o'clock before the boys were up at all. Miss Helen was the lucky one in this instance. They were all first-class woodsmen and woodswomen and they made the 25-mile circuit from the Ledge House by trail and enjoyed it very much.

Two new camps are to be built ready for occupation early next season, one being for Robert and Richard Maxcy and the other for Miss Helen and Miss Barbara Maxcy. The two young ladies are also to accompany Mr. Maxcy on a two weeks' trip to these camps in December when they will do some snowshoeing and visit the lumber camps.

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UPPER DAM, Sept. 26, 1904.

The frost of last week chilled the flowers but not the ardor of the fisherman as the following record will testify: J. C. Morgan, trout, 3 1/2 16 pounds; salmon, 3 1/2, 3 1/2 and 3 1/2 pounds. R. N. Parish, salmon, 3 1/2 10, 3 1/2 pounds; trout, 5 1/2, 8 1/2 pounds. Eugene Lynch, salmon, 5 1/2-16, 5 1/2 16, 9 1/2 16 pounds. L. A. Reese, salmon, 3 1/2 16, 5 pounds. Frank V. Dumond, salmon, 5 1/2 pounds.

E. Bartlett and wife of North Oxford, Mass., and daughter, Mrs. A. L. Taft of Spencer, Mass., arrived on Sunday by way of the White mountains and will remain for a few days' hunting after the fishing is over.

It was a pleasing sight to see two little Florida boys aged 8 and 12, who had never seen snow before last week. They had a game of snowball but the 3-years-old boy was dismayed to find the snow was cold, "Oh so cold."

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Green and sons, Edward and Otis, of Ocala, Fla., left for their home on Saturday, after a month's stay here.

Mrs. Horatio Bisbee and daughter, Miss Florence, started this morning for New York, where the latter will remain to study and Mrs. Bisbee will later go on to their home in Jacksonville, Fla. Col. Bisbee and son, Ralph, will remain for a part of the hunting season.

Rifle Practice.

Company K, Farmington, of the second regiment, has been challenged by Company D of Norway first regiment for a match with twelve men on a side to shoot at 200 500 and 600 yards or 500 and 600; ten shots and two sides for each man at each range. Each side puts up \$50 prize money. The challenging party names Oct. 5 at Brunswick.



HE IS ONLY ONE OF MANY.

wick for the match, following the state matches which take place on the 5th. The 5th and 6th of October following the state shoot have been set aside for rifle matches clubs of all kinds. Provisions have been made on the grounds for taking care of people who engage in the matches. Dr. G. M. Elliott of Brunswick, lieutenant and surgeon of the first regiment, will be commissary officer.

The state matches will be of great interest this year by reason of the large cash prizes and the fact that the trophies which are held by Company D of the first regiment will be shot for again this year and each succeeding year.



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Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Curley left this morning. Mrs. Curley will visit at Cape cottage, Port and for a few days. They will open their home at Dorchester, Mass., about Oct. 1.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Bearce leave tomorrow for their home in Lewiston.

A few will stay for the last days' fishing.

The weather has been rather uncomfortable for the past week.

The arrivals are:

H. S. Hayes, Brooklyn; Ralph Bisbee, New York City; Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Stevens, Melrose, Mass.; Waldo Nash, Norway; H. U. True, Boston; Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Jenison, Miss Eva Jenison, Albany, N. Y.; E. Bartlett and wife, North Oxford, Mass.; Mrs. A. L. Taft, Spencer, Mass.; Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Ambrose, New York.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Rogers of Mansfield, Mass., who for two weeks have been at Moosehead lake, passed through Phillips, Tuesday, for their annual trip to the Rangeleys where they hope as in the past to tempt many a big trout and salmon to rise to their fly.

BEAVER POND CAMPS.

Mr. Chester Bisbee's Table Supplied With Game.

The Tame Foxes Still Linger Around the Camps.

Special correspondence to Maine Woods.

BEAVER POND, Sept. 26, 1904.

Mr. Chester G. Bisbee brought in a well filled game bag one day recently of six partridges and a duck. The birds made a delicious pie. Mr. Bisbee is a successful all around hunter and every day supplies his table with game or fish. He caught a beautiful 2 pound fish at the Meadow Ground Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Van V. Hayes have returned to New York after passing ten days in Camp Beaver Terror.

The mountains are fast getting their autumn coat of many colors and October by far is the most beautiful month of the season. The hunters are all hoping for warmer weather as it has been rather cold the past few days.

The two foxes who broke their chains and run for the woods are seen every morning playing up by the stable where the horses are kept. The chore boy regularly puts meat in the pen as it was their home and evidently they think that is a much easier way of getting it than working for their living. They are not shy except when one tries to catch them. Their coats are beautiful since their sojourn in the woods and they have grown noticeably in the past two weeks.

Among the late arrivals in camp are Dr. Samuel McClary, Philadelphia; Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Reynolds, Miss Blakeslee, Holyoke, Mass.; Jeremiah Richards, Miss Ethel Richards, Miss May Hands, New York; Owen Ward, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.; Grant Fuller, Bernard Taylor, guides; Geo. C. Dickson, Jos. B. Crocker, Boston, Axel Tibbetts, Jack McKernan, guides, Rangeley.

TRADE NOTES.

Important Shooting Events.

At Deadwood, S. D., recently to show that amateurs and experts agree on one point at least squad No. 2 composed of Messrs. Anderson, Adams, Bills, McDowell and Taylor, all shooting U. M. C. Nitro Clubs, broke 123 125.

At the New Hampshire State shoot, Mr. C. E. Harrington of Manchester won the state championship and Mr. S. W. Greer also of Manchester was second. Further proof along the same line—Nitro Club shells.

While stopping off at Mildletown, N. Y., for the shoot of the Orange County Gun club Mr. W. H. Heer, the famous western shooter who has been making an extended trip through the east, astonished the spectators by breaking 100 straight. Shooting same—Nitro Club shells.

News has recently arrived from Oklahoma at the shoot of the U. M. C. Gun club at Guthrie Sept. 9, that Mr. T. E. Hubby had scored 131 135, winning professional and Mr. A. J. Donnelly 113-135, winning amateur high average. Also that Mr. McGurly had won the live bird race. All using Arrow shells. There seems to be some shooters in Oklahoma.

On the 12th Mr. Heer shot with the Avosting Gun club at New Paltz, N. Y., where he broke 100-195 and further continued his good work by breaking 192-200 at Willimantic, Conn., on the 14th, while enjoying the hospitality of the Gun club at that place.

We have also just heard that Mr. C. W. Budd while shooting with the Hopkins Bros. Gun club at Des Moines, Ia., (which by the way is his home town) broke 97-100 shooting Nitro clubs.

It does not seem to matter much what way you turn U. M. C. Arrows and Nitro clubs in the hands of experts or amateurs are always on top. They seem to work just as well in the field—ask your neighbor.

Long Pond Campers.

At Camp Winona are T. L. Smith and friends of Boston. Frank Chick, Archie and Pete Lufkin are the guides.

A guide, who has had all kinds of experience with people who had buck fever when they saw the game, says he had a 'jumper' out hunting a year or two ago and he gave 'points.' Said the jumper was creeping up on a deer that was in plain sight 300 yards away. He had his gun cocked and was in a fair way to shoot his game, when a little bird flew up in a tree over his head and made a wee wee sound without warning, when the jumper said "wee wee," pulled the trigger, threw the gun in the air and the game ran away.

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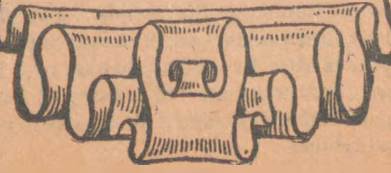
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The September Woods.

The days of Red and Brown have come. Over the hills of green there shine the duller colors of the autumn. The golden red grows rusty and the thickets of sweet fern turn in and shrivel, making a dry and powdery scent which gives the nostrils a delicious irritation. The air is full of tang. It is the right season to quit the well-worn town and seek the woods.

If the colors of the autumn are less brilliant than those of summer, they are better set off by the wondrous air of heaven. Nothing in all the year compares with the intoxicating tingle of the September morning breeze as it strikes the face and sweeps the brain of the eager traveler, searching out the woods. In all the world there is no finer sight than the ocean upon these shores of ours when, at sunrise, the golden shadows lift and show the purple embrasures of day along the far horizon line. This is the time for the wisest men to take their rest and respite.

There is a mood in the September woods that meets and greets the human eye and heart which enter them,—a joyous quiet, a sweet serenity, a willing calm. Nature's deep, glad smile of satisfaction as she sees her season's work well done, and brings it to the close. There is none of the inert heat of summer; no fervid Springtime fumes assail the visitor and stifle him with their fulsome humidity. But through everything there runs the touch of power, of strength, of rich red blood, of good works, manful inspirations, the spring and outcry of abundant health, the songs that ring, the steps that leap,—the season of good life is here.

We who are fighting the fight see scarcely enough of the September woods. There are elections to be done, votes to be counted, corporations to organize and journeys to go. The most of men are just now taking up their work once more after the summer's halt. Just now the towns full of life. And yet, that life is borrowed from the woods. Out there no imitation can be found. Out there no war count, nor the adding of election tables. Out there the grassy pathways are wet with the late morning dews, and in the sunny spots the partridge digs and ruffles up the dusty remnants of some towering tree. The birds have gone, and left behind their vacant tenements which you tread and study with awe of their late presence, yet remaining. You walk with fearome steps, because there is that in the silence of the woods makes you think that Nature may return and find you an intruder there.

At night the moonlight shivers through still leafy trees, while before his fire the wise man sits and smokes final pipe before he pins his tent flap and rolls up in his blanket. He knows naught of the night, but wakes at dawn, and sees the purple and the gold rebud and bloom, and drinks once more the champagne of the skies, and lives again another day, alike in beauty, yet filled with beauties no one ever knew before. And it is fairyland,—in the September woods. —Morning Press.

Road to Sandy River Pond.

The Franklin county commissioners viewed the proposed road from the highway to Sandy River pond near Mr. Stetson's house a few days ago and after hearing all parties interested, laid the road as prayed for by the petitioners, who were largely people who want to fish in the pond.

Lady and the Birds.

MAINE WOODS is always especially glad to record the shooting records of ladies who enjoy the woods. The first lady bird shooter we've heard of this year is Miss Everdene Shepard of Phillips, who went out from camp at Long pond a few days ago and shot two nice partridges.

Brackett For Commissioner.

J. W. Brackett, publisher of MAINE WOODS and MAINE WOODSMAN of Phillips is a candidate for the position of commissioner of inland fisheries and game at the expiration of the term of Henry O. Stanley, who does not desire reappointment. Mr. Brackett is in every way qualified for the position, for which he has strong support. —Belfast Republican Journal.

J. W. Brackett of Phillips, editor and proprietor of the MAINE WOODS and MAINE WOODSMAN, the leading exponents of the fish and game interests of the state, is a candidate for the position on the commission of inland fisheries and game to be made vacant by the expiration of the term of Hon. Henry O. Stanley of Dixfield, Jan. 24, next. Mr. Brackett was a candidate for the place previous to the reappointment of Mr. Stanley to the position for the present term, having entered into the contest on the presumption that Mr. Stanley did not desire the position longer. He retired from the field, however, on learning of Mr. Stanley's inclinations then and enters the field again now with the assurance that the aged commissioner feels himself unequal to the task of serving longer on the commission. Mr. Brackett is well fitted to fulfill the duties of the office, being thoroughly conversant with the interests of the state and in a position to judge of the feeling existing outside among those thousands of sportsmen who annually visit Maine to fish or hunt for big game. He is generally looked upon as an authority upon the matters with which the commission has to deal and his genial personality and evidence of sound judgment commend him for the appointment. —Bangor Commercial.

J. W. Brackett of Phillips, editor of MAINE WOODS, is a candidate for appointment as commissioner of inland fisheries and game. Mr. Brackett is thoroughly acquainted with the game interests of the state and an able man, who would make an excellent commissioner. —Gardiner Reporter Journal.

J. W. Brackett of Phillips announces his candidacy for the office of commissioner of inland fisheries and game to succeed Hon. Henry O. Stanley of Dixfield at the expiration of his term Jan. 24, 1905. Mr. Brackett's candidacy for this office is not new, for in the spring of 1901 he gathered together one of the strongest endorsements which could be presented to any governor. He had letters from nearly every man of prominence in the state. But the endorsement was never presented. Mr. Stanley desired a reappointment and Mr. Brackett at once withdrew, leaving the field practically clear for the man from Dixfield. Now, after waiting for three years, Mr. Brackett again enters the field and this time will not withdraw. —Bangor Daily News.

J. W. Brackett of Phillips, the well known publisher of the MAINE WOODS and MAINE WOODSMAN, two of Maine's best weeklies, has announced his candidacy for the commissioner's berth of inland fisheries and game. The appointment will be made by Governor-elect Cobb at the end of the term of the present incumbent, Hon. Henry O. Stanley, on Jan. 24, next. Mr. Brackett has long been one of the authorities in this state on all matters pertaining to our fisheries and game and this fact, together with his geniality and honesty and all around business acumen, well qualify him for the position. Bath Times.

J. W. Brackett of Phillips, publisher of MAINE WOODS and MAINE WOODSMAN, is asking for an appointment as commissioner of inland fisheries and game. The appointment will probably go to that section of the state and Mr. Brackett's long association with the fish and game interests makes him a logical candidate for the place. We believe the governor would make no mistake in appointing Mr. Brackett to this important position. Sheepscot Echo.

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Stoddard House Arrivals.

Special correspondence to MAINE WOODS.

FARMINGTON, Sept. 26, 1904.

Among the prominent arrivals at the Stoddard House recently were:

Monday, Sept. 19. J. E. Sparrow, R. E. Dewey, B. S. Bricker, R. S. Jordan, B. W. Downs, Portland; L. D. Evans, Camden; E. P. Webster, A. S. Porter, Lewiston; John E. Keller, Augusta; Frank W. Butler, Farmington; Frank Wyman, New Vineyard; G. E. Atwood, Boston; Geo. A. Marsh, Dixfield; C. M. Lovejoy, Norridgewock; E. W. Wells, Chesterville.

Tuesday, Sept. 20. Roy Atkinson, Strong; C. C. Files, J. A. Wright, W. S. Ames, W. B. Adie, Portland; Will Tyler, Mt. Vernon; Josephine Thompson, Kingfield; Georgia King, Hallowell; W. W. Stetson, Augusta; C. B. Aycock, F. D. Winston; H. G. Yates, Boston; E. O. Russell, Rockland; G. H. Hall, New York; F. H. Rice, John Marsh, H. A. Garrard, R. M. Vaughan, Boston; Geo. A. Jackson, Bangor; L. W. Sanborn, Bowdoinham.

Wednesday, Sept. 21. Dr. H. S. Spear, New Portland; W. A. Farr, Lewiston; S. P. Felker, W. M. Jordan, Portland; S. H. McLean, Boston; W. L. Butler, Rangeley; S. G. Haley, Phillips; C. W. Bell, Strong; E. R. Files, L. G. Blunt, Chas. R. Lewis, A. S. Young, Portland; C. S. Morrill, Geo. B. Cragin, Farmington; J. S. Harlow, Dixfield; L. C. Holden, Gorham; J. A. Merrill, Brunswick; A. R. Phillips, S. S. Thompson, G. W. Moore, Boston; E. V. Daly, H. L. Grant, Leeds; J. B. Marble, Rangeley; B. G. Barker, Arlington Heights; Frank Stanley, Kingfield.

Thursday, Sept. 22. A. W. Butler, A. R. Knight, E. P. Webster, E. K. McKenney, Lewiston; R. H. Evans, Bangor; A. R. Barker, W. H. Tibbets, Auburn; L. R. Loring, Portland; E. W. Prescott, F. H. Collins, F. N. Cory, Jr., W. W. Boutwell, W. W. Smith, E. E. Cutler, Boston; G. W. Plaisted, Portland; H. L. Dearborn, Battleboro, O.; S. D. Stone, Boston; H. H. Bryant, Waterville; R. A. Buxton, J. L. Wood, R. B. Donaldson, Portland; L. E. Cobb, Boston; D. W. Porter, Centerville, N. Y.

Friday, Sept. 23. J. A. Wheeler, Lewiston; W. S. Cates, Wellesley; I. W. Greene, Coplin; D. W. MacCutehen, Allen D. Emery, W. F. Weeks, B. W. Downs, Portland; E. W. Woodbury, Taunton, Mass.

Saturday, Sept. 24. Mrs. E. C. Landers, Mrs. Blanche Landers, Phillips; John E. Mayhew, Worcester; J. S. Moor, J. B. Moores, New Sharon; R. H. MacDonald, Portland.

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Fly Rod's Note Book.

The September "line gale" found me in one of the cos. log cabins at Bemis, where the hearthstone was kept warm while the rain fell in torrents and the wind came howling over the mountains and tossed the white caps high on the lake.

Bemis! dear old Camps Bemis, what pleasant memories of the happy past these quiet days have brought!

This used to be one of the best places for fly fishing and I wonder why we say, "used to be" for I fancy it is not all of the past.

Mr. D. E. Adams is a Boston angler who has been coming here for many years and is now here for his third trip this season, coming the first of September accompanied by his friend, Col. J. D. Chaffee of Willimantic, Conn.

The gentlemen cast the fly on the blue waters daily and there is not often a time they are not rewarded. Last Saturday Mr. Adams had great sport which he will not forget, for with a light rod he hooked a salmon that for nearly an hour was unwilling to come up, but at last his weight was taken, 5 pounds. The same afternoon Mr. Adams again sent the fly, a Parmachenee belle, over the water and another salmon took a fancy to it. For nearly two hours Mr. Adams and Mr. Salmon played a game to see who would beat and after many a wild jump and run over Bemis bay the fighter came to net, 5½ pounds. "All the sport and good sport, too, I wanted," remarked Mr. A. as he proudly showed the pair.

There has never been a season when so many guests were entertained at Bemis as in 1904. For six weeks there was not a vacant cabin and even now they linger.

Last Wednesday morning the air was filled with snow for a time reminding one winter was not far away, but there are warm balmy October days coming, and judging by the number of deer seen the hunting will be good as the bird shooting has been.

Three young gentlemen from the Department of Forestry of Washington, D. C., Lewis Marzoline, E. R. Hodson and J. H. Ramsdell spent most of the September days here and during that time they surveyed and made a map of the burnt land in this region.

Another party who occupied Camp Comfort and Elysium for a month this fall was Dr. and Mrs. Theobald Smith of Cambridge, Mass. The Doctor is a professor in Harvard college. Dr. and Mrs. W. W. Noyes of Boston. Dr. Noyes is superintendent of the Boston Insane asylum at Forest Hill. The party were greatly delighted with life here and hope to return next year for a longer stay.

Mr. Thomas P. Cummings of Cummings Clothing Co. of Boston and his sister returned home Wednesday, after a two weeks' stay.

H. H. Knapp of Lowell, Mass., is here for several weeks.

The big mill of the International Paper Co., which has since last spring been cutting up 400 cords of wood a day, is now shut down as they have cut what will be needed at the Rumford Falls mills for the winter.

It is from the Bemis mill that the forest trees from the shores of the Rangeley lakes are made ready to be converted into paper for some of the great New York daily papers and several of the leading magazines in the country.

At Cummings's mill they are doing a great business cutting white birch and will run the mill all winter.

Since the mill started up last May they have sawed 22,000,000 and yet as one goes over the lakes they do not realize that there are any less of the beautiful white birch trees.

Mr. W. W. Small, who has been with Capt. Barker for a number of years, will

remain in charge at Bemis during the coming winter.

The lumber camps are now having many of their supplies taken in and the steamboats are taking in big loads daily.

Here at the Mountain View House with the rain pouring down as if it would bring another flood, the guests are contented and happy. There are always big open fires roaring up the chimney and Landlord Bowley's woodpile is growing less at the rate of two and three cords a day.

Never has there been so many entertained the last of September as now, when as at this writing over 50 guests are enjoying life here and others are coming this week.

The fly fishing for some of the anglers has been great the past week. Gen. F. G. Smith of Washington, D. C., surely will agree to this for the record gives him credit for the following over 3 pounds, but does not have anything to say of the many 2 pounds and less: One trout, 3½ pounds and five salmon, two of 3½ pounds, one 4 pounds, one 5 pounds and one 5½ pounds.

H. A. Blakiston of Philadelphia has but little to say of his luck and his guide Al Sprague, less, but one of the gentlemen whispered to me: "Say, I'll tell you what I do know. Mr. Blakiston did take on a fly yesterday a 5½ pound and a 3½ pound salmon," but he does not think that extra good fishing.

Miss E. L. Dossett of New York was much pleased with a 4 pound salmon which she brought to net.

Mr. E. A. Pearce of Hackensack, N. Y., took a 4-pounder on the fly.

Who says the fishing has not been good the last of September for the Mountain View fishermen?

Among those who this week said "good by; I'll be here another season, Mr. Bowley," were Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Wheelock of Putnam, Conn.

William Lilly returned to Harvard college, leaving his mother here until the house closes.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. L. Fowler of New York City were so much pleased with this their first visit, they plan to come again.

Mr. R. C. Dorsett and party have returned to their New York home.

The many friends of Mr. E. A. Noyes of Brockton, Mass., are glad to welcome him back.

Mrs. G. R. Pattee of the DeWitt House, Lewiston and friends, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Moody of Boston, spent the Sabbath here.

Prof Alvin Schrouder of Boston recently returned from an extended trip to Europe and is here for ten days' shooting. The Professor has brought in some nice birds and has his eye on a big buck who is traveling through the near by forest.

Mr. and Mrs. R. P. C. Sanderson, who were here for their first trip, were called home by telegram which shortened their visit.

Last Wednesday morning, Sept. 21, the ground was white with snow and the thermometer stood 21 above zero; but is not this the time to expect some kind of a storm? Surely there are plenty of glorious October days coming.

Dr. James B. Kent of Putnam, Conn., who is fond of fly fishing, has had good luck and a 6-pound salmon, one of 3 pounds and one 5½ pounds gave him great sport. His son, Dr. James M. Kent of New York City, has taken the lucky number of seven record fish, a 4-pound trout; a pair of salmon, 3 pounds each; one 3½ pounds; one 4 pounds; another of 4½ pounds and a 6-pounder.

Mrs. E. A. Pearce of New Jersey got up the closing card party of the season last Saturday evening and six handsome prizes were given and greatly was the evening enjoyed as well as the pop corn refreshments served.

The following notice was posted the first of the week: "Notice is hereby given that the commissioners of inland fisheries and game will hold a public hearing Friday, Sept. 30, 1904, at 1 o'clock in the afternoon at the Mountain View House to consider the matter of ordering proper fishways placed in the Rangeley dam, so-called, at the outlet of Rangeley lake." Edgar E. Ring, secretary of commission."

For nearly three months past the family of a well known New York lawyer, Daniel P. Hays, have been at home at the Mountain View and a most interesting family it is, consisting of Mr. and Mrs. Hays, six daughters and a son. Mrs. Hays, who is devoted to her family, is a busy woman. For nine years she has been a member of the New York school board and is president of auxiliary 11 of the guild for crippled children, where she is doing a most noble work.

Miss Judith P. Hays, who plays the violin finely, has done much to add to the pleasure of the guests by the sweet music of the violin.

Edwin D. Hays returned to his Senior year at Harvard and the red sweater he has worn tells that he is one of the honored members of the LaCrosse team.

The wedding of Miss Florence B. Hays, a charming young lady, to a New York lawyer, Mr. Joseph J. Corn, is announced for early in November. A host of friends here extend best wishes.

Mr. Hays returned home last week and Wednesday of this week the rest of the family started homeward.

Here at the Rangeley Lake House it has seemed like a happy family for the closing of the season and those who have remained have done so because of the real love of the place.

Some now and then go a fishing, others enjoy the bird shooting while some walk in the woods just to admire the wildness in all its autumnal beauty.

Tuesday Hillside camp was closed and Mr. Abel Proctor and A. F. Breed accompanied by the ladies, Mrs. Breed, Mrs. L. H. Bowdin, Mrs. Wittneblu, Mrs. B. F. Boak, Mrs. Wm. Boak, who have been passing the month at the Rangeley Lake House, returned to their homes in Salem and Lynn, Mass., intending to return early in the season of 1905.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Ogden, who for three months past have been here, returned to their home in Newark, N. J., this week. Mr. Ogden, to remember the Rangeley fishing, the first of the week with a fly, caught a handsome 7-pound salmon, which he is having mounted by W. D. Hinds of Portland. He also brought in a 4-pounder.

Mr. and Mrs. Ogden are most delightful people who make friends wherever they go and many from the Rangeley Lake House are the good wishes they take with them and all hope to see them next summer.

Rev. and Mrs. Roberts spent last week at Kennebago.

Mrs. F. A. Noble was welcomed by many old friends one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Bradley have returned to Washington, D. C.

Rangeley cottage will not be closed until in October.

Mrs. W. S. Taylor of Florida will remain with her sister, Mrs. Henry M. Burrows, until they return to East Orange, N. J.

The Rangeley Lake House company are already making plans for improvements and intend to put in ten new bath rooms and are planning to build several handsome cottages on the lake shore before another season, which will give them a chance to entertain a larger number of guests than ever before.

This has surely been a most prosperous and successful season for the Rangeley Lake House.

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Pope, Miss Fliley of New York and Miss Judd of Boston returned home Monday.

Miss Esther D. Fitton, Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Creechore, child and maid, are among the Bostonians to linger until the hotel closes.

Mr. J. C. Beach, Mrs. L. R. Barrett and son, Beach of Montclair, N. J.; Mr. James E. Reynolds of East Orange, N. J., are greatly enjoying the last days of the season here.

For several seasons Mrs. Thomas H. Bauble and son Harry and Mrs. B.'s sister, Miss E. L. Morzoff of New York City, have spent the summer at the Rangeley Lake House.

They are a party of delightful people always casting sunshine into the lives of others by their continued thoughtful kindness and fortunate indeed are those who are numbered among their friends.

Harry is a fine young gentleman who loves out of door life and intends this season to remain until he can have a shot at some of the deer he has seen.

He is very skillful with his Ethica hammerless gun which is sure to stop the woodcock and partridge in their flight.

With his guide, Anthony Tibbetts, since the season opened, the pleasant days have been spent in the woods and there both have been supplied with game birds.

I was much pleased to accept the invitation, "Would you like to see Harry's mounted birds?" and greatly admired them, both for their beauty and the very fine way they have been mounted by Wm. G. Hill of the W. D. Hinds company.

There is a crow "as black as a crow can be, a greebe, which is not often seen here, one or two hawks, woodcock and partridge and a very handsome pair of black duck mounted on an oval panel of birch bark.

The collection which will adorn the young gentleman's room in his city home will be greatly admired by friends and no doubt envied by the less fortunate hunter.

May each season for many years to come find Mrs. Bauble's party at Rangeley and the young hunter's skill bring down many more specimens of the Maine woods.

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Special correspondence to MAINE WOODS.

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Sportsmen, who want large or small game can find it here in Idaho. We have elk, deer, moose, bear, antelope mountain sheep and goats and a variety of small game such as coyotes, rabbits, ducks, geese, sage hens, partridges and other small game. Elk can be found during October and November about 35 miles from the railroad. The deer we have here are the mule or black tail deer. The bear are the black, brown and silver tip or grizzly. It is good trout fishing in most all of the streams. Good places to camp are found anywhere in the mountains with plenty of mountain scenery, good water and pure air.

I have a ranch about 35 miles from the railroad where it is good hunting and fishing during the open season, where elk, bear and deer can be found and plenty of grouse. I have good gentle saddle horses and good saddles and can accommodate any sized party. My ranch is about five miles from the southwest corner of Yellowstone Park, which makes it a splendid elk country during the fall and early winter. St. Anthony on the Oregon Short Line railway is the best outfitting point for big game in Idaho; also for Yellowstone Park or the famous Jackson Hole country in Wyoming.

Tourists or sportsmen, who want a good place to spend the summer camping, fishing or mountain climbing, come to Idaho. You can find nearly all kinds of game to be found in the Rocky mountains in Idaho.

WILLIS L. WINEGAR.

Game on In Canada.

The game season is now on in New Brunswick and nearly every eastbound train through Bargar carries its party of sportsmen bound for the hunting ground over the border. According to reports this looks like a great season for the sportsmen in New Brunswick woods. Thursday the opening season for duck, snipe, woodcock and such, began and already some early nimmers are in the woods. There is no license required for shooting small game.

No partridge may be shot this year and reports are that the extended close season of two years has been a great benefit in restocking the woods with this favorite bird.

The game season opened on Sept. 15. The license fee for shooting moose and caribou is \$30 for a nonresident and \$2 for resident sportsmen. No license to shoot deer is necessary. One moose, two caribou and two deer are all that may be shot by any man during the season.

Many licenses have already been applied for and some hunters from across the border have written to have the necessary document forwarded to them. Hon. A. T. Dunn, former surveyor general and not now connected with the department, is still receiving applications from the states and in all cases he has replied instructing the applicants how to get their licenses. An idea of the rush to the woods can be had from the fact that all the old guides are engaged

for the season. There are younger guides, however.

In 1896 the hunting licenses receipts were but \$300; in 1903 they were \$18,000, and promise to be greater this year.

Bears in Maine

It was one foggy, drizzly day a few years ago that the writer and a brother made a trip from the village of Kingfield, Me., to an old deserted orchard where bears came to feed on the apples which were scattered thickly over the ground. We waited till nearly dark without seeing one, when, as we were about to start for home we heard a bear, and cattle came streaming into the orchard evidently for protection. We waited till it was so dark we could scarcely see our hand before us, hoping to get a shot at Bruin, but he did not come near enough.

The road leading homeward was bad enough in daylight, but in the darkness it was awful; boulders and mud holes looked alike. We would fall on to one and into the other. When about half way out of the woods we started a bear, but it was so dark we could not see to shoot. When a little nearer home we were shot at three times, and heard the bullets sing very close to our heads. We dropped to the ground at the first shot, and as soon as we could make the man behind the gun understand he quit shooting and took to the woods, leaving us in doubt as to his identity. When we reached home we were bruised and bedaubed with mud. Our rifles were scratched, but presented a better appearance and were less bruised than ourselves.

A few days after our experience two hunters visited this orchard and shot three bears that were feeding on apples. The largest bear was standing upright, shaking the apples from the tree when it was discovered.

Another experience rather more thrilling is narrated by G. M. Vose, superintendent of the Franklin and Megantic railroad. When he was a lad in his teens he was sent to the pasture at midday to get the oxen, which were used in hauling hay on the farm. Mr. Vose was hurrying through a piece of wood when came to a log which he jumped, but instead of alighting on the ground he struck flat-footed on a bear asleep. The bear immediately sprang to its haunches and gave the young man a slap with its paw which left its marks across his chest that remain to this day. The bear then turned and ran, and it is needless to say the boy helped to widen the distance. — W. W. S. In Shooting and Fishing.

To Camp Owners.

Many owners of camps who have MAINE WOODS regularly, but who have had no camp news in our columns for a long time past, if ever, would do well to send us a little news about their people and their attractions. We would print it and it would pay the camps well. We like to have mail sent to us as early as Monday, for the current week, when possible.

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FROM SAMUEL FARMER.

He Visits Maine and Meets His Old Friends.

Notes Many Improvements In the Rangeley Region.

ARKANSAS CITY, KAN., Sept. 5, 1904.

To the Editor of Maine Woods:

Feeling under great obligation to my many friends in Maine and Massachusetts for their many kindnesses shown me during my sojourn in good old New England as it appears at this season of the year and desire to publicly express my greatest thanks for so many courtesies extended, especially in the vicinity of our old home in Franklin county, Maine.

I left home July 17, making a short stay at the World's fair and a week's stay in Massachusetts, took a sail from Boston to Portland, which was most delightful, and after a day in Portland, boarded a boat for Harpswell, spending a few days among the islands and breathing the cool sea air which is never enjoyed on the prairies of the west a great treat sure and meeting my old friend, John Church, formerly of Phillips, a fisherman for many years. John is hale and hearty and seems to be taking things easy. Instead of pulling fish from the bottom of the sea he has what he calls a pound, rigged on what is called a newke on the shore fixed so that the fish can go in but bothered to get out when the tide goes out and are easily captured.

From Bailey's island I took small boats propelled by gasoline engines and run up by Orr's and Great islands to the bridge connecting Great island with Brunswick; thence by another small boat up through a host of small islands to Free Meadows, where electric cars are taken for Brunswick, only four or five miles distant. Many fine cottages were seen, shaded by maple and evergreen trees on nearly all of the islands which will some time in the future become cities is the opinion of the writer, as nothing is so healthful as the change of climate especially to those living far in the interior on the prairies of the west and when the government owns the railroads the fares will be so low, that all the people can afford to travel which will increase the revenue of the railroads and at the same time give all the people opportunities to seek such climates as will improve their health and lengthen their days.

I arrived at Farmington Saturday evening, July 30 and almost the first one met was our good friend McDonald of the Stoddard House, who offered free entertainment at any and all times while remaining in town, and with so many cordial greetings and hearty hand shakes was thoroughly convinced there were many good and true friends left at our old county seat in Farmington.

After spending a couple of days in Farmington and finding so many were taking their outings either at the seashore or elsewhere, I hastened on to Phillips where we had spent 20 of the best years of my life and where I felt a just claim was due me for the large amount of public service I had rendered there in securing the telegraph and telephone and a railroad which I believe might not have been secured even to this day only for the arduous and persistent labor of the writer and I am now fully confident my efforts there for 20 years from 1873 to 1893 are fully appreciated, the way I was treated in this my last visit. No king could have fared better.

First I must acknowledge the kind reception given by the editor of MAINE WOODS to myself and a few friends, which shall ever be remembered as a token of respect to myself and for which I hope in some way to reciprocate in the future to MAINE WOODS and MAINE WOODSMAN, for they tell from week to week all the happenings in the old home, which is always dear to us and without which we should soon forget and be forgotten.

It was truly a pleasure to ride to and fro over the railroad and grounds we knew so well and I had so much anxiety for its construction and future greatness and am truly proud of its success and would gladly pay a fare many times than have had it failed of completion, but would be hardly willing to board the workmen on the road to the amount of \$600 again for such a privilege. I would sooner go via Rumford Falls and Bemis.

But no matter I got to Phillips and return all right and found many latch strings hanging out. I did not ask for a pass on neither railroad or boat, but no one would take my money. Neither was I a beggar but was cordially received at all the hotels and camps. I am sorry I could not attend more invitations with old friends but could not, for lack of time.

I was surprised to see in so short a time so much improvement at Rangeley. So many fine residences on the north side of the village, where a few years ago only a few scattering houses were seen. The Rangeley Lake House has been added to until very few hotels in Maine, if any, except perhaps the Poland Spring House, are its equal. Also the Mountain View House, which has stretched itself out so there is hardly any end to it and yet it was packed full from top to bottom. Mr. and Mrs. Bowley insisted we should have their room and they would go outside. Of course we would not accept and only speak of it to show their care for their friends and guests. They are the kind of hotel keepers who have full houses generally.



HOW DO YOU LIKE THE LOOKS OF THESE?

We next struck the railroad station of the Portland & Rumford Falls railway, away up there in the woods. Who would ever have thought of that 20 years ago; now a town laid out and streets already built. Going to the old dam I found a railroad bridge right over the dam, one end resting on the same old ledge on which stood an old pine stump over the pool, below where the writer has stood many, many times and pulled out trout from that pool weighing from 3 to 8 pounds, with never a thought that a railroad would ever come there. What may be expected in the next 20 years?

Mr. Bowley took me over to Haines Landing with Mrs. B.'s team, one of the finest horses I have ridden behind for many a day. Dined with Hon. Joel Wilbur of Phillips at his summer cottage which he calls Crow's Nest and was treated to everything that heart could wish. Mr. Wilbur was there with his family and several relatives, so the Nest was plumb full, although it has several spacious apartments and a dining room and cook department besides.

Spent the afternoon viewing the lakes, Kennebec stream and valley from a high ledge known as the Buckfield Camp point, a vast sheet of water entirely surrounded with high hills and mountains without a single clearing for cultivation except camp and hotel grounds along the shores. A truly great place for hunting and fishing. The game fish in these waters are nearly all trout and salmon. What a sight it must be to those who have always lived on a prairie.

Billy Soule's boat was whistling at the landing and I boarded it for Pleasant Island Camps, five miles distant at the head of Cupsuptic lake. Billy met me with outstretched hands. I said, "Are you full, Billy?" He replied, "Chuck full but room for you anyway." I enjoyed seeing Billy, but he had little time to spend being in such a rush. The next morning Capt. Barker invited me to spend the day with him on his boat. We went to Upper Dam and Bemis, returning by the Birches on Student's island and The Barker, which is situated at the foot of Bald mountain and in close proximity to the Middle Grounds where the fishing in midsummer is said to be the best of anywhere on the lakes.

I dined at The Barker, a new hotel, built, owned and run by Capt. F. C. Barker, who is also the owner of upwards of forty other buildings at Bemis, Birches and Barker. Hotel Barker is one of the best constructed houses around the lakes. I had no time to look it over but think it contains about forty rooms all finished in modern style. It did seem to me that Mr. Barker was doing as much work and business as three good fair men would do. He says he owns three steamers which he runs on the lakes. With the business he is doing and the amount invested, his values must run high into the thousands of dollars.

I enjoyed a very friendly call on my old friends, Mr. and Mrs. Amos Ellis at Bald Mountain Camps, who seemed to be doing a good business and have a

very handy and pleasant place for good fishing. It seems like a good place to go and their room were all full. I met Mr. Wilbur at the landing and he took me to Mountain View in almost no time. I clung to the rigging and when told he was a son of old Phario it was all settled knowing so well the quality of that old hero of which I will have something to say in MAINE WOODSMAN in the near future.

I enjoyed very much the hospitality of our near and dear old friends, Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Kimball, who are so pleasantly situated in one of the finest residences in town. They are real pioneers, having been born and always lived in Rangeley and seen nearly all its growth. I tried my best to see all old friends in Rangeley and trust I may be

calves running and bleating. Putting their heads out of the window they found that a bear had caught a calf and was carrying him up the mountain alive. They could hear it bleat until the top was reached, when it ceased.

The next morning Mr. Allen Averill, an old hunter and trapper, was sent for and asked to bring his bear trap along. They followed the bear up the mountain, in places so steep they could only get up by grasping small trees. The remains of the calf were found barely over the crest, where the trap was set and the bear was caught after several days.

After visiting relatives and friends in Temple and Wilton, I stopped two days in Auburn and Lewiston and one day in Portland and Peaks Island where I was highly entertained by Capt. C. W. Howard and family, who have a fine residence there. The Captain has a small steamer and takes out parties to the many points of interest in that locality.

I spent a day in Boston calling on old friends and one day at the World's fair and arrived home Wednesday, Aug. 31.

It was a most enjoyable trip and now the heat of summer is past and this country is fine from now on. Mr. Albert Worthley is out after a severe sickness. Mrs. Whitney, his mother-in-law is very feeble.

SAMUEL FARMER.

A Good Canoe Trip.

Sidney Harden of Madrid a guide who has made several very long canoe trips in Maine says any man who wants a good canoe trip to begin and end at, or near Rangeley, can have it.

He would start at Greene's Farm on the south branch of Dead river and run down Dead River to Grand Falls, up Spencer stream to Spencer lake to Tommy Gerard's, up the stream from Tommy Gerard's three miles, buckboard to Moose river, down Moose river across Atleau, and Wood ponds then on Moose river again to Long pond, etc., through Brassua lake and into Moose head lake opposite Kineo, up Moosehead lake to North East Carry, then down the Penobscot to Chebecook lakes, up Umbagog stream, then a two-mile carry to Mud Pond; down Mud Pond stream to Chamberlain lake; up Allagash river to Allagash lake, carry Cancomgomuc lake, down stream to Chesuncook lake, return by same trip to Jackman. At Moose river take train to Megantic lake, Canada, up Megantic to Arnold river; up Arnold river to Woburn carry to Massachusetts bog and North West pond to Ed. Graut's at Beavers pond, start at Long pond and run down stream through Little Kennebec down Kennebec stream to Mooselookmeguntic lake.



TWO BEARS KILLED AT CARTHAGE.

where I had spent boyhood and youth. My grandfather settled on the farm on the west of the Guild place, joining the Varnum place for whom the pond was named. As we rowed out on the pond in plain view of the mountains I was reminded of the bear story as told by my father. He said when he was 12 years old they lived in a log house near where the Huse schoolhouse now stands, and had some calves in a pasture near the house. One night after he and a younger brother were in bed they heard the

Articles and Pictures.

MAINE WOODS readers are requested to contribute items and articles about their experiences in the woods for publication in MAINE WOODS and those who have photographs to go with the stories should send them.

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Phillips, Maine, Jan. 11, 1903.

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MAINE WOODS has frequent enquiries for maps of the fishing regions of the state e.c., and we can furnish the following Maine Maps: Rangeley and Megantic districts, 25c Rangeley and Megantic districts, very large, 50c Moosehead and Aroostook districts, 50c Millinocket and Munsungan lakes, \$1.00

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A Wild Ride on Big Bear.

The New York World tells the following exciting story of a recent adventure in the Maine woods:

From the wilderness beyond Caucomgomac lake comes the story of how John McEachern rode a bear two miles and came back with Bruin's skin and 12 pounds of his hams ready to be sliced into steaks. Had the story been told of any other man it might not be believed, but as McEachern once fought a moose with a fence rail and followed a wild-cat into a barn chamber where he killed it with a pitchfork, the people up north see nothing surprising in the announcement that he rode the biggest bear ever killed at Caucomgomac and came home unharmed and victorious.

McEachern has a line of traps around the head of the lake and the other day went out with a companion, Neil Russell, to see what he had caught. McEachern took along his rifle and not until he was miles from camp did he recall that he was loaded only with duckshot—nine to a shell, which would not much more than tickle a bear in case he should meet such game, but rather than walk back to camp he kept on, being a half mile ahead of Russell, who is a slow traveler and also deaf as a post.

When McEachern came in sight of the first trap he saw a big bear in it and ran up to finish the animal, but as he was about to fire, another bear, bigger than the one in the trap, bounced out of the bushes and made straight for him. There was no time to think whether the duckshot would stop the bear or only make him madder, and McEachern let drive. There was a double charge of powder behind those duckshot and the old rifle kicked McEachern head over heels.

If the bear was mad at first he was madder when the shot dug into him, and after a moment's hesitation he renewed his rush upon the trapper, while the bear in the trap growled encouragement. McEachern was in no trim just then to fight ugly bears and he yelled to Russell to come along and help, forgetting that Russell, who could not have heard him at ten yards, was half a mile back on the path.

McEachern then did the only thing he could do—ran for it. The bear followed and showed much the greater speed, so that escape in flight was out of the question. Then, for about ten minutes man and bear played tag among the trees, with no advantage on either side until McEachern tripped on a root and fell. The bear, close up, stumbled on the same root and went half down. McEachern in his excitement lost his feet again as quickly as he had risen and fell plump across the bear. Before he had time to jump up the bear was up and away with snarls of rage and surprise. McEachern mechanically held on tight with both hands gripped firmly into the thick fur of the bear.

When the bear tried to turn his head McEachern took a hold on the stubby ears to prevent this. Over ridges and down hollows they went, occasionally stumbling over stumps and fallen trees, and then they came to a deserted "ram down"—another name for the toboggan of the woods. It was a logging road as steep as the roof of a house and down it the bear plunged. It looked like sure death, for the bear would certainly take a tumble somewhere between the top and the bottom and then McEachern, if not killed in the crash, would be torn to bits.

Suddenly it occurred to McEachern that he had in his pocket a long hunting knife, presented to him a few weeks ago by a city sportsman, and quickly he fished it out, opening the blade with his teeth. They were now half way down the slope and there was no time to lose. Raising the knife at arm's length, McEachern plunged it into the bear's neck to the handle. A fierce snarl, a gushing of hot blood and a slight slackening of speed were the immediate results. Another stab and another and the mad race was over. The bear stumbled, halted and with muffled growls went headlong into the ditch at the roadside. McEachern rolled off on the safe side and got behind a tree. The bear, although mortally hurt, presently came on to renew the battle.

It was not safe to get near enough to use the knife again. A big birch sled stake lay near by and McEachern grabbed it. When the bear came within range, McEachern put all his strength into the swing of the stake. The birch landed on the bear's nose with a crack like the snapping of a broomstick and that ended the fight, for down went the big fellow, groggy, and another stab with the knife settled him. Then he skinned him.

At 4 o'clock the next morning McEachern reached camp and gave the door a kick fit to take it off the hinges. "Who's there—and is it you, John?" came sleepily from within.

"Yes, it's me and no thanks to ye," replied the bear rider. "Let down the bar and build up a fire or ye'll be having a corpse on yere hands from the want o' grub."

The bar was let down and in strode John McEachern with the glistening black bearskin all stained with red on his shoulder. He threw a bloody bundle at Russell. "Cook a good bit o' that," commanded he, "and tell me what came of ye and didn't ye mind losing yere pardner?"

"I walked meself lame lookin' for ye," said Russell. "I thought ye had skipped."

John McEachern only grunted. Then he ate two pounds of the bear steak, smoked his pipe and told the story.



ALL READY FOR THE FAY.

BEARS AFTER BEECHNUTS

An Old Settler That Weighed 350 Pounds.

A Few Hunters Booked For the Fall Business.

Special correspondence to MAINE WOODS. EUSTIS, Sept 20, 1904.

The prospects for fall hunting were never better; plenty of deer everywhere and bears are in the hard wood growth after beechnuts. Heman Blackwell shot one the 20th that weighed 350 pounds. He was an old settler, having lost one leg in a trap and while guiding Ralph E. Bush of New York they run

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Fannie C. Stevens.

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WORCESTER MASS.

TRANSPORTATION.				
TIME - TABLE.				
SANDY RIVER R. R.				
Monday, June 6, 1904.				
North.				
	Tr'n 1 A. M.	Tr'n 3 A. M.	Tr'n 5 P. M.	
Farmington,.....lv	11 00	12 00	4 41	
So. Strong,.....				
Strong,.....ar	P. M. 12 05	P. M. 12 30	P. M. 5 10	
Phillips,.....ar	12 30	12 50	5 30	
South.				
	Tr'n 2 A. M.	Tr'n 4 A. M.	Tr'n 6 P. M.	
Phillips,.....lv	7 20	8 30	1 25	
Strong,.....ar	7 40	9 10	1 45	
So. Strong,.....				
Farmington,.....ar	8 10	10 00	2 15	

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TIME-TABLE.				
In Effect June 6, 1904.				
SOUTH.				
	A. M.	P. M.	P. M.	
Bigelow, lv		11 00	2 00	6 45
Carrabassett, ar		11 20	2 25	7 05
Kingfield, lv	A. M. 6 50	A. M. 7 10	P. M. 12 50	
*N. Freeman, lv	6 55	7 15	12 55	
*Mt. Abram Jct., lv		7 30		
Salem, lv		7 23	8 35	1 12
*W. Freeman, lv		7 25	1 25	
Strong, ar		7 35	9 05	1 35
NORTH.				
	A. M.	P. M.	P. M.	
Strong, lv		8 15	10 00	5 12
*W. Freeman, lv		8 25		5 17
*Summit, lv		8 35	10 30	5 27
Salem, lv		8 40	10 35	5 35
*Mt. Abram Jct., lv		8 45	10 40	
*No. Freeman, lv		8 50		5 43
Kingfield, ar		9 00	11 30	5 50
Carrabassett, lv		9 15	12 00	5 55
Bigelow, ar		9 45	12 35	6 20
Phillips, ar		10 15	1 05	6 40

*Flag stations. Trains stop on notice to conductor. Mixed trains.

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Stage connection at Bigelow for Stratton and Eustis, at Carrabassett for Flagstaff and Dead River.

GEO. M. VOSE, SUPERINTENDENT.

Rangeley Lakes Steamboat Co.

Time-Table, August 1, 1904.

GOING SOUTH				
	A. M.	A. M.	NOON	P. M.
Rangeley, lv	10 25	8 00	12 05	2 40
R. L. H. Wharf, lv	6 30	8 05	12 10	2 45
South Rangeley, ar	7 10		12 45	
Mountain View, lv		8 55	1 25	3 35
Rangeley Outlet, lv		9 00		3 30
So. Rangeley, ar	7 20			
P. & R. F. Ry. lv	NOON			
Portland M. C. R. R. ar	12 25		5 45	
Boston (E. D. ar	4 00		9 05	
B. & M. R. R. W. D. ar	4 10		9 10	
GOING NORTH				
	A. M.	A. M.	P. M.	A. M.
Boston (E. D. lv				10 00
B. & M. R. R. W. D. lv				10 05
Portland M. C. R. R. lv		10 05		10 10
So. Rangeley, ar		11 50		1 30
P. & R. F. Ry. ar				6 15
Rangeley Outlet, lv	10 00		5 00	
Mountain View, lv	10 05		5 05	
South Rangeley, lv		NOON		
R. L. H. Wharf, ar	10 45	12 35	5 45	7 00
Rangeley, ar	10 50	12 40	5 50	7 05

*Daily. (Daily except Sunday. Connects at Rangeley Outlet with stage to and from the lower Rangeley Lakes.

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Time-Table June 6, 1904.

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EAST				
	A. M.	P. M.	A. M.	P. M.
	No. 1	No. 3	No. 5	No. 7
Boston, E. Div. W. Div., lv				
Portland, Farmington, Phillips, ar				
Phillips, lv	7 45	12 55	5 30	
Madrid, lv	9 45	1 10	5 45	
Madrid Junction, Reed's Mill, Sander's Mill, Redington, Eustis Junction, lv	9 57	1 17	5 53	
Greene's Farm, ar	10 10	1 25	6 06	
Dead River Station, lv	10 50	1 45	6 30	
Rangeley, ar	11 25	2 05	6 40	
Dead River Station, lv	11 30	2 10	7 15	
Rangeley, ar	11 50	2 25	7 04	

WEST				
	A. M.	P. M.	P. M.	
	No. 2	No. 4	No. 6	
Rangeley, lv	8 15	12 00	2 30	
Dead River, Greene's Farm, Eustis Junction, ar	8 12	12 12	2 50	
Redington, lv	5 40	11 40 a.m.		
*Sander's Mill, *Reed's Mill, *Madrid Junction, lv	6 15	12 15	3 00	
Phillips, ar	6 30	12 30	3 30	
Madrid, lv	6 47	12 47	4 00	
Madrid Junction, lv	6 55	12 55	4 15	
*Madrid, Phillips, ar	7 05	1 10	4 45	
Phillips, lv	7 20	1 25	5 00	
Farmington, lv	8 10	2 15		
Portland, lv	11 55	5 25		
Boston, E. Div. ar	4 00	9 05		

The American Express Co. transacts business at all points on line of Phillips & Rangeley railroad.

*Flag Stations. Stage connections for Stratton and Eustis and all points in the Dead River region.

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FLETCHER POPE, General Manager.

D. F. FIELD, Gen. Pass. & Ticket Agt.

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In Effect June 6, 1904.

Trains leave Oquossoc for Rumford Falls, Lewiston, Portland and Boston, 7.15 a.m., 12.55 p.m. Trains due to arrive at Oquossoc from Boston, Portland, Lewiston and Rumford Falls, 11.55 a.m., 6.20 p.m. Through Parlor Cars between Portland and Oquossoc during the Tourist Season. Trains run daily except Sunday. R. C. BRADFORD, Traffic Man., Portland, Me. E. L. LOVEJOY, Supt., Rumford, Falls, Me.

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Arrangement of Trains.

IN EFFECT MONDAY, JUNE 6, 1904.

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Pullman Buffet Parlor Cars between Caribou and Bangor on train leaving Caribou at 6.30 a.m. and Bangor at 3.25 p.m. Sleeping Car on train leaving Caribou 4.40 p.m., and Bangor 3.25 a.m.

TRAINS LEAVING BANGOR.

3.25 A. M.—For and arriving at Millinocket, 6.13 a.m., Houlton 8.28 a.m., Presque Isle, 10.04 a.m., Fort Fairfield, 12.40 a.m., Caribou, 10.30 a.m., Van Buren 11.45 a.m. 7.10 A. M.—For and arriving at Brownville, 9.07 a.m., Katahdin Iron Works 10.00 a.m., Millinocket 10.25 a.m., Patten 11.40 a.m., Ashland 1.45 p.m., Fort Kent 3.47 p.m., Houlton 12.30 p.m., Presque Isle 2.14 p.m., Caribou 2.50 p.m., Van Buren 4.55 p.m., Brownville 5.30 p.m., Limestone 3.35 p.m., Dover 9.18 a.m., Guilford 9.40 a.m., Moose 10.15 a.m., Greenville 10.50 a.m., Kineo 12.55 p.m.

1.40 p.m. (via Newport and Dexter) for and arriving at Dover 3.47 p.m., Guilford 4.00 p.m., Greenville 5.05 p.m., Kineo 7.05 p.m. 3.25 P. M.—For and arriving at Brownville 4.50 p.m., Millinocket 5.45 p.m., Sherman 6.58 p.m., Patten 7.05 p.m., Ashland 9.30 p.m., Houlton 7.50 p.m., Mars Hill and Blaine 8.50 p.m., Presque Isle 9.24 p.m., Caribou 9.50 p.m., Fort Fairfield 9.40 p.m. 4.50 P. M.—For and arriving at Lagrange 6.10 p.m., Milo 6.34 p.m., Brownville 6.45 p.m., Dover ang Fuxcroft, 6.55 p.m., Guilford 7.17 p.m., Greenville 8. 5 p.m., Quebec 12.15 p.m., Montreal 8.05 a.m.

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Bangor, Me., June 1, 1904

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SPORTSMEN ARE ARRIVING.

Advance Guard of Army of Hunters Are Already Here.

Game Plenty, Weather Fine and Everybody Happy.

Special correspondence to MAINE WOODS. KINEO, MOOSEHEAD LAKE, Sept. 26, 1904 }

The advance guard of the big army of sportsmen and sportswomen who will come for fall hunting is already here, anticipating the first deer shooting, which begins next Saturday and the moose hunting season, which starts two weeks later.

There is every indication that the number to come will exceed previous years, making another steady advance as it has for some years past. The much discussed nonresident tax had no effect on this section last year and while places that could offer both moose and deer hunting may have been affected by it, the opposition to the law has practically disappeared in face of the practical demonstration of its usefulness.

The prospects for big game hunting in the vast section to which Kineo is the gateway were never better. Deer are as abundant as ever and may be found anywhere within the territory which Kineo reaches and game protection during the winter on the Canadian border, is no doubt, largely responsible for the great increase of moose which has been noted during the summer. The abundance of buck deer and bull moose seen is regarded as a significant prophesy for the season's shooting by the sportsmen and some exceptionally fine heads are expected.

Contrary to the opinion expressed in some quarters, the past winter was not a hard one for big game but on the contrary exceptionally favorable. The weather was severely cold, but it is deep snow not cold weather which kills off the deer and moose. Owing to the low temperature which prevailed, the fall of snow was the lightest for years and because of this the big game had an easy time of it and wintered remarkably well.

More or less deer are killed by the deep snows each year, mainly because they cannot get about through them and secure food, but with sufficient food both deer and moose thrive in the coldest weather. The bug-bear story of deer and moose being killed by the cold winter, however, usually makes its appearance each summer, for some guides think every old bone they find in the woods during the summer must have belonged to a deer or a moose that was killed during the winter.

The first shooting has been good since the opening of the season Sept. 15 and a number of birds have been secured by guests at Kineo. The covers across the lake and near birch point and the west outlet and up the Moose river are abundantly stocked and there are partridges enough to last the season out and leave a goodly supply to breed for the coming season. The flight of ducks and geese is well on and this is a sport that may be enjoyed in the woods but is not much followed owing to its uncertainty.

BELFAST GUESTS.

Orrin J. Dickey of Belfast brought a company of people from that place here during the week, who passed the time most enjoyably, arriving Wednesday night and returning home Friday.

ABOUT THE BIG HOTEL.

The summer season is nearly over but many are coming to enjoy the beauties of fall and the sport it offers. The golf links are by no means deserted and the crisp days are ideal for the sport; the fishermen remaking the most of the last days of the season and the popularity of woods life increases as the hunting season draws near.

Mr. and Mrs. P. R. Robinson of New York City are in camp.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas S. Bradlee of Boston are at Chamberlain lake to remain some time.

Mr. and Mrs. Graham Sumner and Miss Gammell of Savannah, Ga., are back from an extended woods trip.

Charles M. Beecker and T. Buche Bleeker of New York are completing a short visit.

E. S. Farmer of Arlington, Mass., and his niece, Miss Helen Maude Locke, are in for a six weeks' trip which will include the late fishing and both deer and moose hunting.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Cook and Miss Cook of Allston, Mass., were guests during the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett White of Brookline have gone after a short stay.

Thomas J. O'Donahue and his son, T. S. O'Donahue, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Henry Feuchtwaenger and Emil Baumgarten of New York City are back from three weeks' fishing on West branch waters.

A MONSTER SALMON.

The big fish of the week was a 9 pounder taken on Moose river by Eugene Treadwell of New York City, who has been spending several weeks in camp there. A number of nice trout have been secured.

The weather was somewhat wintry Wednesday with a snow squall as a feature, but Friday clear and beautiful; and which no other resort but Kineo can supply

Carry Pond Camps.

Special correspondence to MAINE WOODS. BINGHAM, Sept. 22, 1904.

The fly fishing is fine at these camps. The Briggs party landed over 80 in two hours with fly last night. The party have been in camp one week and some of them will remain for shooting in October. The party consists of Mr. E. P. King, Mrs. Shepard, Mrs. Goodwin, Skowhegan; J. P. Day, Boston; C. E. Brooks, Charlotte, N. C.; Mrs. Wayness, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Briggs, Pittsfield, Me. Their guides are Harry Preble, Harvey Ginnis and Frank Carney, Bingham.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Phipps of New York have been in camp one week. Their guide is Forest Cates, Bingham.

Dr. E. L. Styles, Mr. Parker and Dr. Johnson are in camp for some time. John Owens is the guide.

A party of three from Broad Brook, Conn., have made arrangements to come here for two weeks' hunting. They will arrive Oct. 18.

Mr. J. W. Shattuck of New York writes that he will arrive in camp, Oct. 15.

Mr. C. G. Doe of Boston, with his friend, will arrive Oct. 8.

Some of the annual New York parties have been heard from and will leave that city after the November election.

We are in hopes to have the usual crowd and hope to have the usual luck. Partridge are more plenty than they have been in the past few years.

The new large cabin will soon be finished and we will move into winter quarters about Oct. 15. These cabins are situated in the woods where no wind can get at them and they will be very comfortable. H. J. L.

An Animal Story For Little Folks

Why They Did Not Marry

Mr. Jim Panzee was very much in love with Miss Bab Boone, who was known to be a very terrible flirt.

But Jim did not seem to care, though the young lady was very hard to suit. He tried his best to please her. Putting on his best looks he would come and sit for hours at the foot of her tree and sigh and smile and look coy, and she would sit behind her palm leaf fan and look bored and weary.

But she liked Jim for all that, and I think they would soon have been married, as Jim was about to propose, but for one little event.

"You are so hard to please," he said one day. "I have brought you all kinds of nice things, and none seem to suit you. You don't like figs unless I dry them and take all the seeds out.



"IS IT STONED?"

You won't eat cocoanuts because it's so hard to chew them. What can I get you?"

"Oh," she said wearily, "I should so like one of those lovely purple plums that grow up on the mountain."

"I'll go to the ends of the earth to please you, dear. I'm off," said Jim as he ran on, his beautiful tail dragging behind him. After much hard climbing he secured a fine luscious plum and ran to her with it.

"Here, dear one," said Jim. "I have brought it," holding it up to her. She looked at it a moment, shut her eyes slowly and said: "Is it stoned? You know I can't really take the trouble to stone it."

"Oh, you lazy thing!" said Jim. "Bah! I'll never marry you!" And he didn't.

Don't be lazy, girls.—Detroit Journal.

HOTELS AND CAMPS

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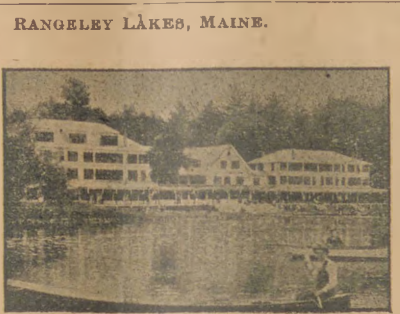
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There has been much anticipation among the sportsmen of the opening day of the open season which is always a signal for a general movement all along the line. During the first few days every gunner tries to get out for the birds because they are easier to get than later on in the season. Woodcock and partridge are fairly tame during the first of the season but the gunners say it does not take them long to get educated and take flight on the approach of the man behind the gun.

Woodcock and partridge have been seen in this vicinity during the past few days. Woodcock are said to be especially plentiful as compared with previous years and the native birds, which will be on hand for the opening of the season, will give the gunners plenty of chance to try their skill.

Much of the credit of the increasing flocks is given to the workings of the anti sale law, which prohibits the selling and exportation of these birds and which has been in operation for the last four years. The removal of temptation to wholesale killing which was offered by the price for partridge and woodcock, both in domestic and the New York and Boston markets, has been a much more effective check on indiscriminate slaughter than the restrictions against snaring and other methods of catching that were found to be difficult to enforce. The result has been an increase in the numbers of both kinds of birds that gladdens the heart of the gunners.

While this has been the case with both partridge and woodcock, the sportsmen are particularly pleased with the growing numbers of the latter, for the reason that there has been a fear for some years that the birds were being exterminated, so rare was their appearance getting to be. Partridge, on the other hand, have always been fairly plentiful, and while the increase in their numbers is hailed with pleasure, the feeling is not as keen as in the case of the birds that were becoming so scarce.

The native woodcock will probably be quite numerous enough to hold the attention of the sportsmen until the first flight of northern birds, which usually comes about Oct. 10 or within a week or ten days later. The season's close on Dec. 1 is generally late enough to allow the last of the birds to be taken as they are seldom seen much after Nov. 20.

It will be well to remember that the provisions of the present law require that no person shall kill or have in his possession in any one day more than 15 birds, that none shall be killed except for consumption within the state, that no one may sell or offer them for sale within the state, and that no person or corporation may carry or transport them from place to place unless open to view, tagged and plainly labeled with the owner's name and residence and accompanied by him.—Exchange.

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