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No one expects to build a very pretentious house for \$600, but it sometimes happens that a good sized family wants accommodation for a few weeks in summer, and sometimes it is cheaper and more comfortable to build a house than to rent one. In building a summer cottage a good deal of sleeping room in proportion to the size of the house is one of the first considerations. It is not necessary to have the bed-rooms very large, but there must be sleeping accommodation for all the members of the family and a room or two for invited guests. No one wants to go away for a vacation without plenty of company.

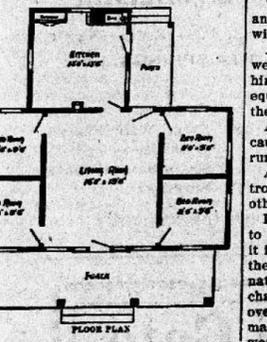
Business and household cares must be left at home and a sort of camp life must take its place. The way to enjoy camp life is to get along as easily as possible. The poor old lady's tired remark "Blessed be Nothin'" is appreciated to its full value by those who are in the habit of spending a few weeks each summer in camp. The true spirit of camp life is best learned by taking a canoe trip or two of several days' duration as a sort of initiation. Nothing will so thoroughly teach a person how little they really need as a trip in the wilds where you are dependent upon the supply you carry with you. The same principle applies partially to life in a summer cottage.

You don't go away to your summer cottage with the expectation of spending much time in a bedroom. The



proper thing to do is to live as much as possible out doors. You need a good comfortable mattress and a rug for a cover at night. You need a few rocking chairs for use in the day time. A hammock or two hung in the shade of a tree and a few warm rugs with the necessary sheets and table linen constitute the principal movable necessities.

By way of furniture a dining table with a chair for each person and a table in the kitchen big enough to hold a few necessary articles and at the same time leave one end free for work with the simplest possible bedroom equipment is enough in this line, but a good kitchen stove is a great comfort. It is better to put a little more money in the stove and a little less in the other furnishing if economy in this direction seems necessary. Two many summer cottages are provided with show furniture for the front part of the house to the neglect of the working end. Live as simply



as you may, some work is necessary in the kitchen so long as campers keep up the habit of getting hungry. There is a good living room and a good kitchen in this house and there are four bedrooms which are all light and airy and they are big enough for the purpose. Each door and each window is protected with a good fly screen, so the windows may all be left open and the inmates not suffer from the attentions of mosquitoes or other insects. For some reason mosquitoes seem to have a special grudge against campers. They will swarm about strangers when the natives are unmolested.

The general plan of this summer cottage is about as simple as a house could be built. It is just one long house 26 feet wide with a wing at the back for a kitchen. The plainness of such a building would be an objection but it is relieved by the dormer windows and the long front porch, so that in appearance the cottage is all right from an artistic standpoint. A wall is not necessary; the house is set on posts. If the ground is uneven the lower part may be used for storage for boats, which is a very good thing, because in order to keep a boat from leaking it is necessary to

keep it out of the sun when not in actual use. It is very difficult to keep a boat tight without much care and a leaky boat is an intolerable nuisance. Before the siding is put on a good quality of building paper is tacked to the studding. Some builders of summer cottages consider this unnecessary, but it is a good thing to keep out insects and it is valuable at times when the weather is cool. Then possibly it may be necessary at some future time to finish the house for comfort in cold weather. The paper costs but little, so the extra expense when building is not a serious consideration. The paper may be put on easily at that time and it cannot be done to advantage afterward.

All the rooms are finished inside with three-eighths Norway or common pine ceiling. All around at the top and bottom a quarter round is nailed, which makes very neat corners. There is no painting or varnishing inside but the outside is well painted with two coats of paint having a pure white lead base. No matter how cheap a cottage may be constructed it must have a pleasing appearance. Good paint is very necessary and the way in which it is put on counts for as much as the paint itself. The character of the owner is reckoned very largely according to the outside appearance of the house, and a summer cottage is no exception to this rule.

Generally speaking, it is not necessary to put a great deal of work on the grounds surrounding the summer cottage, but a few vines add a great deal of comfort and good looks, while a few fruit trees help out the summer menu. It is sometimes difficult to get fresh fruit just when it is most needed. Early apples, cherries, peaches and pears may be grown quickly if



dwarf trees are planted, and the trees may be easily cared for without running into very much expense. Berry bushes make more work but a good many summer cottages have splendid fruit gardens, and I notice that such places are more attractive than expensive cottages without such outside attention.

CHOOSING OUR OWN TROUBLES.

Writer Looks at Chronic Bothers in a New Way.

We are apt to quarrel with our troubles under the mistaken idea that they have been set upon us and not realizing that we have all along unconsciously been appropriating them to ourselves. Every one has a choice of troubles, and it depends largely upon himself as to the ones he shall select. This being so, let us take thought of tomorrow, that we may suffer as we choose and not blindly.

There is a set of married troubles, and one for bachelors only. Which will you have? Yours is the choice. A baby is a great trouble. Is it well to have him? Is it wise to take him on, or will some other trouble equally formidable be better for us in the long run?

Any amount of trouble may be caused by too much money. Shall we run the risk or not? A kiss has often caused no end of trouble. And it is likely to lead to others.

Let us have patience and take time to make our selection. The worst of it is that by the time we have learned the standing of various troubles, their nature and ways, it is too late to change. And we cannot begin all over again. So that in the end we may be saddled with troubles that we would willingly exchange for others, if we had only known about them earlier.—Tom Mason in Puck.

German Death Test.

Although it is asserted by nearly every practicing physician that the possibility of being buried alive can only occur where a medical examination has not been made, an eminent physician and surgeon states that a stronger, absolutely reliable guarantee for detecting actual death is still demanded, and the demand has been met by the discovery of a new medium for ascertaining death with perfect certainty.

This new death test consists in injecting a solution of fluorescein deep into the tissues. If circulation exists the skin and mucous membranes become very yellow and the eyes assume the color of emeralds; if the circulation has ceased none of these results occur.

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"OLD MAN" LIBBY'S DEER.

Remarkable Story of Killing Told by Blind Guide.

"Old Man" Libby is one of the best known guide camp keepers in the state of Maine, and for years has been totally blind. Four years ago he carried into Bangor the carcass of a deer, and had it taken to the office of Fish and Game Commissioner Carpenter. Libby expressed the wish that the venison be given to the Bangor hospital.

Carpenter wanted to know who killed the deer, and was much surprised when Libby claimed to have been the destroyer.

"Why, Libby," he asked, "how did you, a blind man, manage to kill this deer?"

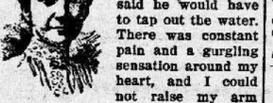
"Wal, you see," drawled Libby, "I was standing outside my tent yesterday morning, ax in hand, just going to chop a little wood, when I felt this durned critter rushing onto me. I thought 't was a bar, so I hauled off and soaked him."

The commissioner always has a grin on tap when telling this story, for he has doubts as to who killed the deer.

A MISSOURI WOMAN.

Tells a Story of Awful Suffering and Wonderful Relief.

Mrs. J. E. Johnson, of 603 West Hickman street, Columbia, Mo., says: "Following an operation two years ago, dropsy set in, and my left side was so swollen the doctor said he would have to tap out the water. There was constant pain and a gurgling sensation around my heart, and I could not raise my arm



above my head. The kidney action was disordered and passages of the secretions too frequent. On the advice of my husband I began using Doan's Kidney Pills. Since using two boxes my trouble has not reappeared. This is wonderful, after suffering two years."

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KAISER'S DIGNITY WAS HURT.

Offended by Shoes of One of His Consular Agents.

The enthusiasm of the good Norwegians for Queen Alexandra is the more remarkable as, in the matter of crowned heads, they have some excuse for affecting to be blind.

The German emperor, of course, is a regular frequenter of the fjords, but he allows no liberties to be taken with his sacred person. On one occasion when the Hohenzollern anchored off a little town, the German consular agent, as in duty bound, went aboard to pay his respects; but, not being possessed of a uniform, it did not appear to him necessary to appear at midday in the comic opera kit of evening dress on board the vessel.

He therefore presented himself in an attire that compromised the official correctness of frock coat by brown boots. His majesty, however, resented the informality, called the attention of the consular general at Bergen to the solecism, and announced his intention of ceasing to honor the place with any further visit.—London P. T. O.

NAME FOR STETSON'S BOAT.

There are many good stories told of the late John Stetson, the theatrical manager. Here is one of them. He was having a yacht built, and a friend, meeting him on the street, asked him what he was going to name the boat.

"I haven't decided yet," replied John, "but it will be some name commencing with S, probably either Psycho or Cinch."

WORLDLY FAME IS BUT A BREATH OF WIND THAT BLOWS NOW THIS WAY, AND NOW THAT, AND CHANGES NAME AS IT CHANGES DIRECTION.—Dante.

COFFEE IMPORTERS.

Publish a Book About Coffee.

There has been much discussion as to Coffee and Postum lately, so much in fact that some of the coffee importers and roasters have taken to type to promote the sale of their wares and check if possible the rapid growth of the use of Postum Food Coffee.

In the coffee importers' book a chapter is headed "Coffee as a Medicine," and advocates its use as such.

Here is an admission of the truth, most important to all interested.

Every physician knows, and every thoughtful person should know, that habitual use of any "medicine" of the drug-stimulant type of coffee or whiskey quickly causes irritation of the tissues and organs stimulated and finally sets up disease in the great majority of cases if persisted in. It may show in any one of the many organs of the body and in the great majority of cases can be directly traced to coffee in a most unmistakable way by leaving off the active irritant—coffee—and using Postum Food Coffee for a matter of ten days. If the result is relief from nervous trouble, dyspepsia, bowel complaint, heart failure, weak eyes, or any other malady set up by a poisoned nervous system, you have your answer with the accuracy of a demonstration in mathematics.

"THERE'S A REASON" FOR POSTUM.

FEARFUL PAINS

SUGGESTIONS HOW WOMEN MAY FIND RELIEF.



While no woman is entirely free from periodical suffering, it does not seem to be the plan of nature that women should suffer so severely. This is a severe strain on a woman's vitality. When pain exists something is wrong which should be set right or it will lead to a serious derangement of the whole female organism.

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Dear Mrs. Pinkham:—Your medicine is indeed an ideal medicine for women. I suffered misery for years with painful periods, headaches, and bearing-down pains. I consulted two different physicians but failed to get any relief. A friend from the east advised me to try Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. I did so, and no longer suffer as I did before. My periods are natural; every ache and pain is gone, and my general health is much improved. I advise all women who suffer to take Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

Mrs. Tillie Hart, of Larimore, N. D., writes:

Dear Mrs. Pinkham:—I might have been spared many months of suffering and pain had I only known of the efficacy of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

WHEN CUBA WAS FOR SALE.

Offered to France for \$5,000,000 in time of Louis Philippe.

It is not generally known that Cuba very nearly became a French Colony in the reign of Louis Philippe, (or Spain, being without means of raising money, Queen Christina offered some of the principal Spanish colonies for sale.

Secret negotiations were carried on at the Tuilleries between Senor Camuzano, the Spanish ambassador; Senor Aguayo, the banker; Prince de Talleyrand, and King Louis Philippe, and the first article of the treaty, by which Spain was to sell Cuba to France for \$5,000,000 francs, or \$6,000,000, was quickly agreed to.

But the second article, relating to Porto Rico and the Philippines, broke off the negotiations, for Spain asked \$2,000,000, whereas France would offer only \$1,400,000. King Louis Philippe asserting that the acquisition of the Philippines might very easily involve him in a war with England.

It is significant that in those days neither party paid the slightest attention to what the United States might think; but the Spaniards must now regret that they did not accept for it would have saved them many millions in the ensuing 60 years.—London Sketch.

AWFUL SUFFERING.

From Dreadful Pains from Wound on Foot—System All Run Down—Miraculous Cure by Cuticura.

"Words cannot speak highly enough for the Cuticura Remedies. I am now seventy-two years of age. My system had been all run down. My blood was so bad that blood poisoning had set in. I had several doctors attending me, so finally I went to the hospital, where I was laid up for two months. My foot and ankle were almost beyond recognition. Dark blood flowed out of wounds in many places and I was so disheartened that I thought surely my last chance was slowly leaving me. As the foot did not improve, you can readily imagine how I felt. I was simply disgusted and tired of life. I stood this pain, which was dreadful, for six months, and during this time I was not able to wear a shoe and not able to work. Some one spoke to me about Cuticura. The consequences were I bought a set of the Cuticura Remedies of one of my friends who was a druggist, and the praise that I gave after the second application is beyond description; it seemed a miracle for the Cuticura Remedies took effect immediately. I washed the foot with the Cuticura Soap before applying the Ointment and I took the Resolvent at the same time. After two weeks' treatment my foot was healed completely. People who had seen my foot during my illness and who have seen it since the cure, can hardly believe their own eyes. Robert Schoenhauer, Newburg, N. Y., August 21, 1905."

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