IDEAL CATSKILL WEATHER

MANY ENJOYING ALL THE MOUNTAINS AFFORD—PLANNING NEW TRANSIT FACILITIES.

Haines Falls, N. Y., July 13 (Special).—Ideal mountain weather has ruled the week in the Catskills, and there is nothing to be desired to make summer life delightful here. If only the thousands who never get here, lacking the means as much as they need the change, could enjoy the pure air of these hills! There is ample room for all and a perennial welcome for everybody. But while the air and the scenery are free to rich and poor alike, it costs something to get here, and one gets hungry occasionally and needs a bed to sleep in. It is, of course, possible to make provision for these things in advance, and to bring up full supplies with a camp outfit. There is plenty of tent room free in the choicest spots. In fact, many come in this way, but not usually for economical reasons, because of the cost which is sure to mount up in the most inexplicable and exasperating manner. Thus hotel life and farmhouse boarding must be resorted to, and with this most visitors are happily content.

The general character of this entertainment in the Catskills will be found to compare favorably with that furnished by the average summer resort throughout the country. An observant tourist familiar with many of these summer regions in this country says he finds the average character of these places in the Catskills somewhat better than at other leading resorts.

The July rush of visitors is fully maintained, and the early indications of a prosperous season were not misleading. The mountain trains at both ends of the range have been loaded with new arrivals all the week and exceptionally so to-day. Trains on the Ulster and Delaware are often run in sections or taken up by two locomotives in order to maintain the time schedules. The large number of parlor and drawing room cars shows an increased appreciation of these modern comforts of travel, as well as a greater ability to pay for them because of the more prosperous condition of the country. The carrying power of the roads is, however, diminished by the increased weight of the coaches and their smaller capacity and the additional motive power required.

Two new mountain railway projects were launched during the week, both for the same route. If all such had matured in the past the region would be almost covered now with steel rails. These companies plan to reach the base of the mountain at the entrance to Kaaterskill Clove, connecting there with the Otis elevating line near Palenville. Of course, the people in the quiet little village are becoming excited over the prospect. Both companies are seeking franchises from the village of Saugerties, where the road leaves the river at the Long Dock. One of them talks also of a recreation park on the river shoal near the Saugerties lighthouse, with a landing for the day line steamers. The saving of an hour's time in reaching that part of the mountains is said to be the main object of these roads. In any case there must be many transfers by this route, and there is a question in the minds of many whether such a road would pay. But with that the public has little concern, and if the road is built the people are likely to be benefited.

PALENVILLE HAS MEMORIAL SCHOOL.

That breezy summer weekly "The Palenville Zephyr" began its fourth season last week, with Editor Dykeman in the sanctum, as heretofore. The title page contains a fine half-tone of the new Rowena Memorial School there, built by Lysander W. Lawrence, of New-York, in memory of his wife, at a cost of over $50,000, and presented to the district.

The many Palenville cottages are all occupied, and the hotels are receiving many guests. George J. Harding, of Philadelphia, and Dr. Mason, of the Troy Polytechnic Institute, have fine summer homes there.

Several New-York young men are camping near the entrance to the famous Clove.

There is rare scenic beauty in the environments of Palenville, which attract many visitors. The swimming pools and bathhouses of Carl Behrens at Helena Falls will soon be opened. Golf links are talked of, and other outdoor sports are fully provided for. Notable improvements will be found at the Central and Pine Grove hotels.

James Knox and his sister, May G. Knox, have taken their mother's pretty cottage, Knox Hall, on the west side.

Mrs. H. M. R. Aldrich, of New-York, has leased one of the Highland Villa cottages in Bogart-ave.

Mrs. Jewks and family, of Jersey City, have the Dudley cottage for the second season.

Henry Henrich and family, of New-York, are entertaining Miss McLaughlin, daughter of Captain McLaughlin, of New-York, at their summer home.

The trestle work of the Otis elevating road is being repaired and strengthened for the season's work.

GUESTS AT KAATERSKILL.

The great Hotel Kaaterskill is more than half filled to-night, after the heavy arrivals to-day. The baggage vans are coming in late in the evening, piled high with trunks. There are many guests from the South this season, among whom are several from Savannah and New-Orleans, who will spend the summer on the mountain. They can't find any alligators in Kaaterskill Lake or any other of the attractions peculiar to Tampa Bay, but they already find a variety of other features decidedly new and interesting to them.

General and Mrs. Wingate are entertaining Mr. and Mrs. William N. Kenyon and Miss Mattie E. Adams, of Brooklyn, at their quaint summer home in Twilight Park.

Bishop Satterlee has become settled in his cottage there and is enjoying much needed rest.

Judge and Mrs. Rufus B. Cowing are at the Kaaterskill. Among others there are Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Auerbach, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Ellas, Mr. and Mrs. S. Simonson, the Rev. and Mrs. A. H. Sewall, W. Timmons and Miss Mears.

Bishop Tuttle, of Missouri, is a guest of his sister, Mrs. Merritt McLean, at her home in Windham.

E. D. Meire and family, of New-York, have the Bungalow, in Twilight Park, for the summer. Professor John Mickleborough, of Brooklyn, has La Vidette cottage, and Robert E. Fulton has the Steebe cottage.

Alexander Saxe is a guest of Dr. Bernard Zweighaft at Deer Park, high up on the mountain slope.

W. S. Cole and wife have the Rock Cleft cottage; W. R. Weeks and family and S. P. Sturgis and wife the Grange. Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Whitney and family are occupying their own cottages, and C. T. Dazey and family have the Smith cottage.

In Sunset Park are C. A. Clegg and family, Mrs. M. St. John, Spencer Aldrich and wife and Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Horne.

Among New-York people at the Prospect Park Hotel on the Hudson at Catskill are William Arrowsmith and family, Mrs. J. M. Mason, Mrs. T. B. Dutcher, Bryan W. O'Hare and family and Mrs. J. A. Besthoff.

Mrs. L. D. S. Banker, of Brooklyn, has arrived at her Margaretville cottage for the summer. E. L. Muller and wife and Mrs. Hoid and daughter and J. P. Filter and family are other Brooklynites at the Ackerly.

The many Hunter resorts are rapidly filling up. Recent guests at the Kaatsberg include E. F. Holland and wife, G. F. Purrington, G. A. Storer, Miss J. F. Storer, of New-York; Mrs. F. Baldwin and family, Mrs. H. S. Hart and Louis Schling, of Brooklyn.

Lieutenant Albert Moritz, U. S. N., is at the St. Charles with his family.

IN PINE HILL REGION.

The Pine Hill region is in full summer bloom. The cooler weather is more enjoyable there than was the extreme heat of last week. Recent arrivals at the Cornish include Miss S. R. Baum, Miss Henrietta Seiffer, Mrs. D. Harris, Miss A. Jacobs and Miss A. Roadt, of New-York; H. G. Kesner and family and A. Keneff and wife, of Brooklyn.

The Rip Van Winkle is also enjoying a good July patronage in a quiet way.

The arrivals at the New Grand on the summit during the week are said to exceed those of the corresponding week in past years. Among late arrivals there are Fred Cornell, Mrs. C. L. Gauss and daughter, Mrs. Sara Sussdorf, Miss Marie Derickson, Mrs. H. Brock, Mrs. J. E. Stockler and daughter, Mrs. S. Heyman and daughter, Mrs. C. Putzel, Mrs. L. Dahlman, Mrs. L. D. Mayer, Mrs. M. Rothkoff and family, Mrs. J. B. De Young, Mrs. B. Brill, Mrs. Elsie Lathrop, Mrs. A. Brussell and daughter, Mrs. W. D. Light, of New-York; W. G. Swift and wife, Ralph Conner and E. A. Howard, of Brooklyn; Mr. and Mrs. H. Sheldon, of Springfield, Mass., and George Boynthon and H. E. Baxter, of Boston.

The Stamford baseball club crossed bats with the Grand Gorge boys on Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Blauvelt, of New-York, are again at the Ingleside for the season, being charmed with Stamford as a summer abode.

Mrs. George Chapin, of New-York, is at the Greenhurst.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Rolles, of Miami, Fla., are among the Atchison guests.

Samuel T. Williams, former Consul to Hamburg and later Chargé d'Affaires to Brazil, is resting with his wife at Churchill Hall.

The Rev. Arthur Mason, of New-York, is domiciled in the Honeymoon cottage with Mrs. Mason, Alexander T. Mason and the Misses Maud and Anita Mason. He has also leased a pretty cottage from Dr. Bristol for his daughter, Mrs. Robert Du Bois, and her family, and another on Seminary Heights for Mr. and Mrs. M. Van Rensselaer and family.

Samuel T. Maddox, son of Justice Maddox, is at Grand Gorge with his friends, W. M. Finck and Harry R. Casey.

Mrs. H. K. Thurber, Mrs. Harvey and Miss Hakey, of New-York, are at Delhi.

A new electric railway is being built between Oneonta and Cooperstown. This charming Cooperstown region is now only seven hours distant from New-York by the Ulster and Delaware route, connection being made with the Cooperstown and Charlotte Valley road at West Davenport. Otsego Hall is now receiving many guests by this line. The famous old Fenimore House there, so long closed, was reopened this season after thorough repairs and many improvemnts.

The Rexmere, at Stamford, reports a higher ccunt of guests than any former season at this date

The golf course on the Rexmere grounds is now in prime condition and much greater interest is manifested in the popular game than ever before in Stamford.

Professor G. W. Price, of Girard College, Philadelphia, who is again at Churchill Hall, is among the enthusiastic golfers there. The Misses Lake and Harshaw, of Providence, are making exceptionally fine records on the links. Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Becker are enjoying their beautiful summer home, Craig Gowan, opposite the Rexmere. To their generous patronage the success of the Utsayantah Golf Club is largely due.

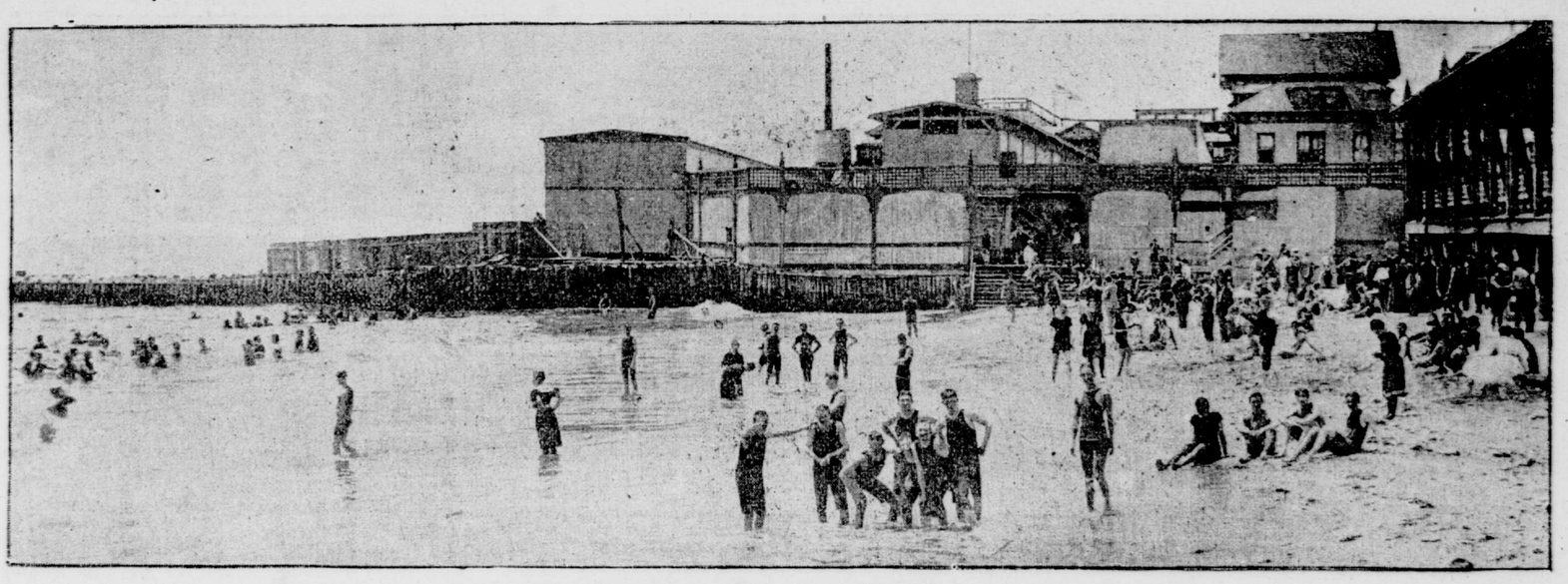
John A. Shipley, a Providence banker, at Churchill Hall, has just erected a pretty lodge in Churchill Park, where he will entertain his friends.

Mrs. Charles S. Burr and family, of Brooklyn, are passing the summer at the Hall. Mr. Burr, who is now in Europe, will join them in September. George S. Fennell and family are again at the Hall, where their daughter Frederika is as popular as ever.

Among late arrivals are Francis S. Gray and family, Samuel H. Lyman, Mrs. E. S. Faile, of New-York; Amos W. Stetson, of Boston; Mr. and Mrs. Lewis M. Meeker, Mr. and Mrs. A. Eddy and Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Merrill, of Brooklyn.

At Churchill Hall are J. A. Browning, Miss Linda Browning, Wilfred Browning, Mrs. Gustave Herter, Mrs. Anton Christophersen, Miss M. W. Parsons, Miss J. S. Young, Stephen K. Reed, Miss Beach, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Bailey Chilton, Mrs. William McVickar, Miss A. McVickar and Mrs. E. S. Faile.

At the Rexmere are Mr. and Mrs. Lewis M. Meeker, Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Riordan, Mr. and Mrs. W. Vandewater, Miss Grace Vandewater, Edwin Vandewater, Wallace Vandewater, Mr. and Mrs. A. Eddy, Mr. and Mrs. J. Cassedy, Miss M. Cassedy and Mrs. J. Douglas.



A BATHING SCENE AT MANHATTAN BEACH.

YACHTING AT SHELTER ISLAND.

MUCH INTEREST IN THE CRAFT THERE—BATHING MOST ENJOYABLE.

Shelter Island, Long Island, July 13 (Special).—The Shelter Island summer season opened unusually early this year, and it has proved a very crowded one thus far. Many who came for the Fourth remained over Sunday. With later arrivals on Saturday the hotels were crowded to the overflow point.

The Shelter Island yachting season began with the first special regatta on July 4, closely followed by the second of the series, sailed over the new club course in Gardiner's Bay. This course the regatta committee regards as an ideal one, entirely free from the interference of passing craft.

On Monday evening was given the third of a series of dramatic representations on Shelter Island at the newly built Men's Club. On the evenings of July 18 and 19 Walter Cole Brigham, the artist, who has a summer studio here, will show a series of historical pictures at the Men's Club.

The large three masted auxiliary schooner yacht Intrepid arrived at Shelter Island this week. The Intrepid is owned by Lloyd Phoenix, who is one of the oldest members of the New-York Yacht Club. Cornelius Roosevelt, of Paris, was a guest on board the Intrepid.

R. A. C. Smith, who has spent much time recently at the Manhanset House, has chartered J. Harvey Ladew's Columbia, pending the arrival of his new foreign built yacht, which is now on her way from Cowes. This week Mr. Smith took a party of fifteen to Newport to witness the races there. In the party were Dr. George B. Fowler, Richard Platt Herrick and Frederick P. Scudder.

Mr. and Mrs. Elihu B. Frost have chartered the steam yacht Josephine for the season. The Josephine is the property of P. A. B. Widener, of Philadelphia.

J. Rogers Maxwell arrived at Shelter Island in course of the week on board his yacht Kismet. With him were J. Rogers Maxwell, jr., and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Whitney. Mrs. Whitney was formerly Miss Maxwell. Mr. Maxwell was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Henry N. Whitney at the Whitney cottage, at Manhanset Point.

The Henry K. Motley cottage, on the Point, is occupied this season by the family of Dr. B. S. Wetmore, Editor of "The Medical Journal." Opposite the Wetmore cottage is that of Tarrant Putnam, treasurer of the New-York Yacht Club.

Dr. Charles Lane Poor, who is in charge of the New-York Yacht Club station here, occupies the cottage next to the Putnam place. Dr. Poor's sloop, the Mira, has been entered in the last two special regattas of the Shelter Island Yacht Club. The Mira is competing for the Vice-Commodore's Cup.

One of the United States warships that has recently been in Gardiner's Bay is the Indiana. A number of the cadets who came to Shelter Island on twenty-four hours' shore leave were guests at a little dance at the Prospect House.

William Hines recently entertained a party of friends on board the Spray. They made a big haul of bluefish off Plum Island. On board the Hines sloop were William Leonard and Christopher Roberts.

Mr. and Mrs. Elihu Frost will spend the season at the Manhanset House. Mr. Frost recently arrived at Shelter Island with the new Holland torpedo boat, the Fulton. The Fulton was at once towed to the diving grounds off New-Suffolk. This was the practice ground of the first Holland torpedo boat, which the United States Government finally bought.

During the week bathing at Shelter Island has been a positive delight. The water has kept an even temperature of about 76 degrees. The temperature of the atmosphere has also kept about the 70 mark. Several sudden heavy showers have cleared the air to a most enjoyable extent.

Among the players in the last sweepstakes golf play were H. E. Smylie and Arthur E. Whitney, of Brooklyn; Byron Nugent and Frederick C. Lake, of St. Louis; Hector M. Hitchings, Dr. Henry Stearns, Justus D. Dettmer, J. J. Dettmer and Cornelius S. Pinkney, of New-York.

Mr. Oscar B. Weber and Mr. George H. Kelm, of Manhattan, who are spending the season at the Manhanset House, have each a new Crowninshield boat. Mr. Weber's boat, the Flosshilde, belongs to the 50-foot class sloops, and will be entered in the next special regatta of the Shelter Island Yacht Club, which will be sailed on August 10. The owner's yacht signal is a trident. As is the custom with the Crowninshield boats of this and last season, the owner's signal is conspicuously placed on the main sheet of the craft.

GAYETY AT SOUTHAMPTON.

Southampton, Long Island, July 13 (Special).—The last week has been an unusually gay one of an already gay season. While, after the Fourth, there was the general lull in indoor gayeties which might be expected, social and recreative pleasures have been now resumed with a zest which would indicate a much more advanced stage of the season than is really the case.

One of the most interesting affairs of the week was the dramatic recital which Miss Grace Atkins Dobson gave at the home of Mrs. T. Wyman Porter, on Tuesday morning. Among the patronesses were Mrs. George R. Schieffelin, Mrs. B. Aymar Sands, Mrs. T. Wyman Porter, Mrs. John T. Terry, Mrs. Henry G. Pell and Miss Charlotte Pell.

There is to be a revival in popularity of squash games among those here this season, two squash courts having been planned for the Meadow Club, while the one at Mr. Breese's is daily employed.

The announcement of the death of Pierre Lorillard produced a profound shock at this resort, where Mrs. Lorillard has been passing the season.

The owners of automobiles at this resort are contemplating the organization of an association for the benefit of those who use the horseless carriages. It is probable that one will be immediately organized.

At a recent meeting of the Southampton Horse Association it was decided to hold the annual horse show on Friday and Saturday, August 23 and 24, and the committee on arrangements, which is composed of prominent men in the world of finance and business, proposes to spare neither pains nor money to render the affair more successful than any of its predecessors.

Peter F. Collier will not spend the season at this resort, having rented a cottage at Cedarhurst, near the Rockaway Hunt Club.

Mrs. G. M. Bartholomew and family have arrived at the Art Village for the season.

FISHING IN ST. LAWRENCE.

PRINCIPAL AMUSEMENT AT THE THOUSAND ISLANDS—GOOD GOLF LINKS.

Alexandria Bay, July 13 (Special).—The last week has not developed anything startling. The weather has been delightful, warm enough for comfort and to permit bathing in the river. The fishing has been the best in many years for this time of the season, and many fine catches have been made. There are many stories told of the wonderful experiences of those engaged in this sport. One of the best of these stories, which has been investigated and proven a true one, is related by two anglers from Pittsburg, who are staying for the season at Thousand Island Park. They were fishing for muskallonge in Eel Bay when one hooked a four foot eel, and with the other's assistance had brought the squirming creature to the surface, but as there was nothing to hit the eel with, he could not land it in the boat. The other fisherman, laying down his rod, tried to use the landing net, but with no success, and, putting it down again, laughed at his comrade's plight. What was his consternation, on picking up his own rod, to find that he, too, had caught an eel. A few minutes later a large sailing scow went by. The fishermen shouted to the captain that he could have the eels if he would help them out of their difficulty. Accordingly, a punt was put out, and the eels were killed with a club and handed over to the captain of the scow. The fishermen returned, however, with a fine fishbox full of muskallonge and bass. The captain of the scow, a native of Clayton, was seen, and he vouched for the story.

Jack perch over a foot long have been caught in the last few days. Bass are biting like good fellows, and if one fishes for them exclusively great numbers can be caught. The muskallonge which are being brought in daily are beauties. Louis Marx, of New-York, who lives at Casa Blanco, on Cherry Island, near the bay, was a lucky fisherman recently. While trolling near his home he landed one of these monsters weighing twenty-eight pounds. The fishing has been so good that many usually interested in golf have left that game to engage in the former sport while it lasts. August is the great month for golf on the river. The fishing then is not so good usually.

THE GOLF IMPROVEMENTS.

The golf links on Wellesley Island, which is run in connection with the Thousand Island Yacht Club, has been put in first class condition. Through the generosity of George C. Boldt, the golf club will have a well appointed clubhouse this year. He has given the club one of his farmhouses on Wellesley Island, which he has remodelled into a handsome country clubhouse. It is equipped with café, sleeping and lounging rooms and baths. From 11 a. m. to 1 p. m. each day the Thousand Island Yacht Club orchestra furnishes music. John Musselburgh, of Scotland, a well known professional, will be in charge of the links for the season and act as instructor for those desiring his services. The completion of this excellent links will give the summer visitors in the vicinity of the bay an opportunity of engaging in the game, a privilege which they have not enjoyed heretofore. The golf links on Round Island, for the benefit of the guests of the Frontenac Hotel, are now in fine shape. Some trouble was experienced in getting the course in good condition, on account of the heavy rains in the spring. Golf tournaments will be held on Saturday afternoons from now on. John Cunningham, the popular young professional at this resort, who was in charge of the links last season, will have charge again this year. Tournaments are being held each Saturday on the fine links near the Gananoque Inn, and are creating much interest on the river.

EFFECT OF BUFFALO EXPOSITION.

The Inn, under the management of Alfred S. Ames, is becoming deservedly popular. The best fishing grounds on the St. Lawrence are in its vicinity, and many experienced anglers are spending their vacation here. The large hotels on the river are doing a very good business this season, the transient trade from the Buffalo Exposition being great. Many Raymond & Whitcomb parties have already visited the river, and more are scheduled later in the season.

The Thousand Island House, at Alexandria Bay has many more guests than last year in July. Colonel Staples attributes this to the Pan-American Exposition and the prosperous year generally.

The Frontenac, which enjoyed such a profitable season last year, is duplicating it this summer. The Hubbard House, at Clayton, and the Murray Hill Hotel are also well filled. The opening soiree at the Murray Hill Hotel, so popular for its pleasant dancing parties, was held on Friday evening. A musical programme by the talented guests of the hotel was given. The quarterly meeting of the Underwriters' Association of New-York State was held at the Frontenac on Monday evening.

Work on the casino to be built on Squaw Island, at Alexandria Bay, almost directly in front of the Thousand Island House, has been begun. A large building, containing bowling alleys, a restaurant, bathing house and other innovations for amusement, is to be erected. It will be run in connection with the Thousand Island House for the benefit of its guests. The shoals around the island are being covered with broken stone, and will be utilized for the building of piers. About eight hundred feet of wharves will be constructed.

THE STATE SUMMER INSTITUTE.

The New-York State Summer Institute is holding morning sessions at Thousand Island Park. The attendance is not as large as usual, no doubt due to the diverting influence of the Pan-American Exposition. The new building erected by the Park Association at the suggestion of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, Charles R. Skinner, is being used to good advantage, and the crowded condition during the sessions last year has been eliminated. Charles A. Shaver, of Watertown, is again in charge. The institute lasts for three weeks. The Rev. P. B. Guernsey, president of Roger Williams University, of Nashville, Tenn., is one of the prominent educators present. Misses Anna B. MacDonald and Annie L. Caraline, of New-York, and Miss A. L. Dorr, of Brooklyn, are attending the institute.

Frank E. Clarke, of New-York, is spending the summer here on board the yacht Captain Visger. Mr. Clarke is a member of the class of '03 of Syracuse University.

William S. Draper, of Washington, D. C., United States Minister to Italy, has engaged twelve rooms at the Thousand Island House for himself and party, and expects to arrive at the bay for a stay of three weeks the early part of next week.

Mr. and Mrs. Capehart, of Washington, are stopping at the Thousand Island House. Mr. Capehart was one of the United States Commissioners at the Paris Exposition.

Frederick Burnhams, of New-York City, who is also staying at this house, has had great luck fishing. His catches of muskallonge have been wonderful.

Charles Frederick Goss, the author of "The Redemption of David Corson," is occupying his cottage on Westminster Park with his family for the season.

W. M. Bows, of New-York, is spending the summer at his cottage at Redwood.

Miss Eva Thompson and M. W. Thorborn, of Brooklyn, were married at the home of Miss Thompson's aunt, Mrs. Belle Wescott, at Alexandria Bay, Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. John Cooper and children, of New-York, have arrived at their summer home on the Isle of Pines, not far from Thousand Island Park. They have with them Mr. and Mrs. Charles P. Everitt, Miss Leona Weller and Mr. William Starbuck, of New-York.

Colonel W. E. Griffith and family, of New-York, are spending their summer at his cottage on Westminster Park. The Colonel was Governor Black's private secretary. He recently had charge of the New-York exhibits at the Paris Exposition.

The Count and Countess de la Motte, of Paris; Mme. Poulide, of Paris, and H. L. Boulton, of Caracas, Venezuela, are spending a few days at the Crossmon House at the bay. They are on a trip around the world.

The new yacht Princeton, the property of Henry R. Heath, of Brooklyn, arrived last week. She came by way of the Erie Canal, Oswego Canal and Lake Ontario. She is one of the neatest crafts of her class.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis L. Lang and Mrs. Abbis M. Terhune, of New-York, after spending a few days here have gone for a trip to Montreal after stopping a few days at the Lotus Hotel, St. Lawrence Park. They will return for a few days on their way home.

BUSY DAYS AT SAYVILLE.

INTEREST IN FAIRS, DANCING AND YACHTING—DEATH OF ORIGINAL OF THE "LITTLE LADY."

Sayville, Long Island, July 13 (Special).—This week has been a busy one for Sayville. The days have been filled with bathing, yachting, driving and automobile trips; the evenings with hops and musicals. A concert which proved a success in every way was held at St. Ann's Church on Friday evening.

The firemen's fair, to be held in their building on July 26 and 27, is looked forward to with a good deal of interest. The hose company's fair will be held on the lawn of George A. Robinson in the first part of August.

An event of unusual interest to the summer residents of Babylon was a boat race for a silver water pitcher. The race was exciting throughout, and the George S., an Amityville boat, sailed by Captain Smalling, won the pitcher, finishing about forty-five minutes ahead of the second boat. The course was ten miles, and boats under twenty-four feet could enter.

The first full dress hop at the Prospect House, Bayshore, was a success. The new ballroom floor made dancing delightful.

The Bayshore Horse Show has been definitely fixed for early August. This was proposed the first of last summer by Charles F. Hubbs, who is one of the Bayshore colony, and he has selected a country place on the road between Babylon and Bayshore for it. Many horses will be shown, and Brooklyn will be especially well represented. The affair will be governed by such men as J. Campbell Smith, Allan Pinkerton, Bradish Johnson, J. A. Mollenhauer and William T. Hayward.

Mr. and Mrs. William K. Vanderbilt, jr., spent part of the week at Idle Hour, Oakdale.

Jonathan Sidway, of Manhattan, who is spending the season at the Carll homestead, in Main-st., Babylon, has leased the Danforth cottage, on Oak Island Beach, where he and his family will spend part of their time.

Miss M. Louise Forsslund, author of "The Story of Sarah," is spending the summer at Sayville. The original of the character of the "Little Lady," in "The Story of Sarah," died suddenly at her home, in West Sayville, on Sunday. She lived to smile delightedly over herself and her husband, as depicted in "The Story of Sarah," and to exclaim, "Oh, my!" etc., at finding herself in a book. Perhaps no original ever approached more closely to the ideal than did Mrs. Bernardt Brandt to Mrs. Bernardt Benstra, or the "Little Lady." Innately refined, quaintly sweet, courteous, always smiling, and with her gray head invariably covered with a little black silk cap, she looked the picture of the dear old Dutch dame in the book. "Fahder," although fast approaching ninety, and her senior by several years, lives to mourn her loss. He is the original of the old mail carrier in "Sarah," and looks his part fully, as well as did the "Little Lady." Since the coming of summer his easy barber chair has been out on the front porch, and there he sits through half the day, smoking and dreaming—dreaming.

A BOARD OF PAROLE.

IT WILL HELP CONVICTS TO SECURE EMPLOYMENT AND REHABILITATE THEMSELVES.

Albany, July 13 (Special).—Cornelius V. Collins, the Superintendent of Prisons, is a most genial man, although looking so frequently upon the faces of convicts and reading the sad records of criminal conduct. Nor is that the worst. The criminal is not usually a truth teller. He has become an expert liar, and Mr. Collins has to hear some monumental inventions. But, nevertheless, the Superintendent of Prisons retains his cheerfulness of disposition, and it is plain he has not lost faith in the good intentions of the average of mankind. Nor does he lose hope of the reformation of criminals.

Lately, largely through his efforts, there has been established a board of parole, consisting of President Stewart of the Prison Commission, State Treasurer Jaeckel, who lives at Auburn, the site of one of the State prisons, and Superintendent Collins. Governor Odell signed the parole act. It provides that any person now confined in a State prison under sentence for a definite term for a felony, the maximum penalty of which is imprisonment for five years or less, who has never before been convicted of a crime punishable by imprisonment in a State prison, shall be subject to the jurisdiction of the Board of Commissioners of Paroled Prisoners, and may be paroled or discharged in the same manner and subject to the same conditions and penalties as prisoners confined under indeterminate sentences.

The Board of Parole will get to work on September 1, and at that time Superintendent Collins will appoint a parole officer for each State prison. It will be the duty of this officer to aid prisoners in securing employment and to visit and exercise supervision over them while on parole. The convicts thus will receive what will be equivalent to a ticket of leave.

"The greatest task a convict has after his release," said Superintendent Collins to-day, "is to get employment. Naturally people are distrustful of a man who has been in State prison. I remember a man coming to me when I was Sheriff of Rensselaer County who had been in State prison for many years for a crime of violence. He asked me for aid. I said to him: 'Go to work at anything you can get to do; no matter what the pay. Do not be discouraged if the fact that you have been in State prison is discovered and you lose your place. Get another. What you have got to do is to regain your character; to get people to believe that you can be trusted and that you are honest. You can only recover your place in the world by a long effort, but you can do it.' Well, this man went away and I have heard from him from time to time. He was a hustler, a regular bundle of nerves, and he had business faculty. He went to work at $1 a day and after six months lost his job, although working faithfully, because it was learned that he had been in State prison. Then he went to work for $4.50 a week and labored on with undiminished courage. He became a manufacturer in a small way and to-day is worth $7,000. It is now only five years since he came out of prison, but he has that $7,000 and is on the road to wealth."

FAIRFIELD COUNTY DIVORCES.

REMARKABLE INCREASE IN NUMBER GRANTED THERE.

Greenwich, Conn., July 13 (Special).—The proximity of Fairfield County to New-York City is the reason given for the astonishing increase in the number of divorces granted in the Superior Court for the last six months. According to the report made by William R. Shelton, clerk of the court, to Dr. Charles Lindsley, secretary of the State Board of Health, ninety-one divorces have been granted since January 1, 1901, while the total for the year from 1900 to 1901 was ninety-four, showing an increase of 50 per cent. Desertion was the reason given in most of the cases; cruelty was the cause alleged in fifteen; intemperance, seven; infidelity, fourteen; intemperance and cruelty, four; desertion and cruelty, two; desertion and intemperance, one; adultery and desertion, one.

One divorce was granted under the seven year law—wife's or husband's disappearance for that period of time. The docket is crowded with cases to come up for hearing at the September term of the court. As almost all the cases brought by women allege desertion, it is indicated that men took this way of getting rid of their wives. In the actions brought by men desertion is charged in only six cases.

REVIVAL OF SURF BATHING

MORE POPULAR WITH THE MASSES THIS YEAR THAN FOR A LONG TIME BEFORE.

"New-York has not had the surf bathing fever as badly for nearly twenty years as it has this year," said the proprietor of one of the biggest bathhouses on the Coney Island shore yesterday.

He should know about it, for he has been in the bathhouse business at different points along the shores of Long Island for twenty-five years. The appearance of the beach at any one of the many bathing resorts near the city certainly bore out his statement. The sands were black with a more or less water soaked, sunburned mass of humanity that knew neither age, sex nor color.

"There was a big boom in surf bathing as many as twenty years ago," continued the bathhouse man. "We did not have bathhouses for half the crowd that swarmed out from the city. It was the proper thing to come out in the morning and stay until late in the evening. The number of people who spent Sundays in the ocean was nearly as great as the number who spent it in church. There were swimming clubs and swimming parties, and instead of taking their best girls to the roof gardens the young men brought them to the beach and ducked them in the surf. Oh, it was great business for us!"

"And what happened to it?" was asked.

"That's something, young man, that we never found out. The boom lasted for about three seasons. Just as men with money had decided that it was to be permanent and were putting their money into bathhouses and beach improvement the surf bathing fad faded out. We had the same people that had always been coming, but nothing to brag about."

For the last three years the owners of beach property have noticed a steady increase in the number of surf bathers. This year, although the season has not yet reached its height, there is evidence that last year's crowds will be outnumbered. The surf bathing fad that died twenty years ago has risen from the dead.

"Fads are like cats," added the bathhouse man; "they have nine lives. The surf bathing fad is now in the midst of its second life, and we hope it will use up the remaining seven without intermission."

SWIMMING CLUBS INCREASE.

The swimming clubs that were so popular a decade ago are being reorganized this year. They are mostly formed of young men who get off at a certain time every Saturday afternoon or who spend their Sundays together. They number from ten to twenty-five members, and their meetings are held once a week in the surf of their favorite beach. They usually wear suits alike, some having monograms or names stamped across the chest. Some meetings last six or seven hours, with a short trip off the beach for a light luncheon. This trip can be made in most places without taking off the bathing suits. Some of the bathing clubs admit women members, but the practice is not general, because women as a class are far behind men in the development of the art or knack of swimming.

One club—the Halcyon—meets every Saturday at Brighton. There are twenty young men on the membership rolls. In the winter they are members of a popular singing society. Their games on the beach range from leap frog to baseball. In the water they "follow the leader," race one another through the breakers and do diving "stunts" from a convenient float.

"We find this swimming club business great fun," said one of the members to a Tribune reporter. "We have to work hard during the week and need the recreation. Surf bathing is the only exercise that is at the same time cool and comfortable in hot weather. We used to think the bicycle was cool enough, but that idea has been exploded. Golf is good exercise and not too strenuous for the summer, but it is too expensive for most young men. The public links are crowded with 'duffers' and others. On the golf links the crowd makes a difference. On the beach it is a case of 'the more the merrier, bring on the multitude.'"

WOMEN ON THE BEACH.

The fact that few women are good swimmers does not keep them out of the surf, or at least from coming on the beach in bathing suits. For many the presence of women in numbers is one of the requirements of a good bathing beach. They give the necessary touches of color, and their shrieks, as the surf tumbles them about, mingle with the rumbling roar of old ocean to make the music of the beach. Even the ones who don't go near the water are pleasing to look at when one has tired of fighting the waves and comes back to the sand for a rest. In fact, the women who stay out are generally more pleasing than those who go in. That is the reason they stay.

"Why don't you come into the water?" pleaded a tall brunette of a petite blonde on the Manhattan beach the other afternoon.

The brunette was dripping with water, which made her black bathing suit look like silk, and showed off every beautiful line of her striking figure. Her hair was the supreme touch. She had discarded the cap of oil silk, and every black braid glistened and shone in the sunlight.

"You ask that!" exclaimed the blonde. "If you had my hair you'd be satisfied with a sun bath. You know the salt water only adds to the lustre of your black tresses, but it changes mine from gold to mud."

She stayed on the beach, and, as the majority of the other sun bathers had light hair, there must be something in the theory of which she spoke.

"If I had a girl of whose affection I was not quite sure, I'd bring her to the beach and 'cinch' the thing," said the man who is hired by one Long Island beach resort to save lives. He is tanned to the color of roasted coffee already, and two racetrack frequenters are making a book on the exact shade of color he will show when the bathing season closes in September.

HOW HE WON HER LOVE.

"You can't make me believe that a chap can make sure of a woman's love simply by bringing her to the beach," said a man from town who was listening, and who had tried the beach racket and a host of other things with a certain girl who refused to be won thereby.

"You've got to make her think you saved her life," said the lifeguard. "There are ways of doing it, and there are ways," he added, with a twinkle in his eye.

"Tell us an easy one," demanded one of the men.

"The easiest I have ever seen was worked out on this beach a week ago. I noticed a handsome couple in the surf, and liked them. The man couldn't swim, and her ladyship knew just enough about keeping afloat to make it dangerous. She teased him out on the life lines as far as he dared go. Then she struck off toward the sea with a splashing that would have done credit to a paddle wheel steamer. She turned to come back, but had gone too far. She went under, and it frightened her. She stopped swimming and went down a second time. Then she yelled, and the chap who was holding to the life lines yelled. I swam out and got her without much difficulty. She had passed away for a moment, and I soon had her within my depth. The fellow reached us where the water was knee deep, and took her from me just as she opened her eyes. You can imagine what followed.

"'Oh, Fred, you've saved my life,' she whispered.

"And Fred looked around to see where I was.

"'Don't speak of it, dearest,' he answered, for I was off up the beach. 'It was nothing at all to do.'

"She thinks he saved her life, and will always wonder why he fooled her about not being able to swim. He'll have to take lessons before they are married, and perhaps he'll give me the job of teaching."

This is but one of a score of the pleasing little romances of the beach. The life guard can tell you others if you ask him, for he is one of the most anxious to please individuals in the world. He is paid less for saving one's life than is the waiter who sometimes nearly kills you with the food he brings, but one could not get him to take a tip.

TROUBLE CAUSED BY STOCKINGS.

It is wonderful what trouble can be caused on the beach by so simple a thing as a pair of stockings. The absence of a pair on a woman will start an indignant howl from a hundred other women and will cause her to be quickly hustled into the bathhouse by the long arm of the law. The presence of a pair on a man nearly caused a riot at one of the beaches a few days ago.

"My legs are so thin," was the reason he gave for wearing them, but that was no excuse for the crowd.

"See the bearded lady," cried one.

"Have you padding under those?" shouted another.

"Take off the stockings or get off the beach!" howled the policeman, and the man departed.

The signs on the Long Island beaches are interesting. The beach owners have not yet gone so far as the "king" of Asbury Park, who is said to have put this sign on the end of a life line post: "Dangerous Beyond. Look Out for the Undertow," and to have tacked on a postscript which reads: "Defacing This Sign Is Prohibited by Law. Any Cutting or Otherwise Injuring It Will Be Punished." The sign does not say just why bathers should be suspected of carrying knives in their pocketless bathing suits. But there are signs at Coney, too. "Keep Out of the Chairs If You Wear a Bathing Suit. The Sand Is Good Enough," is the way one warning reads. "Women Must Have Money to Pay for Suits" is a sign found necessary in an establishment where you pay when you come out. From it one must suppose that women are in the habit of forgetting their pocketbooks. "No Deposit Required from Bathers" is a sign which adds to the business of a beach photographer. "If You Got Your Suit at Another Bathhouse, Go Back There and Swim," puts a damper on visiting along the beach.

A big bathhouse on Brighton Beach has opened the season with an innovation. The bathhouses are rented by the hour, so that the man who stays in all day has to pay for his fun. The price is 10 cents for the first two hours and five cents for every additional hour. One gets a time check on entering the bathhouse. The price of his suit is punched out, as well as the price of the towels he uses. Suits cost from 15 to 50 cents. You can tell the extravagant man by the splendor of the stripes in his suit. A little towel costs three cents and a big one five cents. A hot bath is 25 cents extra. Like the merchant tailor the bathhouse guarantees a fit, and the same assurance is made to women who can have pleated suits or ones with ruffles. Small boys are accommodated on an upper deck, where a locker for the whole day costs but a dime