WHITE MOUNTAIN SPORTS.

Climbing Steep Peaks by Moonlight Popular with Young People.

Bretton Woods, N. H., Sept. 3 (Special).—The exodus of families with children of the school age is now inevitable, but there is a corresponding influx of September visitors, most of whom will remain through the entire month, and some well into October. The Mount Pleasant House, the Intervale, Fabyan, Iron Mountain, Sunset Hill, Forest Hill, Sinclair and many other will remain open this year until October 15, and the White Mountain season promises to be even as late as that of the Berkshires. There is something in this mountain air, tinged with early frost, that is wonderfully bracing, and mountain climbing, both by day and night, becomes the sport of the hour. The August frills give way to corduroys and tweeds.

There has been a round of social happenings at the two Bretton Woods hotels. On Thursday evening last week a cotillon was given at the Mount Pleasant, which was arranged and led by Miss Maysie Emery, of Jacksonville, Fla., and George W. White, of New-York.

At the Mount Washington on Saturday evening there was another cotillon, to which the young people of the Mount Pleasant were invited. Charles Eliot, of Baltimore, and Robert Day, of Springfield, led the figures. The favor tables were presided over by Mrs. Ganson Depew, Mrs. R. W. Day, Mrs. W. G. Eliot and Mrs. J. Blake White. Mrs. Clarence Brown, of New-York, on Monday evening arranged a hayrack ride to the Crawford House.

A water polo match on Tuesday evening at the Hotel Mount Washington was attended by guests of both houses in large numbers, and a baseball game on the Bretton Woods diamond between Bethlehem and Bretton Woods resulted in a victory for Bretton Woods. A most interesting game of ball was that played on Wednesday afternoon between two teams made up of the fat and lean men of the two Bretton Woods hotels. The Mount Pleasant's men were victorious, with a score of 9 to 8.

Mrs. J. D. Price on Wednesday evening chaperoned a party of young people of Bretton Woods to a vaudeville entertainment at the Crawford House. L. A. Hamilton, of New-York, gave a supper after the performance to a number of his friends.

Prominent among distinguished guests at Bretton Woods are Mrs. Joseph Stickney, who came this week with her mother, Mrs. Foster; Congressman Butler Ames, of Lowell, Mass.; Dr. George F. Shrady, of New-York, and Mrs. Shrady; Professor J. Rayner Edmands, of Harvard University; Bishop Leonard and Mrs. Leonard, of Cleveland, Ohio. Miss Maysie Emery gave a luncheon party to several young women of Mount Pleasant on Tuesday.

The American Hay Fever Association held a meeting in Bethlehem last Friday, the Rev. Dr. John Peacock, of Philadelphia, presiding. Another will be held at the Fabyan House on Tuesday. Will Carleton, the poet, spoke on Wednesday afternoon in the Methodist Episcopal Church at Bethlehem on "Inhalation," and in the evening the Rev. Dr. Tunis Hamlin, of Washington, D. C., gave an address on Mormonism.

Lieutenant Peary, the Arctic explorer, has been at the Fabyan House this week, with Mrs. Peary and Miss Marie Peary. They visited the summit of Mount Washington.

At the Crawford House there have been tennis and golf tournaments. The masquerade ball Saturday night brought out about forty dancers, in costume ranging from a ballet girl to a nun. A moonlight climb over Mount Washington and a shorter one to the summit of Willard have been innovations in mountain climbing that have appealed to many of the young people.

A vaudeville show on Wednesday evening was given for the benefit of the bellboys of the hotel. The guests and a party from the Bretton Woods hotels filled the parlors.

Dr. Henry Beyer, of the United States navy, who has just returned from a three years' cruise, is here with his son, Henry Beyer, jr., for a few weeks at the Crawford.

At the Intervale House there is a large company of guests assembled there for September. Golf and mountain climbing are the most popular sports at present. Clarence Estey and party stopped over at the Intervale on their way to Oyster Bay. Mr. Estey, who is a classmate of the President's, is going there to visit him.

It has been a busy week at the Kearsarge, at North Conway, which entertains a large number of guests. Several brake rides have been given by Kearsarge guests this week. A card party on Thursday evening filled several tables.

At Jackson mountain climbing also seems as popular a pastime as any. The new Gray's Inn is having a large September patronage.

Wentworth Hall, the Iron Mountain, the Eagle Mountain, and the Jackson Falls House are all well filled with midsummer guests. There is much driving. As yet motoring does not seem to have become popular here.

Bethlehem is well filled with visitors, her various hotels and cottages accommodating between two and three thousand visitors, and most of them are planning to stay for September golf.

The Maplewood has had at her hotel and cottages the largest house count of any hotel on that side of the mountains. There have been many entertainments this week, prominent among them being a cotillion Tuesday evening, at which about twenty-five couples danced. The Casino was handsomely decorated. The grand midsummer ball, however, was the big function of the entire season. Invitations that had been sent broadcast throughout the mountains met with generous responses. Among events of this week was a benefit and dance for the baseball club at the Casino on Thursday evening, and a vaudeville entertainment by Louis Kelso and Miss Frederick in the Casino on Friday evening.

There has been a great deal of golf at Maplewood this week, as well as tennis. There are expert players enough in both sports to make the regular weekly tournaments most exciting. Brake parties and general driving are greatly indulged in at Maplewood, where there are attractive roads and shady lanes that invite a drive. Horseback riding is also in vogue and the saddlers are in constant demand there.

At the Profile House golf and tennis have, as usual, reigned. A tennis tournament last week was the largest ever held at the Profile and created great enthusiasm over the sport. At the tea on the golf links last Saturday Mrs. Irvin Cornell, of New-York, was hostess. The train carried down a large load of guests to the golf club, four miles distant, and as many more drove down. The orchestra furnished music. A musical was given on Friday evening, under Mrs. D. P. Kimball's patronage, for the benefit of Boston's blind babies.

One of the givers of tennis cups at the recent tournament was C. N. Bliss, jr., the son of the ex-Secretary. Mrs. J. Wyman Jones, Mrs. David Morrison and Mrs. C. S. Haskins, of New-York, gave the others, while Colonel and Mrs. Charles Greenleaf gave the handsome cups in the golf events.

AT EDGEWOOD INN.

Edgewood Inn, Conn., Sept. 3 (Special).—The annual harvest ball was held at Edgewood Inn to-night. Invitations were issued to nearly two hundred friends and patrons of the inn, and to its guests. Among the patronesses of the harvest ball, in addition to the regular guests of the inn, were several society women from Belle Haven and Greenwich.

The paper chase from the Edgewood Inn last Saturday included twenty-one entries, of which number nine were women. The men's prize was won by John Aspegren, who overcame the ten minute start of the hares, and came up with them at the finish. The women's prize fell to Mrs. H. Durant Cheever, who rode a remarkable race, distancing the field and coming home only one minute behind the hares.

The register of Edgewood Inn for the week includes the names of:

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Pearsall, Miss Ethel Pearsall, [illegible] Maxwell, of Brooklyn; Mrs. Thomas Whitney, J. W. [illegible], C. H. Duell, A. E. Ranney, J. W. Lestrade, [illegible]der W. Powell, Howard Tingue, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Wright, Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Weeks, Mrs. Samuel [illegible]ken, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Havemeyer, Mr. and Mrs. [illegible] Fountain, Livingston Fountain, Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Wilcoxson and Warner D. Orvis, all of New-York.

BERNARDSVILLE TOURNAMENTS.

Bernardsville, N. J., Sept. 3 (Special).—The holidays which began yesterday and will end Monday night promise much. Golf and tennis tournaments are in progress. The inn and the cottages have never been so crowded during the month of August as this year.

George H. Gaston and family, who have been among the summer residents here for some years, returned to Bernardsville this week after an absence of several months abroad. Their home here has been occupied for the summer by W. H. Harriman and family. The Gaston family will remain at the inn until their house is vacated, late in September.

Bryan L. Kennelly and family and L. R. Rolston and family, who had been at the seashore for about six weeks, came to Bernardsville this week and will remain here until the close of the season.

The Duke of Newcastle, who has been a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Haley Fiske for about one month, started on Friday for Newport, where he will remain until the close of the season.

The summer visitors and those who have homes here gave a number of dinners and receptions last week as a farewell to the Rev. Eugene Brooks, who has been curate of St. Bernard's Episcopal Church and who left here this week to accept the post of rector of the Dover Episcopal Church.

SARATOGA SPRINGS POLO.

Annual Tournament Furnished Six Days of Rare Sport.

Saratoga Springs, N. Y., Sept. 3 (Special).—This week, as a whole, has been remarkably brilliant for September, and there has been scarcely any decrease in social functions or outdoor pastimes. Only two of the summer hotels have been closed for the season. The convention rush will begin inside of ten days, when the town will become the political centre of the State.

Colonel J. J. Perkins, of Schuylerville, presided at the meeting here this week of the Saratoga County Veterans' Association. It was decided to hold the reunion at Schuylerville on October 17, the anniversary of the battle of Saratoga. The lofty granite monolith known as the Saratoga battle monument is at Schuylerville.

The Saratoga County fair this week drew hundreds of Saratoga visitors, who enjoyed the agricultural horse trots. The purses aggregated $1,800.

The United States Hotel waiters last Sunday evening attended a special service at Bethesda Episcopal Church, and were addressed by the Rev. Dr. Joseph Carey, the rector, and Bishop William D. Walker, of Buffalo.

Mrs. Sarah Kenney, of Troy, spoke before the Woman's Christian Temperance Union last Sunday.

The Kensington Hotel, of which Henry A. Bang, of New-York, was proprietor, closed last week, and is now in charge of a receiver, Justice W. J. Delaney, and three appraisers. Mr. Bang has filed a petition in voluntary bankruptcy. A number of the hotel help received from the local authorities transportation to their homes.

The running race meeting aftermath consists of half a dozen small stables that are still delayed at Horse Haven.

Ex-Senator John Foley, W. B. Milliman, ex-Tax Receiver; J. P. Brennan, D. H. Noonan, ex-Commissioner of Saratoga Springs; J. H. Burke, ex-Assemblyman, of Ballston Spa, all Democrats, and C. B. Thomas, president of the Saratoga Business Men's Association, a Republican, constituted a committee selected to attend the meeting of the Democratic State Committee in New-York to persuade it to choose Saratoga for the Democratic State Convention.

The Saratoga Polo Club's annual tournament, which began last week and ended this afternoon, furnished six days of excellent sport. The contests were for the Grand Union Hotel cups, the United States Hotel Cup and the Hitchcock challenge cups. The principal polo players were Raymond Belmont, F. S. von Stade, R. W. Smith, Victor G. Mather, H. M. Sage, H. W. Sage, J. G. Averill, C. L. A. Whitney, Harrison K. Bird, F. K. Townsend, George Curtis Treadwell and John A. Manning.

A valuable horse owned by Mirabeau L. Towns, the poet-lawyer, of Brooklyn, who is a Saratoga cottager, was drowned in one of the Yaddo ponds on Sunday last. The horse was one of a team valued at $1,000. Miss Towns and a friend had a narrow escape.

The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of New-York held their ninety-fifth annual assembly in Masonic Temple on Tuesday, when they were guests of Cryptic Council.

Adelbert P. Knapp, president of the village, started Wednesday evening to San Francisco, to attend the triennial conclave of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, which begins there on September 6.

The Saratoga Citizens' Corps, Captain John K. Walbridge, Company L, 2d Regiment, National Guard, camped this week on the Carroll Range. The corps later departed for Manassas Junction, Va., to participate in the army manœuvres.

George Wheelock, of New-York, who for years passed the better part of each season here, has purchased the cottage in Union-ave. owned by Robert G. Smyth, proprietor of the Windsor Hotel. The price paid was $19,000.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Thompson, whose cottage at Cedar Bluff, Saratoga Lake, was reduced to ashes Monday evening, have decided to rebuild.

The Polka Dot Club is encamped at the Hayward summer place at Saratoga Lake.

ON THE PACIFIC COAST.

Knights Templars to Have a Brilliant Parade Next Tuesday.

San Francisco, Sept. 2.—Great preparations are being made for the conclave of Knights Templars, which opens next week. The main streets are picturesquely decorated and the display of electrical effects will surpass anything ever seen here before. The Court of Honor, at the intersection of Market, Kearney and Third sts., will contain nearly ten thousand electric lights, and with the electrical illumination of Market-st. from Vanness-ave. to the Ferry Building, it will present a very brilliant spectacle. In the great parade next Tuesday, over ten thousand Sir Knights will be in line, and two thousand will be mounted on black horses. The programme for the entertainment of the Sir Knights is varied, and includes many excursions to neighboring scenic resorts.

A strong movement has been started by the Christian Endeavor and Epworth leagues of San Francisco to increase the license fees of saloons and liquor dealers. The present fee is the lowest in the country, and the result is that there are more than seven thousand places where liquor is sold by the glass. The number of saloons is constantly increasing, as the present administration of the union labor Mayor is the most wide open of any for twenty years. New saloons are opened nearly every week, and free concert halls are permitted to run until far into the small hours of morning.

Lettson Balliet, the mining promoter, has been sued again in this city by stockholders of the White Swan Mines Company for $283,103, which they claim he received for sales of the stock of the company, and of which he spent two-thirds not for the company's benefit. Some of these expenditures are heavy lawyers' fees for defending Balliet against charges of fraud.

Balliet is entangled in meshes of law, and it is doubtful if he will ever get free. He sold a large amount of stock of the White Swan company on representation that the mine was valuable and would soon pay dividends. As a matter of fact the mine has not been developed, and in the judgment of experts it would not pay for development. Thousands of small investors have been swindled, while Balliet has lived like a lord on the coin they sent him for his worthless mining stock.

A bill will be presented at the next session of the State legislature for improving country roads by the use of convict labor.

There are two thousand convicts in two State prisons at San Quentin and Folsom who are idle, except for making jute bags and getting out street paving stone. The bill asks that these men be placed at work on country roads, many of which cannot be kept in order because of the sparse population. The bill will be presented by A. C. Rulofson, of San Francisco, an automobilist, but he claims that farmers would derive more advantage from good roads than owners of "autos."

Heretofore labor unions have opposed every effort to use prison labor on roads, because they claim it would injure free labor, yet county supervisors are unable to hire men for $1 25 a day, which is all they can afford to pay for this work.

The Sacramento grand jury has indicted the Mayor and Chief of Police for permitting gambling to be carried on at the State fair. Public opinion has been so aroused that every form of gambling will be prohibited in the future, or the State fair will be held in some other city. For years the annual fair of the State Agricultural Society has been used as a means of fleecing visitors by various gambling devices. Many respectable citizens have acquiesced in this shameful traffic because of money brought into the city by strangers. The Mayor and Chief of Police have refused to use their authority to suppress gambling at the present State fair, hence an effort will be made to impeach and remove them. The result will be to make the annual fair what it should be, a means of studying for the farmer and fruit grower and not a horseracing and gambling carnival.

It is probable that if the sale of public lands warrant it, a large irrigation scheme in the Humboldt Valley of Nevada will be carried out by the government in addition to the present work on Carson, the Truckee project. This sagebrush land, which looks like the abomination of desolation to tourists, will grow anything when water is turned upon it. In Nevada to-day may be seen the desert on one side of the road and orchards, wheat and alfalfa on the other. The land is remarkably rich, and in variety of products that can be grown Nevada is second only to California.

The trouble over the estate of Mrs. J. H. McVicker, of Chicago, mother-in-law of Edwin Booth, who died in Pasadena, seems to have been due largely to the fact of the jealousy of her nearest relatives of the influence which Dr. Zeigler had gained over her. Several years ago he became her personal physician and attended her constantly. Those who saw something of Mrs. McVicker in Southern California declare that the woman owed her latter years of life to his assiduous care.

AT SPRING LAKE.

New Japanese Twostep Makes Hit at New Monmouth.

Spring Lake, N. J., Sept. 3 (Special).—A moonlight chicken supper and clambake were given by the Misses Burke, of Restawhile, on Tuesday evening, on the beach. The guests included Mrs. A. A. Reed, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest White, Dr. H. A. Fordyce, Miss Margaret Hollister, Dr. A. B. Woodhull, Dr. Byron Rhome, Miss Peterson, Dr. C. O. Kayser, the Misses Leonora and Sophie Koecker, Miss Harkness, Eugene V. Connette, jr., William Connette, Adenell Hewson, De Lorme Fordyce, Senator O. H. William, Miss Margaret O'Connor and William Pierrepont Williams.

Bishop Scarborough, of Trenton, was a recent guest of Dr. and Mrs. J. M. Reeves.

Bluefishing has been unusually good here, some specimen of that favorite of the finny tribe that were recently caught weighing from eight to twelve pounds.

In the dances at the New Monmouth a new Japanese twostep entitled "Jinrikisha," composed by G. W. Needham, leader of the hotel orchestra, has made a great hit.

Plans have been accepted for the home to be built here by Samuel Heilner, of Philadelphia, on his seven hundred acre estate.

Dr. and Mrs. W. G. Schauffler, who have been here all summer, will make a Western trip before returning to their home in Lakewood, N. J.

Among the hotel arrivals are the following:

The New Monmouth—Mrs. F. N. Voorheis, F. A. Cooper, Mrs. J. C. Peabody, Dr. and Mrs. H. S. Hathaway, John H. Hathaway, Dr. Quibey, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ward, Mrs. F. C. Wilcox, Miss Gertrude Wilcox, Mrs. W. B. Needham, Mrs. J. Parmley, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Sanderson, Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Borden, Anthony Oechs and Mr. and Mrs. E. Lanning, of New-York; Robert H. McCarter, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Ball and Thomas N. McCarter, of Newark; Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Cook, of Brooklyn.

The Essex and Sussex—Colonel Washington A. Roebling, of Trenton, N. J.; Mrs. C. Henderson and Howard Henderson, of Teaneck, N. J.; D. M. Benhom, of Baltimore; Malcolm S. Huey, of Philadelphia; Mr. and Mrs. John A. Roebling, Miss McIlvaine and Victor Norman, of Trenton, N. J.

The Allaire—Dr. and Mrs. W. G. Enyon, Miss Enyon, Charles R. Thurston, Mrs. F. Freeman and Mr. and Mrs. L. Walter, of New-York.

LAKE GEORGE RACES.

Cottagers Assemble to Witness Varied Sorts of Water Sports.

Lake George, N. Y., Sept. 3 (Special).—Among the boats in the parade this week were the Pocahontas, owned by George Foster Peabody; the Geneva, William Demuth; the Antlers, decorated by the guests of the Antlers House; the Martha Bell, William M. Haskell; the Idler, Byron Lapham; the Bonita, Henry W. Hayden; the Iroquois, Le Grand C. Cramer, and a float arranged by Mrs. W. E. Taylor, of New-York, a guest at the Fort William Henry. The first prize, the "cast" cup, offered by Harry P. Hanaford, was awarded to the Vanadis and the second prize to the Antlers.

There were also two six-mile launch races, one for fast boats and a handicap race.

J. J. Mulcahy and William Varley, representing the Atlanta Boat Club, and Joseph McLaughlin and John Hoban, of the Ravenswood Boat Club, contested in the shell race for the amateur senior doubles.

The finish was pretty, the Atalanta crew winning by only two seconds. C. S. Titus rowed a mile in 6.05 3-5, and W. J. Henley, B. J. Henley and Fred Warner rowed in a single shell match race, in which the two Henleys were easy victors.

Benjamin F. Tracy, ex-Secretary of the Navy, was the guest of Le Grand C. Cramer last week.

A monument has just been erected on Diamond Island by Mrs. Spencer Trask, containing the following inscription: "Peace. Here Lies the Conqueror of Many Wars; 1666-1777-1904."

All the hotels have been doing a rush business during August, and if the beautiful weather holds on many resorts will remain open until late into September.

The Arion Singing Society of New-York will hold its annual outing at the Fort William Henry next week.

WATCH HILL GOLF.

Match Games Between Experts Arouse Much Interest.

Watch Hill, R. I., Sept. 3 (Special).—The last formal events of the golfing season took place this week—36 holes, medal play, open to both subscribing and associate members, for the Phelps and Knevals medals. E. M. Byers, who all summer has been abroad, where he has made excellent scores, is visiting his mother, and will remain until the championship games at Baltusrol. On Monday he played a match game with Max Behr, this season's local champion, when the latter made a new record for the Misquamicut links, 72 for 18 holes, both of professionals and amateurs. Behr beat Byers 7 up and 6 to play.

Mr. and Mrs. George X. McLanahan have been entertaining at Westwater Charles R. Dean, of the State Department at Washington, and Eugene D. Alexander, of Staten Island. Mrs. Henry B. Platt gave a bridge party one evening at Graycote. Dr. Thomas N. McLean and family, of Elizabeth, N. J., who have been touring through New-England in their automobile, made a short visit to Watch Hill. Mrs. Hamill was hostess Monday at afternoon tea and bridge at the club, and Miss Burrall gave a luncheon the following day. Dr. Faunce, president of Brown University, has been at the Watch Hill House. Mrs. Daniel J. Sully's barn dance for her servants and their friends was enjoyed by over seventy couples.

A large crowd witnessed the annual field day sports, which were unusually funny as well as interesting. The Ocean House team won the most points in the athletic contests. The judges were Harry Telfair and T. Minford, of New-York, and Max Behr, of Morristown.

The first opportunity for rescuing that the life savers have had this season was on Monday evening, when the sloop yacht Fairy, of Block Island, ran upon the east beach. The captain had mistaken Watch Hill light for Latimer Reef light. The boat was pulled off without damage. The Block Island steamer makes its last regular trip on Labor Day. The Watch Hill House, which has just closed, is to be extensively remodelled this fall. The present veranda will be replaced with a larger, heavier promenade, and the parlors and rotunda will be completely refurnished.

Walter S. Smith and family have gone to the Adirondacks. Lawrence Jones, who has been at Sunnymede, has returned to Cincinnati. The Page cottage is closed, and the Perkin and Darlington families have returned to Pittsburg.

New-York arrivals last week at the Ocean House are H. S. Standiger, T. Minford, F. L. Schoonmaker, A. Fletcher, jr., George A. Stone, Miss M. M. Hannan, V. Barnes, Mrs. I. W. Maclay, Miss L. G. Maclay, C. M. Maclay, Arthur W. Dewey and John Boucher.

SHELTER ISLAND YACHTS.

Many Parties Come Ashore to Linger at the Manhanset.

Shelter Island, N. Y., Sept. 3 (Special).—The open golf tournament of last week brought the summer season at Manhanset to an end. The handicap for the Dering Cup was played off at the links on Saturday. There were twenty-seven entries for this event. Three men tied for first honors—Howard T. Whitney, Nassau, 80—0—80; George S. Daniels, Baltusrol, 95—15—80, and Dr. Butler, Shelter Island Country Club, 96—16—80. The handsome cup went to Mr. Daniels.

Saturday afternoon the finals in the men's singles were played, A. E. Keep winning over John French. In the mixed doubles, on Monday, the winners of honors were Mr. Keep and Miss Barnes.

The Manhanset registers new arrivals each day. Among them are:

Mr. and Mrs. Edward J. Mack, of Cincinnati; Miss Bessie Clausen, Albert H. Bowen, Mr. and Mrs. Townsend Jones, jr., the Misses Jones, H. C. Smith, E. C. Seward, W. C. Johnson, H. A. Canfield, E. A. Morgan, Miss Wood, Ada C. Fisher, Mary Fisher, Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. Fisher, Mrs. F. McCave, Mrs. W. Lanans, Ralph Carey, Avis Sterling, of Sag Harbor; Sara Cody, Miss Margaret Brownell, of Yonkers; Miss Priscilla Brownell, Miss Nace, F. L. Browning, Miss Gladys Clemson, Mrs. Holmes, L. H. Poreman, Mrs. J. Longham, Mrs. J. Beardsley, Miss M. Rand, H. H. Hall, Mrs. Petit, Miss Petit, W. E. Larned, of Amityville; George H. Rowes, of Waterbury; H. A. Haven.

W. C. Johnson, of the New-York Yacht Club, is at the Manhanset for several days. Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Mitchell, of the Senta, also came ashore on Monday and took dinner at the hotel. Joseph De F. Junkin, Colonel P. H. Carr and Dr. Orvette Horwitz, of Philadelphia, were a party on board the Columbia, which anchored for two days in the harbor. Among other yachts paying visits to their Station No. 5 were the Candida, the Mindora, the Katrina, owned by James B. Ford; the Elmina, Frederick F. Brewster; the Kismet, F. S. Smithers; the Scimitar, George A. Sater; the Calypso, R. C. Veit; the Christobel, Percy Chubb, and the Reposa, Robert C. Black.

The week has brought many excursionists to the Manhanset from various points on Long Island. On Tuesday Miss Anna Ruth Stratton and Richard Stratton, with their guest, Miss Bessie Graham, of Philadelphia, who has been spending the summer at East Hampton with Mrs. Charles Preston Stratton, of Philadelphia, at her cottage, the Green Frog, came over for the day.

On Monday afternoon a number of spectators witnessed an exciting event from the piazza of the Manhanset in the swimming effort of Gustaf E. Anderson, a waiter. He started from the wharf in front of the Manhanset House, and his goal was Greenport. The wind was high and midway the current was exceedingly strong. Several times the onlookers thought he would not hold out. The rowboats following in his wake were ready to tow him out, but he kept on, and, amid the cheers of his companions, reached the shore at Greenport, covering the distance, of more than a mile, in thirty-two minutes. Gustaf is a Swede. He seemed little fatigued by the effort.

WATER GAP BOAT RACES.

Many Arrivals at the Various Hotels and Cottages.

Delaware Water Gap, Penn., Sept. 3 (Special).—The first week in September finds this resort filled to overflowing and social diversions are popular. A shirtwaist dance was held at the Glenwood on Tuesday evening. The carnival of boat races held on the river was interesting and will be repeated next week. Fishing is drawing considerable attention, and golf is popular.

S. Newberger, Mrs. W. Salter, D. R. Malley, Mrs. J. F. Taggart, Joseph Norton, H. B. Swartling and Harry Hinderks, all of New-York, are at the Glenwood.

H. R. Simmons, Mrs. J. C. Welwood, Miss Gertrude E. Moody and Mrs. J. A. Moody, Mrs. James C. Cook, Miss Elsie Wallace, Miss A. Gertrude Bishop and Mr. and Mrs. I. Unterberg, all of New-York, are at the Water Gap House.

J. M. Strass and A. Daniel, of New-York, are at the Delaware House.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Londergan, Harold Londergan and Miss Margaret Londergan, of New-York, are at the Delawanna Inn. The Misses Flora, Maybelle and Anna Lampe, a popular trio of New-Yorkers, are at the River View House. Mrs. E. S. Voorhees, Mrs. J. B. Voorhees, Miss C. C. Voorhees and Charles C. Searling are at the Mountain House.

New-Yorkers registered at the Forest House are David Laventhal, Miss Alice English, Mrs. Martin and daughter and J. Laventhal.

Mr. Schworer and family, of New-York, are registered at the Van Auken Farm for a lengthy sojourn.

Edward Walters, the writer of several songs, such as "Each Cloud Has a Silver Lining," "Dolly O'Malley" and "Kitty McCauley," is at the Glenwood.

W. H. Brock and family, of Jersey City; Miss J. L. Wolf and Miss Bertha Meekin, of Mount Vernon, N. Y.; James F. Mintnor and family, of Hoboken; Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Johnson and children, of New-York, are at the Kittatinny.

CATSKILL VISITORS.

Crowds Linger on the Range to Enjoy the Autumn.

Kingston, N. Y., Sept. 3 (Special).—Like most of the other resorts in the Catskills the Grand Hotel is being held open through September because of the desire of visitors to remain in the mountains during the early autumn.

Many new arrivals came last week and the departures have been fewer than expected, although many hundreds have already gone to their city homes, bag and baggage.

There are few vacant rooms at the Grand, nevertheless, because of its facilities for comfort in autumn. There is steam heat all through the lower floors, with grates and big fireplaces in abundance. The same is true at the big Kaaterskill Hotel, which has not yet announced its closing day. It has massive fireplaces in the rotunda and parlor. There were over five hundred patrons at this famous resort last week, and the season there is regarded as the most successful of recent years. The old Catskill Mountain House is still open, and that historic resort has had all the business it could handle this season. The Antlers is also doing a good business.

The absorbing happening of the week at Onteora Park was the annual fair and bazaar. There were many prominent visitors and a great variety of features in the way of entertainment.

The Sunset Park Inn, at Haines Falls, had a fine August patronage, and Mr. Clegg is much encouraged over his large outlay in that resort.

Vladimir de Pachman is now sojourning in New-Paltz Village, previous to the opening of his concert tour in this country.

There is now talk of making a short cut from the Hudson River to the Woodstock base of Overlook Mountain, where the roads have been greatly improved of late under the new State aid law, and where many new buildings are going up. The plan is to leave the river at Saugerties, and then use light mountain stages to the mountain. The syndicate which has recently purchased the famous Overlook Mountain property contemplates many improvements on that sightly crest, the full extent of which is not yet decided upon.

The Ulster and Delaware Company has built a fine new station at Big Indian, which was demanded by the growing importance of the place as the diverging stage point for the charming Big Indian Valley and the Winnesook Lodge, at the foot of Slide Mountain. The grounds will be handsomely laid out and planted with ornamental shrubbery. Howard Gould, Mrs. Gould and a party of friends have been touring the Catskills.

AT VIRGINIA HOT SPRINGS.

Hot Springs, Va., Sept. 3 (Special).—There has been a delightful gathering here of Northern patrons since August 1.

Mr. and Mrs. Seth Barton French have kept their villa, Barton Lodge, open all summer, and have entertained numerous house parties. At a luncheon and bridge party held this week Mrs. French's guests were Baroness Moncheur, Miss May Handy, Mrs. Frances Taylor Chambers, Mrs. Henry A. Berwind, Mrs. Walker Fearn, Mrs. James McCrae, Miss McCrae, Mrs. Julius Walsh and many others.

Miss Ward, of New-York, daughter of Lieutenant Aaron Ward, U. S. N., is one of the best tennis players here, and is on the courts every afternoon at 5 o'clock playing with Gilbert Farintosh against Miss Queen Rumsey and Dr. Carl N. Brandt. They are evenly matched, and usually attract an enthusiastic audience.

The most impressive funeral service held here for a long time was that Thursday of Herbert A. C. Beauclerk, who had been a cottager here for eight years. He was a son of the late Lord Charles Beauclerk, of England, grandson of a former Duke of St. Albans, and thus a direct descendant of King Charles II. He held a high social position here.

Mr and Mrs. Frederic Sterry are paying a short visit to Poland Springs.

HERTZ WAVE METER.

Important Aid to Practical Wireless Telegraphy.

When the system of communication with which the names of Marconi, De Forest, Fessenden and Slaby are closely identified comes into general use it will be necessary to make adjustments of apparatus which are not now required. To prevent the picking up of messages by the wrong receiver, when two or three sets of instruments are working in the same field, use will be made of the process known as tuning. To the waves sent out by a transmitter it will be found desirable to give a certain definite frequency which is different from that of the waves from another transmitter. The receivers which are to co-operate therewith will be so regulated that each will be more sensitive to one frequency than to any other. Thus they will exercise the power of selection, and interference will be averted. The operations of tuning can be easily performed, if a proper attachment is made to the sending and receiving instruments.

How wide a difference of wave frequency is possible has not yet been fully determined. Instruments have been worked at 1,000,000 a second and 50,000 a second with excellent results. But how much higher than the former rate and how much lower than the latter it will prove feasible to go has not been ascertained. Again, there seems to be uncertainty about the length of the interval between frequencies which must be observed to avoid interference. However, Marconi has said that he believes that at least fifty rates can be found sufficiently distinct from each other to insure independent action. By that statement he means that fifty receivers at a single station might be employed to take messages at the same moment, and would work satisfactorily, if each had been adjusted to different wave frequencies, and if the sending stations had made a corresponding use of the tuning system. It is not probable that so great a number of frequencies would ever be needed at any one point in the world, but a great variety will be required to permit a full development of the possibilities of the invention.

Ordinarily, of course, there would be a perfect understanding in advance between the operators who are sending and receiving in regard to the frequency to be used. For instance, the Cunard steamships each have two receivers, one tuned to respond to the messages of passing vessels and the short range coast stations which report steamship arrivals, and the other tuned to pick up news messages from Table Head, Nova Scotia and Poldhu, Cornwall. The rates here employed were prescribed beforehand by Marconi, so that there is no confusion or conflict. In future commercial and military service there will undoubtedly be a similar prearrangement. Generally speaking, too, when a receiver has been tuned to a particular frequency it will be deemed expedient to leave it unchanged.

Nevertheless, it will often happen that an operator will wish to alter the frequency of his instrument, or, having a spare receiver, will want to use the latter for exceptional purposes. For legitimate or illegitimate reasons he may wish to supplement his regular work with a search for messages which are being sent with a different pitch, or wave frequency, from that to which he is accustomed. He may not know the rate at which this other message is being sent. Two hostile fleets might be in the same vicinity, each equipped with wireless instruments which are kept in almost constant use conveying orders and reports. On the flagship of one fleet the receiver would be mainly needed to take responses from other vessels under the same command. However, if the operator could steal the messages exchanged by the enemy's vessels he might secure information of the highest value. The other fleet might be altogether out of sight, but, its proximity being suspected, it would be natural to try to tap its private communications. If the wave frequency employed by the enemy was known, of course, it would be a simple matter to adjust a spare receiver thereto; but if it was not known, how could it be ascertained in time to be of any use?

A device has been invented which, it is asserted, will perform that function "almost instantaneously." At one time it took from half a day to a day to discover an unknown wave frequency. A long series of tedious tests was necessary if the expert had no clew. Now much more rapid work can be done with a Hertz wave "meter." Three or four electricians are said to have devised the apparatus independently. One of them is Mr. Tesla, another is Dr. Slaby, the author of one of the German wireless systems, and a third is a Frenchman named Oudin. Although some of the technical features of the apparatus, which are described by a Berlin correspondent of "The Scientific American," are not intelligible to the average reader, the principle of the instrument is readily understood. The velocity with which Hertz waves travel is always the same. It is identical with the speed of light. Hence, if only fifty thousand are emitted in a second, they will be longer than those sent out at the rate of one million a second. Obviously, therefore, the former waves will be longer than the others. In fact, since the speed is uniform, the number of waves to a second can be determined if their length can be learned. What the Hertz wave meter does is to measure this.

Dr. Slaby is the inventor of the instrument here mentioned, and it appears to have been tried only in his laboratory at Charlottenburg. In the hands of two different assistants it gives quick results, and has apparently demonstrated its efficiency. How many other such meters have been perfected and used already in other parts of the world, to learn what wave frequencies were in service in the neighborhood of the investigator, must for a time remain a matter of conjecture only. When a man is playing the spy he usually keeps mum.

The mere existence of such an instrument opens up startling possibilities. If it be true that wave frequencies can be quickly detected in the manner here suggested, secrecy of communication would apparently be endangered. That fact might not be a serious drawback to the adoption of wireless telegraphy, but it would dictate a resort to a number of precautions, like the use of a code, to render the stealing of messages harmless.

WHERE THE LINE WAS DRAWN.

The dramatic company was stranded in a small New-England town, hopelessly stranded. The manager had gone with the insignificant receipts of the last performance. The costumes and accessories were in the hands of creditors. It fell on the leading man to get the company out of the hole by arranging some sort of a benefit.

He finally found a ladies' aid society of one of the churches to take the management of a percentage performance. All went well until they asked the name of the play. Now "Camille" was the only play the company could give without costumes, and "Camille" was the leading man's answer. There was much grave shaking of heads and the ladies' aid was racked with doubts. Finally they gave their consent, and a rehearsal was ordered.

"We will have to have a bed for the lady to die on," the leading man explained to the women who were helping him at the opera house.

"A bed!" they cried. "A bed on the public platform!" Though he explained that the bed was needed for the death scene, they insisted on substituting a couch. A bed, they said, was not proper in a public play.

"Just think of it," said the leading man, when he told the story the other day on Broadway. "They swallowed 'Camille,' but they would not stand for a bed!"

CHAMPLAIN RECREATIONS.

Golf for the Elders and Bowling for the Children.

Hotel Champlain, N. Y., Sept. 3 (Special).—The golf tournament at Hotel Champlain was played on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of this week, for the two principal trophies of the season, the Hotel Champlain Cup and the Grotto Cup.

In the contest for the first cup, J. H. Temple beat William Runkle, 5 up and 4 to go; J. L. Tonnelé beat J. C. Davies, 1 up; J. T. Conway beat John W. Griggs, 1 up on nineteen holes; W. D. Kirker beat Alan Lichtenhein, 3 up and 2 to go. In the semi-finals Temple beat Tonnelé, 3 up and 2 to go, and Conway beat Kirker, 1 up.

The Grotto Cup also aroused keen rivalry between the players who were beaten for the first cup. Dr. Robert S. Adams beat William S. Lorimer, 8 up and 6 to go; A. J. Morris beat L. H. Treadway, 1 up; J. A. Kiernan beat D. O. Wickham, 3 up and 1 to go. William G. Hackstaff drew a bye. In the play-off with Kiernan Hackstaff beat his opponent 1 up.

An interesting match was played between the Cobble Hill Golf Club and a team of the Hotel Champlain Golf Club, on the latter's course. The Keene Valley team won the match, 11 to 9.

Miss May Fellman, of New-Orleans, gave an enjoyable bowling tournament for the young people on Tuesday. The first prize was won by Miss Miriam Danzinger, of New-Orleans, the second prize by Miss Kathryn Booth, of Little Falls, N. J.

After the game the children adjourned to the beautiful grove surrounding the bowling alley, and refreshments were served under the trees.

A. J. Carty, of Philadelphia, offered a handsome bronze and oxidized silver cup of artistic design as the trophy for a men's handicap tournament, which was played on Tuesday. The cup was won by J. T. Conway, of New-York, his score being 84—10—74, beating W. D. Kirker, scratch man, who made 76.

Meredith Howland, of Paris, brother of the late Gardiner G. Howland, and Mrs. Howland were among the visitors at Hotel Champlain this week. They were accompanied by George S. Bowdoin, of New-York.

William G. Rockefeller and William S. Opdyke have been making the tour of the Adirondacks as the guests of David Willcox, president of the Delaware and Hudson Company, who is spending the summer here. Mr. Rockefeller has purchased 64,000 acres near Tupper Lake, and it is rumored that he is planning to build an elaborate camp there.

Arrivals at the Hotel Champlain from New-York include:

Wilfred D. Walker, John Walker, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Booth, Miss H. Wynkoop, Miss E. Belknap, Miss Josephine Clark, H. S. Skillman, Mrs. A. L. Livingston, W. D. Grimshaw, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Chappell, Mr. and Mrs. Dwight W. Pardee, Miss Elsa Pardee, Roy E. Pardee, Mrs. James Naughton, Miss Naughton, Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Hilliard, Ernest G. Hilliard, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Speer, J. E. McCracken, Miss A. E. Golden, Mr. and Mrs. John H. Crawford, George M. Boynton, Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. F. McCann, George S. Bowdoin, J. George Flammer, Mr. and Mrs. P. J. McIntosh, Mr. and Mrs. James A. Blanchard, Medberry Blanchard, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Palmer, jr., Master Otto Palmer, jr., Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Morris, William G. Rockefeller, William S. Opdyke, David Willcox, Mr. and Mrs. L. J. O'Brien, Dr. and Mrs. F. A. Wright, Mrs. C. L. Hackstaff, Miss Margaret Hackstaff, Mrs. R. W. Valentine, Miss A. L. Valentine, Miss A. L. Valentine and Mr. and Mrs. Henry C. Swords.

QUEER GEOGRAPHIES.

Some of the Earliest Used in American Schools.

For a score of years after geographies began to be introduced into the schools of America, says Clifton Johnson, in "The New-England Magazine," they depended largely on the use of a globe to make clear the divisions of the earth. It was not long, however, before nearly every book was accompanied by an atlas, and this continued customary to about 1850.

Jedidiah Morse was the pioneer among American authors of school geographies. The earliest rival to contest the field with Morse's books was a small volume of questions and answers compiled by Nathaniel Dwight, and published at Hartford in 1795. Below are some of the curious bits of information the volume imparts:

Q. What are the Russian funeral ceremonies?

A. They are singular. The priest prays, and sprinkles the corpse for eight or ten days; it is then buried with a passport to heaven, signed by the bishop and another clergyman, which is put between the fingers of the deceased, and then the people return to the house whence they went, and drown their sorrow in intoxication. This they commonly do for about forty days, during which time the priest says prayers over the grave.

Q. Are they any lakes in Scotland?

A. There are many; but two are very remarkable. One near Lochness is on the top of a hill almost two miles high. This lake is small, but it has never been sounded, nor does it ever freeze. About seventeen miles distant is another lake which is frozen all the year.

Q. What are the persons and characters of the Scots?

A. They are generally lean, raw-boned, and have high cheek bones, which is a characteristical feature.

Q. What are the diversions of the Scots?

A. They are all of the vigorous, athletic kind; such as dancing, golf and curling. The golf is a species of ball playing performed with a bat and a ball, the extremity of the bat being loaded with lead, and the party which strikes the ball with fewest strokes into a hole prepared for the purpose wins the game.

Q. What are the customs and diversions of the Irish?

A. There are a few customs existing in Ireland peculiar to this country. These are their funeral howlings and presenting their corpses in the streets to excite the charity of strangers, their convivial meetings on Sunday, and dancing to bagpipes, which are usually attended with quarrelling.

Q. What curiosities are there in France?

A. A fountain near Grenoble emits a flame which will burn paper, straw, etc., but will not burn gun powder. Within about eight leagues of the same place is an inaccessible mountain in the form of a pyramid reversed.

Q. What curiosities are there in Portugal?

A. There are lakes into which a stone being cast causes a rumbling like the noise of an earthquake.

Q. What do you observe of the inhabitants of Guinea?

A. They are chiefly pagans and idolaters. In Eyo, where the people are governed by a king who is not absolute, when they are tired of him, a deputation waits on him and informs him that it is fatiguing for him to bear the burden of government any longer, advising him to take a little rest. He thanks them and retires to his apartment as if to sleep, and directs his women to strangle him; and after he expires they destroy all things which belonged to him or to themselves, and then kill one another. His son succeeds to the government, and on the same terms.

Q. Give a concise description of the Giages and Annians?

A. The first inhabit a part of the Congo coast; the latter live in the Macaco. The people are cannibals. They kill and eat their first born children; and their friends who die are eaten by their relations. The king of Macaco resides in Monsol, where there is a market in which human flesh is sold, although other meat exists in plenty. They esteem it a luxury, and it is said a hundred prisoners or slaves are daily killed for the king's table.

Q. What are the characteristics of the Hottentots?

A. They are the most abject of the human race. They besmear their bodies with soot and grease, live upon carrion, old leather, shoes, and everything of the most loathsome kind; dress themselves in sheep's skin, untanned, turning the wool to their flesh in the winter, and the other side in the summer. Their dress serves them for a bed at night, for a covering by day, and for a winding sheet when they die.

One geography that had a marked individuality of its own was a thick little volume, mostly in verse, entitled "The Monitor's Instructor," published at Wilmington in 1804. In the prose portion of the book are several curious paradoxes. Here is one of them:

Three men went on a journey, in which, though their heads travelled 12 yards further than their feet, all returned alive, with their heads on.

The solution explains that "if any person should travel round the globe, the space travelled by his head will exceed that his feet travelled" by about the number of yards mentioned.

Cummings's Geography, 1814, apologizes in its preface for adding another "to the number of geographies, already so great as to obstruct rather than promote improvement." During the previous decade Lewis and Clark had made their journey across the continent, and we now find mention of the "Stony Mountains." It was a number of years before the name Rocky was substituted for Stony. Concerning the Andes in South America, we are told: "These amazing mountains, in comparison with which the Alps are but little hills, have fissures in some places a mile wide, and deep in proportion; and there are others that run under ground, and resemble in extent a province."

Adams's Geography, 1818, is divided into three parts. The following is from Part II:

"A mountain is a vast protuberance of the earth."

"The White Mountains are the highest, not only in New-Hampshire, but in the United States."