WINTER RESORT DELIGHTS

WHERE THEY ARE FOUND.

Rigor of Northern Winter May Be Exchanged for Sunny South.

That visiting winter resorts for health and pleasure soon becomes a most delightful habit is the experience of many persons. That unlike some delightful habits it can be safely indulged to any possible limit is one of its most enjoyable features. And the opportunities for the indulgence of one's taste in this direction are now so ample that there is no excuse for any one who can break the ties of business or associations to fail to do so for a longer or shorter period in our trying winter climate.

When, as was the case one day last week, the thermometer ranged from 10 to 30 degrees above zero, the air was filled with drifting snow, and no place of city travel was endurable save the subway, the thoughts of thousands of persons turned to regions where much higher and more uniform temperatures ruled, where the scent of flowers, the beauties of green and growing foliage and the songs of birds are to be found instead of snow and ice.

For those who can manage only brief absences from town owing to business affairs which demand more or less steady attention, the healthful region of Lakewood, while only a few score miles from the metropolis, affords a considerably milder temperature and freedom from the distressing rawness that so often characterizes the climate of this metropolis. It is possible for a family to remain practically united, while the head attends to affairs in Wall Street or the Produce Exchange for the greater part of the week and spends nights and Saturdays and Sundays with the wife and children in cottage or hotel amid the Lakewood pines.

For those who have only occasionally to be found in the marts of trade and can afford to be away from desk and office the greater part of the time and yet who feel that they must be where they can at short notice appear where their presence is imperatively demanded for business reasons, Atlantic City aords the desirable mean between the city and the more remote resort. With its unrivalled attractions in the way of moderate climate, delightful surroundings, throngs of visitors, the boardwalk's unequalled advantages for promenading amid ideal conditions and proximity to the two chiefest cities of the Atlantic Coast, it is no wonder that this all the year round resort each year caters to a greater number of both returning and new visitors until the expansion of accommodations has reached a most astonishing point, and no one dares set the limit to which it will go. Judging by the last five years at Atlantic City, the coming five are likely to see a growth and enlargement that will make the present seem the day of small things.

Beyond the scope of those who cannot cut loose for an extended period from business cares, there is a wide field of winter resorts open to the ever increasing number of those free to seek and find the place where the most rewarding conditions prevail and the maximum of health, pleasure and comfort is to be obtained. There are those who seek this at Old Point Comfort and Virginia Beach; those who find at the Hot Springs the conditions that appeal to them the most; others who seek the longleaf pine region in North Carolina, or the Land of the Sky in the Asheville region; some who find in South Carolina village and city, or in the sister State of Georgia the places that appeal most strongly to them, and many who seek the sunny waters and smiling everglades of the Land of Flowers for their surease from sorrow and the delights of a genial clime when winter rules the North.

In all these regions there are many most attractive resorts from the modest cottage to the great fashionable hotel, where the gayety of winter is at its height when in this latitude the rule of zero temperatures and much personal discomfort prevails. At these resorts the merrymaking throng finds all conditions favorable to the enjoyment of social delights both by day and night. The provision for outdoor recreation and enjoyment is such that all tastes can be suited. Those who desire to ride to hounds, to hunt or fish, to play golf or tennis, to ride or automobile, to swim, or race on the hard sand of the seashore, in fact, to enjoy out of doors in one or more of a thousend ways, will find at the place where taste, inclination or association leads them the amplest opportunities for the gratification of the inclination that rules. Those who cannot find amid the multifarious attractions that are provided by nature and art in the Southern clime the place where the most enjoyment is to be secured are either most difficult to please or have pursued the search under the wrong conditions or amid an unsatisfying environment.

In the balmy air and amid the picturesque surroundings of Florida there is sufficient choice for the most fastidious. The delights of the great fashionable hotel, full and vivid with the life of votaries of fashion and refined taste, are in close proximity and contrast with the surroundings of the rural resort, where one can hunt, fish and sleep with the charms of nature close at hand.

In a writing recently from Florida of the contrast between North and South, a well known literary man said: "A week ago I was sitting before a fire watching the snow fall outside in winter bound Massachusetts. This forenoon I am reclining in the shade of a cocoanut palm, looking across the smooth, blue waters of Biscayne Bay to a line of woods I know not how many miles distant, broken in the midst by a narrow cut or inlet, through which is to be seen the open Atlantic. The air is motionless, the sky cloudless, the temperature ideal."

This description of the contrast between North and South at this season is sufficiently vivid and alluring to tempt any one who can exchange the harshness of the North for the sunny serenity of the South to do so. It is no wonder that the tide of travel sets strongly southward at this season, and will continue to flow in that direction until the coming of spring serves to turn it in the opposite course.

But while the various resorts in the Atlantic Coast States receive the majority of seekers after relief from rigorous conditions, there are facilities to journey beyond the boundaries of the States and to find in the Bahamas, the Greater and the Lesser Antilles many delightful places of sojourn, and the enjoyment of trips on the Gulf of Mexico and the Caribbean Sea, with visits to South and Central American ports, including those of the new Republic of Panama, which is so much in the public eye at present.

The seeker after pleasure in journeying far from the metropolis at this season can also find ample facilities for trips across the continent by Southern routes to the genial and health giving climate of Southern California, or for voyaging to the Mediterranean, and visiting the many places of interest on and near that great inland ocean. All the comforts of life that persons of the most fastidious and refined tastes find needful for enjoyment are provided on the fast trains and luxuriously appointed steamships which are equipped for the use of winter travellers. The art of entertainment has been most carefully studied and worked out in practical results in the resorts that provide for winter visitors. The many ways in which persons staying at these may enjoyably and agreeably pass the time afford a constant succession of pleasurable hours, while those content to sit still and enjoy their delightful surroundings will be able to derive the fullest possible benefit from their new environment.

No more invigorating and healthful change can be secured than that which comes from leaving behind the harsh conditions of the average New-York winter and spending the cold, raw months where the climatic conditions are agreeable, salubrious and recuperative.

THE HOTEL TRAYMORE.

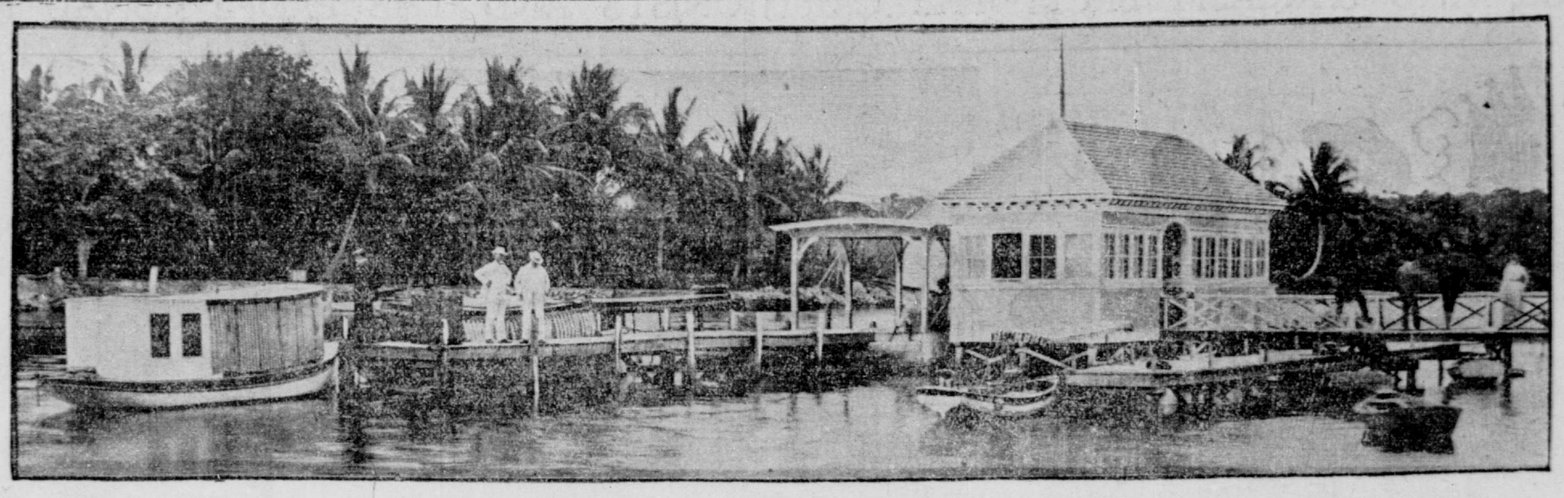
One of Atlantic City's Most Attractive Hostleries.

A city by the sea is the brief but inclusive description of Atlantic City, which has just celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of its existence. It can be safely said that no other resort for winter and summer visitors combines so many attractive features. All municipal privileges and improvements are provided by the city authorities. There are a fine pure water supply system, sanitary sewerage, paved streets, electric cars and that unrivalled ocean promenade, the magnificent boardwalk. The hotels, residences and apartment houses, together with the great business blocks, represent the expenditure of many millions of dollars in permanent improvements. All that wise, farsighted and sagacious management can do for the public good and to add to the delights that visitors find in this great winter and summer resort has been provided.

Nature made the first provision in the broad ocean lying off the strip of sand on which Atlantic City has been built, at a point where the proximity of the Gulf Stream secured a perennial mildness of temperature. For the fullest enjoyment of the attractive features of the ocean the hand of man provided the great boardwalk, which has done more to spread the fame of Atlantic City far and wide over this continent and even abroad than any other one thing.

But for the enjoyment of these natural and artificial features of the great seaside resort it was needful that proper hotel accommodations for visitors should be provided. This want has been met by the construction of the Hotel Traymore, in Illinois-ave., fronting on the boardwalk, with unobstructed view of the ocean expanse. It is fitted with every requirement for comfort, convenience and luxury, and there are all provisions for pleasure and the profitable passing of time amid the most enjoyable surroundings at this family hotel.

The Traymore stands in the most fashionable part of the city, and it is equipped with every device and convenience to insure the perfect satisfaction of the demands of the most exacting guests. It has broad piazzas, electric lights, steam heat, ample elevators, an abundant water supply, rooms with private baths, a spacious dining room with a huge bay window overlooking the ocean and spacious parlors and recreation rooms. The piazzas and corridors afford ample room for exercise in shelter when for any reason the boardwalk is not desirable, but the occasions when it does not afford the most satisfactory conditions for recreation and exercise are few and far between. In adequate care of guests the Hotel Traymore has set a high standard and successful effort is made to live up to it in every particular, as is amply demonstrated by the satisfaction of guests with the service at their disposal. The extreme care taken to insure the privacy of guests has made it an especially desirable place for families whose heads are unable to remain with them in absence from the city. There are rooms for 450 guests at the Traymore.



ROYAL PALM BOATHOUSE, MIAMI, FLA.

ATLANTIC CITY AFFAIRS.

To Macadamize Shore Road—Winter Patronage Increased.

Atlantic City, Jan. 14 (Special).—Recently the Supreme Court of this State held that the Atlantic City and Suburban Railroad Company was responsible for keeping in good condition the Shore Road, on the mainland, between Somers Point and Absecon, and since the Board of Freeholders has practically given up the idea of building a new road solely for driving purposes between those two points, the various boroughs and townships along the trolley road have started a movement to compel the trolley company to macadamize the road over its entire length. The road was practically spoiled for driving and automobiling when the tracks of the trolley company were laid, and since that time there has been no real good drive along the shore, and people who have come to Atlantic City and brought with them their turnouts, have been obliged to be satisfied with the drive on the island between the Inlet and Longport. Judge E. A. Higbee, who represents the Borough of Pleasantville, is now preparing the papers in the suit to compel the railroad company to macadamize the road through that place, and other townships and boroughs are having their solicitors perform the same work. The result will be that by the early part of the summer there will be a good road along the shore for those who desire to take a long drive.

Perhaps by that time, too, the new boulevard across the meadows will be completed. The contractors are now engaged in levelling the sand which has been pumped between the sod banks erected, and in the course of another week will begin the laying of the top dressing of gravel. They have informed the Board of Freeholders that they will be able to complete the road and open it for use by the first day of April. The new boulevard will be sixty feet wide, from Pleasantville to Atlantic City, and will enter this resort at Albany-ave., Chelsea. By the time it is finished it will have cost more than $100,000 to build.

Satisfied of the fact, railroad officials are not even attempting to explain by theory the appreciable increase in shoreward travel this winter. It is natural, they hold, that the winter patronage should grow, as the city's attractions as a winter resort are becoming more widely known. The most noticeable increase has come from New-York. Trains have been heavier and more liberally patronized this winter than in the past, and travel from the West has correspondingly increased. Many who are spending the winter here this year have formerly spent their winters in Florida and other points in the South. The lateness of Easter this year is expected to have a material influence upon the Lenten season business at the shore. Bookings are already being made at the hotels for Easter week and even earlier in Lent, and if the weather is at all favorable, accommodations will be at a premium, especially at the beach front hotels.

Walter Camp, the well known authority on football and general college athletics, was a visitor to the shore this week. He spent the greater part of his time at the links of the Atlantic City Country Club, at Northfield, and had a thoroughly enjoyable day. He was in company with a party of New-Yorkers, and after their game in the morning took luncheon at the clubhouse, and played a second round in the afternoon. He was delighted with the links, which are among the finest in the country. Nearly one-half of the visitors who come to the shore in the winter are more or less interested in the game of golf, and it is said that an average of four out of every ten visitors to the shore visit the golf links some time during their stay at the resort.

"I know of Atlantic City. I have been there. No man can be an American and not know of Atlantic City," said President Roosevelt, the other day to the committee of citizens and members of the Board of Trade when they called at the White House and presented an invitation to the President to attend the annual banquet of the Board of Trade in this city this month. The President said that it would be impossible for him to accept the invitation at this time, because he was obliged to be in Philadelphia in the middle of the month, and he did not feel that he could go to Atlantic City so soon afterward.

That it does not matter what material is used for a check, so long as there is money in the bank to meet it when presented, was demonstrated at one of the financial institutions of this city. Walter McDougal, cartoonist and "funny man," owed a local merchant a small bill. He picked up a clam shell from around the flower bed in his yard, washed the sand off it, and with a pen and ink drew a check on the inside of the shell, signed it and sent it to the merchant. When the latter received it, he was at first inclined to believe that he was being made the victim of some joke, but he saw the shell check was properly drawn and signed, so he indorsed it and presented it at the bank and drew the money. The check is being kept by the bank as a souvenir, for, so far as known, no one else has ever substituted a clam shell for a leaf from a checkbook.

Mr. and Mrs. E. P. French, of New-York, took a little run to the shore this week in their automobile. They have a powerful machine, and they made a fast and pleasant trip to the shore. They say they found the roads in pretty fair condition, considering it was winter, and will go back in their machine after spending a couple of weeks here.

George A. Walker, a resident of Brooklyn, has been among the visitors to the shore during the week. He is quite a golfer, and spent the greater portion of his time on the Country Club links. He played the rounds four times this week and each time beat "bogie."

WINTER CRUISES IN SUNNY CLIMES.

What the Hamburg-American Line Offers to Prospective Patrons.

The Hamburg-American Line offers a bewildering choice of tempting inducements to escape the wintry winds of the North Atlantic Coast to sunny climes and kinder skies, both in the Old and in the New World. Indeed, this company's enormous fleet of 310 vessels ploughs every sea and displays its flag in every port. But the tourist in search of a pleasant winter trip is catered to with amazing thoroughness, some of the company's finest and newest vessels being set apart to minister to his convenience, comfort and pleasure by a series of well planned cruises, designed to give the greatest amount of enjoyable sightseeing within a specified time.

For instance, the twin screw cruising steamer Princessin Victoria Luise started from New-York on January 11 for a nineteen day cruise to the West Indies and Nassau. On returning she will start out again on February 2 for a twenty-eight day cruise to the West Indies, the Spanish Main and Nassau, to be followed on March 7 by a twenty-four day cruise to the West Indies and Bermuda. Then, in the early spring, she starts for the Azores, Madeira, Canary Islands, and the Mediterranean, where this vessel and the company's new twin screw cruising steamer Meteor will make a number of short cruises to the most interesting points on the Mediterranean and Adriatic seas.

Or those who are fortunate enough to be able to spare the time may secure a cabin in the twin screw steamer Moltke, which leaves New-York on January 30 for a seventy-six day grand Oriental voyage to Madeira, Spain, the Mediterranean and the East, with optional trips to Syria, the Holy Land and Egypt. Only a faint indication is here given of the scope and luxuriousness of these cruises. Full information may be obtained, with particulars of the various trips, with dates, terms, etc., from the profusely and beautifully illustrated booklets which may be had by applying to the Hamburg-American Line, No. 37 Broadway, New-York.

HOTEL RUDOLF, ATLANTIC CITY.

A hotel which represents the investment of half a million dollars and cares for nearly a thousand guests at once must of necessity embrace many attractive features. When added to this it possesses most attractive architecture and has a site unsurpassed for beauty of surroundings, expanse of outlook and health giving conditions nothing is left to be desired by either the transient or the permanent visitor. This description fits in every detail the largest and one of the most modern hotels in Atlantic City, the great resort centre of the New-Jersey coast. This is the Hotel Rudolf, which is now in the tenth year of its prosperous and successful catering to the demands of visitors. Each season since its opening has seen additions to its facilities and improvement in the means for providing for the comfort and convenience of guests. The broad, double decked piazzas, the great dining room overlooking the expanse of the ocean, the ample supply of pure water from an artesian well, the elevators, the steam heat, the open fires, the electric lights, the hot and cold salt water baths and the great ballroom, with its facilities for dances and concerts, combine to make the Hotel Rudolf as attractive and agreeable a place for a more or less extended stay as it is possible to find.

The ease of access to Atlantic City, both from this city and from Philadelphia, added to its fine climate and the healthful change enjoyed by a visit there, make it most inviting to those who would free themselves from the cares of business and social obligations for a few days or a few weeks. For all such visitors the Hotel Rudolf offers a most delightful temporary home, is a place where sailing, golfing, riding, driving, automobiling, promenading on the boardwalk or being wheeled up and down it, breathing in the ozone of the ocean, may be enjoyed to the full.

THE KIRKWOOD, CAMDEN, S. C.

In the longleaf pine regions of South Carolina is Camden, which has the charm of a most delightful climate and is easily reached by through trains over two roads. The air is invigorating and salubrious, there are no raw winds from off the salt water, and the altitude is not excessive. Camden is an old town on the Wateree River, and has a population of 5,000, provided with all business facilities and social conveniences. Here the visitor finds on Hobkirk Hill, the scene of a Revolutionary conflict, the Kirkwood Hotel, supplied with all modern facilities for the entertainment of guests. It is an attractive Colonial structure surrounded by ample grounds, adjacent to which are the golf course and polo field of the Camden Country Club. The rooms are cheery, with sunlight and open fireplaces, and each has a connecting bath, a telephone and steam heat. The Kirkwood is open from December to May.

FLORIDA OF THE NORTH.

ATLANTIC CITY GROWTH.

Characteristics of the Great All the Year Around Resort.

Atlantic City, Jan. 14 (Special).—When the surveyor for the Camden and Amboy Railroad Company came to Atlantic City, away back in the fifties, there was nothing on Absecon Island except a few fishers' huts and here and there a cabin that was used by gunners in the hunting season. There were no streets or avenues, no well defined road even, running through the myriad of sand dunes and groups of stunted pines and cedars which covered the island from inlet to inlet and from thoroughfare to ocean's edge.

But, in spite of these drawbacks, Absecon Island was even then a rendezvous for a number of Philadelphians. True, they were nearly all sportsmen, and came here only in the gunning season. They were obliged to come all the way acros the meadows in sailboats, and after their arrival put up with what conveniences they could secure in the hut of some bayman or fisherman.

Yet with it all railroad men realized, intuitively perhaps, that the little island was a place with a future, and they sent their surveyor over the route between Camden and the island to see what it would cost to build a road here. The estimated cost was so great that the company decided not to undertake the task, but the surveyor saw a future here. He spent weeks here, made surveys, laid out the plan of the city, and on his maps he placed the name "Atlantic City."

This part of his work done, he secured capital and built the railroad which brought the first trainload of passengers here in July, 1854. And since that time people have been coming to Atlantic City. They come in greater numbers every year, and there are none who can make a prediction of Atlantic City in another half century.

Atlantic City's founders prophesied a good future for the resort, and built well. But how well they had builded they little knew. How was it possible for them to realize that in fifty short years the then hardly known seaside hamlet would become a resort famed the wide world over? How could it be expected that in fifty short years the hamlet would spring into a city of more than thirty thousand permanent residents? They had faith in their enterprise and believed the place would grow and prosper, but they could not foresee the future.

But among the things with which the new resort was blessed were exceptionally good air and good water. Physicians came down to the new island watering place. They recognized a peculiarly exhilarating effect from breathing the air, and they began sending their patients here in preference to sending them to other places at greater distances from home.

The result of this increased patronage was the means of the establishment of "boarding houses." Boarding houses, in turn, grew into cottages with fancy or peculiar names, and in course of a short time cottages grew and were dignified by the name of hotels. Hotels in those days, though, meant a house without bathroom, without hot and cold water in the bedrooms, and absence of any of the comforts and conveniences which are characteristic of the magnificent hostleries of the present day. The resort was hardly ever visited except in the middle of the summer, and then mostly by business people who wanted to get away on a quiet little vacation.

But in the course of a quarter of a century the town had grown to a considerable extent. With advances and progress along other lines, locomotives were improved. Improvement in this line meant better travelling facilities and a cutting down of running time between various points. Atlantic City was included in this, and with faster trains and more of them many more persons began journeying in this direction.

Atlantic City is sometimes called the "playground of the nation" now, because there are people here from almost every part of the country. And perhaps that name applies as well as any other. There is probably no other place that entertains such a large and varied assortment of humanity as Atlantic City. They come from every direction.

And what attracts so many people?

There is no other resort on the Atlantic or Pacific Coast where there is such good bathing, in the first place, and, in the second, there is no other resort which can be reached so quickly, so handily; none that have such excellent railroad facilities none that are capable of catering to and caring for such a large number of persons at one time; none that can offer the inducements in the way of comfort and pleasure, and none other so cosmopolitan. In Atlantic City one may be absolutely alone as much so as though buried miles and miles back in the Maine forests. On the other hand, the pleasure seeker may find as much life and gayety as in a large city. The happy medium is here, too, for those of that temperament. In fact, Atlantic City has anything the visitor wants.

For fishing and boating there is no place that affords equal opportunities. At the Inlet there is always a fleet of boats ready to take the visitors either to the fishing banks or off for a pleasure sail on the ocean. They can be secured for a nominal fee, and they are all good, safe and strong boats and handled by competent men. Small boats can be secured by those who desire to take a little fishing or crabbing trip in the inside waters.

There is no better bathing beach anywhere. It is flat and level, and is regarded as one of the safest along the New-Jersey coast. There is always a force of life guards on duty, and they look after those who may be weak, those unused to ocean bathing and those who show a disposition to be reckless in the water. There are many bathing houses along the beach front, and in the months of July and August there are as many eighty thousand to one hundred thousand bathers a day. It is a sight that must be seen to be appreciated, and one that is well worth the expense of a trip to the shore.

Perhaps the chief attraction to thousands of the visitors to Atlantic City is the boardwalk. It is a promenade forty feet wide, between Massachusetts and Texas aves., a distance of about three miles. From Massachusetts-ave. to the Inlet and from Texas-ave. to Jackson-ave., the walk is twenty feet wide. The promenade over its entire length is a distance of a little more than five miles. It is built upon steel piers, and its wooden deck is the gathering place for persons from every corner of the earth.

There is no other place in the world that can offer the same inducement as the boardwalk. There is no place that is blessed with better air, and Atlantic City's water supply is considered one of the best and purest in the world. The latter comes from the mainland, a distance of more than five miles away, across the meadows. It is pumped from artesian wells there and forced across the meadows to the standpipe in the city.

There are a number of small places adjacent to Atlantic City that can be easily reached and which afford a change for visitors. The drive to the Country Club, the home of the Atlantic City golfers, at Northfield, is an enjoyable one, and the course of the club is said to be the finest in this part of the country and one of the best in the United States. It is here that many Atlantic City visitors put in a great deal of their time, playing the game or sitting in the shade of the clubhouse porch, spinning tales of great games and smoking good cigars.

Atlantic City's hotels are large, commodious and well calculated to open the eyes of the visitors. The resort has about nine hundred hotels and boarding houses, and it takes all of them, and many private cottages, to accommodate the quarter of a million and more visitors who come here in the summer.

The resort is constantly growing in popularity and size. The hotel men are a unit in working for the advantage of the place, and they have predicted that this year will be one of the best and most prosperous in the history of Atlantic City.

The time was, and that only a short time ago, when no one gave a thought to the seashore as a resort for pleasure or rest in the winter months. To have announced that one was going to the New-Jersey coast to spend a week or two or a month in the cold weather would have been almost tantamount to proclaiming that one was a candidate for an asylum. Yet to-day a visit to Atlantic City is looked upon as a course to be naturally expected in winter.

There is not another place this side of the Florida coast that enjoys such a large number of visitors in the winter as does Atlantic City. There is not another watering place that has the attractions, the accommodations and the conveniences that are offered in Atlantic City. And, again, there is not another resort which has the same natural advantages.

The winter climate of this resort is not so warm as further South, and yet physicians assert that it is more beneficial. Patients are sent to Atlantic City winter and summer for the general benefit they will derive from breathing in the pure air and drinking the excellent water with which the resort is supplied.

Atlantic City has the dual advantage of the sea air and the pine air. Setting out in the ocean a distance of some five miles or more it is swept by the ocean breezes. The Gulf Stream is only a little more than forty miles off the beach, and the winds which come across this body of water are tempered and warmed before they reach here. On the other hand, when the winds blow from the mainland, they carry with them the balmy and health giving atmosphere of the great pine belt only a few miles distant, so that people coming to Atlantic City have the sea and the pine air.

The great Boardwalk, which stretches along the entire ocean front of the city, proves a great attraction for the winter visitors. There people may promenade and breathe in the fresh air, no matter what the weather. If it be cold, or a combination of cold and storm, they have the advantage of the vestibuled rolling chair. This is a vehicle, the top of which is entirely closed in glass, and the riders can see everything that is going on about them without being exposed to the elements. If the weather is pleasant they ride in open chairs.

Then many of the visitors to the resort spend their leisure hours in the sun parlors of the piers, or in going to the theatres. The resort has a couple of good playhouses in which appear the best attractions sent out on the road. The Steel Pier is open this winter, and Young's Pier, which is closed for the first time in many years, will be opened about the first of next month, after having undergone a course of repairs that practically amount to a rebuilding of this popular amusement house.

Winter bathing is fast becoming a fad here, and there is more and more of it every year. It has not become general, however, but it is believed there will be a greater number of bathers next year, for two of the bathhouse keepers along the ocean front have announced that they will fit up several rooms in their establishments and have them heated next year. This will give bathers warm places in which to dress and undress, and it is believed that a great number will bathe in consequence.

Two or three of the yachts at the Inlet have been kept in commission this winter for pleasuring. There has been so much favorable weather for this pastime this winter that it has paid the owners of the boats for keeping them ready for sailing parties.

With its magnificent railroad facilities, Atlantic City affords an ideal place for many of the business men of nearby cities to run down over Sunday, and that they do it in great numbers is shown by the registers of the several hotels.

The golf links at Northfield are rarely unoccupied. There is seldom snow to interfere with the playing of the popular game, and should there be a flurry of snow it stays only a short time, because the links are adjacent to the bays and the air from the salt water quickly causes the snow to disappear.

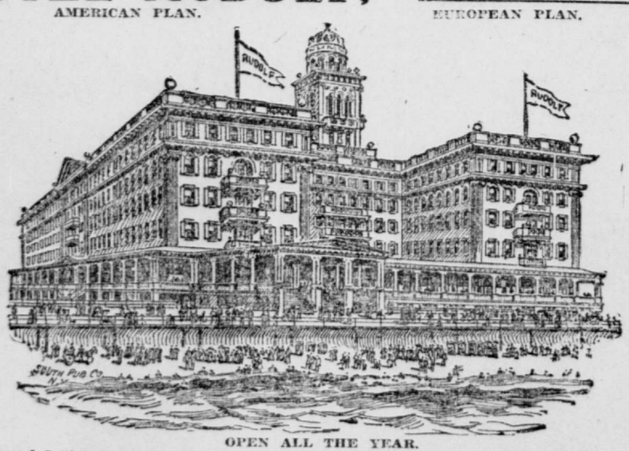
Some shipping masters have reported that the Gulf Stream is moving near this part of the coast, and if it is true, then Atlantic City will, indeed, be the Florida of the North and will enjoy even more liberal patronage than now.

PINE FOREST INN, SUMMERVILLE, S. C.

"A land of lovely dreams" has been the term used to describe Summerville, S. C., whose very name is an invitation for a winter visit. A half hour's run over the twenty-two miles from Charleston brings the visitor to this charming village, in the healthgiving pines. It possesses every attraction in surroundings, climate and facilities for outdoor recreation to make it most attractive to Northern visitors.

In the heart of a 60-acre plateau, surrounded by ample open spaces, stands the Pine Forest Inn. There are pines and live oak trees close at hand, a golf course of 130 acres, reached by a boulevard a mile long, and many miles of excellent drives in all directions. A feature of Summerville that attracts all visitors is the Pinehurst Tea Garden, and adjacent thereto are the great floral gardens of Dr. Charles U. Shepard. An artesian well supplies the hotel with water, and the house is equipped with all the latest improvements and facilities for the guests that it accommodates.

HOTEL RUDOLF, Atlantic City, N. J.
AMERICAN PLAN. EUROPEAN PLAN.



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