

A WILTSHIRE HOLIDAY.

A Cruise Across Salisbury Plain Among the Chalks.

East Knoyle, Wilt., Aug. 23. This is the rusty old windmill on the heights above East Knoyle, the birthplace of Sir Christopher Wren. It is an unexpected touch of Holland on one of the most rugged and picturesque hillsides bordering the broad chalk plain. Every other feature of the landscape is English when the silent sheep walks have been passed and the sense of desolation and solitude is lost. The belt of great estates belonging to wealthy landowners has entered, and one rivals another in the statelyness of the mansions, the grouping of clumps of trees, the neatness of the workmen's cottages, the trim lines of hedges, the variety of foliage and the broad, tranquil effects of landscape gardening—an art mastered in England if anywhere in the world. Mr. Percy Wyndham's Clouds is here at East Knoyle, a country house renowned for gracious hospitality, where the Prime Minister comes at least once a year for a week's visit, and not far away are the Pontiliff estates, the Arundel mansion, Long-leat Park, with the splendid home of the Marquis of Bath, and Stourhead, the beautiful country house of Sir Henry Hoare, with grounds exquisitely decorated with works of art to match the loveliness of the lake and the glory of some of the finest trees in England. This is a section of the motherland where one park succeeds another and every landscape effect has perfection of finish and symmetry; where the best riding in the world is to be had on the grassy downs, and where the holiday traveller who knows how to swing his legs across country never ceases to wonder why a motor car has ever invented.

FUN AT CLAVEBACK. Home in the Catskills Entertained Ninety-six Girls.

The Tribune Fresh Air Fund Home, at Claveback, N. Y., which is supported by the people in Claveback and Hudson, closed its doors for the season last Wednesday. During the summer four parties, numbering in all ninety-six girls, ranging in age from six to twelve years, were entertained at this place.

On the east bank of the Hudson, about a mile from the little village of Claveback, is the cottage where these little children from the tenement houses enjoyed their memorable two weeks' outings. The house is on a high hill, and gives a beautiful view of the Catskill Mountains.

As all the guests at this home were girls, the variety of forms of amusement was not large as at the places where there were both boys and girls. A large tent, pitched under the trees near the house, and a liberal supply of toys, sufficed to bring joy to the hearts of the "little mothers."

There was one endless tea party in the tent the whole summer long. An unusual amount of interest in the affairs at the home was shown by the neighbors in the neighborhood, and it was due probably to the fact that the girls were personally supporting it. Each week a committee visited the children, and invariably an invitation to a party for the children followed.

When the girls were asked what they liked the best at the party, the unanimous verdict would be ice cream, and then cake and candy. The girls, the farmers often gave the children long rides in the features of daily occurrence was the procession to the postoffice. Each child would take hold of the dress of the girl preceding her, and thus strung out in a long procession they would march to the postoffice, more than a mile away, singing popular songs all the way.

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Nearly all the children in the last party were Italian. One little girl of six years attracted attention because she did not know how to do with a doll when it was given her. It was learned on investigation, that her mother had already learned what to do with needle and thread. This little tot had spent all her days in this shop, and she was sewing on buttons and pulling out threads. One child of five said that she never spoke of the lawn as "ground," but always called it "the floor."

A SHUBERT CORPORATION. New \$1,400,000 Concern to Fight Theatre Trust.

Lee Shubert, the theatrical manager, completed the formation yesterday of a \$1,400,000 corporation to conduct theatrical and amusement enterprises. The company was incorporated in Albany under the title of Sam S. Shubert and Lee Shubert, Incorporated. As Sam S. Shubert was killed in a railway accident several months ago, it is believed that his name is used as a memorial. The directors of the company are Lee S. Shubert, Jacob J. Shubert, Joseph W. Jacobs, Charles A. Bird, Solomon Marahelmer and William Klein. All of these men have large interests in the theatrical business.

The new company is likely to become an effective rival of the theatrical syndicate, as the Shuberts control theatres in a great many cities and have a number of talented actors under their management. The new company merges all the Shubert interests in the State in one large syndicate. He sides this, its marketing interest in theatres all over the country. In New-York State the combination has a theatre in Syracuse, one in Utica, one in Rochester, two in Troy and three in New-York City, the Lyric, the Princess and the Casino.

Some of the actors and actresses whom the Shuberts book are: The Wolf Hopper, Miss Sarah Bernhard, Miss Alia Rehan, Jefferson de Angelis, Mrs. Foy, Miss Grace van Studdford and Charles Evans.

Channing Pollack, general manager of the Shuberts said last night: "This corporation is entirely an inside affair, as will be seen by the names of the incorporators. It was organized to fight the syndicate on its own ground. It makes us even a more formidable proposition than we were in the past. We have acquired eighteen new theatres within the last few weeks and now have a long chain of theatres by all other shows and shows for all our houses. Under these conditions it became necessary to take such a move as this syndicate forces are interested in the plan."

The Winterhouse, like the Avon and the Burns, cuts its way transversely through the chalk hills and finds water for droves of sheep in level pastures, but the main valleys are broad crannies with an eastward trend. The first of these to be reached over the plain from Stonehenge is the Wylye, after Yarnbury Camp, with its circular banks and moats, has been passed; and it is flanked on either side with lines of somnolent villages as far as the straggling town of Warminster and the White Horse. Stockton, with its Elizabethan mansion, its ancient Transition Norman church, its group of almshouses around a court, and its ivy clad stone cottages, is the loveliest of them; and, embowered with woodlands and brightened with flowers at picturesque turns of the road, it has the charm of soft, mellow color which fascinates the painter. Yet Wylye, the Cotfords and higher up the cluster of Deverill villages also have their environment of tranquil beauty in the sheltered hollows of the chalk valley.

Not every one is approached by a stone bridge over the river, nor is dignified by a manor house; but all have the stone faced cottages, the trim hedges, with gleams of russet and gold under the midsummer sun, the setting of woodland and verdant meadows and the church tower among the cluster of thatched roofs and cowheds. Beyond the river the meadows roll and swirl higher and higher until the crests are forested and the beautiful wooded terraces of the Fontiliff estate can be seen; and beyond them is another valley, the Nadder, with its picturesque villages and splendid private estates; and still southward is the Ewell, another vale of chalk, with the thicket of Cranborne Chase on the Dorsetshire border in the background. One line of down follows another toward Dorchester until the chalks end in the sands of the English Channel.

In the course of this drifting cruise across this summer sea of verdure only one sail is described.

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