

actly has been taxed during July and August. Several million people have gazed on the magnificent view of 10,000 square miles of country as seen from the veranda and rooms of this mountain palace, a view impossible to find at any other place in the world, and the view which "Leatherstocking" is credited with characterizing as a view of "Creation." The Hudson winding its way among the mountains, the Berkshires, the White Mountains, the Green Mountains and the Adirondacks, the Hudson are all visible from this point, while to the south the clove, to the north a wilderness, and to the west two beautiful lakes and the Hunter Valley add to the attractiveness of the section.

The hotel itself presents an imposing sight from the river and when reached it is even more attractive in its garb of white. It has been under the same family management since its erection and enjoys a reputation for cuisine and service that compares favorably with that of the famous city hostesses. Every form of amusement may be found at the Catskill Mountain House and it is one of the most accessible places in the Catskills, reached via Catskill or Kingston. The season will open the latter part of June, when the house will be opened for the New Jersey Editorial Convention.

The Hotel Kaaterskill. The late George Harding of Philadelphia was a great admirer of the Catskills and during his lifetime did much toward enhancing their popularity. It is said that in a moment of pique because he was unable to secure a chicken because it was not on the bill of fare for his daughter, who was ill, Mr. Harding quarrelled with the management of the hotel at which he was stopping and was told that it would be a good idea to build a hotel at which he could have all the chickens he desired. Whether the story is true or not, Mr. Harding at once secured options on a large tract of land and the next season constructed the largest mountain house in the world, a house with a capacity of over 1,000 people.

This house, the Hotel Kaaterskill, is situated in the center of a mountain park and is one of the modern houses where the social functions are held for their brilliancy. Chicken is always on the menu at the Kaaterskill, as though to keep the promise said to be made by its former owner that it would always be possible to get chicken there, and the remainder of the menu compares favorably with that of any hotel in New York city.



In Sullivan County



The Kaaterskill will be managed this season by Harrison S. Downs, who for several seasons has made it one of the most successful houses in the State, and judging from the bookings for the coming season, 1913 will be its banner year. Several innovations in amusements will be offered that will be pleasing to the members of the younger set, who will congregate there in large numbers this year.

The Grand Hotel. The largest hotel in the western Catskills, the Grand Hotel, is located midway between Pine Hill and Fleischmanns, two of the largest villages in that attractive section of the mountains. The vast acreage settlements surrounding the hotel make its location seem like a large park. The location is delightful, the views from the rooms and porches beautiful, the surroundings ideal and the elevation insures freedom from mosquitoes and malaria. The Grand Hotel is the most modern of the large mountain houses and its service and cuisine are famous for their excellence. The presence of the younger set at the hotel and at the cottages in the vicinity make the social affairs at the house the most delightful affairs held in the Catskills.

Reached by through Pullman cars from New York, it is one of the most accessible of the large mountain houses and to those looking for diversion there is a greater variety offered than at most resorts. The house will open June 28 under the capable management of Frank DeWolf, whose management for several years has been unusually successful. The outlook for not only a busy season but for a gay one has never been brighter and it is expected that early July will be the busiest in the history of this famous resort.

Stamford. You who have never visited the mountains, imagine if you can a trip in a Pullman car, past Kingston, then through the wild, gray mountains of Ulster county, by the rolling hills of Delaware county, where prize winning herds of cattle and cozy farm houses dot the landscape, to find at the end of

your journey at an elevation of 1,800 feet a mountain village boasting of a \$45,000 system of water works, supplied from pure mountain springs, magnificently shaded streets lighted by electricity, with broad flag walks, macadamized roads, splendid golf courses, tennis courts, miniature lakes that are pictures of scenic beauty, streams that teem with trout, hotels and boarding houses not excelled by any in America, ranging in size from a capacity of 300 to that of ten to twelve people, and it will give you an idea of Stamford, the "Queen Village of the Catskills."

Scenic beauty, delightful climate, excellent hotels, every form of amusement, freedom from hay fever, malaria and kindred ailments have been a factor in making Stamford a popular summering place, but while nature has been lavish in bestowing her choicest gifts on this pretty village the residents of Stamford have improved on nature by assisting her and one will travel awake before finding a place in New York State that presents a cleaner or more attractive appearance than this town.

The social standing of the people who spend their vacations at Stamford creates an interest in the social affairs of the village during the busy season. Not only are there social affairs at the hotels but there are other affairs to entertain the summer boarders that are famous. The golf contests, the tennis contests, the floral parade and other functions are pleasantly remembered by those who have summered at Stamford.

The season of 1913 is opening under favorable auspices and Stamford has never looked more attractive than it has looked during the past week. A few people have already found their way to the houses that are open and the hotel men are confident that the season will be a busy one.

Windham. Reached by stage from Hunter, the trip to Windham is remarkable for its beauty, and when the village is reached one does not wonder that it has been called "The Village Beautiful." High mountains are seen on all sides and one finds that at Windham one is indeed in the "Heart of the Catskills."

The Pines at Windham possesses one of the prettiest locations to be found in New York State in the midst of some of the prettiest scenery to be found in America. The houses most attractive, the surroundings are healthy, and as there is a variety of amusement it is one of the ideal places for a summer vacation. The management and the en-

vironment are all that can be desired and a refined class of people summer there. The view from any part of Cole's Pleasant View House is worth going to Windham to see and the house and furnishings are as attractive as the surroundings, and as the house is conducted along modern lines, one will not regret choosing it as the place for a vacation.



Jewett. On the road from Windham to Hunter one passes Jewett, a small hamlet with a number of boarding houses and about the same attractions as the village of Windham. The Mountside House at Jewett is one of the most attractive and popular places there and is looking forward to a busy season.

Cairo. The village of Cairo is undoubtedly the best known of the Catskill resorts for the reason that it entertains more summer visitors than any of the towns in this vast region. There is an atmosphere in Cairo different from any of the other resorts, because its patronage is made up of the mass of the middle class of people who are taking a summer vacation for the enjoyment that they can get out of a vacation, and as a majority of the guests here are young people it naturally follows that Cairo is the liveliest village in the Catskills, if not in the State, during the summer.

There are more boarding houses and hotels here than at any place in the mountains and a greater variety of amusements than at most places. The hotel men anxious to make the village popular with a young crowd, provide a series of entertainments to which the guests of the neighboring houses are invited, so very few idle minutes are to be found during a summer vacation here.

The scenery compares favorably with that at any place in the Catskills, and there are dance halls and amusement halls, masquerades, barn dances, straw rides, etc. for the evening, and baseball games, tennis, fishing, etc. for the daytime. There has been an idea in the minds of many that Cairo because it is the

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ASHEVILLE EXPECTS CROWDS.
Increase of Visitors to Resort This Summer Predicted.
ASHEVILLE, N. C., May 17.—The arrival of about 25,000 visitors annually in Asheville is to be augmented by several thousands this summer, say officials of the Board of Trade and directors of several Southern railroads.

The houses about this summer will be in charge of Col. P. G. Bowman. Hilliard Booth, author and playwright, who recently won the \$1,000 Reginald Howland trophy prize, has bought a bungalow here and with his family will pass the season here.

Mr. and Mrs. George Vanderbilt, whose estate "The Biltmore" is located not far from the Battery Park Hotel, are in London and Paris, but are expected to return to Asheville in the summer. The addition to the Country Club will be completed about July 1. Secretary of the Navy Daniels in a letter said he would make every effort to be present in Asheville for the Fourth of July celebration.

Newlyweds are numerous in Asheville. A couple from Havana, Cuba, came here to spend the first weeks of their honeymoon. They were Mr. and Mrs. George Young. Another couple on their honeymoon were Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Moore of Hot Springs, Ark.

Mr. John Bushcamp of London is visiting Mr. and Mrs. William Coleman. He came here directly from Orlando, Fla. New York arrivals at the Battery Park Hotel recently include "Freckley" Williams, A. B. Kearney, H. S. Freer, G. A. Shade, H. B. Todd, George S. Camp, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Lowry. Others here are John Schumacher and Jesse T. Dingee of New York. In two and a half hours fishing the New Yorkers landed eleven trout and salmon. Among others caught were returned with good reports of the sport are Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Milton and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Milton, who brought in fifteen salmon and trout, averaging about three pounds in weight. Fred Webster, Stephen Whitney and F. D. Webster also had good luck, their largest salmon weighing eight pounds and the largest trout 5 1/2 pounds.