

## THE SIMPLE LIFE IN GOTHAM'S WOODS

Deer-Trailed Forests Within Ten Miles of New York's City Limits—Rural Simplicity of Nearby Long Island—Experiences of a Chicago "Open Air Friend."

Special Correspondence.

New York, July. —Camping out in the wilds of Greater New York is a pastime the greater idea of which suggests amusing contrasts. That it is possible to leave behind the roaring metropolis, with its marble canyons and its millions of inhabitants, and in the course of an hour's journey become veritably lost in forests where the trout are snapping at dragon flies and where the wild deer are running among their primeval haunts, may seem incredible to anyone in the south or west who reads the periodic statement that New York is fast becoming the greatest city in the world. The fact is, however, that the smoke of the great city as it sweeps eastward to the sea, passes over vast solitudes that embrace untracked woods and unbridled streams.

The recent experience of one of Chicago's most prominent lawyers, who found it necessary to be in New York on business that required his attention every two or three days for about two weeks, strikingly illustrates these contrasts. The Chicagoan is what might

be called an "open air man" and, as the weather was insufferably hot and he had little desire for the ordinary run of overcrowded summer resorts or beaches, and a roof-garden existence did not appeal to him, he expected to have rather a stuffy time of it. A friend who took luncheon with him rallied him on his despondency. The man from Illinois explained the cause. "You see," said he, "I have always been a believer in the way the English have of dropping their work and getting out into the open for two or three days. Over there they take a rowboat and a small camp outfit on Friday afternoon or Saturday and go away up the Thames over Sunday. So common is the practice, that for several miles up the river the banks are dotted with little white tents that spring up every Saturday and disappear Monday morning. I often spend the weekend in that way about Chicago. But what chance has a man in this part of the country, which seems thickly built up all over?"

"I have a camp outfit; borrow it and try your luck down on Long Island," suggested the New Yorker. The westerner jumped at the chance, though, as he confessed, with little expectation that he should find a place that would appeal to a veteran woodsman. He rolled a flannel shirt, old trousers, extra clothes, blanket and tent all into a rubber poncho, making an almost incredibly small bundle, while his cooking outfit, revolver, lantern, fishing tackle and other accessories were compressed into a suit case. Then he boarded a Long Island railroad train, rode out along the South Shore for about 27 miles, jumped off at a station bearing the picturesque name of Wanaque and disappeared with a long breath of relief into some thick woods.

The nature-loving Chicagoan went rustling through the woods, noting the varieties of trees, birch, oak and maple, with the eye of a connoisseur. Until, after a short tramp, he came upon a pretty little brook flowing gently between its wooded banks. Here he pitched his tent, and here he set about preparing his own dinner. His poncho package and his suit case appeared to be veritable magic bags, from which he produced an astonishing variety of food and cooking utensils which he handled with great dexterity, and soon had a fine meal prepared. Then he leaned his back against a tree, and, with the aid of a pipe and book, proceeded to enjoy the solitude. Once or twice a railroad train rumbled by in the distance, but otherwise the silence was as unbroken as if he were in the heart of a wilderness. All night the Chicagoan, wrapped in his blanket, slept like a ground hog who has seen his shadow.

It would not be altogether interesting to note in detail how the Chicagoan spent his week as he related the thing to his friend on his return. He was astonished, on waking up one morning, to spy a full-grown deer drinking at the stream, and astonished again, after casting a random eye in the stream one evening, to have it taken by a good-sized trout. He caught several of these weighing from half a pound to a

pound, and they helped out his routine provisions in fine shape. Occasionally the Westerner visited a farm house near his camp and purchased milk, eggs or even a chicken, but only once during the week did he descend upon the village again. The occasion was a certain morning when he appeared in the general store and asked for "a quart of corn meal, a cup of flour, two tablespoonsful of sugar, two teaspoonsful of baking powder and one of salt, all mixed in together."

"Hey!" gasped the astounded storekeeper, thinking the customer a madman. The Westerner explained that he was camping and had been smitten with a sudden appetite for corn pone—a delicacy which, he declared, he was competent to cook himself.

A great deal of the time the camper spent in wandering over the country, and it was on one of these occasions that, as he subsequently expressed it, he discovered Jerusalem. Striking out of the woods, he came upon a quaint, sleepy, little white village of brick cottages, the inhabitants of which were attired in Quaker garb. The Westerner learned that the name of the place was Jerusalem, and indeed it looked old enough to have been the original.

Set in a grove of trees in the village the explorer found a clapboarded, white-washed, "meeting-house." It had been one of the first buildings erected, when the settlement had been established, over 100 years ago. While trying to get into the church, he discovered an old Quaker pair who had celebrated their golden wedding anniversary several years ago. "Just this wish to go inside!" asked the old woman. When he replied in the affirmative, she reverently unlocked the door, threw open the blinds and let a flood of sunshine into the dust-covered interior. Everything was as it had been a century back.

A great partition divided the meeting-house into two large compartments, one for men and one for women. There was a big wood stove for cold weather on either side, and tin candle hangers were ranged along the walls. The Westerner thought of some of the gorgeous modern temples of religion and smiled.

For the second week he changed his camp to the shore of one of the bays that traverse Long Island's south coast. He hired a catboat from one of the natives and lived in it by day and slept at night in camp on the shore. The young bluish called "snappers" were now the sport of his rod, and he found that when fried in bacon grease they were all that an epicure could desire.

"Well," demanded the Gothamite friend, when the westerner returned, sun-browned and hearty-looking, at the end of the fortnight.

"Well, I succeeded in losing myself in some real country and getting loose from the city," replied the camper, "and I think I have more respect for the east now than I ever had before. I did have to slip into town twice on business, but I didn't mind because the railroad journey was only about an hour. Your country about here is certainly the healthiest of the city limits," replied the Gothamite.

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