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GAME PLENTY IN DEAD RIVER

Proprietor Look of The Sargent Installing Electric Lights.

Dustis, Dec. 1915.

To the Editor of Maine Woods:

I have heard it said that the Dead River country was losing its charm for the sportsmen and that game was not so plentiful as it was a few years ago, but I can't agree with the fellow that makes any such talk and if he had been at The Sargent for the past two weeks and seen the game unloaded from the buckboard coming from King & Bartlett, Blakelee, Round Mountain, Jim Pond, etc. he would go way back and sit down. Thirty-five deer have gone from here in the past ten days and quite a goodly number have been killed within a mile of the hotel.

Eight good fellows and sports of the order that get what they are looking for, went from The Sargent this morning on their way home and 14 deer were what they had to show an a fine lot they were. Several in the bunch would weigh from 160 to 190 pounds and there are a goodly number of parties yet in the woods and I am quite sure they have their number. So when the season closes for the year I think the number of all kinds of game will come up to any previous year.

The buckboard from King & Bartlett has just come and another bunch of deer, six of them, and while we were eating supper a telephone from one of the party comes that a large bear had been captured.

But a few more days and the season will be over and I hate to believe it for those evenings of fun and story telling will be over, but the many happy ones that have returned with their trophies, I am sure will be back another year and bring their friends with them, and we shall try and make The Sargent better than ever and I am sure they will appreciate the electric lights we are now putting in and so I will hope to see all our old friends again next year and, wishing them a happy and prosperous one,

AQUARIUM IS NOW WELL FILLED

All But One of Compartments Put In Use.

All but one of the eight compartments of the big aquarium at the State House are now filled. Many specimens arrived Wednesday for the aquarium and were placed therein by Curator James. Among them were 50 year-old and two-year-old trout an' salmon from the Lake Auburn hatchery, six of the famous Albino salmon from the Camden hatchery and 12 two-year-old trout from the same hatchery. Superintendent John Stanley accompanied the fish from the Auburn hatchery while those from the Camden hatchery were accompanied by General Superintendent of Hatcheries Arthur Briggs. The Albino salmon are very rare and are likely to attract the most attention of any fish that have thus far been placed in the aquarium.

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TOOTHAKER GETS PRIZE IN TRAP

The Mate Roaming the Woods Around Dallas

M. W. Toothaker has recently trapped a handsome Canadian lynx in Dallas. It was a large one and handsomely colored. He has also seen the tracks of another in that section.

He sold the pelt to J. W. Carleton, and they always command a good price.

Reports from various sections say that these animals are more plentiful than was ever known, in fact very few, if any, have ever been killed here.

Some confuse the bob cat with the Canadian lynx but they are a distinctly different animal.

PAIR OF FOXES GO TO NOVA SCOTIA

Moosehead, P. E. I. Silver Black Fox Co. Declare Dividend.

(Special to Maine Woods.)
Greenville, Me., Dec. 21, 1915.

At a meeting of the directors of the Moosehead—P. E. I. Silver Black Fox Co., Ltd., held at the office of the company in Greenville, the 20th inst., an annual dividend of 23% was declared.

The company has disposed of two pairs, of the increase of 1915, to the Hub Fox and Fur Exchange, of Truro, N. S., the balance of 2½ pairs to be added to the ranch, thereby reducing the capitalization.

This industry of domestic fox farming, which has been carried on very successfully in the Maritime Provinces, especially Prince Edward Island, for a number of years, is now extending to this State, to the extent of upwards of a dozen ranches who are breeding the best silvers.

FINE CHRISTMAS TREES GROW IN MAINE.

The Christmas trees which were recently shipped through Bangor and from other parts of Maine are now attracting much attention in the big cities and inspiring articles in the newspapers. In Philadelphia particular mention is made of the fine trees from Maine, one paper stating that only 127 carloads have arrived, which is about 125,000 trees short of last year's supply. Dealers who opened this week did a good business, though their prices ranged all the way from \$2.50 to \$15 for the large cone-shaped, spready, balsam pines, which are so popular in eastern homes because they retain their green appearance and do not shed their needles for several weeks. Spruce pines, of which there is a scanty supply in that city, are slightly cheaper, and the small table trees can be bought from 75 cents to \$1.50.

Most of the trees for the Philadelphia market are from Maine and Vermont. On account of the war, shipments from Canada have been few. Only seven carloads of the bushy Canadian pines came to that city.

The scarcity of Christmas trees is attributed to the war and high duty, which made shipments from Canada virtually a negligible quantity, and to the inroads of the gypsy moth.



SOME LOBSTER STORY THIS

All Navigation Stopped and Diver Employed to Investigate.

(Special, to Maine Woods.)

Rockland, Me., Dec. 12.—Frank F. Trafton of Rockland had on exhibition at the Maine Central wharf Thursday afternoon, one of the largest lobsters seen in Rockland for many days. This is saying quite a lot too, for Rockland can boast of having some pretty big lobsters.

This lobster was caught on a trawl near Monroe's Island in Penobscot bay a short distance from Rockland by a fisherman who presented it to Mr. Trafton. It measured 24 inches in length, 4 1/2 inches across its back. It only had one claw, which was 14 inches long, eight inches wide and four inches through, and from its body to the end of the claw it measured 20 inches. It weighed 12 pounds and if it had had its two claws would have easily tipped the scales at 15 pounds.

It is very seldom a lobster of this size is caught, as the only way to get them is on a trawl, or sometimes they are caught in a scallop dredge while dragging for scallops.

The average lobster caught in a lobster trap weighs from two to three pounds. The largest lobster on record caught on the Maine coast was caught at Eastport about four years ago which weighed 20 pounds.

We have heard of a lobster caught at Westport, Maine, that beats this all to a "frazzle" (although we will not vouch for it as being true.)

Sometime ago when a drawbridge connected Woolwich with Westport, navigation was held up for two or three days. Vessels could not get up or down the river, some unknown object was caught in the draw of the bridge.

After trying all kinds of schemes with grapplings and dynamite to clear the channel, a diver was sent for. It only took him a few minutes to discover the trouble. A lobster had started to crawl through the draw of the bridge and got his claw caught between the abutments in such a way that he could not get

through or back again.

A derrick was rigged and a chain put around him and probably one of the largest lobsters ever caught was taken from that bridge.

FATALITIES SEASON OF 1915

Kennebec Journal's Record of Hunting Accidents.

The hunting season of 1915 claimed its usual toll of victims in the "big woods" and elsewhere. The Journal as the season progressed kept a record of the accidents and fatalities reported, and, while doubtless many minor accidents were not reported to the press, the following will probably include most of them. The fatalities number 13, of which 12 was by gunshot wounds and one by drowning. The long list of other accidents show a variety of causes.

FATAL ACCIDENTS.

Oct. 9—Jules T. Oudemoulin of Red Bank, N. J., shot at Sebeois bridge by a hunting companion. Died Oct. 11 in Eastern Maine hospital, Bangor.

Oct. 20—Joseph Gonyer of Old Town, shot by accidental discharge of rifle of John Humatalampi, a hunting companion, who slipped and fell, in woods above Patten. Died on way out of woods.

Oct. 20—Vate L. Bearce of Abbot, shot for a deer by Edmund C. Ledger, a hunting companion. Died in four hours.

Oct. 27—John P. Dudley of Houlton shot by hunting companion at Prides Mills. Mistaken for a deer.

Nov. 4—Ashland Broad of Upper Kent, killed by the accidental discharge of his rifle, while climbing a fence.

Nov. 7—Joseph Baker of Chapman, killed by the accidental discharge of his rifle.

Nov. 9—John J. Hunt of Augusta, killed by accidental discharge of rifle while crossing fence in Manchester.

Nov. 15—H. H. Reitz of Oil City, Pa., killed by Harold Rhoades of the same place, a hunting companion.

Mistaken for a deer.

Nov. 17—Alden Quimby of Rumford, killed by Claude Clark. Mistaken for a deer, while hunting on Deer Mountain, Rangeley lakes.

Nov. 25—Mrs. Reuben Bartlett of Blanchard, killed by Malvin Bragdon, who mistook her for a deer, after she had been trying to deceive him into thinking so.

Nov. 25—Phillip Parker of Bangor, drowned in Pashaw lake, by overturning of canoe, while on a hunting trip.

Dec. 6—Robert N. Davidson of Blanchard, shot by accidental discharge of Eugene Kneeland's rifle while hunting in North Blanchard. Died Dec. 7 in hospital at Greenville.

Dec. 9—Charles Haskell of Stillwater, accidentally killed by Leonard Brooks, a hunting companion, in woods between Stillwater and Puslaw pond. Mistaken for a deer.

Dec. 11—Jay Gordon of East Franklin, shot in right arm by the accidental discharge of a shotgun. Arm will probably be amputated.

NON-FATAL ACCIDENTS.

The list of non-fatal hunting accidents is longer, as might be expected, than the list of fatalities. Some of these accidents were of a very serious nature, the parties being maimed for life, losing hands or legs, while still others suffered only the pain and inconvenience of bullet or shot wounds. We don't claim to have a complete list, but here is what we have gathered:

Oct. 13—Moses H. Libby of Sanford, while auto riding, shot in neck by boys hunting partridges.

Oct. 16—Albert Scott of North Vassboro, accidentally shot in leg by George Smith of same place, while hunting partridges in Bogbrook hill in Winslow.

Oct. 17—William Wesley of Hancock Point, accidentally shot in thigh with a 32-calibre bullet by a hunting companion. Eastern Maine Hospital, Bangor.

Oct. 16—George Grant of Belfast, accidentally shot in both legs by Louis Carter, while hunting partridges. Waldo Hospital, Belfast.

Oct. 21—Hume Pierce of Blaine, shot through foot by accidental discharge of own rifle while hunting.

Oct. 25—Mr. Foster of Texas, accidentally shot through hand by own rifle near Kennebeco. Hand amputated at Rangeley hospital.

Oct. 26—John Willett of Waterville accidentally shot in leg by wife, when packing up to return from Moxie, where they had been hunting.

Oct. 23—Burchard Look of Strong, cut in leg while cutting pole to carry a deer. Bell's hospital at Strong.

Oct. 27—Katherine Mello of Bluehill, shot through both thighs by heavy buckshot charge, fired by Gilman Blake at a muskrat or beaver, he not noticing the 7-year-old girl as she was running by to school. Hospital at Bangor.

Nov. 13—Frank Avery of Orono, two broken ribs, by falling into a hole when starting on a hunting trip.

Nov. 16—Maynard Metcalf of Rockland, lost left fore finger, leaning on his shotgun when it was discharged.

Nov. 22—J. E. Pahlquin of Westbrook, lost a finger, gun exploding when he tripped and fell, while hunting along the Presumpscot river in South Windscr.

Nov. 23—Eugene O. Kidder of Dixfield, shot twice, both legs, by Clinton Porter of Peru, also hunting near Kennebeco. Left leg amputated in Rumford hospital.

Nov. 29—Robert Jacobs of Augusta, accidentally shot through left lung by Louis Reidins, a boy hunting companion, at Cross Hill. Augusta General Hospital.

Nov. 28—John Thomas of Kingfield, a guide, accidentally shot in face by own rifle as he was preparing to go

hunting. Central Maine Hospital, Lewiston.

Dec. 2—Clarence Pease, face filled with powder and finger mangled by explosion of a shell while trying to extract it from loading tools. Finger amputated.

Nov. 25—Lionel Bowker of Sumner, rifle bullet through foot, accidental discharge.

Dec. 6—Alphonse Cote of Augusta, shot in right breast by stray rifle bullet while at work on Bank lot, Highland Plantation.

Three other accidents, the exact dates of whose occurrence are not at hand were:

Raymond Strout of Hull's Cove, near Bar Harbor, last week in November, accidentally shot through body by a hunting companion. Bar Harbor Hospital.

Gilbert Seavey of Waite, shot through foot by hunter while guiding near Tomah stream. Reported Nov. 25 in hospital.

Walter H. Robbins of Rockport, shot in left hand by accidental discharge of own gun while hunting in East Union, first week of December. Two fingers amputated.

A near-accident and an exceedingly close call was that of Harry W. Hill and party of Limerick on Nov. 13 when motoring to Sanford. A bullet fired by an unknown party shattered the wind shield and had it been a second later some of the auto party must have been hit.

C. BACILLUS HAS BEEN BANISHED AT SEBAGO LAKE.

Colon Bacillus has been banished for good and all so far as the waters of Sebago lake are concerned. In other words, Mr. Colon is now not even a semi-colon. He is non-existent, has disappeared, vamoosed.

General Colon, all the little Colons and the allied families of colons and semi-colons have been so effectually driven from their wet trenches in the waters of Sebago lake that the possibility of typhoid infection from that source is now absolutely out of the question.

This very desirable eradication of the colon forces has been brought about by the erection of a new sterilizing plant near the shores of Sebago lake. The plant is designed to purify the waters that come from the stream which runs through Sebago Lake village. Into the stream, all of the sewerage of the village is dumped as well as much other refuse. This in times past has been dumped directly into the lake.

No danger has really been felt from this, but there has always been the possibility that something extraordinary might happen. Typhoid might break out in the village of Sebago Lake, the colon bacilli carried into the stream in the drainage and thence into the waters of the lake. The outlet of the stream is fully a mile and a half from the intake of the Portland water district and there has been a sterilizing plant at the intake for a long time, but even with this precaution, the trustees of the district have decided to take no chances.

The new sterilizing plant on the village stream has now been erected at considerable cost and absolute purity for all the water at the lower end of the lake is now assured. In other words, there is absolutely no possibility of a colon bacilli getting into the intake of the water district from the lake.—Portland Press.

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ESTES AGAIN IN COURT

New Gloucester Woman Says She Loaned Him \$50.

Walter F. Estes of Gray, known as the "Modern Adam," who with his wife recently passed two months in the Maine woods in emulation of the well-known Joe Knowles, and who more recently was in legal trouble with alleged creditors in Lewiston, again came into the lime light at the civil term of the Portland Municipal Court Tuesday morning of last week, when he was sued by Alfreda Ryan of New Gloucester who desires to recover the sum of \$52, \$50 of which the plaintiff claims she loaned Estes on March 22, 1915, and \$2 in interest.

Assistant County Attorney John J. Devine appeared for Mrs. Ryan and as Gatchell & Hosmer of Lewiston who entered an appearance for Estes failed to appear in the case the defendant was called and defaulted.

HUNTER LOSES HIS TEMPER

A South Paris hunter had an experience in the north country woods of the kind which is likely to make a man curse the day he was born, says the Oxford Democrat. With a rifle in his hands which was new last year he got a beautiful shot at a handsome buck, and pumped one cartridge after another until the magazine was empty, and not one of them went. As if that was not enough, he later repeated the same performance, and still not a cartridge responded. Whereupon in his wrath, as is sometimes the way of man, he hurled the offending gun at a stump with all his might, and came near putting it entirely out of commission. Then he very properly went and picked it up and carried it back to camp. An examination of the gun with a glass showed that a little chip of something had got into it so that it held the hammer from striking the firing pin hard enough to explode the cartridge.

ELECT POOLER PRESIDENT OF THE HOTELMEN.

At the annual meeting of the Maine Hotel Proprietors' Association held in Portland December 6, officers were elected as follows: President, J. J. Pooler, Portland; vice president, F. L. Blinn, Brunswick; secretary and treasurer, W. T. Emerson, Augusta. It was voted to change the name of the association to the Maine Hotel Association. The time of the annual meeting was changed from the first Friday in February to the first Friday in December. The association will ask the American Hotel Proprietors' Association to assist in trying to have the summer school vacations lengthened.

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Fly Rod's Note Book

BY FLY ROD

St. Anthony's Cottage,

Phillips, Maine,
December 20, 1915.

It has come! "The good old-fashioned snowstorm," and the sleigh bells ring merrily at this glad Christmas time, which to one and all I trust will be a merry, merry, happy one, and that our dear Lord will bring joy to all hearts, and peace to all nations of the earth 'er the Christmas bells ring out another year.

From my window I can see a tall beautiful fir tree that has been brought from the near-by forest and placed in the church square for a "Community Christmas Tree," for here in this little New England village good will will be extended to all, and the echo of the Christmas carols taken by the wind over the hills.

It is a kind Providence that hides from us the future. How little do we dream of the joy or sorrow so soon to come into our lives, or that as we say "good-bye" to some friend, it is the last good-bye.

SANDY RIVER & RANGELEY LAKES RAILROAD TIME TABLE

In Effect, December 13, 1915.

FARMINGTON Passenger Trains leave Farmington for Phillips, Rangeley and Bigelow at 6:35 P. M., and for Phillips at 12:07 P. M. Passenger trains arrive from Phillips at 6:55 A. M. and from Rangeley, Phillips and Bigelow at 2:10 P. M.
Mixed train arrives at 9:35 A. M. and leaves at 11:00 A. M.

STRONG Passenger trains arrive at Strong from Phillips at 6:23 A. M., and from Phillips and Rangeley at 1:34 P. M., and from Bigelow at 1:15 P. M., and from Farmington at 12:37 P. M., and 1:47 P. M. Passenger trains leave Strong for Farmington at 6:23 A. M. and 1:37 P. M. For Phillips at 12:37 P. M. For Phillips and Rangeley at 5:47 P. M. For Bigelow at 2:00 P. M. and for Kingfield at 5:50 P. M.

Mixed Train arrives from Phillips at 8:45 A. M. and from Kingfield at 8:25 A. M., and from Farmington at 11:45 A. M. Leaves for Phillips at 1:40 P. M. and for Farmington at 8:45 A. M.

PHILLIPS Passenger Trains leave for Farmington at 6:00 A. M. and 1:15 P. M. For Rangeley at 6:15 P. M. Passenger Trains arrive from Farmington at 12:55 P. M. and 6:10 P. M. From Rangeley at 12:20 P. M. Rangeley 10:15 A. M.
Mixed Train leaves for Farmington at 7:30 A. M., Rangeley 1:20 P. M. and arrives from Farmington at 2:15 P. M.

RANGELEY Passenger Train leaves for Farmington at 10:40 A. M. and arrives at 8:00 P. M.
Mixed Train arrives from Phillips at 3:45 P. M. and leaves at 7:30 A. M.

SALEM Passenger Train leaves for Strong at 12:50 P. M. and for Bigelow at 2:38 P. M.

KINGFIELD Mixed Train leaves for Bigelow at 7:45 A. M. Passenger train leaves for Bigelow at 2:53 P. M. Mixed train arrives from Bigelow at 11:30 A. M., and passenger train arrives from Bigelow at 4:50 P. M. Passenger train leaves for Farmington at 12:30.

BIGLOW Mixed train arrives from Kingfield at 9:15 A. M., and departs for Kingfield and Farmington at 10:00 A. M. Passenger train arrives from Farmington at 3:43 P. M. and departs for Kingfield at 4:00 P. M.

F. N. BEAL, Gen'l Manager,
Phillips, Maine.

It was in my "Note Book" only a very short time ago I wrote of the happy hours spent at the hospitable home of Mr. George B. Bearce and son on Main street, Lewiston, but I had no thought it was a last "good-bye" to a friend of many years, as I shook hands with Mr. Bearce and he wished me a pleasant winter and told me he hoped to be among the first to visit Upper Dam next spring and I was grieved and shocked only a few days later to learn of his death in a Portland hospital December 10, where he had gone upon the advice of his physician. Mr. Bearce was born in Hebron 77 years ago on what is known as Maple Hill Farm, one of the best in that part of Maine. As a young man he helped plant many of the apple trees in that now well-known orchard. He married Miss Sarah E. Bartlett of Monmouth and for over 50 years they walked life's pathway together. Mr. and Mrs. Bearce were young people when they came to Lewiston to live, and that city were well-known, much loved and respected and Mr. Bearce became one of the most influential and prominent business men, ever deeply interested in the welfare of his city and state yet always refusing public office. As was said of him personally he had all the charm of a true lover of nature. Prompt in business, a good reader of human nature, quick to decision, immovable as are many men who have to fight their own way in the world, always genial and charitable. His chief avocation was that of a fisherman, and as a "gentle angler" I knew him best.

For years every hour he could spare from his strenuous business was devoted to the lakes and stream and in his home are some of the largest salmon and trout that tell of his skill with rod and reel, and his favorite fishing ground at Upper Dam. Then at "Camp Kirk" Mr. Bearce in early spring entertained friends, and later Mrs. Bearce was the charming hostess for weeks in summer time.

Not long ago he built a camp on Beaver Pond, called "Beaver Lodge," where since the death of Mrs. Bearce with his son and family he spent the summer season.

He was one of the little band of men, a coterie of experts who fish the "pool" just below Upper Dam. This congenial company of men

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changing but by death, and by the occasional inclusion of a new comer, comprises a proportion of the best fly fishermen in the world. No one can maintain a place in this famous old pool year by year who does not know the art, for in the swift water of the under current it is difficult. Here the biggest square-tailed trout in the world and many a big land-locked salmon have been taken on the fly. The list of men I have seen fish there are notable. "Gentle anglers," chivalrous, grave and silent men as a rule, but serene, clear-eyed full of humor, yet mighty serious in the struggle for "high line" of the pool, while they would share the last bit of tobacco, or supply one from their most expensive fishing tackle and always maintain the etiquette of the "pool," but they would never give up the secret of where they suspected the big trout and salmon were hiding.

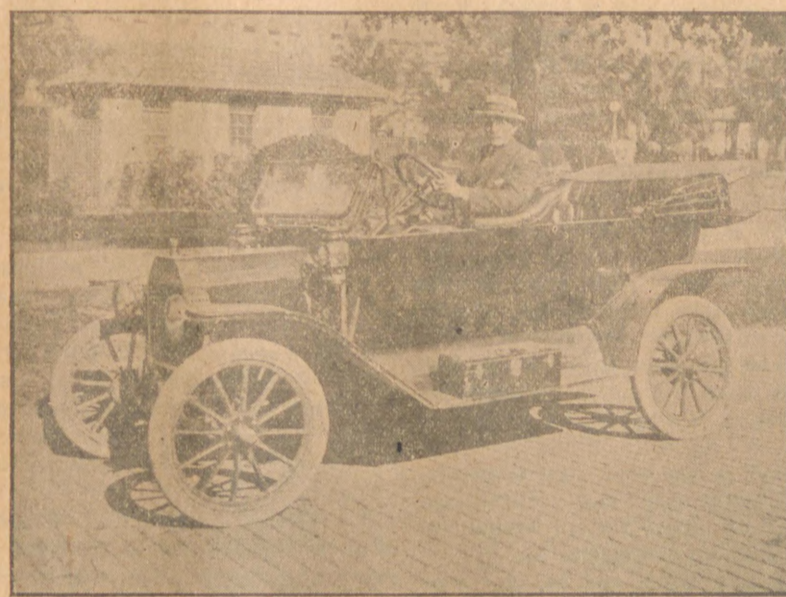
How memory goes back to that beautiful summer day a few years ago when Mr. Thomas Stewart, the veteran fisherman from New York died at John Chadwick's at Upper Dam where he had fished year after year. His family were there, as from the silent room of death six

and stops long enough at "the only log cabin railroad station in America" for the lumbermen and few travelers to get off, the mail bags are thrown on the platform and the conductor waves his lantern as he calls "all aboard" and goes on to Oquossoc, making the return trip the following morning.

From the copied report of Station Agent G. W. McLure at Bemis, I read an interesting account of the deer shipped from there from October 1 to December 16 inclusive. Just 60, and of this number only 11 of them were shot by hunters from out of Maine and it has been I think correctly said, "No deer is shot by a sportsman from out of Maine, who with what he pays for license, guides, etc., does not leave more than \$100 in the state," while many killed by local hunters only help to bring down "the high cost of living" for the one who gets the deer.

The following is the game shipment:

W. C. Stevens, Ridgelyville,	1	deer
W. H. Butterfield, Lewiston,	2	"
Thomas Ryan, Boston,	2	"
Arthur Lovejoy, Boston,	2	"
F. Baker, Philadelphia,		



CAPT. BARKER AND HIS "LITTLE FORD CAR."

brother fishermen of whom Mr. Bearce was one, carried their friend on their shoulders to the little steamer waiting on the shore. All was so still as the birds seemed to join in the music of the water rushing over the dam, in a funeral requiem, and Mr. Bearce with much feeling said to a friend, "when I die I hope that I may pass away here too, and be carried out like Mr. Stewart on the shoulders of the boys." But he lived to be one of the last of the band, for Mr. Parish, Mr. Lynch, Mr. Osgood and Mr. Howe crossed the silent river in advance.

All who knew Mr. Bearce have lost a true, kind friend, and he will not be forgotten when again the fishermen return to the "pool" and by his son, so much like the father, wife and little grandchildren he loved so well, he will be missed most of all, and heartfelt is the sympathy extended to them.

For more than a month there has been plenty of snow at Bemis and friends write the last storm was a fearful one.

Capt. Fred C. Barker is now in Florida on his usual winter vacation, and with his "little Ford car" is taking trips in all directions through the orange groves, by the seashore, and picking roses here and there. The Captain has a host of friends everywhere who will be delighted to greet him, and we hope the winter with the well earned holiday will be crowded with rest and pleasure for him. When the annual New York Sportsmen's Show opens in Madison Square Garden the Captain will be there, and home again in time to have everything in order when the ice goes out and the first fisherman comes to the Rangeleys.

Tom Piercy every Tuesday and Friday takes Uncle Sam's packages on a sled, the mail bags on his back and hikes it from Bemis to Upper Dam and back, for the lake is frozen over and the ice crop promises to be good and thick this year.

There is more going on at Bemis in winter than formerly, Cumming's mill has a big crew of men sawing thousands of cords of white birch to ship. The International Paper Company are loading hundreds of cars with "blocks" from the mountain-high pile in their yard near the mill.

Every night the train whistles in,

almost directly opposite the turn in the road to the Rangeley steamboat wharf near the bridge on the road to Mountain View.

The logs have been given by the Coe estate of which C. C. Murphy of Rangeley has charge. There is already a good sum of money pledged to carry on the work and as the finance committee consisting of the following well-known and able persons, all hotel proprietors: Lewis Bowley of Mountain View House, Mrs. F. B. Burns of Mooselookmeung House, Amos Ellis of Bald Mountain Camps, and Capt. Fred C. Barker of Hotel Barker and The Birches, the log church is already one of the sure and attractive new places of interest in the Rangeley region. We are informed work is soon to commence cutting logs, and that it is to be finely built and handsomely finished and furnished, well heated and lighted so that there will be services during all the year.

We hope it will be ready to dedicate in early summer and congratulate those who have done such good work, and the people living in that section in their new church, which is to be a very fine one.

The many friends of Mrs. Amos Ellis of Bald Mountain Camps will be glad to know she is on the sure road to recovery from her recent serious surgical operation, and hope she will be able to leave the hospital in Rangeley village, where she has been for several weeks, in time to have a merry, happy Christmas with her family.

No more hunting until the first of next October. Until then the deer are safe to roam our forest, although there are thousands less than when the hunting season opened. Leon F. Timberlake of Portland writes me, he shot a fine 8-point buck in the Kezar lake region the last day of open season.

It is now time for the ladies whose husbands are anglers to make them a Christmas present of a new fishing



ST. ANTHONY'S COTTAGE, TAKEN SEVERAL YEARS AGO.

rod. One can buy a perfect beauty for \$50, no more than many will spend for their winter hat, and the rod will be not only "a thing of beauty" but a "joy forever" and the hat will be in style only a season.

Someone truly said, "We are all travelers in the wilderness of this world, and the best that we find in our travels is an honest friend, and as I stand this winter morning at the open door of my cottage home way down here in Maine, the message I whisper to the wind as it blows over the snow, and across the land, is one of thanks for the many, many kind words spoken and sympathy and remembrances from true friends, God bless you all, and a merry, merry Christmas greeting. May the New Year bring many joys and blessings, that you dream not of, to you dear friends.

Fly Rod.

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We extend a "Merry Christmas"
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**DECREASE IN
SHIPMENTS**

**How Moose Declined--Warden
Says Close Time Will Help Out
Big Game.**

Statistics of shipments of game from the Maine woods through Bangor gathered in the Commercial files from 1903 to 1915 show that the number of deer handled in Bangor has decreased, especially during the last five years. Once in a while, there would be a year of plenty immediately after a lean year, but as a rule, the decline has been fairly regular. With moose, there has been a steady decline, less animals having been shot each year of which records have been compiled.

Shipments of deer in 1903 through Bangor station totalled 4,557 deer and 217 moose.

In 1904, 4,234 deer and 215 moose.
In 1907, 2,477 deer, 170 moose and 40 bears.

In 1910, 3,412 deer, 102 moose and 24 bears.

In 1912, 3,180 deer, 44 moose and 36 bears.

In 1913, 2,437 deer, 54 moose and 16 bears.

In 1914, 2,442 deer, 80 bears and 65 moose.

Some idea of how the receipts for this year will compare with those of the past three years may be obtained from a comparison of the following figures:

Receipts up to Nov. 16, 1912, 1352 deer, 44 moose, 36 bears.

Receipts up to Nov. 17, 1913, 1141 deer, 28 moose and 12 bears.

Receipts up to Nov. 16, 1914, 1026 deer, 21 moose and 56 bears.

Receipts up to Nov. 16, 1915, 1132 deer, 59 bears.

It can be seen that the receipts are larger this year than they were a year ago this time, about the same as they were two years ago, and considerably less than three years ago. The decrease during the past few years can be accounted for in part by the automobile shipments, of which but few deer are counted as received in or shipped from Bangor.

There was no denying, according to well informed authorities, that game is on the decrease in the woods of Maine, and the game receipts above tabulated are evidence of this. A well-known Maine game warden remarked Tuesday that he could remember back in war times when farmers would kill deer off by the hayrack load. They would go into the woods when there was a crust on the snow and the deer, unable to move swiftly under such circumstances, could easily be killed. Only the saddles would be shipped to Boston, and little care was manifested in what became of the rest of the carcass.

"Yet there are people who will claim that there is no need of putting a close time on moose" said this warden on being shown the above figures. "I know that there is need for a close time on moose and that to prohibit shooting them will serve to increase their numbers, for it has worked out the same way before. Thirty-five or so years ago, there

was a close time on moose, imposed by the legislature when the lawmakers realized that the big game was on the way to extinction. This close time resulted in a steady increase in the moose and they again became numerous. I think that the present prohibition of moose shooting will also result in the same way.

**ASSOCIATION TO
HAVE BIG MEETING**

Friday, January 14th Is the Date
and Augusta Is the Place.

Officers of the Maine Sportsmen's Fish and Game Association have completed arrangements for the annual meeting which will be held at Augusta, Friday, January 14th. The program includes for one of its principal features an illustrated lecture on fish culture by A. H. Dinsmore of St. Johnsbury, Vt., a former Maine man and government expert who has had some remarkable experiences in fish propagation in various parts of the west.

The meeting will be an all-day affair, beginning with a business meeting in the hall of representatives at the state house at 10 a. m. The early afternoon will be devoted to discussion of several important questions. The three principal ones are the need of game propagation in Maine, the necessity of increasing the warden service, and the resident hunter's registration.

Men connected with Maine sporting interests have come to the conclusion that the time has arrived when we must go into game propagation as we have with fish propagation. The latter, which gets for its support two-thirds or more of the state appropriation, has been very successful. Other states are now raising game birds, and unless we lag behind we must take up the matter too.

The association has not yet dropped the resident hunter's registration, which was defeated in the last legislature, but which men best qualified to know still consider would be a great benefit to fish and game interests with practically no restriction on the hunter.

Mr. Dinsmore's lecture will be at 4.30 in the representatives' hall, and will be open to the public. "The Camp Fires of a Fish Culturist" is a story in all its details of the propagation of trout in the Rocky Mountain country, with all the human interest experiences that go with years of camp life spent in the work. Born and brought up a photographer the illustrations are largely Mr. Dinsmore's own work, and include a series of slides which illustrate the life history of trout, photographed under water.

Mr. Dinsmore is a Dover man who began by hatching trout and salmon in his cellar. He went into the government service as a laborer, and rose from there to the position of superintendent. In 1901 he went into the Black Hills and Rocky Mountain country, and in 1901-2 and 3 had charge of first propagation work in Yellowstone Park. In 1905 he did similar work in the Colorado Rockies, and from 1906 to 1912 had charge of all the government salmon work in the Puget Sound Region.

In the evening at 8.00 there will be a banquet at the Augusta House, with informal addresses by men prominent in the state. The meeting should be largely attended, for the association has taken in nearly a hundred new members during the year. This is the "off" year, inasmuch as the legislature is not in session but nevertheless a big meeting is looked for.

**HUNTERS REPORT
LYNX NUMEROUS**

Four hunters, returning from an extended cruise through the Swift River country, report that Canadian lynx are numerous and killing many deer all through the "big woods." That the deer are unusually wild and restless as a result.

Clinton Savage, who accompanied Perley Cushman brought out a small buck, while Lieut. J. W. Hanson who has been spending his vacation with his brother at Granite Falls, carried home a large doe, Thursday.

**FEEDING TIME
AT THE ZOO**

**Air of Restlessness in Cages Before
Supper.**

Scores of children and hundreds of persons go to Burnet Park every afternoon to "watch the animals eat." Supper time at the zoo is an interesting hour.

All the afternoon recently the animals were restless. The big black bears roamed constantly about their inclosures and stretched upright against the containing wire. The wolves turned nervously back and forth in their narrow cages.

The big mottled hyena snarled a welcome and the foxes poked inquiring muzzles through the wire of their cages at the first sign of a movement in the outer door of the building. Only the buffalo, elk, deer and goats, pasturing in outside yards were quiet. They had been fed their daily rations of hay and grain during the morning. The other animals were hungry.

Three Men Prepare Meals.

In a little building nearby, J. P. Mills, the man who cares for the zoo, and two assistants worked all the afternoon preparing huge quantities of food for the daily meal. Bushels of potatoes, carrots and other vegetable were sorted and sliced. Dozens of bananas and pecks of apples were cut up. Several loaves of bread were sliced and broken. Great chunk of meat were cut into small pieces and the bones placed in piles. The backbone was taken out of a huge lake trout and the meat cut into long slices. A rabbit was selected for the numbers in one of the cages and killed.

The food was sorted into a dozen different combinations and placed on plates of different sizes. Supper was ready.

The bears were given huge pans of moist bread in which carrots and a small quantity of other vegetables were hidden. With satisfied grunts they buried their muzzles in the big pans. One little fellow was robbed of the greater quantity of the meal by a big neighbor in the next cage, who put both front paws through the wire.

The pans of meat were taken into the building where the wolves and foxes were kept and then pandemonium broke loose. The animals flashed back and forth against their cages, snarling, and the moment the food was thrust within reach they fell upon it with satisfied whines. The foxes leaped clear to the top of their cages and fell back repeatedly. They quarreled among themselves with short staccato snarls for the possession of the meat.

The lynx, the big hyena, the coyotes and the civet tore viciously at their portions.

Blue Herons Get Trout.

The big blue herons, who were given chunks of the lake trout in pans of water, stabbed lightning-like at the morsels, to the peril of the fingers which handed them their food. The big majestic king vulture took a chunk of flesh in his beak and retreated to the far corner of his cage. Three monkey-faced owls, with white faces like the two halves of an opened clam, were given the entire body of a freshly killed rabbit.

The other creatures had a menu of vegetables and fruit. The long, white-tipped quilled African porcupines, the little black skunk, the long-nosed Mexican ant bear, a black woodchuck, sleek raccoons and gray squirrels and a multitude of less savage rabbits, guinea pigs and white mice were given carrots, corn, potatoes and bread. Some, like the skunk, had a little meat.

A host of monkeys ate bananas and brilliantly colored red, blue and green parrots cried harshly as they pecked at seeds.—The Post Standard, Syracuse, N. Y.

Big Fellows.

Big fellows with fine futures ahead, men possessed of pride and self-respect, have something better to do than polish bar rails. If they have odd minutes, they create, play clean games, walk and talk with children and wives and distribute happiness.—Health Culture.

**NOTES FROM
ALL AROUND**

Game Warden B. E. Smith, who is doing inspection work in the vicinity of Oakland, reports the payment of a fine of \$5 by D. Wheeler for killing a gray squirrel in close time.

One never saw a more beautiful brown trout than the splendid big fellow that swims contentedly in one of the tanks of the new State aquarium. The museum has been visited by nearly all the State House folks within the last two days and everyone is delighted with the handsome specimens of Maine's sport fish which Curator James has already placed in the aquarium. The exhibit is not half completed yet, but the specimens of square tail, landlocked salmon, lake trout and brown trout are enough to prove its success and bring forth many expressions of praise. The land-locked salmon and brown trout came from Lake Auburn.

George E. Fletcher and Thomas Bennett were out in the vicinity of Togus recently for a few hours and while there tried the ice fishing on Togus pond. Their catch was not very large, being limited to one pickerel and the same number of yellow perch, but the pickerel was a good one and is said to have weighed two pounds. Pickerel are said to be taking the hook well up at Spectacle pond, on the line between Augusta and Vassalboro, and a few days ago two Augusta young men made a pilgrimage to that pond and brought home a string of 18 pickerel.

The finest specimen of buck deer to be taken into Portland this season was one with 21 points, on the antlers, and shot at Pierce Pond, Somerset county, by Frank W. Richardson, a grocer of South Portland.

One of the most striking instances of hunter's luck in the vicinity of South Paris this fall is the case of Mrs. Stanley L. Pratt of East Oxford, who shot a ten-point buck only a few rods from her home one morning last week.

For the first time in about a year comes the report to the fish and game department of the presence of caribou in the state. Thursday morning, a week, the report received at the fish and game department from Earl Hughey, a guide at Lowelltown, contains this notation upon the back: "I saw a fine bull caribou about a month ago, about four miles from here."

Bert H. Rolfe and Bert Rand of Winter Harbor were in the city Monday on their way to Moosehead lake. They intend to remain in the woods until they get a deer, staying until the time limit expires if necessary.

A shipment of 52 cans of yearling salmon from Monmouth hatchery passed through Bangor, Monday afternoon for the United States hatchery at Green Lake.

**C. W. WHITE HAS WONDERFUL
HORSE.**

C. W. White, steward of the Nico-taus club, at Nico-taus lake, an organization of wealthy New York and Philadelphia men, was in the city Friday on a visit and says that more deer have been shot in the vicinity of the lake this year than for several years past. He has knowledge of over 50 deer shot there this year.

Mr. White has one of the most wonderful horses in the world, Barney, who, according to Mr. White, knows more than a great many men, when it comes to finding his way in the woods unaided. Mr. White has occasion to go from his camp at the lake to Burlington and in so doing, it is more convenient for the horse to go through the woods alone, thereby saving Mr. White a walk of nine and a half miles. Barney can go four and a half miles to the dam without any guidance, along a narrow toe path, with several logging roads branching off that would mix up the most expert woodsman.

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**CANDIDATES FOR
COMMISSIONER**

**Thompson and Perkins Both Want
Position**

Before the year closes it is expected that Gov. Curtis will name a successor to Henry D. S. Woodbury of South Portland as Commissioner of Sea and Shore Fisheries.

There are two active candidates for this berth in Lincoln County and there is much interest manifested in all the coast counties of the State as to which will be the lucky one.

The candidates are Capt. John A. Thompson of Southport, well known as a steamboat commander, who knows the whole Atlantic seaboard of the United States like the alphabet, and James R. Perkins of Boothbay Harbor, county attorney for Lincoln county and active politician.

Both candidates are well known throughout the county and both are prominent in their respective towns. Each has secured a large indorsement, and have their personal friends who are working in their behalf. Capt. Thompson used to be a fisherman in his younger days and claims to know something about fishing laws today. Mr. Perkins was born and brought up in a community where the fish business has been one of the principal industries and also claims to know something about fish culture and protection.

The position carries a salary of \$2,000 and is generally considered a plum well worth going after. The next meeting of Gov. Curtis and Council has been postponed from Dec. 29 to the 31st, at which time, it is expected the Governor will announce his appointment for the berth.

**PLANS TO VISIT
MAINE AGAIN**

Providence, R. I.,
Dec. 21, 1915.

To the Editor of Maine Woods:
Inclosed find \$1 for another year's subscription to the Maine Woods. While I have not had the opportunity to visit Maine for some years I like to sit in my den and read and imagine that I am once again an actor in the scenes portrayed in your paper and make plans to go up to Maine again.

Wishing you the compliments of the season I am,

Yours respectfully,
W. A. Schofield.

JAPAN FISHING NATION

Reports just compiled show that Japan is the leading fishing nation of the world in the number of people who make their living from fishing in the relative importance of fisheries in domestic economy, in the ingenuity and skill of the people in devising fishing apparatus, in the preparation of fish and in the interest shown by the Government in promoting fisheries.

It is estimated that one person in 20 in the entire empire is more or less of a fisherman. Fish appear in some form on the table of every Japanese family daily, if not at every meal. The annual value of water products is over \$30,000,000. Half a million boats are engaged in fishing, of which 18,000 are more than 30 feet long. Almost a million men are professional fishermen and 1,400,000 more give part of their time to fishing and the rest to farming or other pursuits.

A thousand species of fish have already been identified in Japanese waters and almost every one of them is wholesome and most sought after is the shark, which the western people have never learned to eat. Dogfish, a member of the shark family, found along the north Atlantic coast would never be permitted to go uncaught in Japan, and even the octopus is a table delicacy. Much fish is eaten raw.

The prominence of fisheries is attributed to the encouragement of officials who have studied the fishing industries of the United States. The Imperial Fisheries institute at Tokio is one of the finest in the world.

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HUGH PENDEXTER PRAISES BOOK

From Hugh Pendexter of Norway, a Maine writer of considerable note, comes a high tribute to the Maine club women's book. Mr. Pendexter is well-known as a writer of short stories in magazines and has gained prominence by his publication of boys' books, notably the series called "The Modern Woodsmen." Mr. Pendexter says of "Maine in History and Romance:"

"I think the idea of preserving the papers in permanent form a most excellent one and should enjoy seeing an annual volume along similar lines. With so much to be written about embryo Maine the Federated clubs can do valuable service in research work. Historical accuracy in narration; rather than any venturing into romance, would, of course, accent the value of such an annual publication.

"It was the average settler who gave backbone to this northeast end of the nation and it is in the activities of his life I find my inspiration. For example, one of my great-great-grandmas, left alone with her children, was visited by a bear and she met the occasion and killed him with an axe. Possibly the bear wouldn't have harmed her, but he intruded and

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JERSEY TRAPPERS EXPECT A HARVEST

Professional Hunters Out for 'Coons, Skunks and 'Possums.

The extent of the trapping industry in New Jersey is not recognized generally. In Red Bank alone there are scores of men who during the season do nothing else for a livelihood but trap and shoot. The upper part of the North Shrewsbury River is perhaps one of the best trapping grounds in Monmouth County for muskrats. There are hundreds of acres of low meadow land which furnish excellent food for the "rats." Besides the roots of polytops, of which muskrats are very fond, there are other edible roots which form a large part of the muskrats' fodder. There are also innumerable fresh water mussels in Swimming River at the head of the Shrewsbury River, and these likewise furnish a good supply of food for the "rats."

Preparations for the trapping season have been under way for some weeks.

Some of the trappers live on houseboats anchored in the river during the trapping season, while others live in crude huts built along the shores of the various trapping streams throughout the State. Most of the trapping this winter will be for muskrats. The narrow ditches cut through the meadows by the mosquito-killing machines make fa-

vorite runs for the "rats." Traps will be set in the ditches, and by reason of the narrow cuts trapping will be made much easier. While steel traps are mostly used for mink and skunk, box traps will be employed for muskrats. These traps are set at the bottom of the ditches, and reeds and brush are piled on top. When the muskrat meets this obstruction in his path he dives to the bottom of the ditch in an attempt to get under the obstruction, instead of climbing over it. He enters the trap, and, being unable to extricate himself, he drowns.

prices will jump to twice this amount. Black muskrat hides will be much higher. Mink hides are very valuable, ranging anywhere from \$7 to \$9 each, according to size, color, and quality. It is estimated that to manufacture an ordinary overcoat of nothing but mink hide would cost from \$700 to \$900 a coat. 'Possum hides are worth this year from \$1 to \$3 each. Skunk skins are not prime yet. At present they are priced at from \$3 to \$4 a hide. These fur-bearing animals are plentiful this year, and fashion has made the fur desirable. This year there is even

been proved that the little woodchoppers have become troublesome. Recently three additional proclamations were issued. The first declares an open season on beaver from Dec. 20, to Jan. 20, 1916, in that part of the North Branch of Presque Isle stream, so-called, which lies in Township 11, Range 4, Chapman plantation, and in the town of Mapleton, Aroostook county. The second declares an open season on beaver from Dec. 20, to Jan. 20, 1916, on Matherson brook, from Matherson pond to the bridge across said brook and on land within 10 rods of said brook between said pond and said bridge, in Township 9, Range 5, Aroostook county. The third declares an open season on beaver from Dec. 20, to Jan. 20, 1916, in Township 1, Range 4, W. K. R., Bowton, so-called; in Township 1, Range 6, E. K. R., Indianpond Town, so-called and in Township so-called, all in Somerset county.



Courtesy of M. C. R. R.

WILDERNESS WANDERERS

Several fur dealers have arrived in Red Bank. They buy skins from the trappers and sell them to fur retailers in New York, Newark, and cities in Pennsylvania. One of Red Bank's largest fur dealers is Louis Tannenbaum. He estimates that he buys from 1,200 to 1,800 skins annually. Aaron and Martin Marx of Shrewsbury are also in the fur-buying business. They likewise carry on an extensive trapping business of their own. Joseph Miller of Eatontown is another dealer.

Forman Ayres of Little Silver is one of the few men in the business who dispenses with traps. He uses a 'eg.

Muskrat hides usually bring from 30 to 90 cents according to size, but this year it is believed that the

a price set on the skin of an ordinary house cat, so much in demand are skins of all kinds. Fur dealers are paying 30 cents each for these skins.

There are no otters in this part of New Jersey. The last one seen hereabouts was shot, according to tradition, about forty years ago in the swamp between Oceanport and Eatontown. An otter was shot near Lincroft some years before this, and the pond where the animal was shot is still known as the "otter hole."

BEAVER PROCLAMATIONS

The commissioners of inland fisheries and game have already issued several proclamations granting a short open season on beaver in given sections of the State where it has

IT'S LIKE THIS—SOMETIMES

When a drizzly rain is falling
And you shiver in the blind,
When the ducks are slow in coming
And you picture in your mind.

All the warmth and cheer and comfort
Of the home you left to make
This essay at fruitless hunting
On a duck-deserted lake,

Then you promise that you'll never
Be again so rank a fool
As to—Hark, a flock is coming,
Will it circle to your stool?

Sure, crouch low and let them settle,
Let them have it as they fly.
Gee, but life is worth the living
When the ducks are flying by.
—G. L. Gilman, in Minneapolis News.

Depth of Ignorance.
"How ignorant that woman is," said Mrs. Gaussip to her caller. "She and I went to the Zoo the other day, and I thought I would laugh outright when she called the giraffe a carafe. The joke of it was the animal wasn't a giraffe at all, it was a camomille."

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(Written for Maine Woods.)

By Eva M. Furbush

"Our beautiful Christmas tree is lighted with electric bulbs," said Mrs. Evans to her little daughter, Elsie, "but when I was a girl like you, I lived way down in Aroostook county, Maine, and my Christmas tree was a great green cedar about six feet tall, set up in the parlor and lighted up only by candles placed here and there, on the mantel piece, or by a large lamp on the marble center table."

"Tell me about it, mamma," pleaded Elsie, leaning on her mother's lap, and looking up earnestly into her eyes. Picture books were forgotten; blocks were uninteresting; dolls always had to take a back seat when mother started to tell about her girlhood days in Maine. It had been a long and beautiful day for Elsie, and as her bedtime was creeping near, mother thought it was a good opportunity to tell a story, no matter what its subject might be, so that tired little eyes might gradually close, and tired little hands, lay still in peaceful slumber.

"Well you see it was like this, Elsie," mother began, "we were a large family of brothers and sisters; one big tree held all our family gifts, so there was not really much room left for electric bulbs, even if we had owned any of such luxuries in those early days. Then, too, the shadows in our great parlor played all around our tree, the flickering candles throwing such wavy gleams over all our treasured gifts, and homemade decorations that it was real mysterious and Christmasy to sit in the stiff-backed horsehair parlor chairs, and watch the little shiny ornaments glitter now and then, and see the long strings of popcorn gleam all snowy-white against the dark green of the boughs. We had wonderful bags of candy showing through the meshes; we had candy canes, gingerbread dolls; fancy worked mottoes; rolls of print; books, new shoes, mufflers knit by mother's busy hands; shawls, caps, skates, doll—but the dolls were not much like yours, dearie."

"How did the dolls look, mother?" asked Elsie.

"Well, I remember one doll I had that was a 'nigger' doll, and she had a very classy outfit too. Her black cambric stuffed body was lank and shapeless, adorned with white lace-trimmed underwear and her dress was of dark blue wool goods, also her bonnet, and her face was charmingly handpainted by a clever dress-maker who had fashioned her clothes I think my aunt Sophia paid exactly two dollars for that doll, and to my mind she was just about as fine as could be."

"Would she say 'mamma' and 'papa' when you squeezed her?"

"No," laughed mother, "she was not at all up-to-date like your dolls, and never spoke even though

spoken to. Our Christmas day in Maine was not complete without a good snowball fight, a ride on our sleds, or a sleighride, if the snow was not too deep. Oh how the old bells used to jingle! Automobiles are pretty fine, but they have not yet invented one that will produce a thrill like the good old sleigh of olden days. When they get one that will slide along over the crusty snow with a jingle of merry bells, why then,—they will have invented something worth while. I guess, however, it would need old Dobbin's jogging steeple to put the right jangle into those bells."

"Did you like the snow, mamma?"

"Oh, yes, I loved it; we would make snow ice cream sometimes; put some clean white snow in a bowl, add several spoonfuls of sugar, a few drops of flavoring, and turn some sweet milk over the snow, then eat it with our spoons. 'Sugaring off' was another delicious time for us youngsters in the spring. Making snow men and forts out in the barn yard, shovelling wide paths to the barn and clothes yard, going to school after the Christmas holidays and telling of all the new gifts received, was only part of the glorious days of my childhood, and you little folks, nowadays, have no idea how much fun it is just to make up games to play, and not have everything bought for you out of a model department store, with a 'made in Germany' stamped on the back of it. A lot of us young folks would get a pung and ride to the Grange hall for a singing social, and each would bring a box of goodies to be opened for a feast. The boys and girls would dance for hours and the old folks would sit and watch and gossip harmless news. Sometimes my sister would play the old melodeon on Christmas eve and the whole family would gather round her, and sing heartily those dear old tunes, 'God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen,' 'There is no Place Like Home,' 'Blue-bells of Scotland' and others. There was a lullaby that my mother used to sing,—

"As I wandered round the homestead
Every dear familiar spot,
Seemed to bring to recollection,
Things I'd seemingly forgot.
There the orchard meadow yonder,
Here the deep old-fashioned well,
With its old moss-covered bucket,
Sent a thrill no tongue can tell."

Mrs. Evans bent and kissed the curly head lying on her shoulder, so deep in slumber that the last strains of the lullaby fell on silent ears.

DIFFICULTIES DO NOT STOP THE POETS.

Wakefield, Dec. 14, 1915.

To the Editor of Maine Woods:

I've lost my fountain pen, and this miserable rib I'm now using is N. G.—but that will not stop my cackle.

I'm seventy-five and still alive. My muse is hot, my soul is not; so sing I must or bust.

Heavy gale with light snow after deluge of rain.

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Yours cordially,

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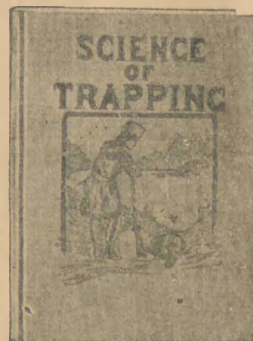
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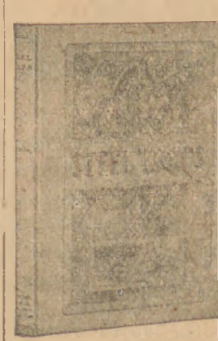
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NOTED ENGLISH TRAPSHOOTER SIDES WITH US.

There seems to be an impression among a few trapshooters that the game as practiced across the pond is much superior to the American way. They maintain that our game is "artificial," and that it does not even approach game shooting conditions. This may or may not be true it makes not a row of pins difference anyway. Trapshooting has entirely outgrown the state where it was simply preliminary practice for game shooting, until now it is a great national sport enjoyed by at least a half million shooters.

A couple of weeks ago I had the pleasure of spending an afternoon at the traps with Mr. W. P. Grosvenor, the prominent English trapshooter.

Mr. Grosvenor has spent several weeks in this country. He shot over the traps of a number of prominent clubs, which gave him an excellent opportunity to size up the American game. I quote a paragraph or two from a short article he wrote on the subject:

"I would first like to say that owing to the wonderful runs of kills made by your shooters, which we hear of in England from time to time, many of us clay bird shooters have the impression that your general conditions are much easier than ours, otherwise the runs of two and three hundred kills would not be made. My own opinion, however, now is that your conditions are at least equally difficult, and that the long runs are to be accounted for to a great extent by the fact that the stance and methods of your scratch men have been developed to such a high degree. I get a certain percentage of misses which I am convinced would be increased by the American style and which I therefore shall try to acquire in the near future."

I was glad of having the opportunity to meet Mr. Grosvenor several times during his visit to this country, and also to shoot with him. He is a gentleman and a sportsman in the truest sense of the words. After all, when you get right down to hard pan, there isn't much worth while not included in these two words.

R. McC., Janesville, Iowa.

1. Is there any advantage in the .22 hollow point over the ordinary .22 bullet?

Ans. The .22 hollow point cartridges are very effective for game shooting and I have often wondered why more of them are not used, that is, in proportion to the regular cartridge. Theoretically they are not quite as accurate as the others, but I have never been able to find any practical difference in their accuracy. If you want to find out just what effect .22 hollow point cartridges have on game take two fresh cakes of laundry soap and

shoot through one lengthwise with the .22 long rifle cartridge with the regular bullet, and shoot through the other lengthwise with the .22 long rifle cartridge loaded with a hollow point bullet. Be sure to get fresh soap as old dry soap is hard and brittle and does not give a proper test.

2. Will you please tell me some way to remove leading from a gun instead of using a wire brush?

Ans. Leading can be removed from a barrel by means of mercury. The method used is to cork up the breech, pouring in a quantity of mercury, and hold the finger over the end of the muzzle (or cork it up) then shake the mercury around thoroughly so that it will touch all parts of the barrel, keeping this up at intervals for possibly a half hour, then clean thoroughly with patches. Personally, I prefer the use of the brass bristle brush, as it does not harm the barrel, and is a much quicker and simpler method.

3. I would like to know where I can get the .22 semi-smokeless.

Ans. The .22 Lesmok or semi-smokeless cartridges can be secured at any well-stocked hardware or sporting goods store.

A. J. B., Milwaukee, Wis.

Give me your honest opinion as to which of the two shotguns is best, the Remington or Winchester? Don't say you would not buy an automatic, but give me your honest opinion.

Ans. It really is not fair for me to give my opinion as to the comparative merits of two competing makes of arms. The best way to decide is to get the catalogs of the two makes you mention, study them carefully, comparing them point for point, and then ask as many men as you can find who own the two models what their opinions of them are. With regard to the latter part of your question, some people seem to have the idea that because autoloading shotguns are extremely efficient for the purposes for which they are designed that therefore they should not be used, which reminds me of a man who did not want to use a sharp knife because he did not want to cut very fast anyway. If you take exception to the use of an autoloading shotgun, there is no logical reason why you should not go back to the brick-throwing stage of the hunting game.

W. T. F., Shelburn, Ind.

1. How many shots should be fired from a .32 caliber Savage Automatic pistol before the barrel begins to show wear?

Ans. It depends a great deal on the care the barrel receives. If cleaned properly I should say four to five thousand at least.

2. Can I get cartridges for the automatic Savage that are not metal patched?

Ans. No.

A. C. C., Abingdon, Md.

1. Will the Remington pump rifle handle the shot shell in the .44 Winchester center fire caliber?

Ans. Yes.

2. If it will, who can I send the barrel to get it smooth bored?

Ans. I do not know of anyone who could do this work at the present time.

3. If I have it smooth bored, how many yards will it shoot shot for sparrows, rabbits and small game?

Ans. The .44 shot cartridges are not very effective at over 25 yds. I should think you would rather use for the game you mention a .22 caliber repeating rifle.

4. After it is smooth bored, can I shoot a .44 rifle ball?

Ans. Yes, but the accuracy will be poor.

5. At what range will the ball

shoot true for big game?

Ans. Certainly not over 30 or 40 yards.

6. I have a last year's model pump gun. It shoots too close and too powerfully for rabbits and birds and such game around here. It has a good kick. The barrel is 32-inch, choked. If I do not sell it, what is your advice in cutting off the barrel? Will it kick harder with a shorter barrel? How much shall I cut off to make a good brush gun?

Ans. Do not cut off the barrel. The result will be very uncertain. The best thing to do is to have the barrel rebored at the factory to modified or cylinder.

P. D. Q., Jesup, Iowa.

I have a .22 HP Savage rifle. The barrel through neglect has become badly fouled, yet I do not think it is ruined. Can you give me through your "Target Tips and Hunting Helps" column a formula for cleaning the barrel?

Ans. The chances are that your barrel is rusted and pitted to such an extent that the metal fouling solution will not be of very much use. However, it will do no harm to try it. Here is the formula: Ammonium Carbonate, 200 grs.; Ammonium Hydrate, 6 oz.; Ammonium Persulfate, 1 oz.; distilled water, 4 oz. Fill the barrel entirely full of this mixture and allow it to remain about one-half hour, then clean the barrel, otherwise rust will follow.

J. H., Palmer, Mich.

Will you please give me some information on the following guns? Krag-Jorgensen, .30 caliber U. S. Army and whether it is a good deer rifle and where the rifle can be obtained; Springfield, .30 caliber U. S. Army, and whether it is a good deer rifle and where they can be obtained? I am informed that all of these rifles have been used by the government, but that they are inspected and in good shape. Is this so?

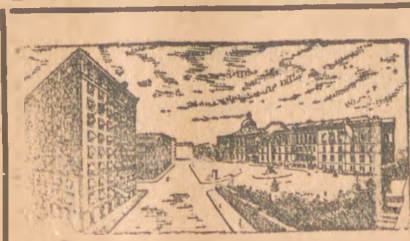
Ans. The Krag-Jorgensen rifle was made by the United States Government and was discontinued some years ago upon the introduction of the Springfield rifle Model 1903 which took its place and which is also made by the Government. Either of these rifles do excellent work on deer, with the proper ammunition. They can only be obtained by life members of the National Rifle Association or by members in good standing of affiliated clubs. The Springfield rifles are all brand new. The Government have on hand a number of both new and second-hand Krags.

S. H. H., Wallingford, Conn.

Will you kindly answer the following question: Would you recommend an ivory sight for bird shooting, and where could I get one? Where could I get a holder to go on the barrels of a double barrel gun to keep the sights on?

Ans. So far as I know, the Lyman Gun Sight Corporation, Middletown, Conn., are the only manufacturers of ivory bead sights for use on shotguns. For field shooting I can hardly see how any sight of any description is of any great use, as the gun must be thrown to the shoulder and fired almost by instinct anyway.

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JOHN L. SULLIVAN AT THE TRAPS.

lost, a mixup wherein Paddy Ryan's conqueror was almost helpless, also happened in the sunny Southland and may be unknown to many of the sporting fraternity. In San Diego, Cal., recently, this same John L., no grown gray, was guest of the Pastime Gun Club at a trap matinee and that afternoon the birdies sure handed the old gladiator a gorgeous lacing.

A big crowd was out to see Sully perform, and curiously enough the old champion clouted the first bird an awful poke. The railbirds gasped! Could it be true—was Jawn a gunman? Certainly his first slam had all the earmarks of the greatest American's knockout punch, and the crowd awaited eagerly for his next swing. But alas! One after another, as they whizzed from the trap-house, the tarhawks ducked and sidestepped and sprinted out of danger, making their getaway with such ridiculous ease that for once in his life John L. Sullivan looked like a sterling boob.

One string of 25 was enough for the old gladiator, and at its finish he cheerfully acknowledged that shooting dirt-birds and shooting the K. O. punch were two entirely different games. One lone bird, the first he ever swung at, was knocked out cold. The others joined the pickup covey good as new—not even dusted.

During the afternoon John L. made a speech. In heavy, rumbling tones the old champion boomed: "What Uncle Sam needs is more fighting ships. I move we build the biggest navy in the world!"

Which showed that Sully still loved the battle game, in spite of the licking the birdies gave him.

MAINE IS RICH IN AUTOMOBILES

More Licenses Have Been Granted This Year Than Ever Before

According to the registration, more automobile licenses have been granted in Maine this year than ever before. The number of operators and of dealers from each county, with the amounts paid, are as follows:

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Franklin, machines, 683, amount \$6,273.50; operators, 826, amount \$1,652; dealers, 8, amount \$300; total for county, \$13,948.

Hancock, machines, 1,142, amount \$11,179; operators, 1,297, amount \$2,594; dealers, 7, amount \$175; total for county, \$13,948.

Kennebec, machines, 1,656, amount \$15,475.50; operators, 2,009, amount \$4,018; dealers, 28, amount \$700; total for county, \$20,193.50.

Knox, machines, 868, amount \$8,942; operators, 1,027, amount \$2,054; dealers, 12, amount \$300; total for county, \$10,396.

Lincoln, machines, 366, amount \$3,330; operators, 495, amount \$990; dealers, 7, amount \$175; total for county, \$4,495.

Oxford, machines, 1,509, amount \$13,505.50; operators, 1,806, amount \$3,612; dealers, 26, amount \$687.50; total for county, \$17,805.

Penobscot, machines, 2,166, amount \$20,705.50; operators, 2,597, amount \$5,194; dealers, 43, amount \$1,062.50; total for county, \$26,962.

Piscataquis, machines, 527, amount \$4,896.50; operators, 695, amount \$1,310; dealers, 11, amount \$275; total for county, \$6,481.50.

Sagadahoc, machines, 424, amount \$3,778.50; operators, 523, amount \$1,046; dealers, 4, amount \$100; total for county, \$4,924.50.

Somerset, machines, 941, amount \$9,567.50; operators, 1,293, amount \$2,586; dealers, 14, amount \$337.50; total for county, \$12,491.

Waldo, machines, 656, amount \$6,234; operators, 780, amount \$1,560; dealers, 4, amount \$100; total for county, \$7,894.

Washington, machines, 722, amount \$6,883; operators, 843, amount \$1,686; dealers, 11, amount \$262.50; total for county, \$8,830.50.

York, machines, 2,162, amount \$23,783; operators, 2,548, amount \$5,096; dealers, 29, amount \$725; total for county, \$29,605.

In the entire state there are 21,764 automobiles registered, with 25,658 operators. The grand total of fees exclusive of motorcycle fees is \$265,562.

The summary of the fees, according to variety is as follows: Received for machine registration fees, \$206,150.50; operators' fees, \$51,316; dealers' fees, \$8,095.50; motorcycle fees, \$2,850; total registration fees, \$268,412. Received from duplicate plates and postage, \$1,076; received as overpaid registrations, \$2,399; total received to Dec. 1, 1915, \$271,887.

The total fees received from the registration of automobiles, operators and dealers' and motorcycle licenses for 11 months of 1915, amount to \$268,412, against \$196,000 for the 12 months of 1914.

NOTES FROM ALL AROUND

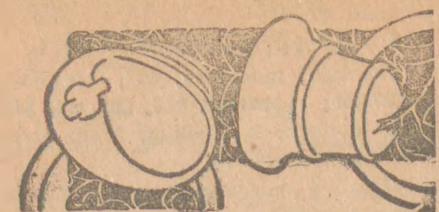
Game Warden Veo F. Small of Farmington, who returned recently from a trip in the lower Dead river region, reports finding five deer frozen in the ice of Dead river between the foot of Long Falls and Dead River dam. The deer evidently had started to cross on the ice. Near shore it would hold them but when deep water was reached they broke through. The condition of the ice showed that each animal had made a desperate effort to regain the shore, smashing the ice for ten feet in a vain endeavor to climb out. The chill of the water and exhaustion finally proved fatal. None of the deer were drowned but all expired with their heads above water and were found frozen in the ice in that position. Three of the deer were bucks, having heads of six, seven and eight points respectively, while the other two were large does. The heads of the bucks were secured for mounting, but the meat is worthless and was left in the river.

C. E. Lindahl of Bar Harbor was in Bangor recently and settled with Game Wardens Bowden and Perkins for a shipment of moose meat from Vanceboro to Bangor. Lindahl claimed it was a hind quarter of an old buck deer and was so tough he was going to leave it behind, but finally decided to take some home for his dogs. The wardens listened with interest and then he settled.

The Minister who Feels Well on Monday

With many ministers, Monday is an "off day." Not in the way of doing nothing, but in the sense of not feeling well. After the hard work of Saturday and Sunday, comes the nervous and physical reaction of Monday, with that "all-in" feeling. This is a condition many ministers would be glad to be freed from. They can avoid it by giving proper attention to diet, and taking "L. F." Atwood's Medicine to keep the bowels in order, the stomach toned, the liver regulated, and the head clear. This old home remedy is so good that many ministers are glad to recommend it, feeling that they are passing along a kindness in so doing. We will send a free sample to any minister, upon request.

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HORSE RACING AT RANGELEY

Miss Soule Entertains the Dead River Children--Mrs. Burns Recovering Nicely.

(Special Correspondence.)
 Rangeley, December 22.—Horse trotting on the ice has been going on quite a bit of late on Haley Pond. Last Friday the following free for all race took place: Sis, Dr. Ross; Prince Alfonso, Isaac Ellis; Southern Chimes, Ira Hoar; Rena Wilkes, Herman Hatch. Herman Hatch came in ahead with his green horse and made the time in 32 seconds on the quarter mile track. There is quite a bit of interest taken in these trots judging from the size of the crowd on the ice.
 Miss Emma Russell is home from Phillips on her Christmas vacation.
 The Main Street Cash Store has started a free delivery team for its patrons.
 The Primary and Intermediate schools gave the following entertainment on the last day of school: Song, school; visit from St. Nicholas; recitation, Lurline Ross; recitation, Maxine Huntoon; Darkie song exercise, four girls and four boys; recitation, Mable Wilbur; recitation, Estelle Harnden; recitation, Nellie May; recitation, four girls; recitation, Hazel Tibbetts; recitation, Fred Colby; dialogue, recitation, Mabelle Harnden; Christmas quotations, five girls; recitation, Lillian Haley; dialogue, recitation, Albert Bean; recitation, Beatrice Nile; dialogue, recitation, Carroll Ross; Mother Goose play. The above entertainment was well attended by the children's parents.
 If you want to see a store that is up-to-date and filled with up-to-date goods visit the store of W. D. Quimby. He has carefully selected his stock and can give you attractive goods with attractive prices. He has everything that is dear to the heart of a woman who has a home to furnish. Call at his store and select a present, he has many practical articles for Christmas gifts.
 The Jolly Twelve met with Mrs. Lester Magoon. Ten members and

one guest were present. At the business meeting it was voted to take \$1 from the treasury to pay for gift to Mrs. W. T. Hoar, also to read aloud each afternoon the club meets from the book, "A Million Frances." Refreshments of sandwiches, cookies, vanilla creams, spiced walnut cake, chocolate cake and tea were served. The next meeting will be with Mrs. F. G. McKenzie.
 Mr. George S. Wing has been in Boston on business pertaining to his mine. It is understood that in the early spring there will be a company from Boston come down and open up the mine again. Mr. Wing was in the Boston Stock Exchange. While there and he reports several parties being interested in this mining business.
 Mrs. Mabel Hoar and Mrs. Bessie Riddle are spending the week in Portland and Lewiston.
 The intentions of marriage between Mr. J. George Beck and Miss Susie Madolian Tibbetts were filed this week.
 The death of Mrs. Marguerite Murphy occurred December 17. The funeral was held here Sunday and on Monday the remains were taken to Stillwater for burial.
 Mrs. F. B. Burns, who was operated on for appendicitis, we are glad to learn is getting along very nicely.
 Don't forget that Howard Herrick has the choice cuts of meat and the fresh groceries to help out the Christmas dinner. It will taste better to know that it came from the immaculate store that this young trader is keeping. Patronize him liberally and show your appreciation of a fine, clean, up-to-date store.
 At Oquossoc Lodge, No. 111 on last Monday night was the nomination of officers which were as follows: C. C., Basil Lamb; V. C., Bert Cookson; P., Frank Porter; M. of W., Earl Huntoon; K. of R. & S., J. Sherman Hoar; M. of F., Charles L. Harnden; M. of E., Leon Robbins; M. at A., toon; I. G., Robert Nile. Supper next Monday night.
 On Saturday, Miss Maud Soule gave the children of Dead River a Christmas tree and sent a team over to their homes to get them and bring them to the Grange hall where the tree was and the following program was carried out: J. Sherman Hoar acted as Santa Claus; music by Mrs.

Oliver Rowe and Kenwood Rowe; songs by Miss Susie Tibbetts, Mrs. Webb Boulter, Miss Rena Tibbetts and Miss Velma Tomlinson.
 Remember that cameras are among the best of Christmas gifts and that J. Sherman Hoar has them. It is also convenient to be able to get your films developed without sending out of town. First-class work is also guaranteed.
 Zephyr Raymond and family have moved into the George Young house for the winter.
 Men have commenced to cut ice this week.
 Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Boulter are the proud parents of a daughter born Saturday, December 18.
 Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Tomlinson are the proud parents of a daughter born December 22.
 Elwell Bubier went to Phillips Wednesday on business.
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- D. C. Hutz, Bangor, 1 "
- P. S. Lock, Bucksport, 2 "
- N. F. Bridges, Bucksport, 2 "
- L. B. Condon, Bucksport, 2 "
- Irvin A. Snyder, Bloomsburg, Pa., 2 "
- E. H. Snow, Brewer, 1 "
- Frank E. Chase, Augusta, 1 "
- Mrs. W. Sullivan, Bangor, 2 "
- Charles Mulberin, Boston, 1 "
- A. M. Hunt, Bangor, 1 "
- John M. Hills, Portland, 1 "
- M. G. Elwell, Sebago Lake, 2 "

- Miss S. Weymouth, Dexter, 1 "
- Mrs. William Murry, Brewer, 2 "
- W. A. Soule, Ellsworth, 2 "
- John Mitchell, Augusta, 1 "
- R. D. James, Boston, 1 "
- L. Garcelon, Lewiston, 1 "
- H. H. Plumley, Portland, 1 "
- S. M. Anderson, Old Town, 1 "
- Cathleen Perry, No. Leeds, 1 "
- P. L. D. Darby, Boston, 2 "
- O. A. White, Orino, 2 "
- S. L. Crosby & Co., Bangor, 1 "
- R. J. Welch, Bangor, 1 "
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- C. Smith, Abbot, 2 "
- R. Scott, Guilford, 1 "
- M. Polson, Bangor, 2 "
- H. Stone, Bangor, 2 "
- F. Gould, Dover, 1 "
- B. H. Rolfe, Winter Harbor, 1 "
- F. F. Bradstreet, Gardiner, 1 "
- C. Bonsey, Dover, 1 "
- E. N. Newton, Portland, 1 "
- E. Witham, Unity, 1 "
- F. H. Stuart, Augusta, 1 "
- W. E. Stuart, Freeport, 1 "
- W. G. Parker, Dover, 1 "
- C. E. Young, Bangor, 1 "
- R. Henton, Bangor, 2 "
- J. L. Rohn, Crowley's Jct., 1 "
- James Tracy, Lewiston, 2 "
- Frank L. Small, Freeport, 2 "
- Harry A. Wheeler, Boston, 1 bear
- Harry Worcester, Milo, 1 deer
- E. J. Sullivan, Bangor, 1 "
- C. W. Maddocks, Nicoln, 1 "
- R. F. Crocker, Belfast, 1 "
- Seymour Chipman, Portland, 2 "
- Miss S. Weymouth, Dexter, 1 "
- Mrs. William Murry, Brewer, 2 "
- W. A. Soucie, Ellsworth, 2 "
- John Mitchell, Augusta, 1 "
- F. J. Vaughan, Boston, 1 "
- John Garland, Bangor, 2 "
- E. A. Frazier, Veazie, 1 "
- L. A. Jackson, Boston, 2 "
- A. A. Libby, Old Town, 1 "
- F. L. Pooler, Lagrange, 2 "
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- A. M. Carleton, Dover, 1 "
- J. Jordan, Bucksport, 1 "
- R. Boynton, Boston, 1 "
- Mrs. A. A. Cook, Portland, 2 "
- A. A. Cook, Portland, 2 "
- J. Grindle, East Newprt, 1 "
- F. Creighton, East Newprt, 1 "
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- Mrs. L. B. Moore, Carmel, 1 "
- D. C. Fowler, Bangor, 1 "
- Byron Madden, Bangor, 1 "
- A. T. Griffin, Bangor, 1 "
- W. G. Bunker, Augusta, 1 "
- L. A. Jealons, Waterville, 1 "
- J. McDougal, Waterville, 1 "
- A. Getchell, Dexter, 1 "
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- Ambrose Dinsmore, Bangor, 1 "
- E. R. Huntley, Bangor, 1 "
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- M. C. McCluskey, Danforth, 1 "
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- H. F. Wescott, Ellsworth, 1 "
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- G. L. Pullen, Kenduskeag, 2 "
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- A. P. Burrill, Boston, 1 "
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- G. A. Blaisdell, Bar Harbor, 1 "
- R. T. Dow, Boston, 1 "
- Charles La Pouchee, Old Town, 2 "
- George Carson, Veazie, 2 "
- A. A. Morrison, Hermon Ctr., 2 "
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- L. Parker, Boston, 1 "
- R. Jones, Boston, 1 "
- Mrs. E. Grace, Boston, 1 "
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 His staunch friend, Dr. Criado of New York City, is endeavoring to secure for him a position in the New York or Boston Police or Postoffice Departments. Our best wishes to him and from all who know him.