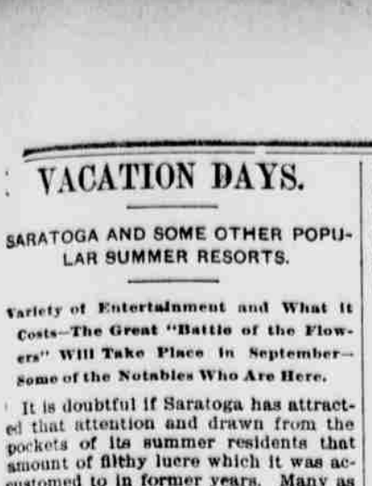
# VACATION DAYS.

## SARATOGA AND SOME OTHER POPULAR SUMMER RESORTS.

**Variety of Entertainment and What It Costs—The Great "Battle of the Flowers" Will Take Place in September—Some of the Notables Who Are Here.**

It is doubtful if Saratoga has attracted that attention and drawn from the pockets of its summer residents that amount of filthy lucre which it was accustomed to in former years. Many as are the attractions of this beautiful village, it must be remembered that the increase in the number of summer resorts since Saratoga first became one of national reputation has been very great. As an inland resort Saratoga is and always will be without a peer. But people want variety, and while many seek the mountains, a larger percentage delight to listen to the roar of old ocean.

If the increasing number of attractive seaside and mountains resorts has contributed toward the injury of Saratoga the impression that this is a very expensive place in which to live is also responsible in a measure, at least, for the absence of some people who do not come here. Saratoga is, of course, an excellent place in which to



A Handsome Turnout.

spend money, and one can get rid of all he desires to part with here without a very great effort. But for the accommodations furnished, its hotel charges are as reasonable as those of any other of the famous summer resorts, and if one does not desire the expense, excitement and display required at a hotel, he can find plenty of quiet and really excellent boarding houses, where "all the comforts of home" can be procured without the expenditure of an unreasonable amount of money. But the tendency of everything here is toward liberal expenditures of money, and if one stays here he is certain to spend considerable, no matter how closely he attempts to draw the purse strings.

Your surroundings are such that you instinctively feel rich, for every one is well dressed and bent on enjoyment. No one can escape, whether it be the lay excursionist or the millionaire cottager. At the depot, you become inoculated with the virus of don'tcareativeness, and you will remain under its influence until you leave, or are without funds. Then comes the mental calculations as to what has become of the wealth and the enjoyment. Both are fleeting and you resolve that in future you will go slow, but you won't. The same kind of intoxicants will produce the same effect. This is the charm of the place. It dominates you. It sends you along Lake or Union avenues to the lake, with its cool breezes, fifty-cent mint julips and half-dollar chicken sandwiches.

It whirls you to the races, to the club house, to the hotel, to the Geyser, to the parks, merry-go-rounds, Indian encampment, jewelry stores, hops, Turkish bazaars, carriage drives, until you are in a state of wonderment as to what possessed you, and the answer is Saratoga. Stronger minded people than you have succumbed, more parsimonious characters have loosened up the strings of their tightly tied purses and wondered just as you do. It's the hypnotic influence of the town—the place where golf flourishes, races are successful, hops well attended, agreeable acquaintances made, the inner man looked after, comfort sought, summer styles paraded, beautiful women congregate, men of national reputation pass in full view, and where life and bicycles abound. That is what does it. It takes you out of the shop, away from the desk and loses you in its swirl. It's like waltzing; you don't know your tired until your through. But it is exacting, and requires from the ladies three to four changes of clothing a day. This is no small duty in itself, but when they are bolstered up by the excitement and the rivalry attending an ambition to show and shine miracles almost can be accomplished with an unruffled countenance.

August is the harvest month for Saratoga hotels and although July has been rather dull, there is nothing dull about this place when the races are at their height. This is the condition that exists just now, and hence all the hotels and large boarding houses are filled to their utmost capacity.

In early September Saratoga will offer one attraction which will bring for the day the largest crowd ever seen in the village. This will be the Fourth Annuals parade, "Battle of the Flowers" and floral ball of the Saratoga Floral Association. Announcement is made that this great fete will take place September 7th. It has been thought that nothing could exceed the former exhibitions, but assurances have been received which warrant the announcement that the parade this year will far exceed in beauty and spectacular effect any similar parade in the world. The parade will be followed by the floral ball in the evening, which will be opened by a spectacular Fantasia "The Realm of the Roses," which will be rendered with calcium light effect by more than 100 Misses and Masters.

It is promised that there will be more floats and more carriages in the parade than in former years and more elaborate decorations in every way. The costumes for the ball are now being made and are gorgeous and very effective. Some of the designs are taken from natural history and the student will be able to recognize Brazilian butterflies, humming birds, rare moths and various kinds of brilliant insects and many kinds of flowers and leaves will be represented. The parade and ball, will indeed, constitute a novel and exceedingly interesting show and it is believed that not less than 150,000 people will be in the village to witness the unique exhibition. Last year the estimate was put at 100,000 people, but this was about the number carried by the railroad, and there were many thousands who came by other conveyances.

Looking over last year's report of the parade one can get a glimpse of what this year's great show will be. these says:

The season here is now at its full tide, and unexpectedly so, as the July signs were very discouraging, but August has brought forth what has been claimed for June, preceded by the showers of April, "the flowers of prosperity," and it is welcome. To see sunshine and order appearing, hallowed by the anchor of hope, is indeed reassuring.

Among the latest arrivals is the spectacular character Howe, of Howe & Hummel, the lawyer who receives distinction on account of his dress peculiarities and his diamond horse-shoe pin, as big as the floral horse-shoe donated to the jockey riding the Suburban winner. The power of the press is most beautifully illustrated in Howe's case, and that medium has made him as well known as Lydia Pinkham. He has probably figured in more cases of domestic infelicities than any other practitioner. He is gazed at by men and women, and enjoys it. It's his trade mark, and to miss it would cause him as much disappointment as would come to a new owner of a new-fashioned crest, with a Latin inscription.

Another notable visitor is the far-famed Lucky Baldwin, the once great Pacific coast millionaire hotel keeper, horse breeder and mining operator, who has been mixed up in many scrapes of a domestic nature, not too well preserved old man, but always surrounded by a flock of women, anxious to know the chances of his horse winning a race.

Another conspicuous guest is Marie Dressler. She always directs the hotel clerk to order a team for a man to drive with an injunction against saying they are for a woman. "If you do, the livery will send cows and I want horses," she was heard to remark. She is a great whip and handles a team with a great deal of skill.

The club house is at the zenith of its glory. It has already made $40,000, but the tide will quickly turn as many of the horses are being taken to other tracks and their owners and backers of course go with them.

The Saturday evening hops at the Grand Union are an interesting feature of summer life at the Spa. The show of costumes is magnificent. Every milliner in the fashionable world has had her handiwork represented here. The prize girl of the season was a beauty, attired in a white dress, trimmed with black lace and ruffled and insertioned until the eye was blinded and the brain confused in trying to pick out the details of the make up. Dangling at her belt were about two quarts of truscan gold adornments having some use in the fashionable world, besides being ornamental. She was accompanied by a maid, and to say she was universally observed would be the simple truth. To make it more confusing she is here incognito.

President McKinley is expected to spend a few days here, when he leaves Lake Champlain. Col. H. S. Clements, of Congress Hall, has invited him and expects an acceptance of the invitation. Col Clement proudly tells of his service in the war with four men who subsequently became Presidents. In 1861 he was in the same brigade with

At Saratoga Lake.

R. B. Hayes, who was major of the 23d Ohio. Later he served as a staff officer with James A. Garfield and was in the same brigade, and knew Major McKinley well when he was a non-commissioned officer. By the way, that 23d Ohio was a famous regiment, and included on its roster some of the famous men of the country. Its colonel at the beginning of the war was Rosecrans; Stanley Matthews, subsequently Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, and R. B. Hayes were colonels, and President McKinley was in the regiment.

Gambling establishments here are running with a full pressure of steam on, and there appears to be no attempt made to suppress them. It is recognized as one of the necessary attractions of this resort, that there must be something to hold the wealthy people here. But the gambling establishments have not been making all the money this year, if reports are true. One Saturday evening recently one faro bank lost $20,000 and the money was divided between a party of sporting men. Dealers at the table were changed several times but the results continued unfavorable to the bank. The players were in good luck and kept winning.

F. C. ROBINSON.

### Halcyon Days.

The "halcyon" of the ancients is a species of kingfisher which frequents the sea, and in fine weather is sometimes found very far from land, although the bird is far from powerful on the wing. Hence it is, doubtless, that the Greeks supposed it to build its nest on the water on certain fine days of the year, which were called "halcyon days."

## ODD ALLIANCE OF BEASTS.

**Combine of Two Wolves and a Panther for Their Mutal Benefit.**

Two wolves and a panther formed an alliance in Maine a month ago, and the result has been disastrous to wild creatures of that region, as well as to some tame ones.

"Barker Simpkins and Fred Parsley," the Local says, "were hunting over on the Old Pine ridge a few days ago, when they heard a yelping sound across the swamp as if dogs were chasing a deer. As the sounds came closer the men made haste with still hunters' caution to get runaways that cross, since it is against the law to hunt deer with dogs in this state. Simpkins took to the runway on the north side of the ridge and had scarcely waited ten minutes when he heard the steady beat of a running deer's hoofs in the three inches of snow down in the swamp. The deer came into sight twenty rods away, headed very nearly toward the place where the man was seated, and had come within ten rods of the man when a lithe form leaped from a big birch tree branch, hit the deer and rolled over and over with it. The deer never got up again, its neck having been broken.

"Simpkins was so surprised that he forgot to shoot for a minute, when the animals that were in pursuit of the deer came into view. They were wolves, tall and gaunt, with gray hair. The wolves ran without hesitation to the deer, and while the beast which had killed it, which Simpkins made out to be a panther, tore at the deer's throat, the wolves bit through the skin of the haunches and ate chunks of the smoking flesh, unopposed by the panther.

"Less than a week later another hunter, Sam Wells, found the trails of two doglike sets of paws on a deer trail. Following these two miles Wells came to a gully and here were the remnants of the deer, and the leaps a panther had made left an unmistakable trail.

Nick Schumacher, a German, living two miles from Bredville, a farmer and sheep raiser, heard a wild commotion in the sheep shelter in the pasture, which begins thirty rods from his house. Hastening into a pair of overalls and felt boots, Schumacher took his rifle and made his way rapidly along the path to the shelter. The sheep—there had been fifty-eight of them in all—were seen to be racing about in all directions, bleating in fear. On the man's approach a long animal bounded off through the snow, but until it was beyond the sheep no shots were fired, and they were ineffectual when they were made. Two other animals were there, but the German did not see them. Their trails, found in the morning, showed them to have been wolves, probably, and the trail of the jumper was that of a panther. Eight sheep were killed, some of them being literally torn in two.

"The last heard of the odd trio was yesterday. Burt Jones went fox hunting with his dog, a half bull and half hound, which had put many bears into trees. Finding the wolves' trail Jones put his dog onto it. Three hours later Jones, who followed the trail of his dog, came up with it. A hip and a bit of the backbone were on a log and tracks indicated that one of the wolves had lain there to eat its share. The head and foreshoulders had plainly fallen to the lot of the panther, for the bones were found under a branch of a large beech, as if dropped from the beech. The rest of the body had gone to the second wolf and lay where the trampled snow showed the dog's last fighting place. It looked to Jones as if the wolves had led the dog to the panther's resting place and there, with the panther's aid, had killed it.—Bredville (Me.) Local.

### Poor Lo Behind the Plow.

William Shakespeare, an Arapahoe Indian on the lower Shoshone agency, reports to the Indian guide of Fort Washakie that the Indians on the subagency are working on their farms more industriously this year than ever before. They are breaking up a large amount of new land, and where last year the sage brush was thick there are now good farms. He says: "The old Indians used to talk of going to war, and now they talk different; they tell us about farming,and how to farm, and they tell us young men to work hard at farming. I have in about twelve acres of wheat, five of oats, one of potatoes, and a big garden of water melons, squash and other vegetables. I have twenty-two acres this year instead of ten last, and all the other Indians are the same way, plowing much more land this year than last."—Lander, Wyo., Letter to Denver Republican.

### Death Hovers Along the Banks.

The Yellow river, which has been named the "Sorrow of China," is probably the most destructive stream on the face of the earth. In less than a hundred years it has changed its channel four times, and the point where it empties into the sea has, from time to time, been moved up and down the coast a distance of 300 miles. It runs through a vast alluvial plain, and is fed by streams from a great system of mountains in the north. When the snow melting on this range comes at a time of heavy rains the result is sure to be a terrible flood. It has been estimated that in the past three centuries over 10,000,000 of human beings have perished in the floods of the Yellow river. For destructiveness, both of life and property, this stream is unparalleled and the sobriquet bestowed upon it is amply justified by its history.—St. Louis Globe Democrat.

### A Remarkable Tablecloth.

A famous restaurant in Vienna possesses a remarkable tablecloth, on which are inscribed the signatures of the majority of the reigning sovereigns of Europe, the members of the House of Hapsburg, and of a great number of celebrities in art, music and letters. The names were written on the cloth in pencil, the proprietress of the establishment afterwards carefully embroidering them.—New York Post.

### Ingenious Hindoos.

With a pieces of string and a little sand and grease some Hindoo convicts recently sawed through an iron bar two inches in diameter in five hours and escaped from jail.

## The Duty of Rest.

Of all the tired men and women I know, the one who appeals to me most is a public school teacher. Forty-five eager, active, growing minds to guide and control all winter, to satisfy and stimulate! Not many tasks have equaled it. I was condoling with one the other day, when she said she wished the world would understand better the duty of rest.

The duty of rest!

I confess that the idea was new to me. I had thought of rest as a pleasure and as a privilege; I had regarded it as a necessity; and I had even at times looked upon it as a temptation when obligations drew me one way and fatigue dragged me down in another.

But rest as a duty opened quite another point of view.

It must have been meant as a duty, though, originally, else one day in seven would never have been commanded!

But the "way" of its being a duty we have been left to discover for ourselves. It was Bishop Brooks who first made me see that recreation might mean re-creation. I had a little of the Puritanic idea, which he helped to dispel. I recognized, too, as he spoke, that the universe was full of great inspirational and renewing forces, which were always playing in on us, as the air is breathed into our lungs before we are able to make conscious effort. Be receptive, and they fill us.

Our duty, then, I suppose, is toward these forces; to rest from our human activities until they play in on us, and so rebuild us. For most of us, after all, are so eager in the pursuit of one idea—an idea sometimes of pleasure, sometimes of gain—that we detach ourselves, as it were, from the main purpose of ourlives, like a wheel of a coach that breaks away from the main body, and goes off merrily on its own account down hill to find itself at the end of its journey without power and without place.—*Harper's Bazar.*

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## NOTICE IN PARTITION.

*Estate of Lavina Stout, deceased.*

To Fanny, intermarried with Jacob Rider, Shickshinny, Pa.; Mahala, intermarried with James Shultz, Briarcreek township, Columbia county, Pa.; guardian of Ralph Fenstamaker, minor child of Dora Fenstamaker deceased; A. E. Fenstamaker, Briarcreek township aforesaid; Sarah Stout, sometimes called Lula Evans, New York City; Effie Stout, New York City, and Ellis Stout, Briarcreek township, Columbia county, Pa.

You are hereby notified that in pursuance of an order of the Orphans' Court of Columbia county, a writ of partition has issued from said court to the Sheriff of said county, returnable on the fourth Monday of September, A. D. 1897, and that the inquest will meet for the purpose of making partition of the real estate of said decedent on the premises in Briarcreek township, Columbia county, Pa., on Saturday, September 4th, 1897, at 10 o'clock a. m., at which time and place you can attend if you see proper.

J. B. McHENRY, Sheriff.

5-12-4t.

## SALE OF REAL ESTATE.

O. D. McHenry vs. George W. Koons.

In the Court of Common Pleas of Columbia County. In Equity. No 1 of Feby Term 1897.

By virtue of an order of the Court of Common Pleas of Columbia County, the undersigned will expose to sale at public auction on Saturday the 4th, day of September 1897, at ten o'clock a. m. at the Court House in Bloomsburg Penn. —All that certain tract, piece or parcel of land situate it the township of Briarcreek (in Shickshinny valley), Columbia County, Pennsylvania,—bounded and described as follows, to wit: Beginning at a stone in line of land of Alex. Cochran, thence north 6 and ¼ degrees west 19½ perches to a stone, thence south 84 degrees West 24 perches to a stone, thence South 5 degrees East 51 perches to a chestnut tree, thence South 84 degrees West 100 perches to a pine, thence South 5 and ¾ degrees East 81 perches to a stone, thence north 84 degrees East 51 perches to a stone, thence South 6 and ¼ degrees East 62 perches to a stone, thence north 84 degrees East 74 perches to a stone, the place of beginning, containing 49 acres and 60 perches of land, neat measure.

The same being a portion of the Upper Nathan Beach survey and well timbered.

Terms of sale—Twenty-five per cent down at time of sale. Balance upon confirmation of sale at which time possession will be given.

August 11th, 1897. CHARLES C. EVANS, Master.

## AUDITOR'S NOTICE.

Estate of Clinton W. Lewis, late of Jackson Township Dec'd.

The undersigned auditor appointed by the Orphans' Court to pass upon exceptions and to make distribution of the balance remaining in the hands of M. E Stackhouse, accountant of the said estate, hereby gives notice that he will meet all parties interested for the purpose of his appointment, at his office in Bloomsburg, Pa., on Thursday September 9th A. D. 1897 at 9 o'clock A. M., when and where said parties are required to prove their claims or be forever debarred from participating in the distribution of said fund.

W. A. EVERT, Auditor.

8-12-ta.

## AUDITOR'S NOTICE.

*Estate of Sallie Johnson and Eliza Fruit.*

*The undersigned auditor appointed by the Orphans' Court of Columbia county to make distribution of the money arising from the sale of real estate of Sallie Johnson and Eliza Fruit under proceedings in partition, by J. B. McHenry, trustee, to and among the parties entitled thereto, will sit at his office in the town of Bloomsburg, on Wednesday, September 1st, 1897, at 10 o'clock a. m. to perform the duties of his appointment, when and where all persons interested must appear and present their claims.*

L. E. WALLER, Auditor.

7-22-ta.

## ADMINISTRATRIX NOTICE.

*Estate of Lloyd Kelchner, late of Montour township, deceased.*

*Notice is hereby given that letters of administration on the estate of Lloyd Kelchner, late of Montour township, deceased, have been granted to the undersigned administratrix to whom all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make payments, and all those having claims or demands will make known the same without delay to*

CATHARINE E. KELCHNER, Administratrix.

Snyder, Atty. 7-29-6t


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