

Along Azalea Row

By Mrs. E. F. Rapraeger

This month thousands of men and some women are camping in the forests of Oregon, quenching their thirst for the wilderness. Some creep along stealthily like a panther, keeping a sharp lookout. Others whoop and holler, stumble around in the brush, and make more racket than the coast artillery defending the national shores.

Among the thousands are true woodsmen capable of enjoying four or five hearty meals a day over a campfire. But not all are of such stalwart proportions. Among their companions are some who have blistered feet which they regard with peculiar tenderness and there are others who wonder which way camp is.

Who are these thousands? Surely you will have guessed by now that they are the hunters who invade Oregon forests at this time of year to get their venison or elk.

I am told that the true test of a woodsman is not the amount of game he gets but the kind of bed he makes when he sleeps out in the hills. I have also been told that there are two ways to make a bed, the slow way and the quick way.

In making a bed the slow way, first of all choose a level spot, remove all stones larger than peas, pick up each leaf and twig, and with great enough evergreen boughs for two beds, and carefully place them so that the elasticity of the boughs makes an excellent mattress. Then spread the blankets with great care and lie down to pleasant dreams.

In this hustle and bustle age a person can save a lot of valuable time by making a bed the quick way. Select a reasonably level spot and unroll the blankets. This saves a lot of time. Then jump into bed with great gusto, remembering of course to remove

your boots and hat, because a true woodsman is always a gentleman even though no ladies are present. Throughout the night it may be necessary to get up occasionally—say at ten minute intervals—to remove a stick or stone which seems to have become a log or boulder. The big advantage of this type of bed is that you do not need an alarm clock. If a hunter sleeps on a bed like this he will always be glad to get up in the morning.

Now then, a few words about gardening. While the man of the house is getting the hunting bug out of his system, the lady of the house can prepare a work schedule listing future gardening jobs compatible with his talents such as digging late potatoes, cleaning up weeds, and spading the ground for the spring bulb garden which he can do on his return. There is a saying that the time to plan the next spring garden is the year before last. That may be a bit of an exaggeration but it illustrates the point that we gardeners must always be looking ahead. Commercial growers have about finished planting their daffodils for spring bloom but there is still time in the home garden to plant bulbs of all kinds. The King Alfred daffodil is a great favorite but there is an endless choice in daffodils as well as tulips, hyacinths, crocus and others.

The spring bulbs never disappoint us. During the long nights of winter when the soil is as cold as the spray on an ice-bound coast they stay underground, but when the days begin to lengthen and the birds begin to sing they come forth in a blaze of glory to tell us that winter is over and spring is here again. It is advisable, if you can manage it, to have all your bulbs underground before the end of November. Plant sooner if possible but of course you may have to wait if the ground is occupied by dahlias and other late bloomers who are making their final curtsy to autumn.

'Wood-shedding'

By Ol Speb

Well, we did it fellas. Made a little money for the library fund and had ourselves some fun. Hope everyone enjoyed it as much as I did.

I think we should give three cheers to Roy Brown for the swell job of directing he did, especially on such short notice. Also we want to thank the Crescent City Chapter for their wonderful support for this benefit.

Sure sorry you couldn't have been there Brad. Say, Brad, I believe there are a few guys in the chorus who are a bit miffed. Maybe the Basses are men, but what's wrong with the rest of us?

It's a good thing the crowd Saturday night was a patient one. Otherwise how would the "Knights of Note" ever gotten on key?

But then everyone seemed to be having trouble with getting their pitch. Maybe we'll have better luck next time.

Be seen ya!

New Books

The following new books have been purchased from library funds: "The Lewis & Clark Expedition" by Richard L. Neuberger; "The Black Stallion Returns" by Walter Farley; "Man of the Family" by Ralph Moody; "Under the Sea Wind" by Rachel L. Carson.

The last two books are rental books. Also "Captain Barney" by

Jan Wescott has been donated to the Library and is a rental book.

Over 400 books were borrowed from the Library during the month of August, and 3600 books have been loaned during the fiscal year.

Library hours at present are as follows:

Tuesday: 11:00 A. M. to 1:00 P.M.

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