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Spends It With the Children in
the Woods—Reception to Be
Given Ladies of the
Cabinet.

Washington, Sept. 18.—(Special Correspondence.)—Evidences of the return of official Washington are to be met on all the fashionable thoroughfares. The northwest end of the town no longer looks like a deserted village. Houses closed since the early days of summer have been thrown open, and even if the masters and mistresses have not yet come there is an air of life and activity about that gives promise of the gay season that will soon begin.

The few touches that were still needed to the white house have been added since the president and Mrs. Roosevelt were here three weeks ago, and everything is now in readiness for their home coming. It will be two weeks yet, however, before Mrs. Roosevelt will return, and during that time she will have a number of friends as her guests at Sagamore Hill, among them being Mrs. James Lowmes of this city, who will go to Oyster bay during this week for a few days' stay.

Tea for Cabinet Ladies

One of the first official functions will be in honor of the new ladies of the cabinet. It probably will be an afternoon tea, and the invitations will include any of the women of the senatorial and diplomatic circle who are in the city at the time. There are three new matrons in the cabinet since last May. Mrs. Taft arrived late in the season, and was unable, owing to the illness of Governor Taft, to accept the hospitalities planned for her. Mrs. Metcalf is, of course, well acquainted with all the people of the cabinet, but Mrs. Morton, the wife of the secretary of the navy, is an absolute stranger. This too, despite the fact that she figured quite prominently in social life here during her father-in-law's term as member of the cabinet.

The Babes in the Woods

The president has been enjoying life to the full at Sagamore Hill. He took his annual "day off" during the past week. This day is one out of the 365 that he takes for a romp with the children. He tries to keep it a secret. In the family it is called the Roosevelt family picnic, and it usually includes the families of the president, of J. West Roosevelt, and of W. Emlen Roosevelt. The president never tells anyone where this picnic is to be held, for he wants to go off in the woods somewhere and lose himself, where he can play games with the children, just as any other healthy American citizen does, without comment from the public. So last Monday in the early dawn the president and Mrs. Roosevelt started on horseback and the children were bundled into traps. They went over the country roads for about nine miles to Jaynes Hill, carrying baskets loaded down with good things to eat, and camped there for the day. At noon there was a fine spread on the ground in the good old-fashioned way. The older folks repaired to a clump of trees, where they read magazines and books and lolled the day away, but the president stayed with the children and took part in all their sports, even to the circus, in which, it is said, he was the star performer. He said afterward that he had had the time of his life.

Reception to Archbishop

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Roosevelt will have the archbishop of Canterbury as their guest of honor. This dinner will be one of the notable events of the year, for nearly all the members of the cabinet will return to town to attend. The British ambassador and Mrs. Durand will cut short their season at Lenox to be present, and Mrs. Dewey, wife of the admiral, will make a special trip from New York in order to be present. The day after Mrs. Roosevelt will give a reception in the afternoon to Mrs. Davidson, wife of the archbishop, when the cabinet women and all those who figure in the upper official set will be asked to meet her. The exact form of this function is yet to be determined, much depending upon the weather. A suggestion that it be a lawn fete on the ground to the south of the white house has been considered.

The Russian ambassador and Count Cassini will remain in their Bar Harbor cottage later than the majority of the diplomats, it not being the intention to open the embassy here until October 1.

HAPPY KANSAS.

The Emporia Gazette Tells of Conditions in Bleeding Sunflower State.

Kansas is called excitable—but she is as calm as a basket of chips this year. Not a wave of trouble rolls across her peaceful breast. Eight years ago people were flocking into the Gazette stopping the paper. T. G. Wibley stopped it three times in that campaign. But this year he is taking the paper—insides and tops and all—without so much as a yip of disapproval. And when Wibley is satisfied the world is soaked in goose grease and is smooth all over. Eight years ago the populists were going to reform the world at the next meeting of the legislature and were carrying banners up and down the street denouncing Wall street, waving flags at the octopus, and shaking sticks at the gold bugs. These were hot, happy and rambunctious days. A man could start a riot by reading the alphabet in a loud tone; produce a revolution by reciting the multiplication table in a dramatic manner, and get six months in the hospital by declaring for either of the 16 commandments against the Chicago platform.

But now Kansas is as life as a painted turtle on a plaster paris log; placid as a hired man asleep under a hedge fence, and happy as a big sunflower that nods in all the breezes.

The reason is that Kansas has paid all debts, has money in the bank, a clear conscience, and "an organ in the parlor to give the place a tone." Everything is lovely and the altitude of the goose is above timber line.—Emporia Gazette.

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Henry Irving Making Last Tough

London, Sept. 22.—Sir Henry Irving began his farewell season in the provinces at Cardiff, appearing in "The Merchant of Venice," with Miss Mathison as Portia. The house was crowded and the audience gave an enthusiastic reception both to Sir Henry and Miss Mathison. The report published in the United States that Sir Henry has engaged Miss Mathison as leading lady in place of Ellen Terry is incorrect, the only basis of the story being in the fact that Miss Mathison will play such parts as Portia.

Combine is Off.

The lumber combine in the Canadian northwest is practically at an end, according to a Vancouver dispatch. All mountain mills in British Columbia, numbering 50, have refused to sell exclusively to retailers in the northwest and say they will start yards of their own and sell to any consumer who has the cash. It is thought the British Columbia coast mills will be compelled to follow suit.

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