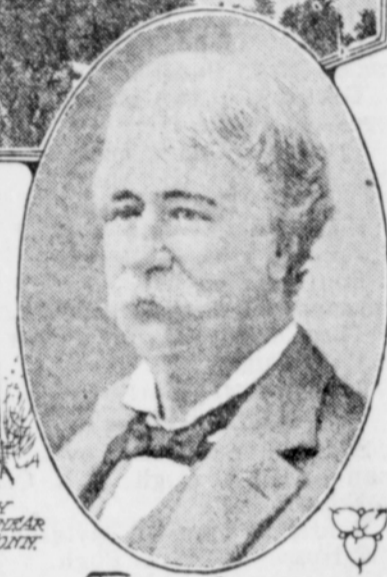
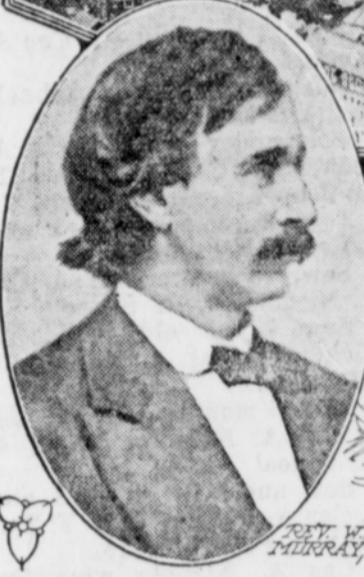
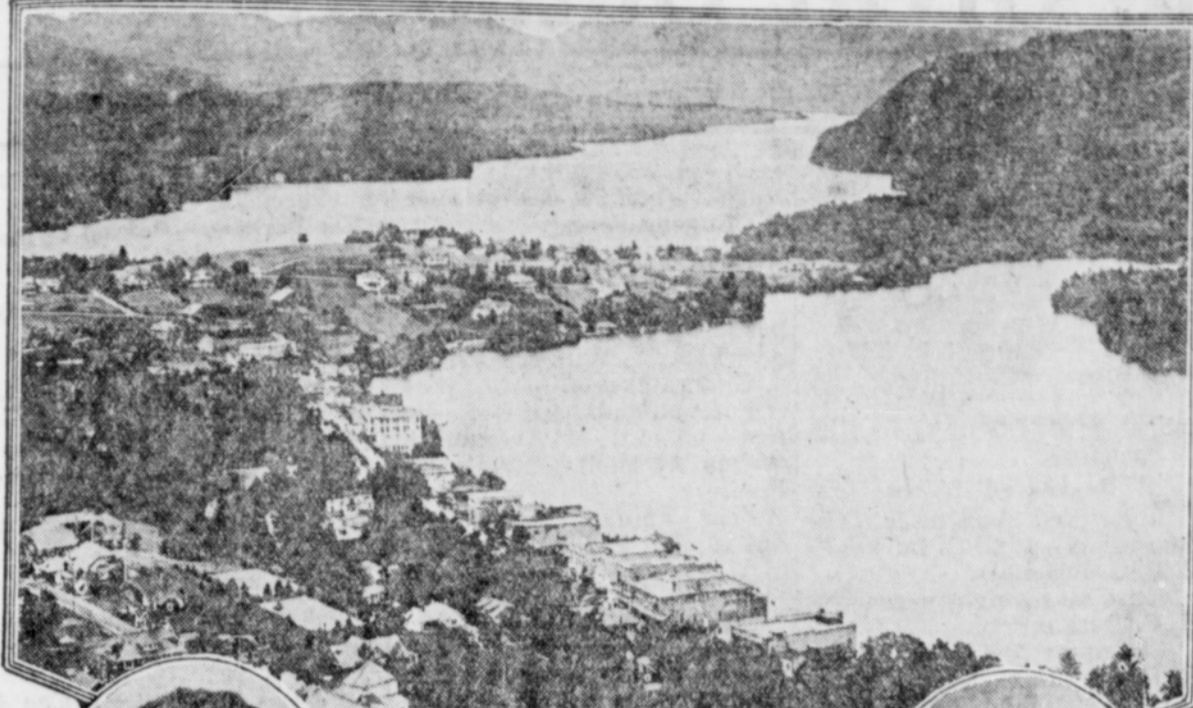


"ADIRONDACK" MURRAY



FATHER OF THE OUTDOOR RECREATION MOVEMENT

By JOHN DICKINSON SHERMAN

THE EAST has but one national park and that a small one—Lafayette, on the island of Mount Desert off the coast of Maine. But it has the Adirondacks. Of its kind there is no better in all the world. Many thousands of city-weary Americans have motored through the "Great North Woods" this summer; other thousands are on their way at this moment. Many thousands have had a joyous summer in its public and private camps and in resorts; other thousands are there still. Last winter thousands of the red-blooded—who scorn to follow the summer and believe that it takes Jack Frost to put the finishing touch to the mental, moral and physical make-up of the efficient—played in its snow and on its ice; thousands will be there again next winter.

Republicans may or may not be ungrateful. They certainly are often forgetful. Read now the story of Rev. William Henry Harrison Murray and the Adirondacks.

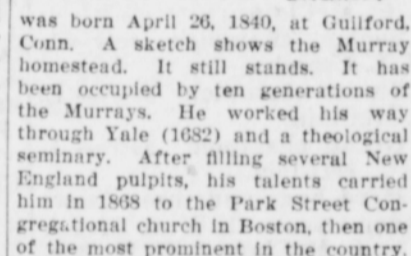
The Adirondacks lie in the northeast corner of New York in the great triangle formed by the St. Lawrence and the Canadian line, Lakes Champlain and George, the Mohawk river and Lake Ontario. History began early all around the Adirondacks. Champlain—so far as history records—was the first white man to get sight of its mountains—in 1608, when he discovered Lake Champlain.

Yet the Adirondacks long remained an "Undiscovered Country." On Governor Parnall's map of the British colonies of 1778 this tract is inscribed: "This vast Tract of Land, which is the Antient Couchsachrage, one of the four Beaver Hunting Counties of the Six Nations, is not yet Surveyed."

After the Revolution most of the Indians of Six Nations fled to Canada. Those who remained were made harmless. The guard over the Adirondacks was broken. Civilization grew rapidly all around the "Indian Beaver Hunting Country." Yet for generation after generation it lay unexplored.

The sportsmen were the first to penetrate the wilderness of the "Great North Woods." For them it was a "land flowing with milk and honey." Among them was Rev. W. H. H. Murray of Boston, who first went there in 1864. The sportsman is the gentleman of outdoors. And the Boston minister was all that and more, explorer, nature-lover, naturalist, woodsman, rifleman, canoeist, hunter, angler, orator, author.

Mr. Murray was a farmer's boy and



was born April 23, 1840, at Guilford, Conn. A sketch shows the Murray homestead. It still stands. It has been occupied by ten generations of the Murrays. He worked his way through Yale (1862) and a theological seminary. After filling several New England pulpits, his talents carried him in 1868 to the Park Street Congregational church in Boston, then one of the most prominent in the country.

Mr. Murray achieved nation-wide fame in his Boston pulpit. His sermons were printed all over the country. His popularity was equal to that of Henry Ward Beecher. As an orator he ranked with Wendell Phillips and Sumner and Gough.

In the spring of 1869 Ticknor & Fields published his first book, "Adventures in the Wilderness; or, Camp Life in the Adirondacks." It created a situation that attracted nation-wide attention. Editors called the book "a monstrous hoax." Cartoonists handled the young author without gloves. Noted divines declared that "he had disgraced his high station by thus practicing upon the people, especially the weakly and the sick, a cruel joke."

The "Murray Rush" of "Murray's Foots" for the Adirondacks began in the early summer. Thousands swamped every possible accommodation of the wilderness; thousands had to turn back. Those who got in returned to report the book as telling only half the truth. The rush continued season after season. It was the beginning of the enormous attendance of today.

If success like Murray's can be reckoned in dollars, here are the figures: He was receiving a salary and perquisites of almost \$20,000. He was earning an additional \$10,000 on the lecture platform. His royalties on "Adventures in the Wilderness" up to the time of his death (1904) amounted to \$58,000.

Socially Mr. Murray was lionized. Emerson, Longfellow, Whittier, Holmes, Hawthorne, Halleck, Agassiz, Prescott, Beecher, Phillips and Fields were his personal friends and inter-

mates. Phillips said of his book: "It has kindled a thousand campfires and taught a thousand pens how to write of nature." At a public dinner given in his honor Emerson challenged him to write a truly great book, which should not contain a female character. Murray's answer to the challenge was "Adirondack Tales"—including "The Story the Keg Told Me" and "The Man Who Didn't Know Much."

At thirty-four Murray retired from the pulpit (1874) and for seven years traveled all over the world. He then resumed lecturing and reading from his published works. He was tremendously popular. He read, "How John Norton the Trapper Kept Christmas" before more than 500 audiences.

Murray spent his last twelve years on the Guilford homestead, cultivating his farm lands, privately educating his four daughters, writing and revising his many published works. March 3, 1904, he died in the very room in which he had been born 64 years before. Much of the old homestead has been kept just as he left it—open fireplace, books, writing table, guns over the open fireplace. Under a giant buttonball tree close by the house rest the remains of "Adirondack" Murray, "Father of the Out-of-Doors Idea in the United States."

The "Empire State" awakened in time to the importance of the Adirondacks. In 1892 it established Adirondack park, which includes all of Hamilton county and adjacent parts of Essex, Franklin, St. Lawrence, Warren and Herkimer counties. It contains about 3,313,000 acres, of which the state owns about 1,412,000 acres. Then there is the Adirondack Preserve. This is the general title of lands owned by the state for the purpose of conserving the forests and water supply.

The Adirondacks contain virgin hardwood forests, more than 1,000 lakes, kept well stocked with game fish, and a network of streams. The mountainous section culminates in Essex county. Mt. Marcy's (5,344 feet) is the highest elevation in the state. In this mountain region are Lake Placid, the Upper and Lower Saranac lakes and other popular resorts. To the south and west is a plateau of from 1,500 to 1,800 feet, dotted with many lakes.

It does not seem possible that this man could have been forgotten. Yet so it is. Only the few know of him either as preacher, lecturer or sportsman. Even his books—though first editions of several are said to be worth their weight in gold—are out of print. Ask for yourself and see how many know the character "John Norton the Trapper" whom he created. Yet there are people who think that in comparison Cooper's "Natty Bumppo" is a clothing-store dummy. It is apparent only in the Adirondacks that the memory of Rev. W. H. H. Murray lives in his feats of woodcraft and sportsmanship.



WHAT'S IN A NAME?

Myrtle—So Cornelia has returned from her honeymoon trip?
Pearl—Yes.
Myrtle—Where did they go?
Pearl—To the Delaware Water Gap.
Myrtle—You mean Delaware Water Gap?
Pearl—Maybe—but Cornelia said John gasped when he got the bills.—Brooklyn Standard-Union.

HITTING AVERAGE GOOD



"How are you and your hubby hitting it off?"
"I'm hitting him for money all the time and he hasn't hit me yet."

Gob Humor

She loves my company;
She always will—
She knows the places;
I pay the bill.

New Mode

Wills—Jones always wants to be in style.
Jills—What now?
Wills—His wife bought a gown in the new "ashes and roses" shade, and he's just bought a gray suit.
Jills—What's the connection?
Wills—He calls it "ashes of tobacco."

THE IMPROVEMENT



"Do you find that Jack is gaining much knowledge at college?"
"I should say I do! He can hold his own now among the very best mah-jongg experts."

Time Will Classify

A shy and timorous bud is she,
And time will soon disclose
In which particular class she'll be—
The wallflower or the rose.

Complimentary

"If you ask me, old boy," said the uninvited critic, the morning after the first night, "I thought the best part of your play was the scenery."
"I didn't know you were there."
"No. I heard it on the wireless."—World's Pictorial News.

One in a Thousand

Solomon's No. 777 Wife—Sol, are you really and truly in love with me?
Solomon—My dear, you are one in a thousand.
And she snuggled closer.—Columbia Jester.

Greek Meets Greek

"You said you were a member of the A. E. F."
"Yes."
"Ah—would you mind telling what chapter?"—Centre Colonel.

The Answer

"Why do the people of Samoa wear so little clothing?"
"Guess it's too hot for Samoa."—Georgia Tech. Yellow Jacket.

Plenty of Pep

Young City Miss—There isn't much pep to the girls out here, is there?
Farmer Jimson—Pep! Wah, I dunno 'bout that, lady. Now dis maw'nin' our gal Saryh milked fifteen cows before breakfast.

Right at Home

Ruby—Oh, and when we're married we'll have a nice home like this, won't we?
Richard—Why of course, darling. You don't expect to move, do you?

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If some men were known by the company they keep they wouldn't be able to keep it long.

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Rural Juvenile Courts

This year, in which the memorial has been planned to "Huckleberry Finn," prince of boy-vagabonds, marks also the twenty-fifth anniversary of the first juvenile court in America, which served as model for other countries. In a paper read at the recent Chicago celebration of this event Miss Grace Abbott, chief of the children's bureau at Washington, predicted that the next step in child welfare would

be the extension of the juvenile-court idea into the rural regions. More than half of the children of the United States live in the country or in small communities; yet, out of 200 courts approved by the federal bureau, only 40 serve their needs. This new development has just begun.

To Teach Women to Farm

Establishment of a farming colony of well-to-do English women in southern Alberta, Canada, may soon be undertaken, according to Miss Patricia

Carlisle, an English author who operates a ranch near Calgary. Miss Carlisle plans to bring out to her ranch a small number of English women of education each year. Among the party that will come are a well-known woman surgeon from London, three English school teachers and three business women. These women will receive a thorough agricultural education. After they are sufficiently trained they will take up establishments of their own near Miss Carlisle's ranch.