

Ancient Yankee Peddlers

Harbingers of Invention
The Yankee peddler who flourished for the century after the Revolution may have sold wooden nutmegs and clocks that would not keep time and he may have got the best of the bargain, but he gave something, too. He was the country's first distribution system. He was the harbinger of inventions. When all household necessities were fashioned by the family, each new labor-saving device or newly manufactured article was a boon to the pioneer. And it was the peddler who boldly pushed over bad roads, on horseback or in his little cart, to get these things to the settlers.

The peddler vended culture, education, entertainment, enlightenment, as the intangible essence of his calling. Dub him gossip monger, if you will. In the isolated homesteads where contact with human kind was pitifully rare, surely even a little gossip might be tolerated. But the peddler carried, too, legitimate informative news of communities he had just passed through. An excellent substitute for the daily paper, the radio, the telephone. In-gratiating through necessity, he developed a pleasant communicativeness at a time when there was very little of the frivolous.

His title, the "Jolly Peddler," was well earned. The progenitor of the book agent, in many frontiers, distribution of all books, including the Bible and the New England primer, was in his hands.—Cleveland Plain Dealer

Mountains of Teton Park

Have Lakes to Add Charm
It has been said that the only mountains in the world that look as mountains should look are the Teton, observes a writer in the Washington Star. This range is included in Grand Teton National park, in western Wyoming, one of the national parks. The Teton seem to rise as sheer precipices from the shores of Jackson lake, without any gradual incline to lessen the contrast between the pinnacles and the plain. Along the eastern base of the Teton range, protected by a heavy forest, are seven lakes of Alpine grandeur. Six of them lie within the park boundary.

Seen from the north, the massing of mountains resembles a colossal cathedral, with the Grand Teton as the central spire. From the south and east the view of this main peak is strikingly similar to that of the Matterhorn of the Alps.

Bordering the park on the east is Jackson Hole, with its historical interest and romance. In pioneer days this region was famous both as a hunting ground and as hiding places for the hunted. Fugitives from the law found sanctuary in its fastnesses and many border romances were woven around it. Today it is dotted with peaceful dude ranches and only the memory of the old turbulent days remains.

The Danish-American Park

The Rebild National park of Denmark is a gift of the Americans of Danish ancestry to their homeland. The park is in the nature of a memorial center dedicated to the friendship existing between the two countries. Each year since 1912, when it was formally opened to the public, the park has been the scene of impressive ceremonies on Independence day. Twelve miles south of the seaport Asborg, it is situated in the wildest part of the Jutland peninsula and includes within its boundaries one of the country's largest and most beautiful heather moors. It was in 1902 that a group of American citizens of Danish birth purchased a tract of the Rebild hills with the object of making it the first national park of its kind in the world. In 1909 the acreage was turned over to the Danish government and dedicated as a Danish-American park.

Mysterious Number 9 is

One That Seems to Stick
The most mysterious of all numerals is the number nine, declares a writer in the Washington Post.

Try to get rid of it, and you can't. Somehow or other, it always bobs back. Take two times nine, for example. The total is 18, and one plus eight—the two digits in 18—make nine.

Take six times nine. You get 54. All right; add the five and the four, and what do you have? Nine again. Suppose you try a whopper—330 times 9. The total is 3,061. Add up these individual numbers—three, zero, five and one—and there's old number nine staring you in the face.

Here's another one of nine's frills. Take any number, reverse it, then subtract it, and once more you'll have number nine. Here's how: Take 6,383 in the basic number. Reverse it and you have 3,836. Subtract 3,836 from 6,383 and you have 2,547. Add up two, five, four and seven, and you have 18. Add one and eight and you have—well, if it isn't our old friend back again!

Old Chair Worth \$100

Pottstown, Pa.—Mrs. Leroy Mauger bought an old chair for \$2 at a household auction. Later she found \$100 in currency under the seat cushion. Mrs. Mauger returned the money to the former owners.

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