

Old House at Cape Cod Could Be Monument for Lumber Industry

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 Cape Cod, Mass.—In a clearing in the pines here near the town of Palmyra stands a monument before which the American lumber industry might kneel in most reverent appreciation—a wood constructed Cape Cod house nearly 200 years old.

This oldest dwelling on the cape, built entirely of wood (and without benefit of nails) during the colonial days, still stands sturdily on its foundation since the day it was erected by Miss Virtue Gifford's Quaker forebears.

But this is not a restored tourist attraction. It is the house in which Miss Gifford still lives as she has for over 80 years; its cedar shingles still defying time and the eroding character of the sea air.

Unlike the houses that are tirelessly advertised throughout the East as Cape Cod type houses, Miss Gifford's residence is as authentic as any could be. It

has a mark of authenticity that has died out in contemporary building even on Cape Cod—a bowed roof that looks like an overturned ship's bottom.

Capt. John R. Peterson's 20-year old home also has a bowed roof, but later Mrs. Peterson had dormer windows punched into the sloping sides to make the second floor more practical with lighting and ventilation. When an addition was put on the original house, it had a gambrel or Dutch-style roof with dormer windows—something the architect wouldn't hear of two decades ago.

These variations on the Cape Cod house are now commonplace here. There are even a few contemporary houses, but so few that a daring modern house built during World War I days by Architect Frank Lloyd Wright still looks daring in a setting of "salt boxes," as the simple Cape Cod is often called.

But everyone, with scarcely an exception, builds with wood. Even the wealthy. It's not because the cape has a thriving

lumber industry, for its scrub pines aren't very productive of building materials. It's just that Cape Codders are sold on the durability of wooden houses.

Even the hotels, from the smallest to the largest, are made of wood, most of them covered with cedar shingles. Most were built decades ago and were modernized inside to suit the fancy of changing times.

Slick modern conveniences don't seem to count for much

here. One hotel owner seems to have standing proof of that. His barn-like inn, painted an unbecoming tumber color, has made only two concessions to the 20th century—electric lights (bulbs dangling from cords) have been installed, and a measure of inside plumbing has been hooked up for the guests, for the ladies at one end of the hotel and for the "gents" at the other.

The old clapboard hostelry is filled all summer.

Although the well-to-do are

plentiful here among the 200,000 who inhabit Cape Cod for the summer, this resort was never in the class with Newport, R. I., or Lenox, Mass., where the rich of a bygone era built veritable castles equipped with gold lined bathtubs and battalions of servants to keep them from tarnishing. While those castles crumble or give way to commercialized use as hotels, the more modest but still expensive homes of Cape Cod are maintained by their owners from

Boston and New York in blissful seclusion.

In some areas of the cape, estate owners have protective associations, employing peace officers to keep rubbernecking tourists from invading the privacy of their summer way of life.

But whether the Cape Cod residence is a \$100,000 country estate or a \$10,000 salt box, it is still strikingly similar in architectural design, faithful to the Cape Cod tradition to a great extent, and always built of wood.

Montgomery Ward To Use Credit Cards

The Medford branch of Montgomery Ward company will inaugurate a credit-card system as part of its monthly payment plan it was announced recently.

Store Manager J. J. Materie said a customer will be able to purchase up to \$35 worth of Wards merchandise on terms, by showing the credit card to the sales clerk.

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SO NEAR TO FREEDOM—Members of the Russian farm delegation visiting the United States are shown aboard a ferry boat on its way to the Statue of Liberty (background). They remained aboard the boat for the round trip instead of disembarking at Bedloe's Island.

Green Flash in Sky

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Two readers in widely separated Pacific Coast localities have recently asked me to repeat my discussion of the "green flash" published a few years ago. This refers to the verdant blaze of light that appears on the horizon just as the upper rim of the sun sinks from view in the west. For this green flash to be visible, the sky must be unusually clear and free from haze, and the observer must be very patient and not look too directly at the sun until it is practically gone. Avoid a bright sun through field glasses. Eye injury could result.

This phenomenon finds its explanation in the greater bending, absorption and scattering of the rays of light of short wave length than that of those of the longer. The explanation is not difficult, but we are more concerned here with the appearance than with the theory.

Blend of All Colors

It is sufficient to state that sunlight is a blend of all colors of the rainbow, and the order of wave length goes from red, the longest, through orange, yellow, green and blue to violet, the shortest.

A distant horizon gives the best opportunity for seeing the green flash. Watch the setting sun rather indirectly so that your eyes will not be blinded by its glare. Then when only the final dot of the yellow disk remains, turn your attention more fully to it. If conditions are then right, the green will blaze forth with startling suddenness—and be gone in a second or two.

In very dry climates the green flash is quite often seen. The Egyptologist, Dr. W. Groff, saw it many times when in the Nile country, and reported evidence that long ago the people of that land were familiar with it.

Made Special Study

With optical aid this phenomenon may be seen much longer than a second or two. Prof. Don Hunter of the University of Oregon has made a special study of it for many years. On one occasion he viewed it through binoculars for fully 20 seconds. Then after the direct light was gone, he saw the trees on the distant mountain crest glow with the green coming from below his horizon.

Three of us two years ago saw the green flash twice within a few minutes. Motoring north-

ward we watched the sun set behind a high place in the distant Coast range and finally saw a delightful blaze of green. Driving on, soon again we saw the sun over a lower horizon and once more were rewarded with the verdant flash.

Jules Verne, the noted French author, mentions this effect in his *Le Rayon Vert* (The Green Ray). He has two young lovers going often to the top of a hill to try to witness this phenomenon. But when others with them saw it, the lovers never could—for they were not looking toward the sun.

The green flash can also be seen at sunrise when conditions are right.

MOST VALUABLE

Louisville, Ky. (U.P.)—The Baseball Writers of the American Association today announced the selection of Rance Pless of the Minneapolis Millers as the Association's most valuable player of the year. The 29-year-old slugging first baseman has been a strong factor the Millers' race to the Association pennant.

ROGUE VALLEY LEAGUE

Rogue Valley league got off to a good start with 10 full squads. John Compagnoni, City Hall, took the honors for high series with a 534 and Vern Allen, Klievers, turned in the high games with a 205. Since Thursday was the first night of the season all scores were scratch.

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