

# Is That So?

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Of necessity, equipment carried into the outdoors must be light, compact, and serviceable. Because most of these articles have been built for home-use and are often based upon inherited tradition, many do not fit the outdoorsman's bill at all. Now to invent something for the outdoors, one need not be a genius; much more, it's the person's imagination which counts — sizing up the need and then meeting it with a practical solution. So, while my judges are climbing out of the many



suggested most-wanted-outdoor-inventions provoked by my February contest offer, here's another helping culled in part from Raymond F. Yates' 3100 Needed Inventions (Wilfred Funk, N.Y.).

A pocketknife which can be opened more easily without danger of breaking the fingernails. An ax blade cover — most accidents in the woods are caused by axes.

An improved non-sinkable lifeboat. A sailboat that cannot capsize. And finally, a better method of attaching outboard motors to boats — each year, hundreds of motors are lost from boats due to capsizing.

A wind, rain, and mosquito-proof tent which can be put up easily and weighs less than today's tents.

Being a camp cook — usually by preference — I'd like a device to focus the heat of the campfire upon the material to be cooked — not upon the bull cook's red face.

I've often wished I could can and preserve for home use the wonderful early-morning aroma of coffee boiling, eggs sputtering in butter, bacon frying, and the smell of pines and fresh air. But I'd be willing to settle for the moment, for something that would keep the wonderful oven-aroma of fresh bread, or any other bakery products for that matter. Say, capture and hold it for 48 hours.

Sure, there are plenty of small radios on the market — but what about one which can be included within a camera without increasing the weight appreciably. Or one within field glasses.

You've had the distasteful task of picking tinfol out of goosey, melted chocolate bars. Certainly there must be some way of raising the melting point of chocolate. It would mean a great deal to the chocolate-candy industry too. At present in many parts of this country, the production of chocolate goods is almost completely halted during summer months. (Which reminds me: During World War II, the army added something to butter — I believe paraffin — so it wouldn't melt in the tropics. You're right, by mistake a shipment went up to the Aleutians. We had to use axes to cut into it.)

An onion peeler to prevent smarting, tear-flooded eyes. A simple easy-to-clean egg beater. A better case in which to pack eggs into the woods — for shipping anywhere, for that matter. Indicator for Guns.

A lighter rifle but still accurate. A shotgun that will not kick. A visible indicator for guns and revolvers that will give conspicuous warning when they are loaded. A simple gauge that will give the hunter the speed of the crosswind to help him shoot more accurately.

A better method for preserving meat — fish, fowl and game — in the woods.

A dry fly that will keep afloat; a wet fly that will sink when new. A strong knotless tapered leader with a heavy butt which will sink while the line floats.

For that first off-the-beaten-road fishing trip and that late-in-the-fall deer hunting trip, a mudhook for easy and quick application around a tire which will fit the modern disk-type wheel.

Some way of treating knots in knotty pine — so they will never drop out.

And finally, some safety-proof cigarettes and matches which will quickly extinguish when discarded to reduce the hazard of forest fires.

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