NOTES OF A VACATION AMIDST THE MOUNTAINS

SOME FACTS GATHERED AND INCIDENDTS OCCURRING DURING THE SUMMER DAYS OF A VISIT TO WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA. HOWARD A. BANKS.

It was a great pleasure to be the guest of Mr. D. A. Tompkins, in his summer home at Montreat. Mr. Tompkins psends the greater part of his summers now at this place,—from April to October. His charming household consists of Miss Grace Tompkins, his sister, who presides at his hospitable board; Mrs. Tompkins, of Edgefield, S. C., a near relative; Miss Abernethy, of Mount Holly, his stenographer; and Miss Davis, of Charlottle, a trained nurse. The spacious piazza looks directly out across the North Fork of the Swannanoa river, a mere creek at this point, which washes the feet of Rainbow Mountain, a hill rising to a sheer height of several hundred feet directly from its waters. The mountain is named from its graceful curve. The Montreat Association owns to the top of the ridge, and it would be well if the association would build a winding road to the top. The mountain would seem to lend itself admirably to road building; and the view from the top must be superb. It is covered with a thick, short growth of oak, out of which one single, solitary pine tree shoots skyward. The Tompkins househoold calls it The Lonesome Pine"; but there is no trail to it.

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To the southward looms up the Blue Ridge, well named—for no mountains in the world are so exquisitely cerule-an. At various periods during the day, the Ridge from whatever point one views it, seems to exhibit every shade of blue. Sometimes it reflects the color of the sky. At other times it wears a tint of gray blue. At others it is as deep as indigo. As evening draws on, and the shepherd wind blows up his fluffy flocks of cloud, and they cast their shadows on the hills below, the Ridge dons its royal purple. The exploiters of one part of the Western North Carolina mountains were happy indeed in calling their section "The Sapphire Country." Just after sunset an artist's eye often detects a lilac tint.

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Asheville, Sept. 1.—This has been a good summer for mountain tourists' resorts. Southern Railway trains have been crowded during the month of August. Asheville, Waynesville, Hendersonville, Black Moutnain and its environs and other places have been filled up with visitors from the North and South, esceping from the hot weather of the lowlands and of the great cities.

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very definite rason therefor.

This is a bumper fruit crop year in the mountains. Apples are a glut on the market. at Waynesville at 50 n cents a bushel. Shippers of apples at Canton are paying the mountain people 40 cents a bushel. I fell into conversation with a man named Justice, who has an orchard of 2,000 trees near Waynesville, and he says that there is no Northern market for apples, and he is looking southward to a see if he cannot find a market in that direction which will yield him better prices. Mountain wagons in Waynesville are loaded with apples and with fresh apple cider at 10 cents a quart.

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Capt. Robert Johnston, U. S. A., resigned, of Asheville, has an immense crop of apples on the old Boggs orchards, which he bought several years ago. The orchards are about two miles from Waynesville, and are probably the finest in North Carolina. Capt. Johnston has not disposed of his fruit. Haywood county fruit growers' exchange is now having a rather hard row of stumps to hoe, as they have been without a manager for a year or so, and do not know where to find one. This is a serious handleap to the orchard men in a bumper crop year like this.

The mountains are a God-send, with

CRIMSON CLOVER AND HAIRY VETCH SEED PRICES

Prices for imported crimson clover and hairy vetch seed have recently shown such a marked upward tenden-cy that specialists of the Department fear that the cost of the seed, of which Europe is the chief source, will interfere with the increasing use of these leguminous cover crops. In fact, it is feared that the prices of the seed of these legumes may go so kigh as to make it inadvisable to plant them this year.

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Before the present European conditions arose, crimson clover seed was selling at from \$4 to \$5 a bushel. Up to August 15 there was a scarcity of this seed in the United States, owing to the fact that the receipts from Europe were smaller than usual. The prices then advanced to from \$7.50 to \$9.00 per bushel. Since that date importations have continued to arrive, until there is now more imported seed available for fall seeding than there was in this country a year ago at this time. This seed, according to the Department's information, was all imported at approximately the same price as that sold for \$4 to \$4.50 per bushel in the early part of the season. The present high price, therefore, is regarded by the Department as unwarranted, from the standpoint of the supply and the import price of the seed. Some dealers are continuing to sell at the former price, but these are exceptions.

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If the present high price is maintained, the specialists are doubtful whether crimson clover can be profitted in the process of the catch is not reasonably certain. Unset it will be better practice to sow rye this fall and use the difference in price in adding nitrogen to the soil in the form of nitrate of soda or some highly nitrogenous fertilizer. The rye will afford a winter cover preventing washing and leaching, and can be plowed under in the spring to add humans to the soil.

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CURING MEAT ON THE FARM

NOW IS TIME TO SOW CRIMSON CLOVER

Useful Recipes For the Economical astisfactory Preservation of Beef and Pork.

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