

From One of Our Guests.

The following letter descriptive of Pinehurst appeared in the Dedham, Mass., Transcript of March 11th:

PINEHURST, N. C., March 9, '99.

Perhaps the readers of the Transcript would be interested in learning something of this famous health resort, where the writer is sojourning for a few weeks to escape the rigors of the month of March in New England. Leaving Dedham on the 22d of February, and stopping over in New York to visit the Dog Show on the following day, we took sleepers and started at 9 p. m. over the Jersey ferry to the Pennsylvania R. R. and reached Southern Pines at 6.30 the following evening. An electric car connected with Pinehurst—seven miles distant, which was reached half an hour later, where we had an introduction to the famous James W. Tufts, of Boston, the owner of 6000 acres of land, and all the buildings erected or to be erected in Pinehurst.

Supper being over, we wandered about the Holly Inn, had a chat with Atwood and Treadway, the managers, and took a squint over the hotel register, always an attraction to a newspaper man. We were pleased to find a very large portion from Boston and neighboring towns—Norfolk County furnishing its quota, several families resident of Brookline being here for the second season. The Boston Stock Exchange has a number of overworked representatives at the Holly Inn, none of whom, however, are resting, as one might suppose they would do when they came here. On the contrary, they are the most active workers in all that pertains to outdoor sports, and while giving their heads a much-needed rest, are venting their spite on their bodies, until every muscle aches.

Golfing grounds and club house have been provided by Mr. Tufts, and here you will find him and his charming better half entering into the game as heartily as the youngest and most enthusiastic players. The game is intensely popular, and the picture presented each day by the intermingling of the red waists and sun bonnets of the ladies with the scarlet coats of the gentlemen, is worth going a long distance to see and enjoy.

The guests, being made up so largely of New England people, are sociable to a degree that makes one feel quite at home after a day or two here, and although there are some 200 or over in the Holly Inn, they seem to be almost of one family. There is one great advantage in locating Pinehurst seven miles from a railway station, and that is—there is no way of spending money here outside of your hotel expenses, so that people who propose to stay a month are very apt to stay six weeks,—and come the next season.

The altitude of Pinehurst is 650 feet above sea level, and there is an entire absence of that damp chilliness in the air so peculiar to the east winds at home. The town is well lighted by electricity—1200 lights being furnished. The water is excellent, and will compare favorably with our Dedham supply. And guests drink freely of it, for there is nothing stronger or more tempting to be procured at Pinehurst. The heaviest rainfall here, and there are some "right smart" ones, disappears in a few hours, owing to the sandy nature of the soil, so that hardly any surface water is seen. There is a department store, where those who rent

cottages can purchase everything in the line of housekeeping at reasonable rates, post office, village hall, school-house for the children of guests, meat market and apothecary store. Milk is obtained from a carefully selected herd of cows belonging to Mr. Tufts—who is monarch of all he surveys while in Pinehurst.

Random walks are taken over the golf grounds to the Nursery, where several acres are devoted to raising shrubbery and plants for the markets of the North as well as for the hotels and cottages. By the way, I should state that there are 50 cottages occupied by contented and happy families from all over New England—not forgetting Rye Beach, N. H. You can board at the Casino for \$4.50 per week, and room at any of the hotels, the Berkshire, the Magnolia, the Radcliffe, or the Pine Grove House. Board and rooms, \$10 to \$15 a week. The Holly Inn, \$15 to \$25 a week for one person—\$25 to \$40 for two in one room. The table service is by white girls of the North, who are adepts in their line, and are extremely attentive to every desire of the hungry guest.

By way of recreation, there are a number of pleasant walks through the pine woods, where you will meet with a courteous "good morning" from almost every one you meet. There is a deer park, a hennery, a goat ranch, peacocks, and other attractions located at different angles so that each day you may have all the exercise in walking that you desire. You can also take short drives, either on horseback or carriage. This hotel has an orchestra of four pieces, and we have a music room where dancing is held each evening and during certain parts of the day. Concerts and entertainments are given here and at the Village Hall. A feature of last week was a colored baby show and cake walk, which was patronized by nearly all the residents. There were two prizes for the handsomest babies under two years old, and I am glad to say that I picked out and voted for the winners.

By the way, the proportion of ladies to gentlemen here shows a large percentage of the former—say 19 to 5 as a guess, but they are healthy and good looking, and very few over middle life—to judge from the way they enjoy themselves at card playing in the evening. The men, on the contrary, are the sick ones of the family, but you would never know it. I think they are only sick of work, and came down here, like the writer, to escape the severe weather of our Northern climate.

H. H. M.

Woman.

"Wait a minute," said Mrs. Jones to Mrs. Smith, who was making a neighborly call. "I want to show you my winter bonnet."

"I think I saw it," replied Mrs. Smith. "You had it on at church last Sunday, didn't you?"

"Yes; how did you like it?"

"Oh, it was just lovely. I'm sure, dear, it looks equally as well as it did last year."

Only a woman could say a thing like that and say it so sweetly that honey would taste sour in comparison.—*Chicago News.*

Next to it.—"Your husband doesn't smoke, Mrs. Price?" No; but he sometimes fumes."—*Chibrygo Record.*

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