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THE STORY OF LIFE.

Say, what is life? 'Tis to be born—
A hapless babe, to greet the light
With a sharp wail, as if the morn
Foretold a cloudy noon and night;
To weep, to sleep and weep again,
With sunny smiles between, and then?

And then apace the infant grows
To be a laughing, sprightly boy,
Happy despite his little woes,
Were he but conscious of his joy;
To be, in short, from two to ten,
A merry, moody child, and then?

And then, in coat and trousers clad,
To learn to say the decalogue
And break it, and, unthinking lad,
With mirth and mischief all agog,
A truant off by field and fen
To capture butterflies, and then?

And then, increased in strength and size,
To be, anon, a youth full grown,
A hero in his mother's eyes,
A young Apollo in his own;
To imitate the ways of men
In fashionable sins, and then?

And then, at last, to be a man;
To fall in love, to woo and wed,
With soothing brain to scheme and plan;
To gather gold or toil for bread;
To sue for fame with tongue or pen
And gain or lose the prize, and then?

And then in gray and wrinkled old
To mourn the speed of life's decline;
To praise the scenes his youth beheld
And dwell in memory of lang syne;
To dream awhile, with darkened ken,
Then drop into his grave, and then?

—Exchange.

AT PINEHURST, N. C.

An Ideal Village Built for a Winter Resort.—Three Hotels.

The name Pinehurst bids fair to become one of the most noted among those of winter resorts in the Sunny South. It is that of a winter resort village among the pine hills of North Carolina, in the heart of as healthful a region as can be found on the entire Atlantic Slope. It is on the Piedmont plateau at the altitude of 650 feet, among sand hills covered with the long-leaf pine. The village of hotels and cottages embodies the ideas of a business man of Boston, James W. Tufts, who founded it as a place of rest and recuperation. It includes the Carolina, the Holly Inn and Berkshire hotels, about fifty cottages, several boarding houses a public casino, a large hall for church services and entertainments, a library, a museum, a school house, stores, a bowling alley, a deer park, and an eighteen-hole golf course, which has no superior in the South.

The village was laid out on the most artistic lines by eminent landscape architects, and in the five and a half years since it was begun it has steadily increased in attractiveness and interest. The ideal place in which to "loaf and invite your soul" is the expression of a well known public man who came away charmed with what Pinehurst has to offer to the wayworn and weary in the fierce competition of life.

Mr. Tufts having been attracted to the region by its healthfulness and adaptability for purposes of physical and mental

recuperation, invested in a tract of 6,000 acres of the beautiful pine forest, and had a model village laid out on the best sanitary plans and built in a most substantial manner. The water supply is from the Pinehurst spring, which is especially recommended for the cure of rheumatic ills and digestive and kidney troubles. The region is a rolling one, and the fresh breezes, health-giving odor of the resinous pines, bracing atmosphere and crystal clearness of the skies on most winter days give to all who have the opportunity to enjoy them a zest, exhilaration and satisfaction in living that dwellers in the North seldom, if ever, know. The ample opportunities for outdoor recreation are fully enjoyed. The golf course covers nearly one hundred and fifty acres, and is declared by the highest expert authority to compare favorably

with a telephone, rendering communication easy with any one desired. The first floor is finished in oak, the lobby is spacious, there is a large music room, which will seat four hundred persons, the orchestra is an excellent one, and there is the best possible table service and cuisine.

The Holly Inn, which will now accommodate two hundred guests, has been enlarged each year since its construction. It is finely furnished, heated by steam, lighted by electricity, supplied with open fire-places, electric bells and every convenience for comfortable living. A fine music room, octagonal in shape, with a width of forty feet, affords facilities for concerts, dancing and entertainments.

The Berkshire is a homelike structure, which will accommodate over a hundred persons and make them exceedingly

Edward Everett Hale writes as follows of the benefit of living at this ideal resort:

"I have enjoyed so much a residence of some weeks at Pinehurst that I like to speak of it to other people. I do so with a certain terror, for fear that sick people who ought to be at home under the care of their own doctor will go there, as poor Ponce de Leon went to his ruin. There is no fountain of health in Pinehurst, except so far as the fresh air of the good God is a perpetual fountain everywhere. There is no hospital there; it is no sort of a sanitarium. It is not, therefore, a place to which what we call a consumptive person should go. On the other hand, it is an excellent place for lazy persons to go, or for a person who, not being lazy, has for the moment overworked himself, has seen too many people, or who has heard too many door bells. . . . People who like to live a quiet life will go to Pinehurst, because, so far as I know, at least, there is not a door bell within five miles of its centre. In a word, a good many of the requisitions of a decent, simple, Christian life can be found in this little out of the way village, as they cannot be found elsewhere."—*New York Tribune, January 13, 1901.*

Appalachian Forest Reserve.

A National Forest Reserve in the Appalachian Belt can be established only by the purchase of land, for there is no public domain in that region. The bill now before Congress directs the Secretary of Agriculture to purchase not more than 2,000,000 acres of forest in the southern Appalachians and appropriate \$5,000,000 for that purpose. The lands must be situated within the States of Virginia, North and South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama and Tennessee. The purpose of establishing the proposed reserve is to introduce scientific forestry methods, conserve the forests and at the same time permit lumbering in this large area of hard woods.

No one now doubts that it was wise policy to set apart the forest reserves which have been established since 1896 in eleven of our Western States and Territories. The idea was at first strongly opposed on the ground that the withdrawal of so much public land from purchase would retard the development of the States concerned and delay the discovery of new sources of mineral wealth. These misgivings, however, were not justified by our policy with regard to the reserves. The Geological Survey has been engaged, since the summer of 1897, in studying the timber, mineral and agricultural resources of these regions. All of them may be developed as fast as capital and labor seek employment there. In some of the reserves, as in the Black Hills, for example, large industries have long been established. But these large areas can no longer be stripped of all their timber without a thought of tree replating. The propagation of timber



A GLIMPSE OF PINEHURST.

with any course in the country. A professional player has charge of the greens, and there are many tournaments in course of the season. The opportunities for automobile driving, bicycle riding, tennis playing, fox hunting and quail shooting are ample and are constantly enjoyed.

The Carolina is the largest of the hotels, and one of the newest in the South. It was the original idea of the creator of Pinehurst to confine it to cottage residents, and in this end only cottages were at first built. But in response to the demands of visitors the erection of hotels was made necessary. The Carolina was only completed in the closing year of the century just ended, and will compare most favorably with the largest and finest of similar structures in the South. It is exceeded in size by no other hotel in the State. It has nearly fifty suites of rooms with private baths, and will accommodate four hundred guests, while five hundred can be seated in the great dining hall. Every room is equipped

comfortable. The dining room is finished in North Carolina pine and has a huge fire-place where pine logs are burned, and with pine trees outside, in Pinehurst one can feel that he is certainly in a piney atmosphere. The house has also steam heat, electric lighting, and all the needs of the guests are amply supplied.

To reach Pinehurst one can go by either the Southern Railway or the Seaboard Air Line. It is about three hundred miles from Washington, and a short branch of the Southern leaves the main line at High Point, N. C. Southern Pines is the station on the Seaboard, six miles away, with a trolley road reaching it from Pinehurst. The winter climate of Pinehurst is almost the same as that of Southern France or Northern Italy, and the soil is sandy, so that rain is at once absorbed, and there is no undue moisture, while malaria is unknown. It takes eighteen hours from this city to Pinehurst, and on Tuesdays and Thursdays there is a special Pullman car from Washington thither. The Rev. Dr.