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Others come for the winter, and go back and tell others, and so it has come to be like the locust story, in which one locust came to the barn and took a grain of wheat and went away, and another one came and took a grain of wheat and went away.

You know the story. It was a great year for locusts, and the farmer had his barn full of wheat and a locust came and got a grain and flew away, and presently another one— Well, they came to Pinehurst. Last year they tell me about thirty thousand people applied for admission to the hotels in this sandy region and could not be accommodated. So James Tufts laid the foundation for a community that should give health and little farms to many people and the plans never materialized. And so Leonard Tufts builded a community that had never been planned, and which is now planning and which is to be built on still broader scale and magnitude, and here we find now a development that begins any place you want to start with the beginning line, and goes out all over the lower end of Moore county, part of the adjoining counties, including the biggest artillery post in the world, which the government is now constructing at Camp Bragg, and a lot more of North Carolina.

Pinehurst was quick to recognize the value of golf as a winter occupation. Southern Pines started out with croquet, but that did not seem to have the engine power on the steep grades and Mr. Tufts installed a golf course. That led to another, and all devotees of outing sports know the result. At Pinehurst now are four eighteen-hole courses and another one over at Southern Pines. Two or three more are planned at Knollwood, which is the legitimate offspring of Pinehurst and Southern Pines, and Donald Ross has his eye on golf possibilities all around this neighborhood for miles. Golf has come to perfection at Pinehurst. Golf is viewed from two standpoints. The player sees in it a game. I was in Pittsburg a few days ago and naturally I had to foregather with the old chaps who in the *fin de siecle* had been my companions in the newspaper world. They confessed to me that they had to have daily reports of Pinehurst golf stuff in the season. To us it is news to print.

Golf, gun club work, the races, the coming and going of notables from everywhere, now make the news that must be telegraphed out from Pinehurst every day, just like from New York and Washington. Pinehurst is a little town with no corporate existence, yet it is the end of a Pullman run from New York, and as many as seven Pullman cars have pulled out from the station on one train, starting on their journey northward. It will not be long until a solid Pinehurst train will run between Pinehurst and Washington, nor long until air plane service will be in operation, for the traffic is heavy, and it is traffic that has the money to pay the freight. Pinehurst has a bank, schools, hotels of the most elaborate type and the highest order of service, but no mayor, town council, nor anything of that sort. In season it has more wealth represented in its bor-

ders than probably any other town in the state, and probably than any other place of its size on the continent. I am told that at an informal gathering one night last winter sixty men were present who were rated millionaires. But money is not the big factor at Pinehurst. Men with big pocketbooks come to Pinehurst. So do men with big intellects. Educators, bankers, scientists, statesmen, politicians, plutocrats and probably some Bolsheviks, for Pinehurst is as democratic as a South Carolina election. Novelists write their stories at Pinehurst. Ambassadors, cabinet ministers, soldiers from the army, Annie Oakley, golf experts, jockeys, agricultural experts, everybody, even to the cattle and horses and dogs that have their names among the high up on the registry.

Pinehurst is twenty-five years old. And the one thing to me is that it is still the same old setting of Sandhill barrens, with the marvelous climate, although man has worked wonders all around. The peach orchards of Pinehurst are as renowned as the cherry fields of Kerasund in Asia, and men are making fortunes from the peaches and peach orchards from the sandy hills. Peaches, tobacco farms, cotton fields, dewberry vineyards, scuppernong grapes, are creating in the one time sterile region a paradise. James W. Tufts had put his foot in the land of Canaan, and like Moses, he died before he was allowed to realize the marvelous story that has been made by the people who followed his lead. Pinehurst has grown in the quarter of a century to be a positive creation, with a purpose that will now more surely follow certain lines. Where James W. Tufts bought his sand hills is now a community that could hardly be bought for a thousand times what the philanthropic pioneer paid for it. Homes, hotels, farms and orchards, to say nothing of the new developments that are in the kettle, Pinehurst has been a steady transformation scene. Except the farm and orchard that adds to the picturesqueness of the place it has not an industry, for Pinehurst is a vacation, a day off. It is the source of many hundreds of thousand dollars to the people of the surrounding country, for Pinehurst is steadily expanding, and employs a small army of people in season. It buys enormous quantities of things from the farmers. It pays a gigantic proportion of taxes, and without a shudder.

I have seen Pinehurst grow from the sand, and see that it is growing as much as it has grown, and that its influence is to bring the surrounding country forward along with it. But having seen the plans and how many of them were discarded and how many things grew up that were no more planned than Topsy who just growed, I make no forecasts about the future except that we are going somewhere and are on the way, but have no idea where. Pinehurst has been a helper in many ways to the community as well as to itself. It has introduced here in the Sandhills the idea of the electric light, the modern conveniences for the home, the landscape garden, the picturesque in rural life, the good roads, for Pinehurst has been the father of good roads, and nobody knows what all Pinehurst has done for North Carolina. The Southern Pines, North Carolina

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