

Streets were laid out, banks and mercantile establishments were started, mortgages were lifted, money was plenty, and times were prosperous.

New York pearl dealers flocked there in great numbers, and soon the pearl market centres of the United States and Europe were flooded with American pearls. This was at a time when Oriental pearls were scarce and when the demand for them was constantly on the jump. European pearl dealers began to open their eyes to the beauty, size and quantity of the domestic gems.

The excitement in the pearl region continued throughout the summers of 1900 and 1901, and only subsided when the black River was cleaned of pearls. Then the fortune seekers swarmed to the Mississippi River and explored the streams, creeks and bayous of Arkansas.

No rich fishing was struck until White River was reached. Here the scenes on the Black River were re-enacted.

The method of fishing for clams has not changed since the industry began. They are tricked to their death.

A clam has a propensity for seizing every foreign substance that comes within its reach. This characteristic has been utilized by the pearl fisher.

He rigs up a lot of hooks on a rack and drags his rack along the sandbeds. The clam lies on its back with the shells open and facing up, the stream.

As the hooks dangle along, the shells close quickly over them and hold on for dear life. Hence the saying:

"DON'T BE A CLAM."

Nearly all of the pearls are snapped up by New York buyers at ridiculously low figures. Not long ago, Alfred Hastings, a boy sixteen years old, found a button shaped gem, weighing 168 grains. He sold it to a local buyer for \$2,168. The buyer brought it to New York, took off its outside skin, set a price on it of \$10,000 and got it.

## DURING THE COMING SUMMER!

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tinually being added to the extent of The Pinehurst Preserves and the sport of another year will show a marked improvement over previous years. Stocking has been liberally indulged in since the season closed, and some of the young dogs at the kennels are sure to be field favorites before the shooting season of 1904 opens.

Taken all in all the prospect for the future is a brilliant one which will be viewed with satisfaction by Pinehurst Lovers everywhere and which is a significant prophesy.

### Drove Home by Moonlight.

Picnic parties are very popular these Spring days and the Pine Grove at Thagard's Mills is a favorite resort. A party of ten spent Wednesday afternoon there, lunching under the cool shade of the trees at dusk and driving home in the beautiful moonlight.

## WILD PIGEON HUNTING

Wing Shooting Which Demands the Highest Grade of Skill.

Spring Sport Which is Becoming Popular in this Section as it is Better Understood.

THE sportsman who has never shot the wild pigeon of The Carolinas has missed a precious hunting experience, for no bird that cleaves the air, with the possible exception of the teal, demands a higher grade of skill. To tumble over one of these feathered thunderbolts as it comes down upon the wind, is an achievement which thrills to the finger tips, and to make a double, an event which will furnish the basis for many a camp-fire story.

No bird is more fleet of wing or wary of man when on the alert. Not a part of the charge but the whole load must strike this quarry if it is to be stopped quickly, and the headlong tumble which results fills the sportsman with savage glee, because he feels as Kipling has so aptly expressed it, "that his work was good;" because it is skill not slaughter.

The birds congregate in great numbers hereabouts to feed and while the sport is best in April and early May the shooting is often good during February and March. The method most employed is to take stands along the line over which the birds pass moving to and from the feeding grounds. If they are sluggish beaters are brought into play to keep them moving.

As a table bird the pigeon has few equals. The meat is dark but deliciously rich and tender.

### Episcopal Services Sunday.

Episcopal service will be held in the Village Hall Sunday afternoon at four, Rev. Henry T. Gregory officiating.



### Different Interpretations.

Mr. Smarty—I say, conductor, is this ticket good to stop off?

Conductor Kidder—Sure; but it won't be good to get on again.

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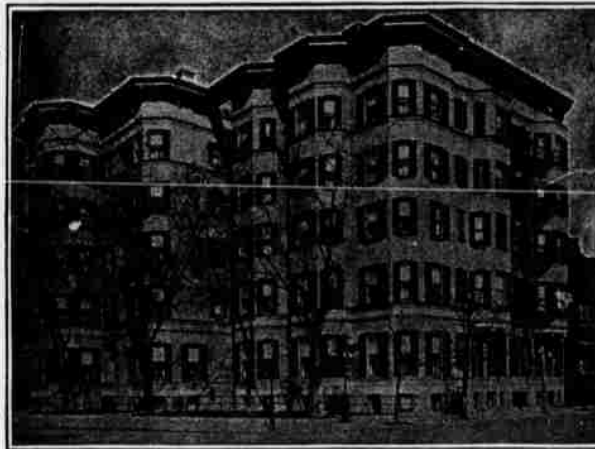
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