

## LEONARD TUFTS, "OWNER"

## A Shibboleth That Has Lost Its Meaning

## The Emancipation of Pinehurst Evidenced by the Ownership Of the Village



IT IS perhaps more in sorrow than in rejoicing that we chronicle the passing of the first phase of our city. Every fellow looks upon the past with a reminiscent fondness, and regards the future in some measure as an interloper. "Progress" is all very well. But in its triumphant course it rides over many a cherished landmark and quaint old custom, and often enough fills with wistful regret the soul of the casual and gentle lovers of things ancient and pleasant.

Among those conceptions in our own village is that of Leonard Tufts, Owner. For years the infant golf links and the budding shrubbery and the cottage we inhabited and the very water in the well signified to us not the existence of a community, but an hospitable villa, the property of one Mr. Tufts, where we visited once in so often, and whence we carried pleasant memories, as from a Private Estate. And this was true, as witnessed by a legend probably seen by two-thirds of the people of the country, (the rest cannot read or only read German) LEONARD TUFTS, OWNER.

These reflections came to us upon an astonishing afternoon when picking up one of the Pinehurst Announcements we felt a vivid sense of loss. It was much the same feeling one would have if he were to open the editorial page of the *Transcript* and find no mention of the weather in the first column, or to put on his shoes and find no sole thereunder. Directly it came to us. It had disappeared, this ancient expected sign had disappeared.

We rushed to Mr. Tufts in his sanctum above the turmoil and inquired why. His answer was sad and full of reminiscent fondness.

Because, malheureusement, he was no longer owner. Any more than I am owner of Sault San Marie, or the Acropolis. He handed me two things, with the air of a widower giving his only daughter away to the Red Cross. One was a map of the Pinehurst of Leonard Tufts. His own, the yearling fancy. It was dated 1905. The other was a picture of the present Pinehurst grown beyond control of the parent hand, a town, even as Athol, Mass. And the other was the names of those that are now joint owners, which reads no longer like the proprietors of a villa by the sea. A tax list rather. Here they are. Let us say requiescat to Leonard Tufts, Owner, and merely put it down for the antiquary to discover in times to come, that this village, or city, or memory, whatever it then will be, was once the dream of one man and the property of another.

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## The Annual Problem

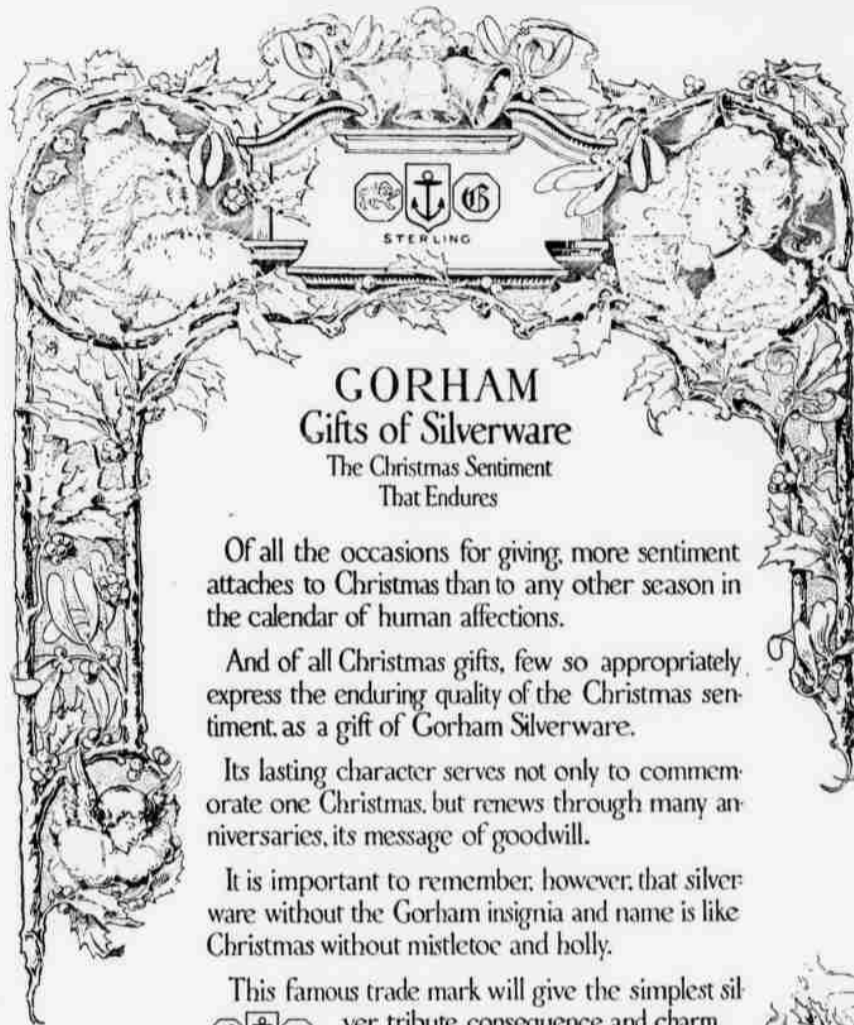
With Christmas only a week distant, many of us are facing our annual problem with uncertainty, not to say desperation. Therefore, with its usual foresight and customary consideration for its readers' interests, THE OUTLOOK has gathered together, and now presents a goodly collection of invitations and announcements emanating from various concerns who, we assure you, will show themselves very willing to assist our readers in solving some of their Christmas difficulties. A glance through the advertising literature which even our detractors admit comprises the most interesting portion of our pages, will bring to your eye several excellent suggestions for Christmas gifts and seasonable remembrances. As we finish this off for the printer, we close with a comfortable sensation of being of enormous service to our readers and our advertisers, at no personal expense to ourselves, and of having filled in that last four inches about which a succession of well yclept printer's devils has been worrying us for the past half hour.

## After The Hounds

George Leach led the brave array behind the pack out again on Tuesday in search of a brisk ride and the joys of the sandy paths and the trail of the little red fox. The party started from the Carolina about eight o'clock, and went down the Linden road by the Waring estate and the Dana's new clearing, and over the hills and the branches of Horse's Creek. Brer Fox must have got wind of the sport, for no signs of him later than the day before were found, and these made hard following. However all hands had a good twenty-mile ride and were quite ready for lunch.

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