

## AROUND THE HEARTH.

### FOR THE PINE KNOT. A TUNEFUL STRAIN.

In youth's fair prime, now parted many a year,  
A strain I heard, e'en yet I seem to hear,  
One of those notes to favored mortals given,—  
Borrowed, perchance from golden harps of Heaven.

"A psalm of victory," so the anthem rung;  
"A crown of glory," thus the minstrel sung,  
The singer I have never seen since then:  
Perhaps in fairer climes he sings again.

When I have skill to picture sunset skies  
And strike the key of Nature's harmonies,  
Then shall I hope, on some celestial shore,  
To catch that heavenly strain of song once more.

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN. S. W. POND.

### SOUTHERN WINTER RESORTS.

[We insert the following from the Baltimore *Manufacturer's Record* to show what can be accomplished in North Carolina in the way of attracting Northern visitors if the merits of the State are properly presented. The one secret of Florida's wonderful success, with much less merit than N. C., is liberal, tireless advertising.]

In the spring of 1885 a group of State Commissioners were chatting together in the spacious parlor of one of their number at the New Orleans Exposition. They had been exchanging information about their respective States, and several of the Southern gentlemen had referred to the wealth of iron, coal and timber in their mines and forests and to the prosperity that was attending their rapid development. One of the company turned to Judge Sebring, Florida's genial commissioner, with the remark: "We have you there, Judge. Iron and coal are worth more than orange groves, and will prove a more lasting source of wealth."

"I don't know about that," was the quick response, "but Florida has a mine worth all of these put together."

Then, as the others looked surprised, he gave them some figures that were even more startling than his statement.

"Florida's mine", said Judge Sebring, "is its winter visitors. Sixty thousand people come there between October and May. Their average stay is twelve days, and their average daily expenditure is \$10 apiece. Figure for yourselves our income from that mine."

"Judge," exclaimed one of the party, "we give in. Florida has a bonanza yielding \$7,200,000 a year."

Since that time it has been often said, by those to whom the statement was repeated, that it was incredible; but those who investigate the facts carefully will soon conclude that the aggregate sum Florida receives from winter guests is even greater than the huge sum named. But Florida is by no means the only State that derives annually a handsome revenue from this source. From the famous Hygeia Hotel, at Old Point Comfort, southward to New Orleans, there are scores of well patronized hotels in large cities, little towns and country nooks, all of which have both regular and chance guests every winter, and if it were possible to collect accurate statistics from every one of them it would be found that fully fifteen to twenty millions of Northern money are disbursed among them every season. It is the return to the South, with compound interest, of the vast sums her wealthy citizens expended at the North for fifty summers before 1861. This great out-pouring of money is not made solely at the coast resorts. Norfolk, Virginia, gets a share of it; Wilmington, Charleston, Mobile, Pass Christian and New Or-

leans receive their portions, but so, also, do Kittrels, Greensboro, Raleigh, Charlotte and Asheville in North Carolina; Columbia, Spartanburg and Sumpter in South Carolina; Atlanta, Marietta and Thomasville in Georgia, and Chattanooga in Tennessee. There are scores of places not so well known, such as Tarboro and New Berne, in North Carolina, that are yearly visited by people who found them pleasant spots for a few weeks of rest and recreation.

The tourists seeking a pleasant tarrying place in the South do so for many reasons. Some go for curiosity, many to escape the fierce wintry blasts, others to engage in hunting and fishing, still others to examine the opportunities for investment or speculation, multitudes because it has become fashionable, but by far the greater number because their health, or that of some one dear to them, compels the change of climate. Hence it is that the South has become the winter sanitarium of the United States. There are but two things that prevent a much greater exodus from the North. These are a lack of knowledge of where the desirable hotels are, and of the kind of recreation to be found at the many little-known resorts. The great summering places along the Atlantic coast, in the White Mountains, on the great lakes and Canadian rivers, have long been accustomed to furnish this information annually and have reaped their rewards. Florida hotel men, very many of whom are proprietors of Northern houses, have advertised their places continuously; but aside from these and the Kimball, at Atlanta; the St. Charles, at New Orleans, and the Hygeia, very few Southern hotels are ever heard of except by the immediate friends of those who have visited them.

### FOR THE PINE KNOT. KNOTS

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#### HIDDEN TREES.

1. This is as heavy as lead.
2. Did you find the map, Leander?
3. O, a kind man gave me this.
4. Please give me a pin, Eric.
5. I told Mrs C. her rye was ground.
6. How fast your mule can travel, Mark.
7. Mayhap pleasures will yet come to you.
8. Indeed Mag, no liars shall stay in my house.
9. I shall be glad if I reach home safely.
10. See that working bee chasing that drone.

SALLIE CLARKE.

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