

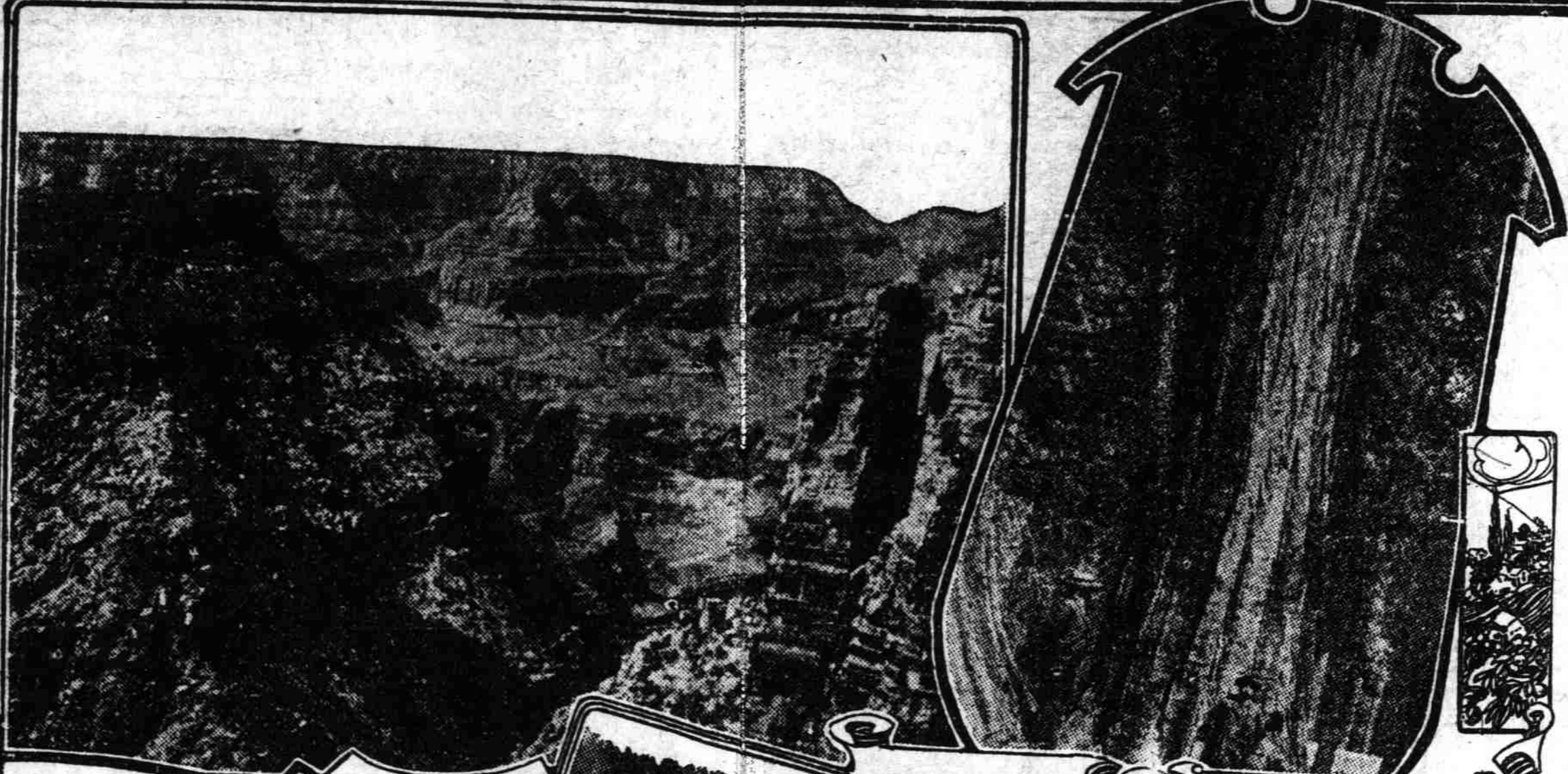
The "SEE AMERICA FIRST" Crusade

Man's Capacity Only Limit

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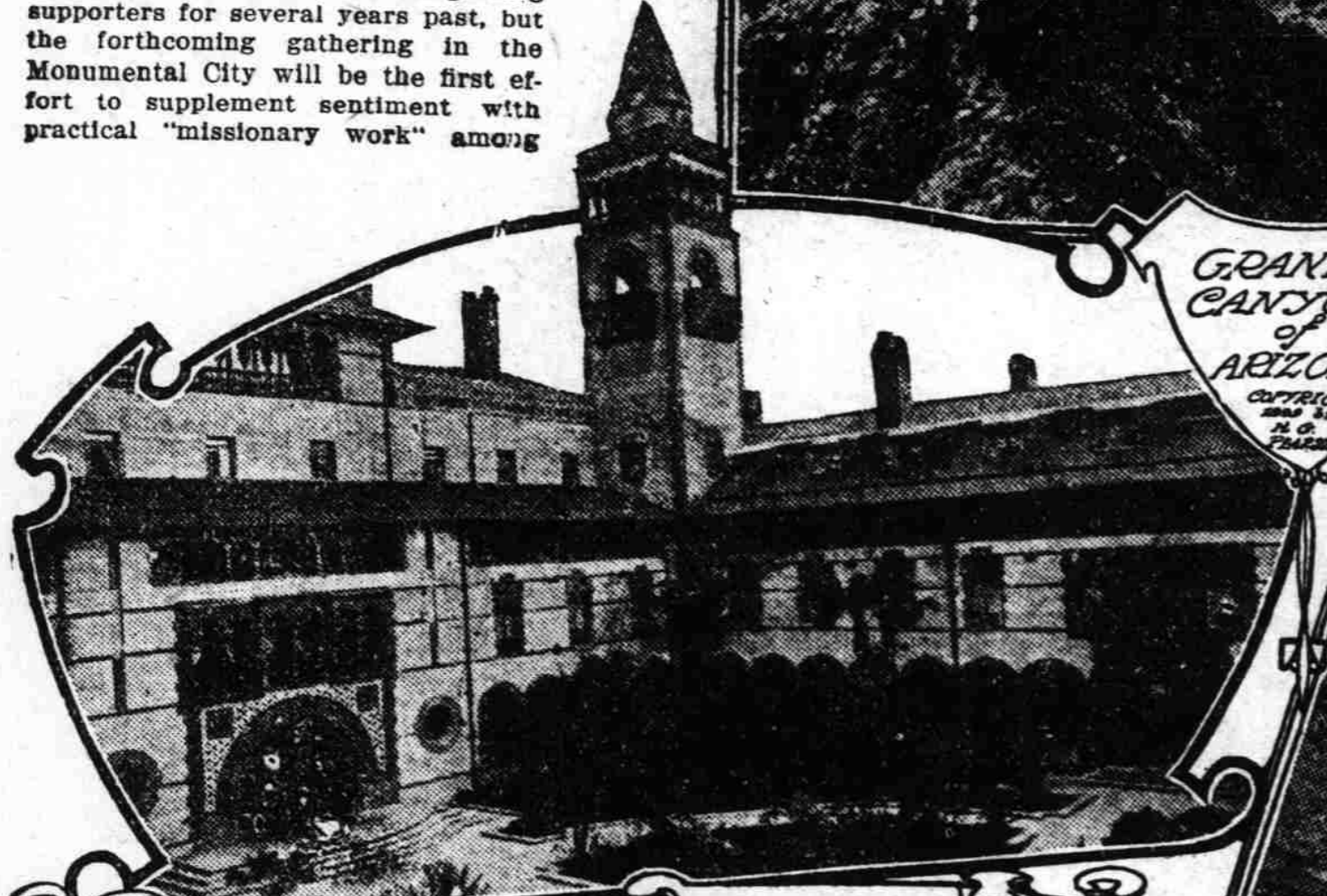
A GREAT national convention will be held in the city of Baltimore next January with a unique object in view. The purpose of the gathering is to promote the "See America First" movement and to devise means of arousing sentiment on the subject throughout the length and breadth of the United States. President Taft has already expressed his entire sympathy with the movement and promised to be present and speak at the convention. It is likewise expected that the governor of every state in the Union will either be present in person or be officially represented by some spokesman of standing in the commonwealth from which he hails. In addition to the national and state officials there will be prominent men and women in all walks of life and many persons who are deeply interested in the project for unselfish reasons.

The "See America First" crusade has been gradually taking form and gaining supporters for several years past, but the forthcoming gathering in the Monumental City will be the first effort to supplement sentiment with practical "missionary work" among



GRAND CANYON OF ARIZONA

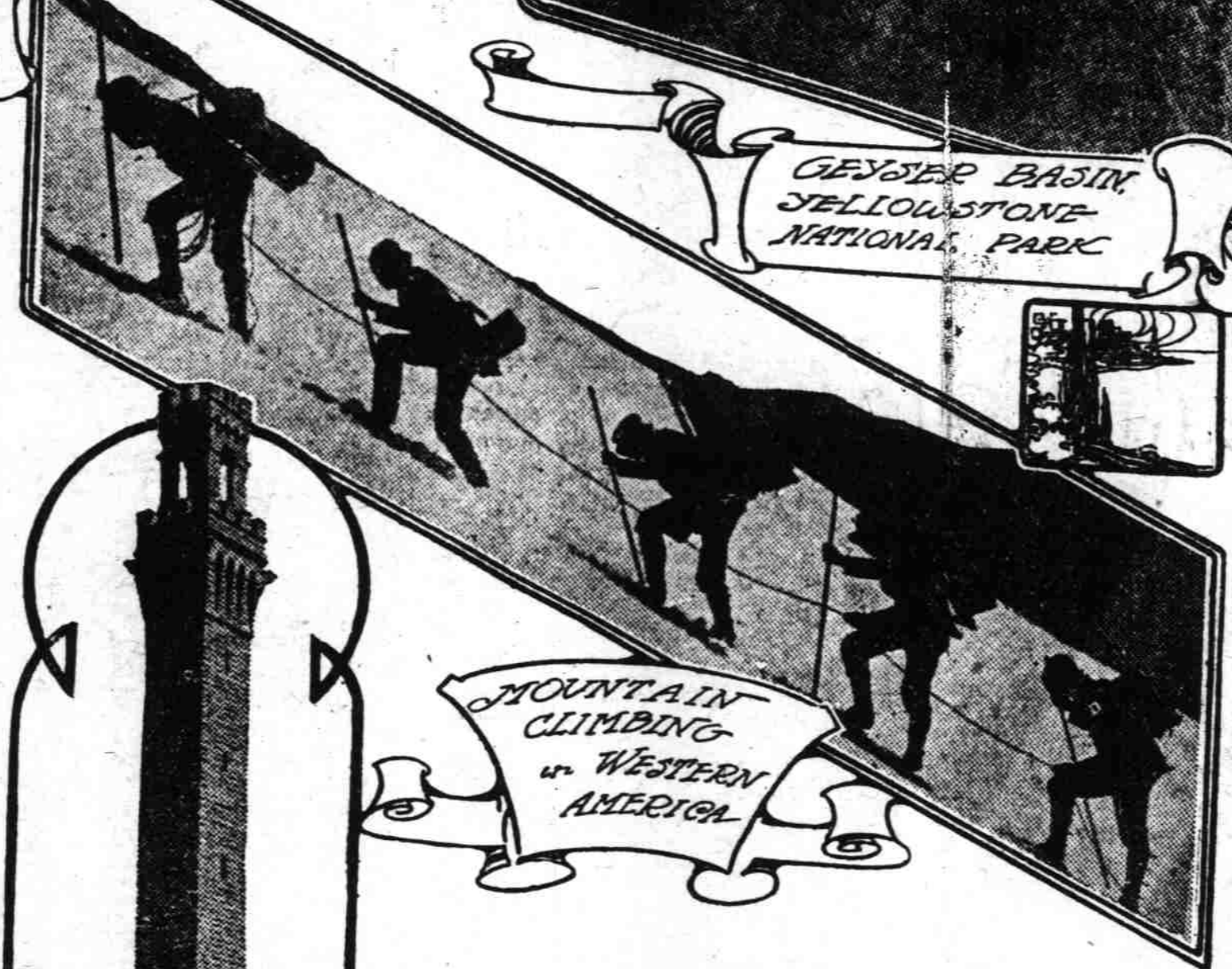
THE BIG TREES OF CALIFORNIA



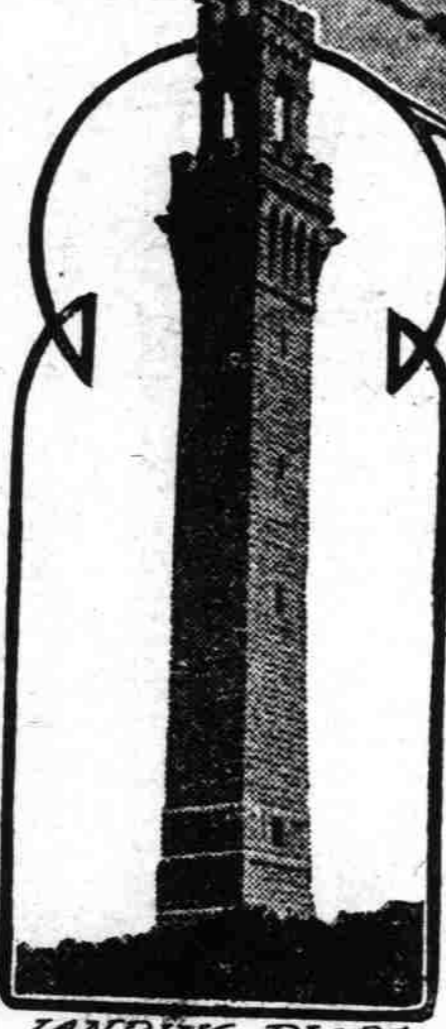
ONE OF THE SHOWPLACES OF FLORIDA



GEYSER BASIN, YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK



MOUNTAIN CLIMBING IN WESTERN AMERICA



LANDING PLACE OF PILGRIMS CAPE COD

the people of the whole country. The character of this crusade is pretty well explained by its title. To put the matter in a nutshell, the object is to induce all Americans to see their own country before crossing the ocean to look at scenery that in no instance surpasses and in few instances equals what we have here at home. The people who are behind the movement want to not only impress their fellow citizens with the fact that we have the most wonderful scenery in the world here under the Stars and Stripes, but they want to also conduct a "campaign of education" that will inform every tourist and vacationist and pleasure seeker where he may see the particular class of scenery that most appeals to him.

To this end it is proposed to hold in connection with the Baltimore convention a pictorial exposition wherein will be shown paintings and photographs, etc., of the most attractive scenery on this continent. If a man likes grand and majestic mountain scenery he will be informed just where he may find this to the best advantage. Or, if on the other hand his preference is for the boiling, tumbling surf of a rocky sea coast he will be given pictorial pointers as to where to seek it. In short, the exhibition and convention are designed to do away with all cause for the complaint so often made that we Americans do not devote the proper time and effort to seeing the scenic wonders of our country because we have not been sufficiently informed as to how much there is worth seeing.

Patriotic loyalty has inspired many of the prominent men who are taking up this "See America First" propaganda—a feeling that it is a shame to see Uncle Sam's citizens wandering off to the uttermost parts of the world to view scenery the equal of which they could find on this side of the Atlantic and which they might enjoy with none of the incidental discomforts that come to a stranger in a strange land, struggling with a language and a money system he does not understand. However, there is a yet more potent or at least more practical reason for the activity in the awakening of our brainy men to the menace to be found in the yearly drain of American gold into foreign coffers. Each succeeding season sees new and larger steamers added to the trans-Atlantic passenger-carrying fleet and millions upon millions of dollars of American money is taken to Europe by the tourists who rush eastward by the thousand. Were it not for the untold wealth that is thus handed over to European railroads and hotel proprietors, shopkeepers and all the other purveyors to the globe-trotters, the balance of trade would always be heavily in our favor. Great Britain and the various continental countries are compelled to buy heavily every year of our food, our cotton and other commodities, but the sums set down, in consequence on the credit side of our ledger are usually counterbalanced by the total of the money spent abroad by Americans on pleasure bent.

The public-spirited citizens who have enrolled in the "See America First" crusade hope to influence some people by moral suasion to stay at home and enjoy our own scenic feast instead of seeking a foreign substitute. They realize, however, that for the most part they must use some other argument than patriotism. The man or woman with money saved up for a trip or a vacation is likely to go wherever he or she believes that they can get the most for their money without regard to the nationality of the people who rake in the shekels. To convert such a person to the "See America First" doctrine it is necessary to prove to him that he can actually receive as much for his money in the way of travel, education, diversion and enjoyment here in the land of the free as he can across the big pond, where so large a portion of the people make their living out of the expenditures of American tourists.

This, then, is the aim of the crusaders who

are singing the praises of the opportunities and the comforts of home. Nor do they lack for inspiration in debate if any person questions their claims. If a skeptic does not admit conversion when they point how superior are Niagara Falls, Yellowstone Park, the Yosemite and the Grand Canyon to any scenic masterpieces throughout the whole length and breadth of Europe, he can be depended upon to have to haul down his colors when they marshal facts and figures to prove how much more marvelous are the Rockies than are the famed Alps; how our beloved Mississippi outshines the sto-

ried Rhine in romance and how the thousand-mile inland water highway of the Great Lakes puts to shame the Mediterranean in the novelty of the experiences afforded the voyager who may, incidentally, experience more thrills when passing through the greatest locks in the world at Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., than he could hope for in gazing at the rock at Gibraltar.

Many people in the east have gained the erroneous impression that the "See America First" crusade is solely a movement designed to induce the people of the east to visit the west and particularly the Pacific coast. That such an impression has gained credence may be attributed to two circumstances. For one thing many of the most notable scenic wonders of the world are located in western America, so that naturally there is sound logic in advising people to see them before risking seasickness to view something not half so impressive. Secondly, there is the circumstance that the people east of the Mississippi river

seem to be more prone than are those west of it to rush off to Europe without having traveled to any extent at home, so that the communities near the Atlantic seaboard are particularly in need of such missionary work.

But, for all that, the movement is neither local nor sectional, but is broadly national. To be sure, the champions of America for the Americans, in a scenic sense, do urge people to see the Big Trees of California before they go to the Black Forest, and to view the Golden Gate before they seek the Bay of Naples, but at the same time they are urging our fellow citizens who have time to devote to travel to awaken to the miracles of nature that may be found in every section. No globe-trotter can find in his wanderings anything more wonderful than the Mammoth Cave of Kentucky and the natural bridges of Virginia and Utah. No foreign watering place presents beach spectacles equal to those of Atlantic City and there is no lake district in the world more beautiful than the Adirondacks. For the American with any patriotism in his makeup no tour could be more inspiring than visits to the first landing place of the Pilgrims, Concord, Lexington, Bunker Hill and the other historic mecas of New England, and finally, the tourist should not forget Uncle Sam's seat of government,—conceded by foreigners to be the most beautiful capital in the world.

One thing for which the "See America First" crusaders are working is to get the idea out of the minds of Americans that all sightseeing must needs be done in the summer vacation season. There are many classes of people,—take, for instance, the farmers,—who find it almost impossible to leave home in midsummer, but who could very readily take a trip in the autumn or winter. Efforts are being made to point out to these people that there is just as much which can be seen to the best advantage in winter as there is in the category of summer show places. Indeed, it is only at such times, when it is chilly or snowing in the North and west, that one may enjoy maximum comfort in quaint old New Orleans, in Florida or in southern California,—all of them districts worthy to vie with anything in southern France and Italy.

The broad policy of the "See America First" movement calls upon its devotees to not only induce people to give New World scenery the preference (and Canada is, of course, included), but also to do everything in their power to make traveling in America comfortable and to reduce the cost. Indeed, the claim that one may travel more cheaply in Europe than in the United States is one of the arguments invariably advanced by people who argue for foreign travel. However, the greatest need of American tourist regions is more good hotels,—not necessarily high-priced fashionable hotels, but good, clean, neatly-kept hostleries where the traveler who is not a multimillionaire may obtain wholesome, well-cooked food and a comfortable bed at a price that is not two or three times what his earnings would be for the day's labor if he were back home. There has been great improvement in this direction in late years, but there is plenty of room for further betterment. Another need is lines of reasonable priced public coaches traversing regions not traversed by the railroads and which in many instances are now a closed book to people who cannot afford the luxury of an automobile. Coaches such as are operated in Yellowstone Park and on Gettysburg battlefield might well be introduced in other scenic or historic districts.

Unpopularity Demanded.

"How did you come to elect that man? He never seemed to make friends."

"We didn't want a man who makes friends," replied Farmer Cornstossel, "as much as one who don't object to enemies. We wanted a watchdog of the treasury."

Altitudinous.

Jack—So you had a high time on your vacation?

Tom—Yes, I was up in the mountains.

Thy Neighbor.

"Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." We are all willing to love our neighbors. But that is just where God tests us. He gives us neighbors whom we naturally would not choose in order to teach us to act upon the real neighbor rule of helping the man next us, whoever he is. Until we do this, our neighborliness is but a sham, not the Christian kind.—J. R. Miller, D. D.

Lovers of Evil.

Now and then there is a man who appears in every community, who does evil because he loves evil. He goes about sowing the community with misunderstandings, undermining men, poisoning men's thoughts, stirring up bitterness and sowing tares of evil on every side.—Rev. N. D. Hillis, Congregationalist, Brooklyn.

Powder Grows Human Skin

The market for human skin is going to pieces. Where it once commanded \$25 a square inch up it bids fair to be soon just human skin, with no value except to its original possessor. Heroic husbands, fathers, sons and sweethearts who bravely let themselves be stripped of their hides to cover some death threatening gap on the bodies of their beloved may soon cease to have opportunity for such devotion.

A little red powder one can get in any paint store is astounding the surgeons with its performances as a substitute for the heroes and the Denver Republican writes.

Scarlet red is its name and a dollar's worth will keep a busy surgeon in stock for months. It is mixed with vaseline or other components as a salve and applied to the edges of the gaping wounds.

Then you can almost see the skin grow. Dr. John Stalge Davis, a noted surgeon of Johns Hopkins in Baltimore, says almost as much, but in the careful language of his profession.

He tells of scarlet red growing new skin at the rate of three millimeters in forty-eight hours on one of his patients. His report on its use in Johns Hopkins hospital, published in a medical journal, did much to bring the strange little aniline dye to surgical notice here and elsewhere.

It was taken up in the post graduate and the German hospitals here last spring. Then its use was experimental. Now it is uniformly used in every case where burns, wounds or ulcers have stripped the epidermis from any area of a human body.

"The results have been astonishing, even baffling," said Dr. F. William Steichmann of the post graduate, and also connected with the German hospital.

"There is just one thing about its use, however, that should be generally known," Dr. Steichmann said. "Where surgeons in the dispensary have used it and applied the dressings the results have been marvelous. Where patients have used it themselves the results have been unsatisfactory."