

THE WOMAN MOTOR CAMPER

Auto Touring and Camping Equipment as Told by a "Camper"

It is interesting to note how many men but how few women have a particular fondness for camping. By camping the writer means just that particular sort of roughing it that calls for a tent, and involves sleeping on the ground, wrapped in army blankets, and cooking one's food over a blazing camp fire. If wives loved this form of outing as husbands do, half the world would be a-tenting.

One of the greatest blessings of this free mode of living is the emancipation from the things of civilization—all the hundreds of things that have to be swept and dusted and scrupulously cared for, day in and day out, from one year's end to another. To look at flowers, trees and hills instead of rugs, tables and chairs, is a complete rest. For a camping trip to be the greatest success it is necessary to eliminate everything that is not an absolute necessity.

On the morning when the writer and her family departed for a summer of auto rambling, an intimate and lovable neighbor invited them to a farewell breakfast. As they sat consuming innumerable gridlockeats and golden maple syrup the guest thought of the waiting car with its compact equipment and casually remarked, "Before we leave, you must see our car all packed for the summer." This remark evidently suggested to the neighbor a most distressing mental picture, for she ventured commiseratingly, "Well, I'm sure it couldn't look any worse than ours when we motored from Nebraska to Georgia."

For a fraction of a second the enthusiast was nonplused, but politeness restrained her from boasting of the virtues of the pack. An idea of its comfortable simplicity, however, may be gained when it is said that from the time the family gets up in the morning until the car is packed—a period which includes washing, dressing, cooking and eating a hearty breakfast, washing dishes and packing the equipment on the car, all without undue haste—is just two hours.

Acquisitions and Eliminations. These wanderers carry a 9x9 army officers' tent, with fly, which was picked up secondhand at an army store for \$18. Experience of more than one summer's tenting has convinced them that this was a wise choice. It has stood firm and whole in a most violent storm when a neighbor's expensive automobile tent was badly torn. Among other qualities it has also the distinct advantage that during the heat of the day the sides may be ciewed up. The tent, thus converted into a double awning, affords a delightfully cool shelter under which the camping family may sit, comfortably protected from the blazing sun.

Many people carry folding camp beds, but this party of wanderers chooses to eliminate these as things of no essential comfort, and just so many objects to be cared for and occupy valuable space. It is surprising how completely comfortable the ground is after the second night out. For sleeping on the ground, a waterproof poncho, as protection against ground dampness, is necessary. Over this poncho should be spread an all-wool army blanket for warmth. Then, clad in all-wool night clothes, the pilgrims may crawl into an Australian wool sleeping bag (made from the directions which can be found in a circular issued by the Appalachian Mountain Club, 5 Joy Street, Boston), and be sure of sleeping 12 hours.

The Food Question. A folding camp table and collapsible chairs, however, are considered indispensable to camp comfort and convenience even by the writer, who is fond of eliminating. A sporting goods house supplies a complete cuisine of nesting cups, perringers and plates, including cooking utensils, marvelously housed in a remarkable small khaki suit bag. Incompatible objects in the nature of an egg beater, long-handled spoon and pancake turner, give the bag eventually a strangely contorted contour, but primitive tastes in such matters do not demand aesthetic lines in suit bags!

Two huge canisters, whose original function was to hold lard in a grocery store, made admirable ant-proof receptacles for grocery supplies and food. To cover these bright canisters, the writer made round khaki bags with a strong draw string. These, with the cooking outfit, carry compactly on the floor in front of the rear seat, and still allow plenty of room for the feet belonging to the two small boys who ride there. And speaking of the placing of groceries, this may be the appropriate time to mention the small trench shovel which was also picked up secondhand at an army store for the small sum of 35 cents. A shovel like this is necessary. For the good camper must bury all waste and leave his camp site as sweet and free from refuse as he found it. It may ride beside the canisters in the tonneau.

The family camp cook stove, a small black box, consisting of two burners and an attached cylindrical can of gasoline, not to mention the oven which fits it, is an enormous comfort, although one that may be joyously dispensed with as this camper can testify after successfully cooking all one summer over a gypsy fire with crane and pot hooks cut from the immediate thicket. It was a stimulus to ingenuity to ascertain just how many delectable things could be prepared in this way. The memory drifting back into those experiences even now vividly recalls luscious pot roasts smothered in onions, gently simmering over the glowing coals, and corned beef cuddled by tender young vegetables.

The strictly thine and mine part of the equipment carried by this family consists of the duffle bags which hold each person's private possessions. In the top of the duffle bags each person keeps a small ditty bag to contain all those little indispensable articles that have a way of persistently losing themselves unless they are housed heterogeneously in small quarters.

Appropriate Clothes. To say that a large part of the success of a summer's outing depends on clothes seems a ridiculous statement but try only a week out and test the truth of the assertion. The feminine contingent of the family force finds that emancipation from skirts relieves her from awkwardness in climbing fences and jumping brooks. Two pairs of khaki or dark gray wool knickers with one all-wool shirt and two silk ones to match the trousers are, on the whole, the most satisfactory kind of clothes for either man or woman. Silk and woolen materials are the most comfortable and, too, the most easily laundered in any friendly wayside brook by which one may chance to pitch one's tent. These, with raincoat, hat and rubbers, provide a most comfortable outfit for the summer. Flapper suits of woolen khaki or gray flannel give small boys the maximum amount of comfort and adults the minimum amount of work.

After the camp equipment has been assembled the next thing is to pack the automobile that it is well-balanced and gives plenty of room for the occupants of the rear seat. With a pack carrier for each running board, and one attached to the rear of the car, one has ample room for all summer necessities. The tent in a long, narrow compact roll, must be strapped down to the right-hand running board by means of a pack-carrier consisting of 2 stout trunk straps provided with clamps holding them rigidly to the running board. This method of carrying a tent allows the doors to open freely. A left-hand pack carrier may hold 2 duffle bags, 4 collapsible camp chairs, a milk can, a water jug, a flat gallon gasoline can and a camp stove. The remainder of the pack can ride on the rear carrier, neatly covered with a waterproof poncho.

When true adventurers strike camp in the morning, pack all their possessions on the car and roll away in search of fresh fields and pastures new, their beings are possessed by a joyous sense of freedom known only to tenting wayfarers who refuse to fasten their affections upon stationary summer abodes. — Christian Science Monitor.

One of the best applications of the pay-as-you-go policy would be in contemplated buying of wars.

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She—"It makes me wild to be glorified."
He—"Oh, well, I like 'em wild."

Sunday School Lesson

August 28. Lesson IX.—Nathan Leads David to Repentance. 2 Sam. 12: 1-14. Golden Rule—A broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise.—Psalm 51: 17.

ANALYSIS.

I. THE CRIME, 11:1-25.
II. THE REPRISAL, 12:1-14.
III. THE PUNISHMENT, 12:15-25.

INTRODUCTION.—The Biblical student is not blind to David's faults. It is true that in some passages they dwell upon and display his virtues, his courage, his magnanimity, his capacity for friendship, his generous treatment of his personal enemies, and above all his piety, and all that, in fact, quite justly. But they frankly tell us also of his weakness and his sin, the falsehood by which he secured the hospitality of the priests of Gath and thus brought upon them the vengeance of Saul (1 Sam. 21:1-9; 22:2-23), his cruel treatment of Uriah, the multiplication of the inmates of his harem (1 Chron. 14:3), and consequent uncontrolled disorders in his family life. The deepest stain upon his character is the crime recorded in our lesson, and the only redeeming feature of the tragic and shameful story is his apparently genuine confession and repentance under the rebuke of Nathan (12:13). The great penitential Psalm 51 is assigned by the title to this occasion and may represent David's prayer for God's mercy.

I. THE CRIME, 11:1-25. The time referred to in verse 1, "after the year was expired," or "at the return of the year," must have been the spring time. As far as the cold and wet weather of the winter was past, the army under David went out to war with the Ammonites, east of Jordan, and besieged Rabbah, their capital city.

The name of Bathsheba is given somewhat differently in 1 Chron. 3:5. She is famous in the later history as the mother of Solomon. Uriah, her husband, was one of David's select company of thirty honorable and valiant men, named in chap. 23. His character appears in this story as that of a brave and loyal soldier, steadfastly true to his comrades, his commander and his military duty. The selfish cruelty of David stands out in dark contrast.

For the reference to Absalom, who was killed by a millstone thrown upon his head from a city wall, see Judges, chap. 9. The comment of the historian is significant:—"But the thing that David had done displeased the Lord." Compare Psalm 51:4.

II. THE REPRISAL, 12:1-14. The Lord said Nathan to David: "Not one only but many times did the Lord send a prophet to rebuke a king for wrong-doing. See 1 Sam. 13:13, 14; 15:18-31; 1 Kings 21:17-23. Nathan tells the king the story, which is in reality a parable of the poor man and his one ewe lamb. David, supposing the story to be literally true, becomes very angry and declares that the man that hath done this thing shall surely die. The answer of Nathan is in verse 7: "The Lord doeth as he saith." God had said that the man who doeth thus shall die. The reference to his man's wife does not imply that he had actually taken any of Saul's wives in marriage, but only that as living in as Saul's successor he had the right to do according to the custom of the time. Nathan does not spare David in his indictment. "Thou hast killed Uriah," he says, "with the sword of the children of Ammon." He alone is the murderer, and the dread penalty of his crime is that the sword shall never depart from his house. The word of the prophet was fulfilled in the murder of Amnon (13:28), the rebellion and death of Absalom (18:14), and the execution of Adonijah (1 Kings 2:25).

David's repentance under the crushing denunciation of his friend and counselor was undoubtedly sincere; it wins Nathan's assurance of God's forgiving grace. "The Lord also hath put away thy sin." For "The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; A broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise."

Verse 14 should read, "Howbeit, because thou hast despised Jehovah in this thing," the meaning probably being that he had brought the name of Jehovah, his God, into men's scorn and contempt by the crime which he had committed.

Summer Breakfast Out of the Ordinary

It is very easy to fall into a rut when getting summer breakfasts. Yet, even then, breakfast should be a good repast which will tempt the wage earner heartily on their way.

Why not try leaving the first meal out under a tree in the back yard some misty morning, as a surprise? Or, if that seems too quiet, use the outdoor porch. Set the table facing the house if there are no vines to screen them from passing-by; the children will not mind facing the street.

Or, pack into the car the night before everything that will be needed for breakfast, as far as possible, and take the family off to some secluded spot in the morning, to finish its preparation and eat it.

A simple device for outdoor cooking should be part of the summer equipment in every automobile belonging to a family. Some are of such size that they may be carried under the back seat along with a small blanket, a hatchet, a paper and supplies of ketchup and charcoal. If these are always on hand, by packing at night a package of cooked cereal, bread, eggs and sliced bacon, one has a good start toward a substantial breakfast, consisting of berries or other fruit and cream, cereal, bacon, eggs, bread, butter and milk.

Berries should be looked over the night before serving, put into a glass fruit jar and left in the refrigerator over night. Put the milk, cream, butter and berries into the car along with picnic supplies for serving and utensils necessary for frying.

Even those who possess no picnic stoves may indulge in such breakfasts if they are within a short ride of a state park or other camping or pleasure grounds where there are charcoal stoves for the public. One might have difficulty in getting the use of such a stove in the afternoon, but never in the morning for the preparation of a breakfast.

If circumstances will not permit going so far afield for coolness' sake, perhaps the dining room and the table there may be made to yield a particularly refreshing atmosphere. All the windows in the room may be raised so the morning breeze stirs the

curtains. The shades lowered to the top of the bottom rail reduce the light to that of a glow in early morning. A bit of greenery on the table helps to carry out that effect. For the tablecloth that is essential with heavy diners, substitute table muslin or even a pretty paper napkin between the plates at the table, and use a lace or damask in the general effect.

China which is different from that usually on the breakfast table lends an element of surprise, and a flourish from the garden table on the service plates says "good morning" lovingly. Fruit different from any served the previous week or two, attractively prepared and lay cold, makes a good beginning for the day. In most households, watermelon cubes heaped on individual glass dishes are a novelty. Prepare 1/2 inch cubes the night before, removing the seeds from each, and leave them over night to chill near the ice in a covered fruit jar, banana or other fruit sliced or cubed may be chilled quickly by putting them in a small fireless cooker vessel and setting that into the larger vessel with 1 part salt to 2 parts of chipped ice between the walls of the container. Keep them in the fireless as long as possible before serving, stirring the fruit around once or twice to chill it uniformly. With electric refrigeration it is only a matter of putting the prepared fruit into the drawer compartments as in making ice cream.

Packed cereals are especially welcome during the hot weather, but remember that to make them palatable, they demand considerably more top milk or cream than the cooked foods. A few berries, raisins or sliced dates sprinkled over the top of each dish also look different and, consequently, more attractive.

On another morning, a change may be rung on the hot bread. The rule of graham gems or baking powder biscuits may well be broken occasionally by dainty yellow popovers that always delight the children, buttered toast or cornmeal gems. Every householder knows that these are just as easy to make. The idea is that in hot weather one particularly welcomes a cool, dainty and "different" breakfast.

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Woman Metallurgist to Sail For Canada

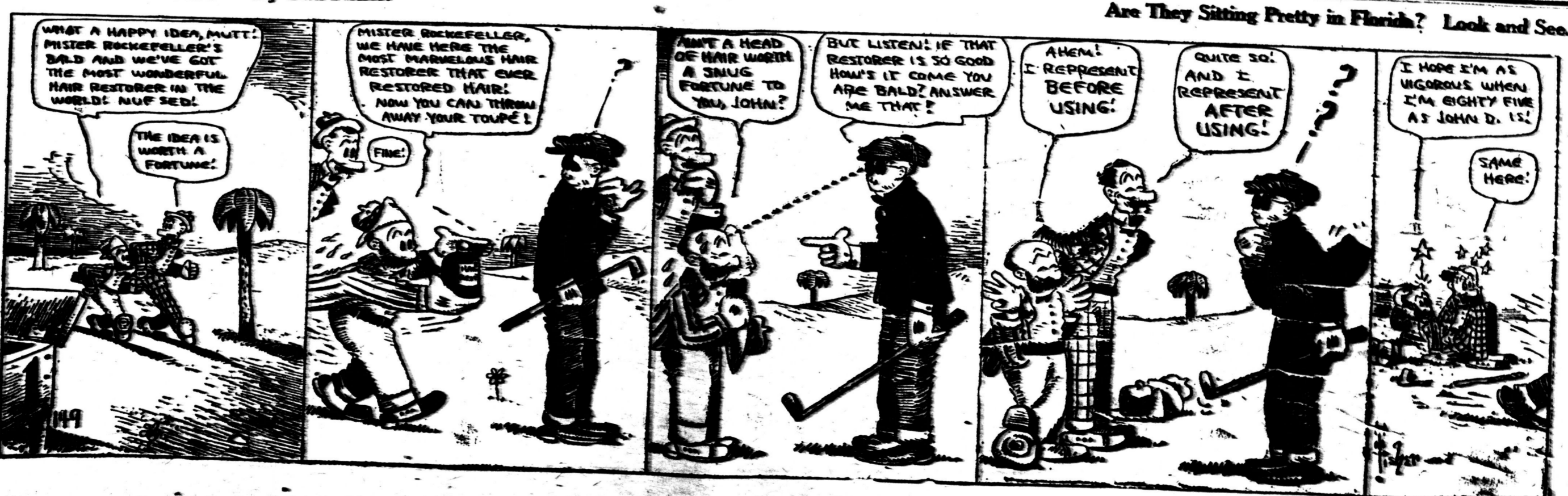
London—Dr. C. F. Elam, Britain's woman metallurgist, is on her way to Canada and the United States. She has been awarded the traveling scholarship founded by Sir Robert Hadfield, and is to attend the Empire Mining and Metallurgical Congress in Canada.

"One in a million. She has launched her barque upon a sea hitherto unexplored by women," commented a professor upon her work, which is that of a special research student at the Royal School of Mines in South Kensington. "I am perfectly happy, although I am the only woman here," she said in an interview. "I follow my own line of study and investigation, but I don't know that I should advise other women to take up this branch of work, as there is much competition."



She—"And if they're trying for a bathing beauty prize they grease the judges."

"MUTT AND JEFF"—By Bud Fisher.



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