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AN INEXPENSIVE VACATION CLUB IN THE COUNTRY

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A plan for such a club originated in the mind of a New York man about three years ago, and he at once invited half a dozen congenial acquaintances to meet at his office one evening. There, in the heart of the most nerve-racking city on earth, these friends planned a way of occasional escape to the quiet of the country by organizing what is now the Mashipacong Club.

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The next step was the purchase of what was called an abandoned farm—a term which has acquired a new and interesting significance to the seeker after a country home. The place selected is, however, much more forest than farm. It comprises 1,000 acres, the greater part of which is heavily timbered, and contains a lake about a mile long, with sloping banks, wooded to the water's edge. The tract is in the Kittatinny hills, within easy reach of New York City, but 1,400 feet nearer heaven. This insures a cool temperature and a delightful breeze all summer.

A journey from New York City of ninety minutes by rail, and a drive of ten miles, brings one to the Mashipacong Club. All told, it takes five hours to get there, and the round trip costs $1.60.

On the clubland there is a farmhouse, a large stable, outbuildings, an orchard, a hay-meadow, grape-vines, and other features of farm life. There is also a rich growth of blueberries, blackberries, raspberries, and cranberries.

This entire tract with its many advantages was bought for $3,500. The membership fee is $100 and the annual dues are $25, thus placing membership easily within the reach of people of moderate means, though the present list happens not to be confined to such.

As soon as the deed was signed a man and his wife were hired as caretakers and installed in the farmhouse. The next purchase was a pair of strong, good-looking, sound horses and a three-seated surrey adapted for travel over the mountain roads. The man's duties were to attend to the horses and other stock which was at once bought, to convey guests between the railroad station and the club, to do the gardening, to do the farming, and to have the farm acquire a new and interesting significance.

The caretaker's wife boarded the club members and their guests, having been selected with special reference to her skill as a good, plain cook.

The building of the club-house was the next important step. For reasons of sentiment and picturesque beauty, as well as economy, it had been decided that the houses or, preferably, cabins, including the club-house, should be built of logs with the bark on. Just how unique and distinct the Gebken Pneumatic System

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A $400 cabin belonging to one of the club members. It is 12 x 22, with a veranda 3 feet wide. The interior consists of one large room, divided by curtains.

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the veranda. This room, intended for billiards, is at present kept as a men's
dormitory. It contains three beds, with space for a half-dozen

ive this feature was the members did not realize
until they tried to find men to put up the build-
ings. Then it seemed that no man in that part
of the world knew how to put the logs together.
It was not within the wish or the financial limits
of the club to hire an expensive architect to put up
fancy log cabins. The plain, old-fashioned
article was wanted—the historic log cabins of early
American days—such as the pioneer built with
his own hands and sometimes the aid of his
neighbors.

One man living near Mashipacong tract, who
farmed in summer and did carpenter work be-
tween meals, was willing to learn, and to him the
work was given. Cutting the logs and hauling
them to the site chosen for the club-house was
simple; but when confronted by the problem of
actually putting them together the men stood
around dumbly. Then the president, whose
boyhood was spent in the pioneer West and who
had helped build more than one such cabin, took
off his coat, gripped an ax, and gave an object-

The logs for the club-house did not cost any
thing, as they were cut from the club's own tim-
per. The stones for the fireplace and chimney

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in the palaces of East India rajahs, have
prompted a user in that far country to draw a comparison between the
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prize the following, because it comes from
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BALDWIN LOCOMOTIVE WORKS.

The plan of the club-house is extremely sim-
ple, and the president, who designed it, personally
superintended its construction, arranging all
the details and saving the club the expense of
employing an architect.

This cabin is set among the trees at the edge
of the lake. It contains a central club-room, a
card-room, and a billiard-room— at present used
for dormitories—a kitchen, cupboards, etc. The

partitions between center and wings do not ex-
tend the full height of the rooms; and the great
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were also taken from the club grounds, thus saving a large item. The cost of building the club-house was:

- **Wood**
  - Lumber (flooring, doors, sashes, shingles, etc.) $950
  - Building hardware (nails, screws, hinges, locks, etc.) $250
  - Labor $450
  - **Total** $1,650

As soon as the club-house was completed it became headquarters for the members, and the farmhouse was relegated to the exclusive use of the caretaker. However, the members live for the most part outdoors, and most of the meals being served on the long veranda of the club-house, except in cold or stormy weather. For this reason no large buildings are required.

By maintaining a keeper and a cook permanently the club is always ready to receive members. It is only necessary to write the keeper to meet a given number of people at the station, and they can have the full benefit of their own country home in good running order.

Members may, if they choose, do their own housekeeping and have all or a part of their meals in their own cabins; but for the most part they prefer to eat at the club-house. The plan is thus both cooperative and independent, combining the restful privacy of home life with the convenience of club service.

The land immediately surrounding the lake is divided into building lots, this arrangement giving each a waterfront; and from his private dock any member can row or paddle across the lake to the club-house whenever he may prefer that method of locomotion to walking around. It is noticeable that arm exercises seem usually preferred to leg development, as in season the lake is seldom without a picturesque quota of boats afloat.

The lake affords good fishing, and a member can tramp miles through the woods, along various old, abandoned roads teeming with interest to the nature-lover, without leaving his own grounds. Mashing a club is intended to be a game and forestry preserve as well as a summer home for its members. The forestry work will be conducted along those scientific lines which result in the destruction of the spruce beetles. The plan is thus both cooperative and independent, combining the restful privacy of home life with the convenience of club service.

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This sounds almost too simple to be true, but it must be remembered that simplicity and economy are leading objects of the club.

In addition to the regular wages paid the caretaker, individual members pay her $1 a day each member makes of the club. By keeping poultry, cows, and a garden the caretaker supplies a large part of the food directly on the farm. Since Mashipacong Club; and members not above making the forest self-supporting and eventually a source of revenue.

The club is so young that not a great deal has been accomplished in the way of fencing; hence the tract has not yet been stocked with big game. Birds and gray squirrels are rigidly protected and are already increasing. A large number of Belgian hares have been turned loose from time to time, and the experiment of adapting them to the environment is extremely interesting.

Jersey cows, real cream, fresh butter, and high-breed poultry are among the home comforts of Mashipacong Club; and members are particularly enthusiastic in availing themselves of its advantages.

The old house of the abandoned farm, now the home of the club’s caretaker, individual members pay her $1 a day spiced for the board of themselves, their families, and their guests whenever they stay at the club. This adjusts the expense in proportion to the use each member makes of the club. By keeping poultry, cows, and a garden the caretaker supplies a large part of the food directly on the farm.

Since Mashipacong tract was bought by the club three years ago its value has at least doubled, owing to occupancy and increase in wood prices. Stumpage to an amount equaling the original purchase price of the tract could be sold to-day without impairing the value of the land for club purposes. The investment is, therefore, excellent from a financial point of view as well as from a physical and even ethical.

The great importance of preserving the forests of our country is being recognized at last after years of reckless waste; and every one who can aid in this work is rendering his country a valuable service. An opportunity to do this on a sound business basis is furnished by such a club as Mashipacong; and thus to its attractiveness as a summer home is added the inducement of good citizenship in becoming a member.

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