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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 and 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 a $400 cabin belonging to one of the club members. It is 12 x 32, with a veranda 8 feet wide. The interior consists of one large room, divided by curtains.

A journey from New York City of ninety miles 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 club property is a farmhouse, a large barnhouse, an orchard, a hay-meadow, grape-vines, and other features of farm life. There is also a rich growth of blueberries, blackberries, 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 it 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 sarry 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 mow the garden, do what small farming the club required, cut and haul wood as needed, and conduct such incipient forestry as might be ordered.

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

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

ive this feature was the members did not realize until they tried to find men to put up the buildings. 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 cabin 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 between 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-lesson in notch ing out the logs. The men finally learned what was needed.

The plan of the club-house is extremely simple, 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 extend the full height of the rooms; and the great roof over all, heavily raftered, gives a most delightfully old-time effect. Across the entire front of the cabin is a roofed veranda from the veranda a rustic dock of spruce logs runs down to the lake.

The joy of the club-room is the fireplace of rough stones; and there is enough wood on the tract to furnish great, glowing fires forever. The walls are hung with Navajo blankets, the furniture is of young hickory with the bark on, and the utmost simplicity is strictly observed, only a slight concession to rainy days being made in the form of billiard and pool tables.

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

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were also taken from the club grounds, thus saving a large item. The cost of building the club-house was:

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As soon as the club-house was completed it became headquarters for the members, and the farm-house was relegated to the exclusive use of the caretaker. However, the members live for the most part outdoors, even 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 mem-

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This veranda is 12 feet wide and 64 feet long, extending across the entire front of the club-house, and all the principal rooms open directly onto the veranda. It faces the lake 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 not above eating pickeral may catch their own fish for the table if they wish, but at present the bass are protected.

An ice-house, which is filled from the lake each winter, gives the club the comfortable feeling of being its own trust.

Women are admitted to membership in the club and are most enthusiastic in availing themselves of its advantages.

The old house of the abandoned farm, now the home of the club's caretaker.

The great importance of preserving the forests of our country is being recognized at last after years of reckless waste; and everyone who can afford to do so 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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