

AT THE EDGE OF THE FOREST PRIMEVAL-Lakes of sky blue water and fighting fish will soon lure the city man to the north woods. Here is a scene on Stearns lake in Vilas county, Wisconsin, showing two fishermen casting where tall hemlocks and pines crowd to the water's edge.



TICKLISH WORK, THIS—One slip on this big rock in the Nipigon river of Canada and it's good-by, fisherwoman. Andrew Lexie, the Ojibway Indian, is called the Prince of Wales' guide because he piloted the prince on his trip down the Nipigon a few years ago. Andrew is holding Mrs. Bob Becker as she fishes the white-water pools below the big rock. In the foreground is an Indian canoeman of the party.



UNCLE SAM'S OUTDOOR HOTEL REGISTER—Mrs. Bob Becker signs at the Curtain Falls portage in the Superior National Forest of Minnesota. The U.S. Forestry service requires all canoeists following the boundary route between the Forest and the Quetico Provincial park across the falls to write in the book their names, destination, and other information.



LUNCH! COME AND GET IT!—The noonday fish fry is a popular pastime in the north woods. Here is Frank Wilcat, Ojibway Indian guide in the Flambeau reservation of Wisconsin, ready to serve "filet" of fresh-caught pike, with trimmings.



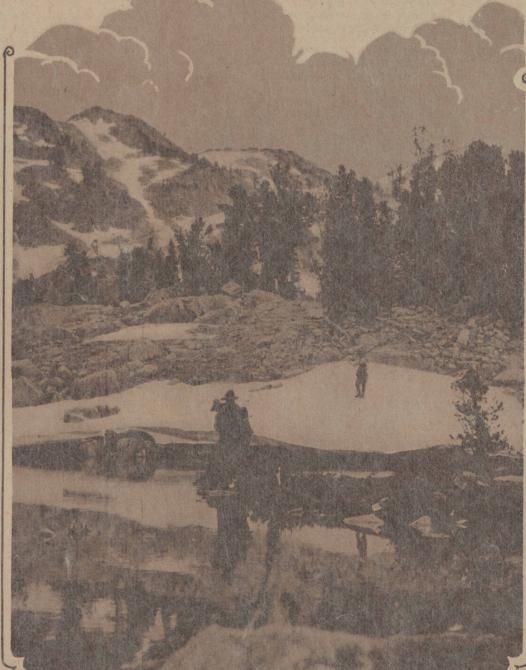
SPLASH! IT'S A MUSKIE!-Jim Horn of Kenora, Ontario, gets doused with water as a twenty pound muskellunge breaks water near his canoe. Note the back of the fish near the stern of the canoe.



BROOK TROUT A LA NORTH WOODS-Dr. Ernest Ovitz of Laona, Wis., former University of Illinois baseball player, is all ready to manipulate a skilletful of freshly caught brook trout over an open fire. Note the one dipped in flour, ready for the pan. Yum!



A FLAPJACK TAKES A RIDE-Bill Somero, well known guide in the Superior National Forest of northern Minnesota, shows how easy it is to toss a flapjack, turn it, and catch it again.



FLY-FISHING IN THE LAP OF WINTER-Western anglers risk getting chilblains in July when they ride to a 10,500 feet altitude in the California Sierras to fish Alpine lakes for steelhead, rainbow, and brook trout. The fly-fisherman at the right is about to catch a steelhead at the edge of the snowbank. In the foreground two guides are watching the show.

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