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A Merry
Life on the
"Bounding Deep."

The Inexpensive Form of Outing That Is Growing in Favor

WHEN the summer has drifted its lazy, sultry way along to August, the monotony of the weeks of heat and dust and uncomfortable toil begins to press heavily on the city business man and his family.

August, the great vacation month, is hailed with pleasure for its promises of rest and relaxation, rather than for expected enjoyment of ideal weather. With those who turn to the water for rest and recreation the houseboat is increasing in favor.

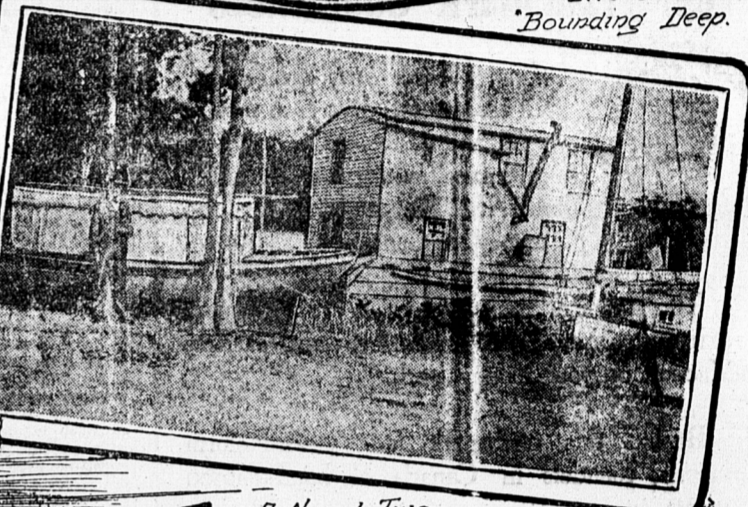
Some who care for the water are more interested in yacht racing than in anything else; others, whose business cares call them constantly to the city, favor the steam yacht, if they can afford it. But for perfect rest and quiet the houseboat man feels that he is the winner.

A houseboat is really a sort of summer cottage that one anchors in quiet, picturesque nooks of bay, river or lake, or in which he journeys placidly and idly along peaceful waterways. There is a special charm about such a life that cannot be found in any other way, declare those who have tried it.

Just how a houseboat may be arranged as a convenient summer floating home is told here by a woman who has passed more than one hot season in such delightful outings on Maine rivers.



Making a Home of a
Mud Scow Foundation.



A Novel Two-
story House-boat.

For more than two centuries before the railroads invaded its banks, these clumsy birds had carried on their backs the famous Dover river bricks, that are moulded and baked in the brick kilns which border the river banks for more than fifteen miles. They are very shallow, flat-bottomed boats, with huge lateen sails, long-handled tiers and ear-flaplike leeboards, that skim about over these clayey, slippery flats when the water is quite shallow, and sit calmly upright when the tide recedes.

Now the days of the gundalos are over, and the hoot of the conchshell is seldom heard. The white-pointed sails gliding between the green banks of this inland river are quite rare nowadays. The memory of this picturesque fleet is always a delight to recall, and the satisfaction of purchasing one of these old houses, with all its furnishings, even the conchshell of 100 years' use, from which my boat derives its name, is an interesting outset for my floating bungalow.

Every part of this graceful hulk is most beautifully adapted to my needs. It is built of solid planking, with a flush deck, two hatches for storage below, a windlass, anchor and endless chain, and a very good pump to keep the hull free from bilge water.

MAKING THE BOAT HOMELIKE

In all parts this gundalo is sweet and clean, soiled only by the pink brick dust from the last cargo. The old sail, that I have striped off with crimson paint, makes a splendid awning. A little caulking on the hull, the old cabin cleared away and floored over, and we are ready to lay out the rooms.

No new floor is needed, as the deck is in good condition for bedrooms and saloon, with a rug or two placed over the roughest parts. My boatbuilder and I scoured through the building materials of all the dealers and secured second-hand sashes, sheathing and framework of a varied assortment.

We then built a sill about the entire boat to keep out the water, and raised the doors sufficiently high to give headroom to the walls and partitions. This sill, with a strong header, formed two parallel lines around the entire boat, to which we nailed the doors, butting them together and covering the joints with a batten, making them sufficiently tight.

The two top panels of the doors that occupied the spaces for my windows were removed, and old sashes entire frame of the bed and drop to the floor. This bed, disguised as a couch, loaded down with pillows,

gives a most luxurious, furnished effect to the long wall space.

At the sides of the doors there are bookcases, which give generous room for a good library. A large mahogany table in the center for the monthly magazines and incidentals, easy chairs and a half dozen rush-bottom chairs, a serving table, with handy dishes and table linen, the brilliant-hued India cottons on the wall, a few plants, the gibbering parrot and the canaries give this room a most inviting effect.

In the gangway a staircase leads to the roof garden, the delight of the whole arrangement. Here we have flower boxes, forming a solid parapet of green and other vivid colors, including the entire roof. Too much cannot be said of this refreshing effect of color, which the salt atmosphere seems to make more brilliant and the moist atmosphere more luxuriant than you will find in some of our inland gardens.

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Each morning the awnings are rolled down over the heavy frame, and the side curtains are drawn to protect us from the horizontal rays of the sun when

we have our morning rolls and coffee. The canvas-covered deck is painted grass-green, with straw mats and wicker furniture, book tables and steamer chairs. A telescope to discern the names of the many craft that one is so aptly acquainted with during the summer is an indispensable piece of furnishing for any houseboat.

Two old brass ship lanterns, nicely polished, hang from the ribs of the awning, and give plenty of light for the evening hours as we sit on this dimly lighted deck, a place well suited for pleasant imagination and reverie, watching the rows and rows of brilliant lights twinkling and surrounding us like a necklace of diamonds, quite Venetian in effect.

The interesting life of the harbor (where the ships sail close to our windows, off to China, England or the southern seas) is ever present, and there are mysterious movements in the black waters of the night and at the early dawn, and is not unlike life on the Venetian lagoons.

THE MUDSCOW FOUNDATION

The houseboat is painted white, with crimson-striped awning; the hull underneath the sill is painted dark green to match the blinds; in the stern, near the galley, I keep the canoe, and at the side, on a pole, is moored the tender.

A similar plan of construction may be carried out when mudscow foundations are utilized—and there are few sections of the country where river dredging is carried on that discards ones that are not discovered, having outlived their usefulness in their original capacity.

This foundation may readily be put into good shape for supporting the frame structure which forms the houseboat. One of the most novel that has come to my notice on a scow foundation is a two-story structure, with sufficient space left on the mudscow deck to walk around the house and a broad space in front roofed over for a porch.

This is more useful than beautiful as it now stands, but plans are being made for window boxes and a balcony to extend around the second story, where vines and flowers may be trained, when funds will permit.

These mudscow foundations also permit of building low rambling structures of the bungalow type upon their decks. No matter what the type, these unique summer cottages may be inexpensively built, and no ground rent or building lot will be required for them.

DEVELOPMENT OF CANADA'S TRADE

MONTREAL, Sept. 19—At this morning's session of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association one of the most important reports dealt with was Canada's foreign trade and technical education. The foreign trade report pointed out that the great need of the country at present was more trade commissioners abroad. It was pointed out that the staff at present

THE HISTORY OF SMALLPOX

LONDON, Sept. 19—Smallpox appears to have been first described by Rhazes, an Arabian physician living about 900 A. D. It was introduced into southern Europe in the time of the crusades and slowly spread into the more northern regions. In 1517 it was carried from Spain to Santo Domingo and thence to Mexico, where it is said to have swept off 3,500,000 of the natives. It spread rapidly all over the new world, and whole villages and even tribes of Indians were carried off by it.

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NORTH WEST ELEVATORS FULL.

WINNIPEG, Sept. 19—It is reported that the elevators at Elgin, McHara, Woodland, Waskada and the farmers' elevator at Detourne are all full and can take no more wheat until cars are supplied.

A. C. N. R. crop report today says the yield along the road is running from seventeen to twenty bushels per acre. The total number of harvesters that have been sent to points along the C. P. R. now number 23,484.

FISHING SCHOONERS CAUGHT IN STORM.

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld., Sept. 19—The northeast gale of yesterday morning caught the whole of the Cape St. Mary's fishing fleet on the grounds and they had a hard time getting in the bay. The wind blew a gale and a heavy lap and strong tide was running. All the boats had to double reef, and got a bad drubbing before they reached harbor. Some of them lost all over deck.

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