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are recovering from and the sunburn has borrow or steal a flock s and sneak them into rs of everyone who is The complete camper rsey for his mosquito e who must consider in variety will suffice. t is to immunize the es of the home-grown

you may safely say yard a successful trip

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costume suggestions, obvious. It may be that a straw hat has for kindling a fire trike readily upon f the women of the hirt waists they will the trip to wander i inhabited by cows, for fastening blanket board.

an in the party, the boss of the outfit, attention to his per- There are a number urses from which to plement these with winging. Learn to about having them ize. Light matches dle fires with damp to get your hand in, are simple matters. eparation is that of or mental attitude, on a motor-camping asserted himself, he- ould have thoroughly lated every member ould then learn at vords, practice them this with essaying rse in mastering the hose words and all ed in a less exacting

assumed the family ceiled to what is be- important to waste lost may mean that mind and decides to e sea. The moment and initiative. Go rrow on automobile

forget everything you know. Statistics tell us that 798 camping trips out of a possible 800 are ruined by expert notions as to how to tie knots and stow luggage. Regard each protuberance on the automobile as a possible anchorage space for blankets, stove, beds, tent, trunk, phonograph, hatbox, radio, parlor lamp or sewing machine.

The more you put on the car the greater a camper you become. Men who have been hidden from the world beneath the very things they have taken on a summer vacation have been, nevertheless, envied above all others for their ability to take so much. It is permissible to indulge in a little game on the road, checking up your load with those others that pass, and keeping score. In this contest a broken axle counts 20, and every turn taken on two wheels adds ten to the record.

Leaving the games aside as considerations which, after all, are of minor importance, a full load has solid advantages. In the depths of an encumbered car one may tuck away and forget any ostrep-

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my arm for something to kill this head-ache."

He said nothing for the rest of the dance. Then just as he was about to leave me he whispered:

"I've got something to stop that head-ache, kid. I'll kill all yer other griefs, too. And it 'aint booze."

My heart leaped. Here was the admission I was waiting for. He had the dope in his possession.

Saying that I had to call up my land-lady and tell her I would not be home, I got on the wire and was connected with an officer who works with me on cases. I told him that Alameda Slim had dope in his possession and here was his chance to nab him.

Then I joined Slim and several others who were to compose the party. As we went downstairs, I was praying that the officers had come in time. My knees whacked together so hard that I had to lean against the wall and it seemed to me that Slim would hear the beating of my heart.

As we reached the door I held back to allow Slim to precede me.

When he stepped out, two uniformed men sprang upon him, pinioned his arms and locked the wrists with handcuffs, while a plain clothes man stuck a gun in his ribs and helped push him toward a police automobile.

Undiscovered and unidentified, I fled to my room.

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Operative 2Xn met me in a cafe the next day. She was still a little shaky from her experience, but her eyes twin-

erous member of the family. An element of surprise and mystery is always present for the camper can never be sure that there isn't one more can of cream or, perhaps, a mess of potato salad hidden away somewhere, if only every member of the party will look long enough.

The car is now ready to start. Fill on the tank with gasoline, but never mind the lubricating oil. The car, after all, is borrowed and you may need the money for liniment. Pick the roughest roads you can find and thus avoid detours. When it comes time to camp insist that you pitch your tents in the most unlikely places, then give in gracefully when some member of the family selects the spot you had in mind.

These rules, followed religiously, will result in a perfect camping trip. The highest possible score is registered when no overtures for a repetition are made over a period of ten years.

kled when she gazed at the newspaper which contained the story of Alameda Slim's downfall.

"I see he had \$800 worth of cocaine concealed on his person," I remarked, "and he was using it to prey upon women."

She nodded her head affirmatively. "And now you know what makes wild women wild," she remarked, sagely.

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