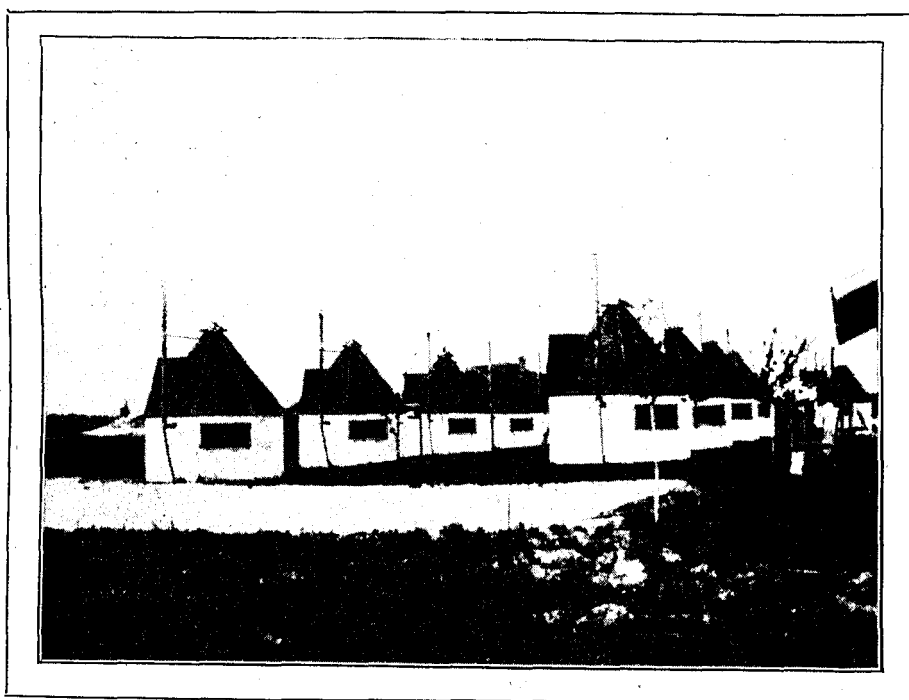


OUR FOREIGN LETTER.

THE CABIN-TENT AND HEALTH—CURIOUS COLONIES OF ODD-SHAPED TENTS USED BY THE HEALTH SEEKERS OF COLORADO.

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Breathe it not in Gath, but the poor bookseller's boy from the Queen City, whose family put together every possible cent they could raise in order to send him out to Colorado, is doing very nicely, thank you, and you'll find him occupying a cabin-tent in the open, near Colorado Springs. In fact, if you've a mind to visit him, it's just fifteen minutes by trolley from the city's heart



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to Knob Hill and there you may inquire the way for yourselves.

Whatsoever, the bookseller's boy has had a most remarkably successful pursuit after health and much of this success is claimed to be due to the unique cabin tent-camp where he's to be found.

These camps are a comparatively new institution, even in that health-seeker's happy hunting ground, Colorado. They are intended primarily for the tubercular sick and consist of series of tents of unique form, to which, for want of better name, the title of "cabin" is given.

A cabin-tent, however, is quite different, indeed, from what the word cabin implies as a rule. The tent, to begin with, rests on a foundation of brick, the floor is of wood; there is a shingle roof. The sides of the tent are of canvas, and, by way of

finishing touch, there are electric lights and electric call bells beside. In order that there may be individual heat to hand, hot blast stoves have been put in. What with these stoves, and again the ventilators at the top of the funnel-shaped roof, it is possible for the health-seeker to use his cabin the year round.

While built primarily for one tenant each, these tent-cabins can accommodate two persons each. Sometimes patient and relative are housed thus, proper precaution being taken that the latter does not contract the disease.

Nor do the projectors of health-seekers' camps save money by use of the tent-cabins; it is simply a case of their best subserving the end, of pursuit

of health. The bungalow costs no less than the tent-cabin, for the latter will range in price anywhere from \$150 to \$300 each. The cabins are reinforced at every angle and have other touches beside and this runs up the expense.

A cabin-tent colony in the Pike's Peak country of Colorado will consist of perhaps sixteen cabins, and there will be from twenty to twenty-five patients at a time.

The cabins radiate from some great open-air recreation pavilion, so built as to be heated at both ends when

weather requires, and here billiards, pool, and various games await who would choose to play. A great fireplace at one end is a favourite rallying-place, making things comfortable, however cold it may be, and spreading its warmth so that the tubercular folk may play substantially all their favourite games in the open.

All the tenants of these cabin-camps are, of course, tubercular folk and, necessarily, temporary only. The average duration of stay is estimated at a year, some remain far less. Often the patient may be a boy, sent out to Colorado to "build up" and staying at the camp until he gets established. Again it is some pre-tubercular case going home, practically cured, or some consumptive with disease arrested. But in almost every case the patients do not take enough time, once they're well, to get the body fully established, and they

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