

Fayette L. Buck, the proprietor of the *Divide Resort*, has had long experience in catering to the comforts and pleasures of his guests. He has spent the greater portion of his life in the woods and enjoys an almost national reputation as hunter, trapper and guide.

He was born at Hopkins, Stearns County, on the Southern Peninsula of Michigan in 1874. When but twelve years of age, his father, an old trapper, took him into the woods in order to make an expert trapper out of him. Mr. Buck liked the sport and as he states: "In two years I brought in more furs than my father. For several years we used to trap during the winter season and wholesale wild berries during the summer months."

INDIANS AS HELPERS

Mr. Buck is full of interesting experiences and stories of this Northern country and enjoys reviewing the old days with all *Divide Resort* guests. "In 1883," says Mr. Buck, "I had fifty Indians picking berries for me. I disposed of most of these berries at Cadillac, Mich., and the others I shipped to Grand Rapids. We used to make good money trapping and berry-wholesaling, as well as in digging the Ginseng root."

"In 1890 we visited the upper peninsula and found nothing but worlds of blueberries. We shipped hundreds and hundreds of bushels of them to Detroit. Here we found plenty of game and met with great success in our trapping."

THE MERCER BEGINNING

"Mercer was recommended to us as being a great place to trap and we moved there in 1890 where we found worlds of game and fish. Mercer, at that time, consisted of one small section house and a big stove of pigs. We selected our tent a short distance from the section house. Returning from one of our trapping expeditions we found that the pigs had taken possession of our camp and we immediately built a camp out of logs. We were well pleased with our success in this region and father sent for the balance of the family."

SERVED AS GUIDE

"In the Spring of '91, father moved back to Cavour, while I remained at Mercer serving in the capacity of guide to fishing parties. During the winter I cooked for sixty lumber jacks and in the spring went on a still hunt for the elusive fur-bearing animal."

"In 1892 I went in business for myself. My outfit consisted of six boats and six tents. I rented the boats and camping outfit to parties who furnished their own provisions and one July morning as I was returning to camp I met a party of Indians; they bore guilty expressions on their faces and I knew that my suspicions were well founded when I reached the spot where the camp used to be—the Indians had made a 'slick clean' of it. They stole everything they could carry and burned the rest."

SOME 'SET GUN' TALK

"A few days later I had another equipment together and while making a trip through the forest run across another party of Indians. I hailed them and told them what the other party had done and reminded them of the fact that I had a boat-load of guns and that I proposed to 'set' one of these guns on every trail in the Northern Forests. They took this for granted and not a single Indian made a trip up the river for twelve years. Simply say 'set gun' to an Indian and he will fly."

In 1893 father moved back to Mercer and we organized the company of G. W. Buck & Son. We ran a full-fledged resort hotel, which we located on the narrow strip of land between North and South Turtle Lakes and the *Divide Resort* Dining Hall stands on this very spot today. Mother did the cooking in those old days.

SEVENTY-FIVE MILE CIRCUIT

"In the fall father moved back to Mercer while one of the guides and myself remained at the camp in order to attend to our winter trapping. We set our traps on about a seventy-five mile circuit. Each one of us had our own line and it took us about five days to make the trip. The guide started in one direction and I in the opposite and we would meet on the evening of the fifth, sixth or seventh day and then we would handle our fur and prepare provisions for the next trip. On the morning of the eighth day we would start out again."

"We continued making these rounds all winter without seeing a single person, and many a night we would be obliged to dig a hole in the snow with our snow-shoes, build a fire and with a few hemlock boughs and a blanket, camp for the night and in four feet of snow."

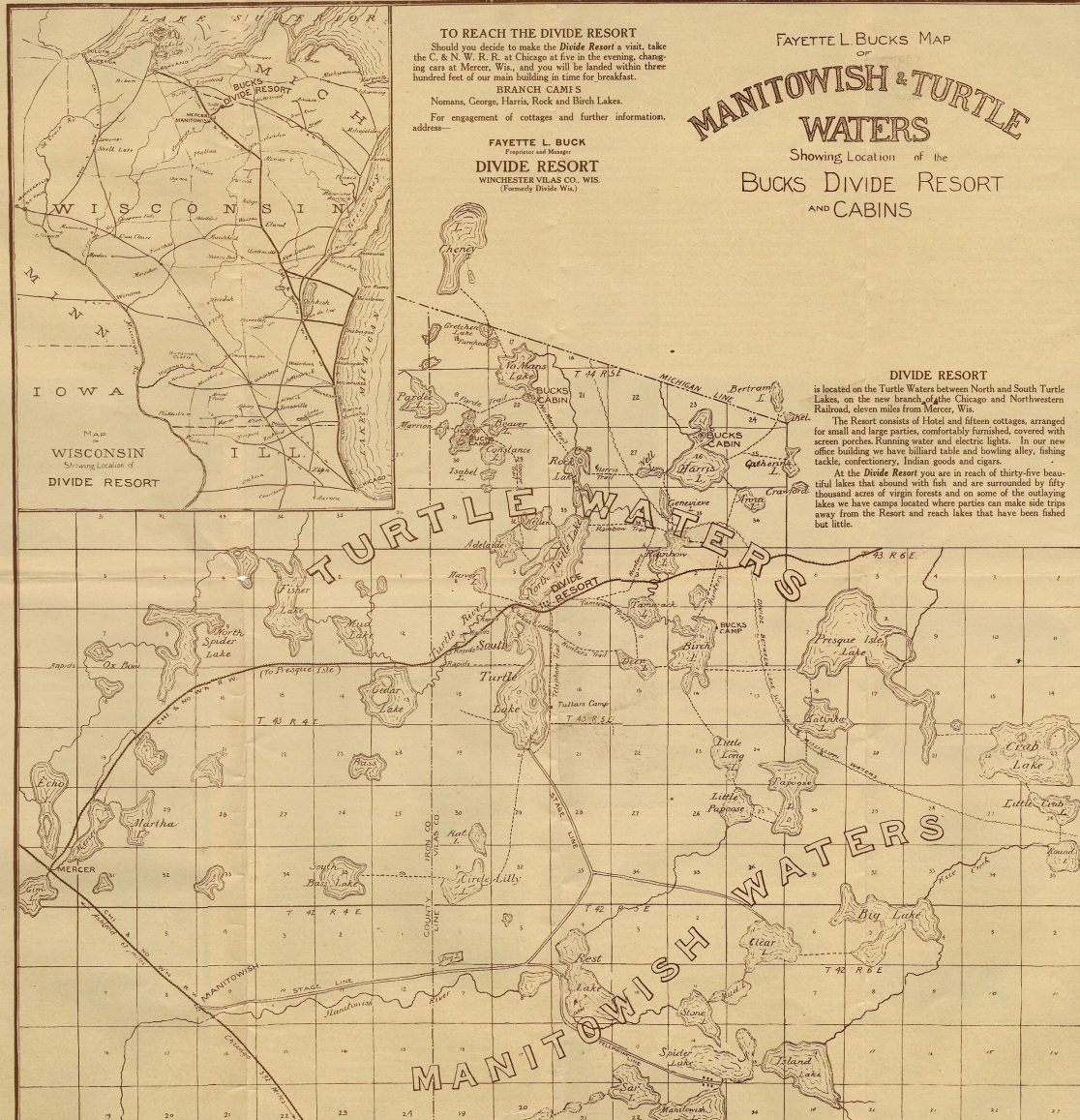
LIKED THE COOKING

"I was a single lad at this time and found it very difficult to run the resort without a landlady, got along fairly well, however, and always had more guests than I could handle. Buck's cooking was not so bad, and many a prominent business man and society woman in Chicago grew fat on Fayette's cooking."

"In 1899, however, I had the good fortune of meeting a woman who consented to become my wife, and since that time everything has been most agreeable for all concerned, and I can state that I never have been able to cook since."

STAGE LINE ABANDONED

"In the year 1903 the C. & N. W. R. R. Co. ran a branch line in the winter and I immediately abandoned our stage line. In 1908 my father and I dissolved partnership, and the firm of G. W. Buck & Son became a thing of the past,



TO REACH THE DIVIDE RESORT

Should you decide to make the *Divide Resort* a visit, take the C. & N. W. R. R. at Chicago at five in the evening, changing cars at Mercer, Wis., and you will be landed within three hundred feet of our main building in time for breakfast.

BRANCH CAMPS

Nomans, George, Harris, Rock and Birch Lakes.

For engagement of cottages and further information, address—

FAYETTE L. BUCK
Owner and Manager
DIVIDE RESORT
WINCHESTER VILAS CO. WIS.
(Formerly Divide Wis.)

FAYETTE L. BUCKS MAP

MANITOWISH & TURTLE WATERS

Showing Location of the
BUCKS DIVIDE RESORT
AND CABINS

DIVIDE RESORT

is located on the Turtle Waters between North and South Turtle Lakes, on the new branch of the Chicago and Northwestern Railroad, eleven miles from Mercer, Wis.

The Resort consists of Hotel and fifteen cottages, arranged for small and large parties, comfortably furnished, covered with screen porches, running water and electric lights. In our new office building we have billiard table and bowling alley, fishing tackle, confectionery, Indian goods and cigars.

At the *Divide Resort* you are in reach of thirty-five beautiful lakes that abound with fish and are surrounded by fifty thousand acres of virgin forests and on some of the outlying lakes we have camps located where parties can make side trips away from the Resort and reach lakes that have been fished but little.

but I am still in the same business in the same old place and we are catching big fish and lots of them at the *Divide Resort* in the same good old way.

"From the years 1891 to 1904, I myself served as guide for hunting and fishing parties. The *Divide Resort* continued to grow and increase in popularity and I have been compelled to give it my undivided personal attention. I still have time to mingle with my guests and to point out the best 'muckie' grounds. I have helped land a muckie of upwards of four feet in length and have caught hundreds of them in and around about the lakes surrounding the *Divide Resort*."

Fayette L. Buck

THE EVIDENCE

"I spent about five months of the year looking for the time to come when I can take my departure for the *Divide Resort*. I have been visiting the *Divide Resort* annually for the past fifteen years and on my last trip it is the best place to spend the summer vacation period that I know of. The cottages are clean, the lake is good, the guides are competent, and the fishing is great."

T. J. Barry,
Detroit Free Press,
Detroit, Mich.

"To the seeker after rest, summer sport and gamey sport, I recommend the *Divide Resort*. It is equipped with these conveniences necessary for one's full enjoyment of the vacation period and appeals to the most discerning hunter and sportsman. *Divide Resort* accommodations are ample and of a wide range of quality which permits the full indulgence of individual tastes."

Julge Fuller,
Waukegan, Wis.

"I have frequently reviewed my recent pleasant outing at the *Divide Resort* and I am already planning to spend the coming season with you. The cottages and cabins at the *Divide Resort* provide all of the conveniences of a home, and the fact that my wife and myself usually spend four and one-half months of the year at the *Divide Resort* is evidence ample."

Yours truly,
C. L. Bequith,
Chicago, Ill.

"An outing is never so enjoyable as when we revel amid the scenes of nature, fish in the placid streams or stroll through the quiet woods. The *Divide Resort* possesses all of these qualifications and more."

E. W. Spurr,
100 North St. N. Y.

"To all desiring an inexpensive outing and a pleasant healthful vacation, I recommend the *Divide Resort*. The fishing in the Turtle Lakes is excellent and the hunting is fine; the cottages, cabins and lake are all that could be wished for. The *Divide Resort* is a most picturesque and an ideal country for the sportsman. Camping out is all right for those who like it, but the most comfortable and even luxury should appeal to men and women of all classes. The rates are reasonable and I have yet to find a man so accommodating and obliging as yourself."

C. A. Dickson,
Western Mgr. Boot & Shoe Recorder,
Chicago, Ill.

"The 'silent places' are growing fast, forests are being cut down and game hunters, fishermen and anglers are killing the wild life and emptying the streams. Now the person who seeks the wilderness must turn his face to the North and visit the *Divide Resort*. It is so far North as you can get in the summer. Here everything is as it used to be with modern conveniences and fish waiting edgewise."

Bertrom Barrett,
Adv. Dept. Brown Shoe Company,
St. Louis, Mo.

"I have been spending my summers at the *Divide Resort* for the past several years and intend to do so as long as I can follow the trail and land the mucklings. The dense forest and the falling lakes will never be forgotten when they visit the *Divide Resort*. My friends always know when I am at the *Divide Resort* for I say them the finest specimens of well-cured fish, black bass and mucklings. I catch them myself, too."

Col. J. B. Richardson,
Siddell Dr. Wm. Shoe Co.,
Chicago, Ill.

WISCONSIN FISH AND GAME LAWS

Weights of Fish.—Sec. 4560a. Any person who shall take or have in his possession, place or any variety of less than one pound, round or undressed weight, any fiddler catfish of less than one and one-half pounds, round or undressed weight or less than one pound dressed weight, or any black bass of a length less than ten inches shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

Muskelunge and Sturgeon Weight.—Sec. 21, ch. 437, 1903. The taking of any muskelunge of less weight than four pounds round weight, or two pounds dressed weight, or of any sturgeon of less than eight pounds round weight, or four pounds dressed weight, is hereby prohibited.

Shipment of Game or Fish Within the State by Railroad.—Sec. 13, ch. 338, L. 1901. It is unlawful for any person a resident of this State to ship within this State any birds, fowl or mammals protected by the laws of this State, except when the same shall be in the personal possession of or carried as baggage or express by the owner thereof, and such owner shall have in his possession a resident license duly issued to him under the provisions of law, and shall accompany the said birds, fowl or mammals on the same train or other conveyance, provided, that there shall be only one shipment made by any one person and that the number of birds or mammals carried at any one shipment shall not exceed twenty-five altogether, and also provided that this section shall not apply to any game except woodcock, partridge, pheasant, prairie chicken or prairie hen, grouse of any variety, ptarmigan of any variety, and also provided that the number of eggs of any variety and also provided that any person transported under this section shall not exceed thirty.

d. Shipments of trout of any variety not to exceed twenty pounds in weight, taken from the inland waters of this State, may be made to points within or without this State, when accompanied by the shipper; provided that not more than one such shipment shall be made during any week by the same person.

Shipment of Fish or Game.—Chap. 312 of the Laws of 1899.—Sec. 19. It is hereby required that any and all packages containing fish or game shall be labeled in plain letters on the address side of the package, so as to disclose the number of pounds of each kind of fish and the number of each variety of game, animal or bird contained therein. Sec. 43. Every person delivering to any express carrier a package or parcel containing fish or game shall place upon said package the name and address of the shipper and the name and address of the person to whom shipped.

What Packages of Fish may be Transported.—Sec. 22. It shall be unlawful for any person to offer for transportation or to transport to any point within or without this State any fish taken from the inland waters of this State except as hereinafter provided: (a) If marked as provided by law, one package and no more, containing not more than twenty pounds of fish, except lake trout, or in less than one pound more than two fish of any weight, may be transported to any point within or without this State, by any person, provided that not more than one such shipment shall be made during one week by the same person. (b) Any package or parcel containing more than twenty pounds of fish, except lake trout taken from the inland waters of this State, may be transported to any point within this State; provided, that shipments be marked as provided by law, and that the shipments be accompanied by the shipper from point of shipment to place of destination. Shipments to points without the State are hereby made unlawful.

HOW TO REACH THE DIVIDE RESORT

We will take it for granted that you live in Chicago and desiring to spend your summer vacation period amidst beautiful and comfortable surroundings—far enough North to escape the heat, and in the midst of dense pine, spruce and hemlock forests and clear blue lakes—you should decide to visit the *Divide Resort*. Take your Pullman on the C. & N. W. R. R. at Chicago at five o'clock in the evening. The porter will awaken you at Mercer, Wis., where you change cars for a short and altogether too brief ride through the dense forests landing within three hundred feet of the *Divide Resort* Dining Hall in time for breakfast.