



Fayette L. Buck, the proprietor of the *Divide Resort*, has been the exponent of the comforts and pleasures of his guests. He was a simple, good-looking fellow, in his life in the woods and enjoys an almost national reputation as hunter, trapper and guide.

He was born at Hopkins Stage, Alligan County, Wisconsin, Pennsylvania, Michigan in 1874. When but fifteen years of age, his father, an oil trapper, took him into the woods to make an expert trapper out of him. Mr. Buck is the best and as he states, "In two years I brought in more big game 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  
THE MERCER BEGINNING  
"Mercer was recommended to us as being a great place to trap. We located there in 1890 where we had a house of game and fish. My father had a house of his own, a small section house and a big drove of pigs. We pitched 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 the house and had built a camp out of logs. We were well pleased with our success in this regard 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 bear-baring animal.

"In 1892 I went in business for myself. My outfit consisted of six traps and six traps. I rented the boats and canoes and traps to parties who furnished their own guides and I only Jersey as 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 said everything they could carry and burned the rest."

## SOME 'SET GUN' TALK

"A few days later I had another equipment together and was making a trap through the woods when I met a party of Indians who had been there 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 Forest. They took that for granted and not a word was said about the trap for the next twelve years. Simply '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, a well-organized resort and trading post, located on the narrow neck 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 this gathering around Mercer, one of the guides and myself remained at the resort 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 trap. The guide stood in one direction and I stood in another. We would be on the trail for 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 back."

"We would travel in 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."

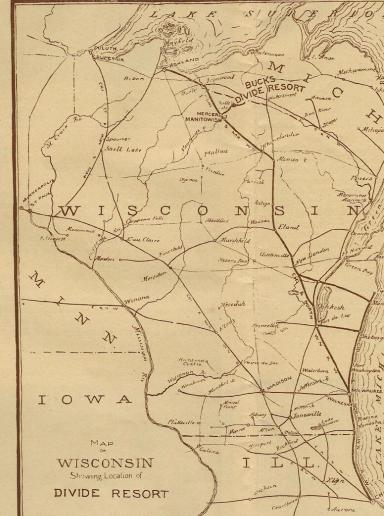
## THE COOKING

"I was a single lad at this time and found it very difficult to run the resort without a handmaid. I 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 so to speak."

## STAGE LINE AREA QUOVED

"In the year 1900, G. W. R. Co. ran a branch line to the *Divide Resort* and I immediately started 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

Send your package to the *Divide Resort* and visit, take the C. & N. W. R. Co. which 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

Proprietor Manager

## DIVIDE RESORT

WINCHESTER VILAS CO., WIS.

(Formerly Divide Wis.)

FAYETTE L. BUCK'S MAP  
OF  
MANITOWISH & TURTLE  
WATERS  
Showing Location of the  
BUCKS DIVIDE RESORT  
AND CABINS

MAP showing location of  
DIVIDE RESORT

WISCONSIN

MAP showing location of  
DIVIDE RESORT

IOWA

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