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THE people who write travel folders have a favorite cliché for places that are wild, woodsy, and remote. The label they love is "Last Frontier." Among a multitude of last frontiers Alaska, naturally, occupies a senior position; it has been one so often. And this in spite of the fact that nowadays one is likely to find more tourists than frontiersmen in the territory's remote places.

Alaska can be reached in any one of three ways: by sea, by air, or by highway. Many tourists like to go up one way, come back another. The trip along the Canadian and Southeast Alaskan coasts is one of the most satisfying cruises for the money to be had anywhere. The coastline, with its snowy peaks, its fiords, its forests, and its iceberg-begetting glaciers, is spectacularly scenic. A typical ten-day cruise starting and ending at Vancouver and including stops at Prince Rupert, Ketchikan, Juneau, Sitka, and Skagway can be had for around \$235.

Still, you haven't experienced Alaska in the real sense until you have visited the heart of the territory, watched the Northern Lights crackling through the night, gazed across a muskeg wilderness, or seen the icy cap of Mt. McKinley riding a raft of clouds. Anchorage and Fairbanks, both easily reached by air from the United States, are jumping-off places for just about anywhere in the deeper interior. Neither is particularly interesting in its own right, though Fairbanks does retain some remnants of its old-time mining-camp flavor.

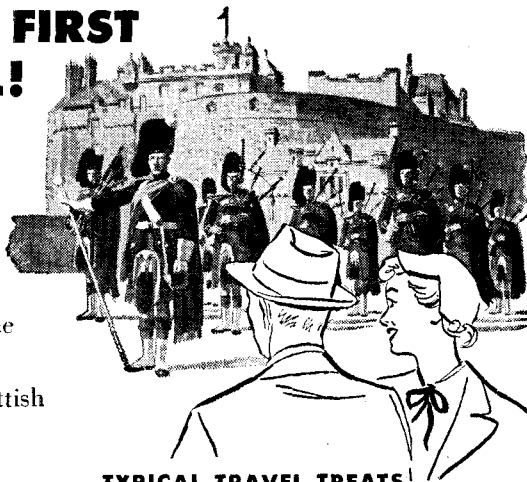
Visitors to Alaska quickly discover that the territory is deficient in good hotels and that the cost of living is higher than anywhere in the United States, including New York. Standard quotation for a room with private bath in the better Anchorage and Fairbanks hotels is \$13 a day for two persons. And often space is hard to find even at this price. Cheaper accommodations can be had if you are not fussy about appearances. Restaurant bills run extremely high. A haircut costs \$2.50. As for souvenirs, you'll do as well or better to buy them in Seattle; many of them are made there anyway. A certain amount of authentic Eskimo and Indian handiwork is obtainable, much of it junky, but even this is overpriced in most shops.

Soaking the tourist is a popular Alaskan sport. The open season runs from June through August, after which public interest turns to bigger game—moose, caribou, bear, mountain sheep.

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It is the Chinese who lay the incense smoke and the sound of temple bells on the city of seven hills.

It is the Chinese whose firecrackers exorcise the Oriental demons on feast days.

And it is the Chinese ceremonial lion, Tze-Tze, who dances in Chinatown streets, gobbling money and lettuce suspended on a string while fat Chinese merchants look on approvingly.

Chinese children go to American schools and come home to go to Chinese school. A Chinatown family loses tremendous face if the children do not speak and write Chinese.

"Breadeater" is the name for a Chinese who fails to keep his China traditions.

ELDERLY Chinese are buried in San Francisco cemeteries. But after an interval the body is disinterred and the bones cleaned and packed in cans for return to the green Hills of Canton.

Even the names (to the Chinese) are unchanged. San Francisco in Chinese is still "Gold Hill."

Grant Avenue is "Dupont Kai." Because it used to be Dupont Street.

Waverly Place is "The Street of T'ien How Temple."

Two of the most famous restaurants are Trader Vic's and Skipper Kent's. Both went to the South Seas for decoration. But they went to the Cantonese for the almond chicken and the Peking duck and the golden fried shrimp that you find on the menu.

Most of the eating in San Francisco, however, is from the sunny hills of Tuscany. And even French-named restaurants have a flavor of Chianti and *bel paese*.

Bardelli's on O'Farrell Street, Larry's and Vanessi's on opposite corners of Broadway just above the old Barbary Coast, Ernie's and Piro's on Montgomery Street are famed and rightly so for top food.

Julius's Castle on Telegraph Hill specializes in banana fritters. Hot and brown with a topping of melting whipped cream dusted with cinnamon. This was an old San Francisco favorite. But not many restaurants serve it anymore.

Place Pigalle, out in the Marina district, is new, French, and still hasn't fallen under the Italian spell. Even though the owner was born near the Via Appia.

The Blue Fox (across from the morgue and in an alley by the Hall of Justice) rates high with criminal

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Tadich's is below the Montgomery Street saloon where the dry martini was invented. It is the greatest of fishhouses, mostly counter seats, and closes promptly at eight o'clock each night.

But, of course, most of the places on Fishermen's Wharf are well known for fish, and San Francisco crab is as fine as any in the world.

The hotels hold the traditions of fine eating. Lucius Beebe, the Eastern raconteur turned publisher in the Nevada ghost town of Virginia City, comes to San Francisco to dine in the Palace.

The St. Francis, Sir Francis Drake's Drake Room (with double-barreled roast beef and Beefeater's martinis), the hilltop Mark Hopkins, and the Gay Nineties-atmosphere Fairmont. All serve top-quality dinners.

NOR should you miss the Mexican food at Al Williams's Papagayo Room in the Fairmont. Or the lunches at the hotel's "men only" Squire Room.

I suppose something should be said about the dishes imported so many years ago from faraway Canton through the Golden Gateway. But it is almost a tradition in San Francisco that you find your own favorite Chinese restaurant.

San Franciscans come to near feuds over the values of beef-chow-yuk in one basement versus sweet-and-sour spareribs in another. Personally I am a follower of Johnny Kan's upstairs place at Grant and Sacramento. But there are plenty of people who will argue for other vendors of peas in oyster sauce and the delicate bean sprout.

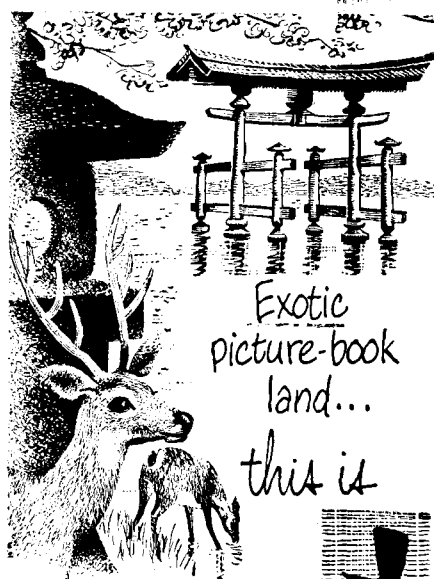
Possibly it was the Chinese who laid the taste for good living upon "Gold Hill." Just as they laid so much flavor of the lands across the blue Pacific. So much of the history you find in the yellow news files.

No San Francisco reporter but feels a journalistic debt to the bland gentlemen my grandfather said were "certainly a *caption*."

Down at the aging Hall of Justice the press room still sports a lament written on the wall on a dull day. It was written by the young police reporter who later became a famous sportswriter, W. O. McGeehan.

It was lack of news that bored Bill McGeehan when he wrote of a fading tong war and a reformed bail-bond broker:

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son). There is a Miss Ching Ching who sings in a manner accurately described to me as "very charming." Then there's Ho Fei Fan, a male singer—sort of a Ming Crosby.

An American motion picture was advertised in the Chinese journals as "A gag drama with senseful humors and chic dialogue. In some places in America this picture was prohibited to release, because of multitude of words concerning sex." Police closed a waterfront hotel which displayed this sign, "Welcome seaman—Stateside mattress—Bring your mistress."

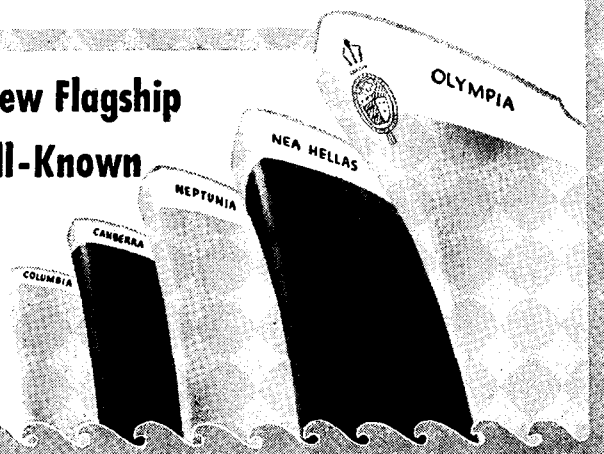
Most people seek out wise-men on mountain tops. In Hong Kong I go to Happy Valley to meet my man of learning. He's a philosopher named Ng Yu who not only hands out words of wisdom but gives me tips on the horses (the racetrack is next-door at Happy Valley). I have jotted down some things said by Mr. Yu under the heading "Yu said it." I'm not sure whether the words of wisdom are original with Yu, whether Confucius or Ching Chow first uttered them, or whether he copied them off a calendar of the "Don't Need Cat Exterminator Company," which offers a different saying for each day. At any rate Yu said the following: "When the next war is over there won't be enough hands to applaud the winners" . . . "Civilization is a state of society in which the only people who speak about the future with any confidence are the fortune-tellers" . . . "If you carry a man too long he loses the strength to walk."

MY HONG KONG tailor is Jimmy Chen, at 12A Cameron Road. Recently I did Jimmy a favor. I got him some autographed photographs of a number of American movie stars, and when they arrived Jimmy wrote: "Today is the happy day in my life—happy for receiving your esteemed letter of 17th. When the postman delivered to me the regular mails I was exciting with joy to find the valuable letter. I beg a pardon to one of my customer who is just fitting in my shop and I lost not a second in opening quick and reading your letter. These pictures of movie stars will certainly give me benefit of luck."

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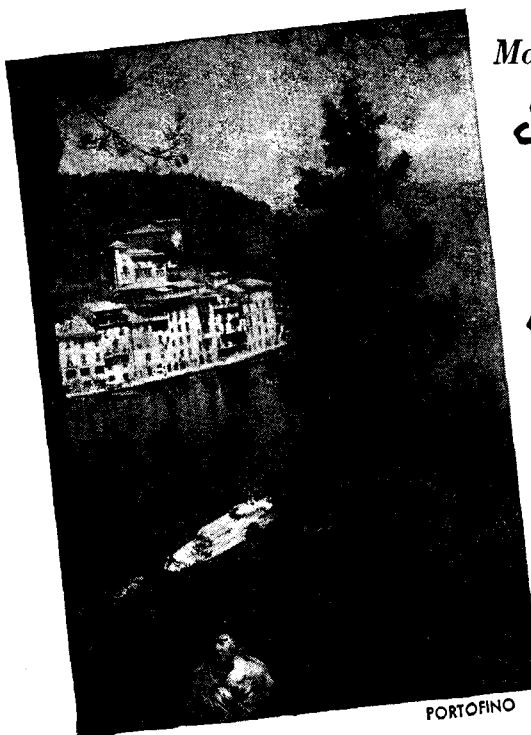
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are so great as to compared with me, the little tiny, but I am too lucky enough that you treated me like brothers. When you come to Hong Kong next time you will find more comfort in sitting and chat with me in this my new shop at Cameron Road. My old one was too small as a hole on the wall.

"Regarding the black silk suit (as you call coolie suit) I like to tell you that this material is the coolest and most durable in wear. The more you wear it, the more soft it becomes, then the more comfortable you will feel it. To avoid the wrinkles, it is very simple. Here are directions:

How to wash, put the suit into the clean water (with no soap) ring it or tremble it to let the sweat go away. Never rub it with hands.

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"I think the above directions are self-explanatory. Try to follow them and wash the suit. If you could find an old Chinese in your place, ask him to show you one time."

THE USS *Wasp*, a 32,000-ton aircraft carrier, almost lost a naval battle last January when hundreds of Hong Kong tailors buzzed the *Wasp* aboard a fleet of sampans. Police launches were called and Captain Patrick Henry of the *Wasp* finally had to turn a hose on the tailors to keep them from clambering aboard his vessel in an attempt to trade. Subsequently, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Arthur Radford banned tailors and other hawkers from American Naval ships, for security reasons. But the tug of warfare between sailors and tailors continues on shore with Hong Kong tailors yanking Yankee sailors into their shops, loading them up on free liquor, and unloading inferior merchandise on them.

There is a Chinese proverb: "No one can hang the sign outside his door, 'nothing wrong here'." I like Hong Kong and, as MacArthur said about another Asiatic port, I shall return. But the next time there are a few things I shall avoid. I can't say that I like the fish mouths served in some restaurants or the dog, monkey, and mice served in season in some homes. There are RSPCA laws against serving such food, but I guess the harried Hong Kong police, well trained as they are, can't be expected to be good mousers as well. One Chinese who had swallowed a mouse (dipped in honey), and was caught, was charged with "cruelty to animals," and I quote an item from the *Hong Kong Standard*: "A fifty-three-year-

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old unemployed, Leung Fuk, who admitted using a cloth bag and a length of wire to catch cats, was sentenced to three months' imprisonment by Mr. Hing-shing Lo at Central yesterday. Defendant in replying to the magistrate said that he catches cats for his own consumption."

Another thing to avoid in Hong Kong is getting robbed in a rickshaw.

I know—because it happened to me.

One night I arrived in Hong Kong via the Star Ferry from Kowloon. There wasn't a taxi in sight. Only a rickshaw boy who clamored for my trade. In desperation for transportation I climbed into his vehicle, saying, "Sunning House." He trotted briskly off along an unfamiliar avenue. "Sunning House—Hysan Avenue!" I commanded, more emphatically. The rickshaw boy stopped, seemed puzzled, padded a few paces further on, and then halted to swap Chinese chatter with another passing rickshaw boy.

This is a hell of a way to run a rickshaw, I said to myself. This time I shouted, "Sunning House—Hysan Avenue—Causeway Bay!!!"

The rickshaw boy proceeded at a quick run, then turned suddenly into a dark side lane. Half a block down under a street lamp were five Chinese. I recall that the light was diffused with that mysterious and non-illuminating quality shed by the arcs hanging over the pool table in the Van Gogh painting "The Night Cafe," I suspected I was behind the eight ball.

The rickshaw boy dropped the shafts, leaving me seated in a tilted position, which is, as any pinball player will tell you, against the rules of the game. In five seconds the game was over and the five Chinese had fled with my wallet—and in my rickshaw, yet!

Later, back at Sunning House, I estimated my loss at about seventy-five Hong Kong dollars. I picked up the room telephone and gave the Emergency Police Call Number, 999.

"You wish to be called at nine o'clock in the morning, sir?" said the night clerk.

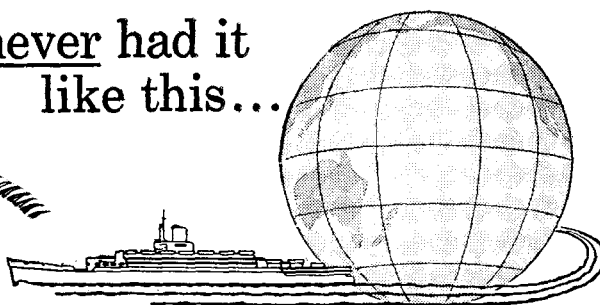
His misunderstanding gave me a brief moment of thought. I realized that if I reported the robbery I would be plunged into a tedious official process. Interviews, statements, examining of photographs, and descriptions. From a painful lack of official institutions I would be confronted with a boring muchness of them. The loss was small—the trouble wasn't worth it.

"Yes," I said, "call me at nine in the morning," and I hung up the phone. Hong Kong, as I started out to say, is a state of never mind.



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to us, "and just about in time, too."

Among authors with whom we had no prayer at all was Somerset Maugham. A cabled invitation to contribute brought cabled regrets. To his villa on the French Riviera I dispatched a new request, enclosing three pages of blank paper and a self-addressed stamped envelope. There were no French stamps in New York except those on sale at rare stamp stores, so that's what I bought. I regret that all I have to show for these utterly ingenious efforts is a deadpan answer from "W. S. Maugham" which said, "It is thirty years since I was in the South Seas, and there is nothing whatever I can say about my experiences that I have not already said here and there."

In bringing us further word about Maugham, with whom he had lunched at Villa Mauresque this summer, *New York Post* columnist Leonard Lyons had some Pacific reflections himself. Lyons said he had been reading what he had written about Hawaii on past trips, and he had gotten so excited he wanted to go again. Any man who can sell himself from his own prose is the man to sell Hawaii. (See page 50.)

Unselling Hawaii on the page opposite is Ralph Stein, *This Week's* cartoon editor who first provided hilarity for the keeper of this department on the pages of *Yank* back in the Foxhole Forties. Another local favorite, Stanton Delaplane, chats about San Francisco, the Pacific's port. Mr. Delaplane's column in *The San Francisco Chronicle* is syndicated by McNaught as far afield as Allentown and Casablanca.

Frank Gibney, who tells about Japan in "The Far Side of Fuji," is senior editor on *Newsweek* and author of "Five Gentlemen of Japan." Beach Conger and A. T. Steele both work for the *New York Herald Tribune*. Mr. Conger as travel editor has recently traveled Down Under, and Mr. Steele as roving correspondent has recently roved Up Yonder, having just spent nine weeks in Alaska. As for Irving Hoffman, who writes on Hongkong, all I can tell you is that he was profiled in *Esquire* by Joseph Wechsberg, is part owner of a geisha house in Japan, sent the first draft of his article in Chinese characters, and finally delivered the English version wearing a kimono and an Oriental beanie. It's been enough to drive an editor to Bora Bora, Pago Pago, or even Mad Mad.

—HORACE SUTTON.

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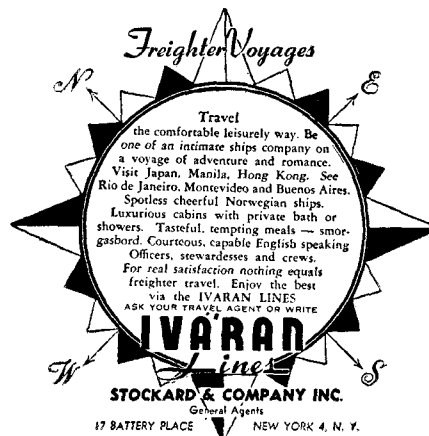
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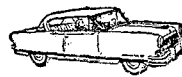
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DEFINITIONS	WORDS
A. Early Texas cattle rancher who never branded his calves (1803-70).	19 193 131 27 81 139 160 173
B. Nickname for the "State" of Nebraska.	20 71 137 166 183 146 13 157
C. Specifying a specially happy or memorable day (comp.).	191 96 179 128 33 44 66 5 55
D. Zoological term for having the hinge teeth of equal size, arranged in long series.	25 42 149 161 106 175 169 189
E. Apparatus by which a ship is steered, comprising rudder and tiller or wheel.	138 93 57 100
F. Be present with a view to listening and learning.	127 10 49 152 87 37
G. Pool at Jerusalem, between the Temple and the Via Dolorosa.	23 144 53 39 89 30 170 104
H. Jumping spider, which does not spin a web.	171 123 38 136 94
I. Composition for nine instruments, or sometimes voices.	185 14 105 124 1
J. Deep-black alloy of sulphur with some other metal.	196 6 107 177 117 110
K. A Bolivian Indian.	18 113 3 122
L. It blows after dark (2 wds.).	133 114 162 95 61 135 121 174 45
M. Frillery; showy trifles.	186 85 176 75 97 63 145
N. Seat of Ohio's Heidelberg Univ.	21 142 51 147 12 36
O. The "Etrick Shepherd" (1770-1835).	76 50 59 180

DEFINITIONS	WORDS
P. U.S. site of research in nuclear studies after 1947.	184 168 194 46 74 182 134 40
Q. Attendant of a quack doctor at a fair (from physician to Henry VIII; 2 wds.).	129 24 158 108 102 35 155 72 111 181
R. Ceremony to mark recognition of special achievement.	187 16 172 130 31 154 167 28
S. Epithet of an "admiral" who cannot exist, a poseur.	119 26 132 56 7
T. Tried by some standard to determine degree of excellence.	77 32 91 99 148 143
U. Village S. of West Point on Hudson River.	79 54 126 178 4 120 83 11 8 192
V. Swiss mathematician, founder of calculus of variation (1707-83).	22 86 73 118 153
W. Odd-looking seabird of the auk family.	65 150 109 48 58 163
X. German-born donor of a college stadium in New York, used in summer for concerts (1849-1938).	17 116 103 164 62 70 92 29
Y. Russian novelist, great-grandson of Kosciuszko, whose son is an Amer. illustrator and writer (1878-1927).	101 125 141 165 69 151 90 52 60 80
Z. Miserly economizing.	156 2 82 159 43 68 34 112 98 47
ZI. Adorn by enhancing of effect, or by addition of something gaudy.	64 115 67 190 88 41 195 9 84

DIRECTIONS

To solve this puzzle you must guess twenty-odd WORDS, the definitions of which are given in the column headed DEFINITIONS. Alongside each definition, there is a row of dashes—one for each letter in the required word. When you have guessed a word, write it in the dashes, and also write each letter in the correspondingly numbered square of the puzzle diagram. . . . When the squares are all filled in, you will find that you have completed a quotation from some published work. . . . Black squares indicate ends of words; if there is no black square at the right side of the diagram, the word carries over to the next line. . . . When all the WORDS are filled in, their initial letters spell the name of the author and the title of the piece from which the quotation has been taken. Of great help to the solver are this acrostic feature and the relative shapes of words in the diagram as they develop.

Authority for spellings and definitions is Webster's New International Dictionary, Second Edition.

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Solution of last week's Double-Crostic will be found on page 12 of this issue.

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