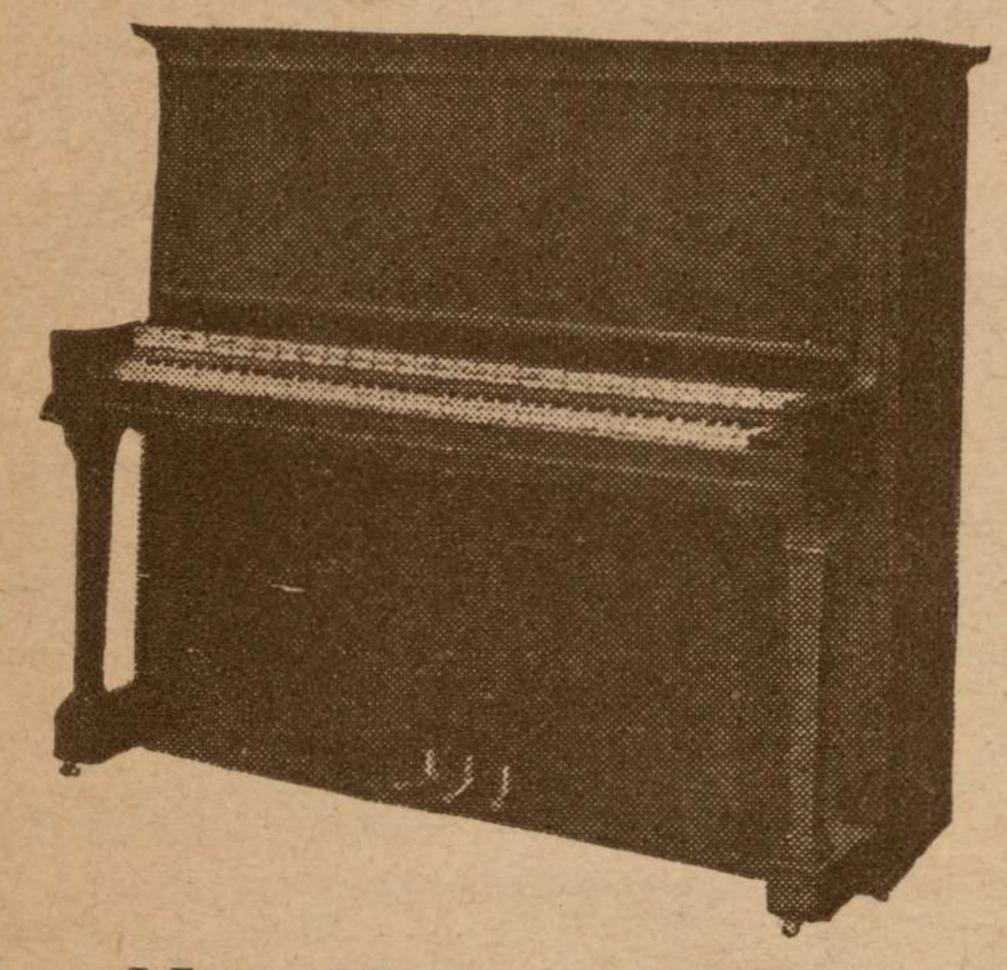


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DIAMOND FIELDS OF BRIT-ISH GUIANA.

The chief production area of the diamond-fields of British Guiana lies some fifty miles inland from Georgetown as the crow flies; by the river route, which is the only feasible way of entering, it is some two hundred and thirty-odd miles. This area is around Kurupung, at the head of the Mazaruni River. Georgetown has about sixty thousand population, and lies below sea-level, and the eleven-foot tides are kept out by dikes. There is no sand to make beaches here, and the river-borne alluvial mud eolors the sea for miles like pea soup. The mud flats extend eight to ten miles seaward.

This is tropical country with mangrove jungles and sugar and rice plantations. The annual precipitation is around one hundred inches, and the daily temperature variation is from seventy-four to eightynine degrees F.

To get to the diamond fields you board a light and jolty railway for a two-hour trip from Georgetown to a steamer landing at Perika.

From Perika a small Government steamer makes a trip every other day up the Essequibo River, thirty--five miles, to the little frontier town of Bartica, which is the true "jumping-o-ffff place" for the diamond fields. There are very limited accommodations for a white man at Bartica.

From this point every man must provide his own transportation unles a member of some party. Boats of several tons capacity, with ten paddlers each and a bow and stern man added, have been standard; but last Spring launches which towed freightboats up the rapids were used. It takes from twelve to twenty-six days to make the trip, although it is reported that the launches are making it in from eight to ten days' time. It is one hundred and seventy-five miles from Bartica to the mouth of the Kurupung River. The trip down has been made in five days.

The diamonds found are of good water and average around six to the carat, though stones of one and two carats are frequently found. The largest stone recorded weighed twentynine and five-sixteenths carats, is called "Kurupung" and was nearly overlooked, having passed over the screen. It was brought to Georgetown in December, 1921, by the two negroes who owned the claim and was bought by Wm. J. La Varre for \$4000. It was a twin crystal, having a groove in the center, and probably had to be sawed in two when cut. It had a slight greenish cast in the rough.

EARLY OUTLAWS OF TEXAS.

There is very little known about the early outlaws of Texas other than what is written in the "blood and thunder" stories that one finds on the shelves of second-hand books in some of the book stores. Most of these stories are out of print now, and at that time these men were better known away from home than they were at home.

The outlaws that used to have Texas as their playground were active during the Civil War and into the 70's and 80's. There have been so many versions of their lives that it is a hard matter to know exactly what they really did. They received the name of outlaws in the majority of

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cases because of the thirst for revenge that arose over some injury received by them or some member of their family during or after the trials of the war. This was the case with Sam Bass, John Wesley Hardin.

There was a family of Fishers in Red River County, Texas, during the war. The father was captured by bushwackers and had his finger and toe nails pulled out and his tongue cut off. That would have been a good reason for sons to start on a hunt for revenge.

Ben Thompson was another bad man with his guns. He was an officer, though, and did his killing, so he claimed, in line of duty. Many had it in for him, and so he finally got his in the back while taking a drink. The followers of these men were never of any large number—twelve to fifteen men was a large gang—but the numbers changed from time to time; about six companions were an average-size gang.

PERSONALITY

(By Cecile Sorel)

Love has a fundamental basis in admiration and respect. You can not love some one you do not look up to. While physical beauty is often a powerful means of inspiring love, it does not suffice. Beauty without intellect and heart is vapid and dull., What we love in another is personality, individuality. Great men have always been deeply loved because they had great personalities. No silly woman ever held a man's affection for any length of time. Only intelligent women with individuality ever dominated for pike and bass. Fishing in

By intelligent women I do not mean bluestockings, but I mean women who know how to think. Examinations and college courses have nothing to do with intelligence. They merely prove that you how to learn things. Intelligence consists not in absorbing thoughts, but in radiating

A woman's personality must show that a mind, an intelligence governs her. A woman who remains silent, motionless, but who thinks, attracts and fascinates; while a featherbrained doll, who without knowing what she is saying and bustles around in vain agitation, bores and irri-

It is very essential that women learn to think. Every woman should take from a quarter of an hour to half an hour a day to "visit her soul." During this time she should reflect on her work, on what she wants to accomplish and how she falls short of her ideal. She should make resolutions as to how to overcome her faults. Many women spend precious moments exercising their body upon rising in the morning and before going to bed at night in the hope of becoming beautiful. This is all well and good. But why neglect the mind? Is not mental training for more important than physical beau-

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Then come the rick or striped bass and sea trout. Croakers, hardhead, trout, bass, crappie, pike, catfish and perch are caught in the bay and rivers running into i.t

Shad and herring are caught in traps or pound nets. These are enormous affairs, calling for a large outlay of money. They are also captured in drift nets, gill nets and fykes—the same equipment used to catch the smaller or less plentiful

Fish are readily caught on hook and line, but the commercial fisherman depends on his nets even when after the game fish. Crabs, eels and oysters help the fisherman out financially. The oyster fisherman on a small scale uses a pair of oyster tongs to pick the bivalve from his resting place. An expert tonger can gather 30 or 40 bushels in a day where oysters are plentiful.

Eels are caught in wicker eel-pots; crabs, by "trot-lines" and a hand net.

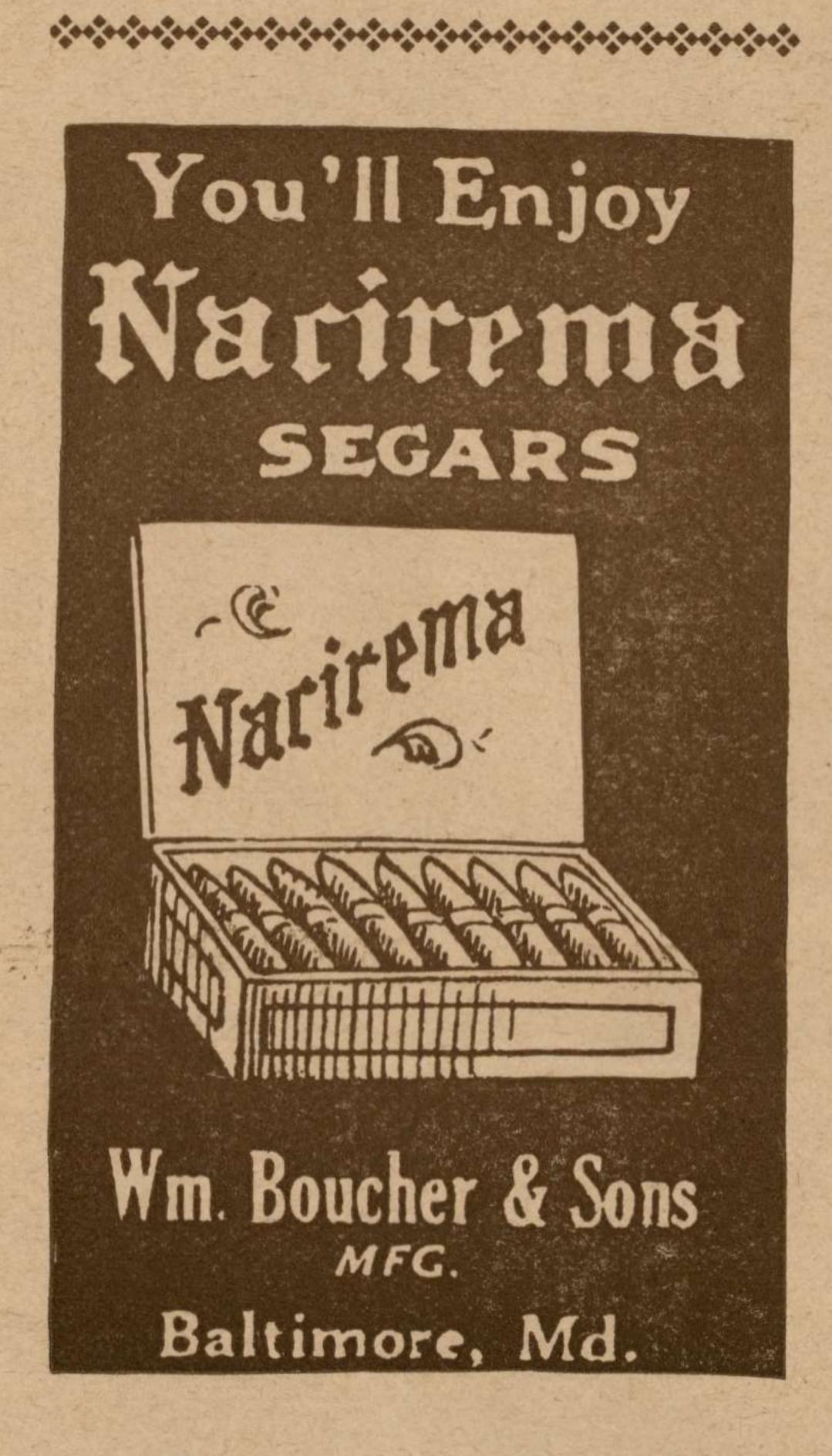
Havre-de-Grace is a good shad-fishing point. Solomon's Island for croakers and sea trout. Cambridge for oysters. Southern waters of the Potomac fact is good anywhere.



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