

Luncheon



"Beauty Queens"

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Denver, Colorado, to Salt Lake City, Utah

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Soon after luncheon we will be arriving in Salt Lake City, one of the garden spots of the nation, which was once just desert. Regardless of your religious beliefs, you cannot go away without marveling at what the Mormons have done for Utah.

Your sightseeing in Salt Lake City will be a revelation as to what the early pioneers had to contend with and you can now see the results of their labors.

Tonight you will be at the beautiful Hotel Utah.

Rotarily and Right Hart-ily,

HART I. SEELY, Chairman

P. S.: Take this menu with you as a souvenir, if you so desire.

LUNCHEON



Soup—Cream of Chicken Tomato Juice

Grilled Fillet of Fish, Tartar Sauce
Tomato Stuffed with Chicken Salad
Beef Pot Roast, Jardiniere

Mashed Potatoes Creamed New Peas

Assorted Bread

Salad—Hearts of Lettuce, Club Dressing

Strawberry Shortcake, Whipped Cream
Apple Cobbler Ice Cream

Coffee Tea Milk

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THRU THE ROCKIES - NOT AROUND THEM

Beauty Queens

Graceful quaking aspen, daintily shivering in the sunlight, are the arboreal beauty queens of Rocky Mountain forests. Thriving best at altitudes of from seven thousand feet to timberline (approximately 10,000 feet) they are particularly at home in Colorado, the mountain state of the Union. Plentifully interwoven in the carpet of perennial conifers that covers almost half of Colorado, the tremulous aspens stop many a traveler in open-mouthed admiration.

The aspens' extraordinary eye-appeal is attributable to two characteristics: their exquisite, changing color during nine months of the year, and their perpetual motion.

In spring and summer the aspens wear a rippling cloak of cool silver-green. Almost overnight in early fall they don the lustrous, golden garb for which they are famous. (See cover picture.) Like coins in a Spanish treasure-chest each leaf mirrors the brilliant sunlight. The in toto effect is one of coruscant splendor. Late fall finds them clothed in a rich russet mantle.

The aspen tree has a broad leaf with a flattened petiole (leafstalk). An imperceptible breath of air will make it flutter. A gentle, zephyrus breeze sets the whole tree into quivering motion. In mountainous country, where eddying air currents continually caress every slope, the aspens always tremble. Thus they merit the apt designation, "quaking" aspen.

Less accurate but more romantic is the Ute Indian legend that accounts for the aspens' continual quivering. Once during a full moon the Great Spirit was scheduled to visit earth. All living things trembled in anticipation of his visit—all but the haughty aspen who stood silent and immobile, refusing any motion of obeisance. The angry deity decreed as punishment that henceforth the aspens would tremble abjectly whenever eyes looked upon them.

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