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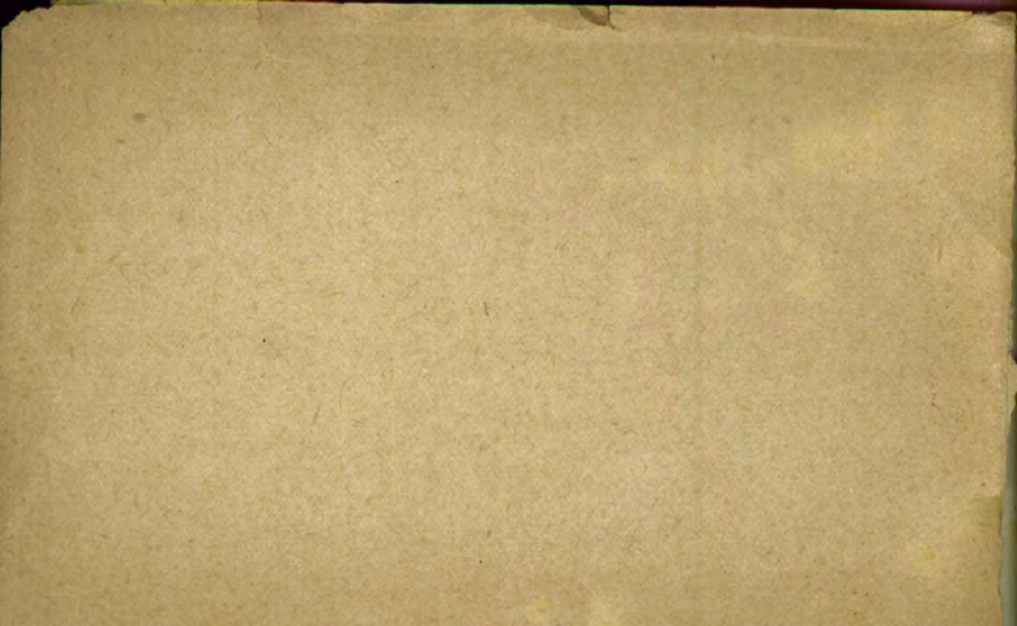




In and Around

Mt. DORA,

FLORIDA.



Lilla M. Streeter

early 1900's
\$ 35⁰⁰



Glimpses of Mt. DORA.

Sweet Southern airs and flowery blooms
Of the magnolia's rare perfumes,
The breath of rose, the violet's scent
In one commingled sweetness blent,
Entrance me as I muse of thee,
Fair Florida, far down the sea.





Let us answer a few of the questions you would naturally ask in speaking of Mt. Dora; one of the most beautiful places in the state of Florida.

1st. We are situated in Lake Co. near the centre of the state and twenty miles due west of Sanford; on a ridge of high rolling pine land.

2nd. To reach this place, take the Atlantic Coast Line to Sanford, thence to Mt. Dora. You make close connections. Or take the Clyde Line St. John's River Boat to Sanford thence to Mt. Dora by rail. Or, you can take the Seaboard Air Line R. R. to Tavares, and from there a delightful trip across the lake to Mt. Dora. If you take the latter route it is necessary to send word to have the steamer meet you at Tavares.

3d. We have the finest high, dry, pine land in the state, Within a mile of us is the highest elevation in this part of the state. It is an ideal place for those suffering from lung and throat troubles or neuralgia or rheumatism.



4th. Lake Dora is one of the finest deep water lakes to be found in any country. It's shores are beautiful and lined with palms and other beautiful trees. Our lakes are all deep fresh water lakes, not shallow ponds or swamps.

5th. The fishing is much enjoyed by numbers of fishermen every year. Black bass are the chief of the game fish.

6th. Steam and row boats can be had at any time.

7th. Huntsmen will find squirrels and quail in the woods, also deer and turkeys within a few miles.



8th. Our stores supply the best goods at reasorable prices, and you will be surprised at the variety and quality of goods to be found here.

9th. Mt.Dora in one of the most healthful places in the state and great numbers find health and comfort with us every year.

10th. We have the finest roads in this section. By Christmas a hard clay road, suitable for automobiles, bicycles and carriages, will be completed between this place, Orlando, Winter Park, Sanford and intervening towns. These roads at all seasons of the year are hard and smooth.

11th. Bicycle paths connect us with all the surrounding towns and country.

12th. Our public school is exceptionally good and arrangements may be made by visitors to have their children attend.

13th. We have a number of good boarding houses managed by northern people, who keep the houses in first class order and supply the tables with the best of food and well prepared.

14th. Our golf links, begun last year by Mr. Granger Smith, of Waukegan, although not extensive are kept in first class order.

15th. There is no better, purer water anywhere than that obtain-





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MT. DORA, FLA



ed from the deep wells of this place.

16th. Furnished cottages and rooms may be rented for the season at reasonable rates.

17th. Three churches, Congregational, Methodist and Episcopal, with pulpits supplied by ministers of exceptional ability, cordially welcome tourists to all their services.

18th. As to our orange groves, we have them all about us and fresh oranges can be obtained at all times during the season. You can see the fruit growing and gather it yourself if you desire.

19th. The grounds of the South Florida Chautauqua are within a few minutes walk and afford a delightful accomodation and shelter for picnic parties.

20th. All of the pictures in this book are from photographs or drawings of places in Mt. Dora or about the lake and river.

21st. The Chautauqua Association holds a two week's session in March of each year. There is always fine talent among the lecturers and a number of popular entertainments.

22nd. The Northern Methodist Episcopal Church holds a camp meeting for two weeks each year on the Chautauqua grounds.

23d. Lake County is celebrated as having over nine hundred pure fresh water lakes, some of the finest orange groves and peach orchards and the most diversified scenery in the state.

Last but not least, throughout the winter fresh vegetables of the best quality are abundant.





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We sing thy grace fair land of flowers,
Thy lakes of blue, thy emerald bowers,
Thy perfumes, borne on every breeze
Thy tints from far Hesperides,
We laud thy joy, we boast thy charms.
Thy whispering pines, thy rustling palms
And spread the robe of love anew
For dainty feet mid flowers and dew.

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