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"A Woman's New York"

Writer "week-ends" with John-Fredericks and Rex Stout at their country homes . . . J. P. Morgan receives congratulations on arrival of first great-grandchild . . . Large snakeskin hats seem popular . . . White nail polish is new.

NEW YORK, June 3.—The New York Week-End Season is now in high gear. Come here, come there, and those of us who haven't a little shanty (eight bedrooms, nine baths) in Jersey, Westchester or Connecticut can usually spend Saturday and Sunday getting fine grub, good beds and mosquito bites 45 minutes from Broadway. I dress a pretty good week-end, though I'm a city lover, but the little old man is a problem. He hates fancy sports clothes, and the most he will do is put on a pair of grey pants and an old left-over coat. He is a regular week-end bum.

Sometimes we split week-ends between friends fighting for our patronage, to their ultimate sorrow. Saturday evening we spent at the lake and woods-surrounded spot of John Frederics, milliner—en hour from town, and yet as remote as a fishing hideaway in Maine. Three fine servants minister to those who rough it, including a magnificent chef who can roast a pig with any cook in Gotham. On Sunday we drove to the hilltop home of Rex and Pola Stout at Brewster, N. Y., Rex, bearded and outdoorish, writes the Nero Wolfe mystery fiction, while lovely Pola designs and weaves wondrous fabrics, and mothers Rex and two children.

Rex dined broiled six-inch steak on an open fire for the 30 guests, and we went glutten. Half the crowd was writing folk, like Rex, Joseph Wood Krutch of the "New York Times", and Gilbert Gabriel, critic, novelist and movie writer. The rest of us were in or around the "rag business." Plenty of talk, lots of eating, plenty of talk, lots of eating, bright sunshine and a panorama of country toward the Hudson. Lovely, hectic week-end—good food, good talk, good friends, and by today we feel almost normal again. The menace and joys of New York week-ends are an inexhaustible subject. I'm afraid you're in for plenty more!