TWENTY-THIRD CHAPTER.

NEENAH AS A SUMMER RESORT AND WATERING PLACE.

This city possesses a rare combination of natural features for a delightful summer resort and watering place. The climate is not surpassed in healthfulness; the invigorating breezes from the lake temper the heats of summer, while the adjacent large bodies of water, to a great extent, have the effect of preventing those sudden extreme changes of temperature to which nearly all western localities are much subjected. The scenery is lovely, the lake the most magnificent sheet of water, with beautiful shores and good harbors that are accessible in every direction, thus affording the best of yachting facilities. The surrounding country is beautiful, with excellent roads, affording delightful drives and picturesque views of the lake and river scenery. Wild game is quite abundant in the vicinity, and is composed of blue and green winged teal, mallard and wood duck, snipe, wood-cock, quail, squirrel, partridge, and prairie chicken. The waters abound in black and white bass, pike, pickerel, sturgeon and other fish; therefore, steamboat excursions, picnics, yachting, fishing, shooting and pleasure drives are among the readily available recreations of the place. This secures immunity from that monotonous routine of tame and insipid pleasures which prevail in so many celebrated watering places; for the range of exciting and
attractive out door enjoyments is here so extensive and varied that the tastes of all can be gratified; combining the gaieties, public amusements and social enjoyments of city life, with the most delightful rural pleasures.

The market is well supplied with wild game, and with the choicest fruits and vegetables of northern latitudes, fresh from the gardens and orchards of the vicinity, which are very different to the stale products shipped from long distances. Apples, plums and small fruits are abundant in their season. The market is also kept as well supplied as those of the larger cities, with foreign fruits and delicacies.

The Russell House, (see ad.) one of the largest and best kept hotels in Northern Wisconsin, is so situated as to make it a pleasant stopping place for a few weeks of summer, as it is easily reached from Chicago or Milwaukee, and during the fishing season makes ample provision for the wants of guests in boats, fishing-tackle, etc.

Roberts' Summer Resort, (see ad.) is already well known among those who would pass a portion of the hot, dusty summer in a pleasant Wisconsin resort. The location of the house is very fine, with ample grounds, and we predict that within five years the hotel will be surrounded by fine cottages for the use of transient guests, and no spot in Wisconsin will be more generally sought after than this.