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# CAMPING OUT IN CALIFORNIA.



## CHAPTER I.

### THE GIGANTIC REDWOODS.

In the month of July I received an invitation to go with a party of young folks. They were to take a large wagon and roam "over the mountains and far away," pitching their tents wherever night found them, and cooking their provisions the old-fashioned way over a camp-fire in a *dutch oven* and a long-handled frying pan.

I must confess I felt dubious about starting, but after the comforting assurances that if we were upset down some steep mountain side, or if wild beasts devoured us, or a band of robbers carried us away, they would all willingly bear me company in each and every

trouble, I consented to cast in my lot with the rest.

There were seven of us, but as I have not asked permission, I shall not give their true names, but will call some of them Linnie, Will, Eda, Ben and Harry; all in their teens except Harry, and he as brave and eager for fun as the others.

After the provisions, bedding, tent and *etceteras* were packed in the wagon it did not look as if there was room for the living portion of the load, but when we safely *stowed* away we had comfortable seats.

Traveling northward, we journeyed along Clear Lake, situated near the centre of Lake County. It is a beautiful sheet of water which we have heard tourists say reminded them of the Sea of Galilee.

The bosom of the lake is disturbed by a light breeze, that causes the waves and ripples to sparkle in the sunlight as if covered with millions of flashing