

Handicrafts of the Mountaineers



Rugged individualism for which Tennessee mountaineers are famous is best demonstrated by their handicrafts that attract the admiration of millions of tourists. Mrs. Nancy Page (above) is famous for her quilts. She weaves and dyes (making her own dyes) her cloth, raises her cotton, cards it and does her quilting by hand.



Aunt Violet at her spinning wheel. Neighbors gather at her home to card the wool she spins into thread and to knit the thread into garments.



Mountain children are started young. Edwinna Randolph, who has started a quilt, is wearing a hat made by her mother from corn shucks.



Frank Taber is one of the best chairmakers in the Cumberlands. He boasts his chairs will last for 60 years.

