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start practising the pronunciation than crystaline Lake Superior. The of "Kitch-iti-kipi." For a secret bottom of the spring, 50 feet or place of mystery and beauty has more down, seems, because of the become, through the generosity magnifying quality of the water, of wealthy citizens, a state park, that a coin, after it sinks to the and Kitch-iti-kipi will presently he bottom and reposes for a few secas well-known as the Pictured onds on the white, bubbling sand Rocks, the Soo Locks or Belle Isle. looks as though it were within

When the conservation commis- reach. sion visited Grand Island recently, Executive Chairman William have provided a sturdy raft or H. Loutit announced that the state which visitors embark. The sensahad come into possession of the tion, as the raft is paddled away Big Spring of Manistique. That from the bank, is errie in the exmeant little to outsiders except an awkward name to fumble with.

of the Cleveland Cliffs Iron, who volunteered to approach the executors of the Book and Palm estates. in Detroit, with the proposal to present the Big Spring to the both elements are like liquid light. state. It could not be purchased; It is only when rain is falling that in the first place, it was not on the the Big Spring really looks like market, and its value could not water. be appraised by any real estate body, and, in the second place, no iti-kipi by some state funds were available to buy straits" school ma'am in imitait.

Members of the Book and Palm families, in Detriot, eagerly fell in with Mr. Bush's suggestion and, under the direction of P. J. Hoffmaster, superintendent of state parks, Kitch-iti-kipi will be introduced to the general public.

For half a century woodsmen have spread the story of the marvelous spring and residents of the upper peninsula have made long broke and the maiden dropped pilgrimages to feast their imagin-smack on her sweetie, tree and all ations on the wonders of it. The She escaped drowning, but th Indians for countless generation; next day the brave was visible, in venerated the place as the abode paled on a branch, far beneath th of spirits, good and bad, and toss- surface. There was, of course ed into the depths of the crystal nothing else for the maiden to d pool their offerings to the gods. but to pine away for a time, an The pale faces have followed the then leap into the spring hersel Indian example and almost every carrying her love's bow, arrow visitor drops a coin into the water and tomahawk with her to preser and makes a wish. A sizeable for- to him in the happy huntin tune must have been swallawed up grounds. into the seething sands at the bottom of the spring.

The spring is in the heart of a above the city of Manistique. fir forest and there is no hint of has remained off the beaten trac its presence until the visitor emer- for generations, and Superinten ges from the dense brush along ent Hoffmaster will make no "ir the bank and stands at the water's provements" which will in an edge. The pool is a short city way detract from the wild char block from rim to rim-about of the setting. 4040 feet. Its waters are miracu- (From The Detroit Sunday Time

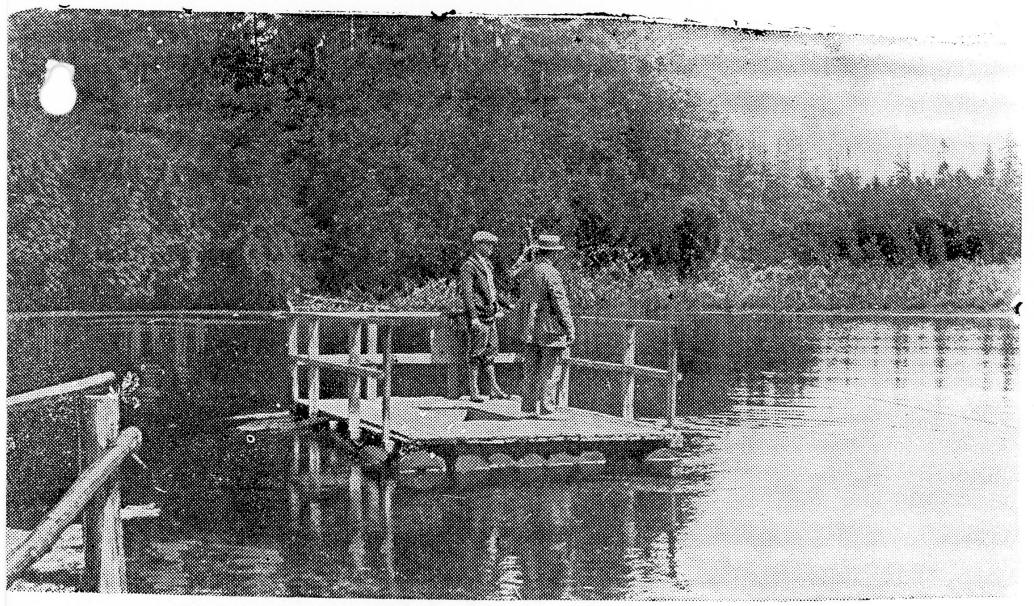
Michigan folk might as well lously transparent, more so, even

officials Schoolcraft County treme. The effect is of floating without sound or effort, in the up-It was John M. Bush, land agent per levels of the air. About is the circle of sky framed by the tree wall and beneath is the diamond clarity of the pool. There is no break between air and water-

> Big Spring was not named Kitch "below the tion of the Indian. The Objibwas bestowed the name, nobody knows how long ago. It is said to mean "heaven's mirror" or "mirror of the evening star." There is, of course, an Indian legend accompanying the spring. A maiden teasing her lover, when he was his canoe and go home to he folks, insisted on jumping from a overhanging cedar. The ceda

Kitch-iti-kipi is five miles nort of U.S. 2, and near Indian Lak

"Kitch-iti-ki-pi," the Wonder Spring



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