

EQUIPMENT COMMENTS

King Peak - Yukon Expedition, 1952

STOVES

1. Coleman--Much too heavy and therefore was used only in base camp. This stove is reliable, heavily constructed, has a large gasoline supply, and produces a very hot flame. The flame cannot be regulated and this is a definite disadvantage.
2. Taylor Pocket Stove--A very light stove that has to be primed and is some times difficult to start. The nozzle often gets clogged. The flame is not very hot and the intensity cannot be regulated.
3. Svea No. 123--This was probably our best stove, being light, has a large gasoline supply, a flame that can be regulated, and fairly easy to start. It is not too good in wind and has to be insulated from the snow.
4. Radius No. 42--Second best to the Svea and has all the advantages of the Svea except for a smaller gasoline capacity and the difficulty encountered in filling. Both these features are minor. It has better wind resistance than the Svea. Although we did not have a Radius 71, this stove does look quite good in having both the advantages of the Svea and the Radius 42.
5. Borde--Quite light and has a very hot flame and a controllable flame. However, it is a little touchy to operate. It has an extremely short burning time, and a limited pot capacity. The pots in the set must be used and they are far too small except for one person and maybe two persons. We melted one Borde stove when it got too hot after removing the pot.
6. Radius No. 123--Much too heavy and thus used in base camp as with the Coleman. It has a more controllable flame than the Coleman but it doesn't seem to be quite as fool-proof.

CLOTHING

1. Sox--The Indian knit sox seem to be superior because of better wearing qualities, dry quicker, don't feel cold even when they are wet, and allow plenty of foot ventilation. They are somewhat coarse in weave and thus will give tender feet a bad time. The goat hair sox were taken because of their reported wearing qualities but nothing amazing was reported. Major trouble with the goat hair sox was their short length. All sox should have long uppers. Light sox are not necessary.
2. Underwear--Preference as to one or two piece varied. One suit of each is a good combination. They should be all wool and loose fit. Several disposable pairs of under-shorts were used by some members.