West Virginia is literally "overnight from everywhere." Half the people of the Nation are within 500 miles of its boundaries.

The pictured pages which follow are suggestive of the romance, the beauty and the charm which make the State outstanding.

West Virginia's new State Capitol which has just been completed on the banks of the historic Kanawha River at Charleston.
Seneca Rocks, Pendleton County, rising far above "The Warriors' Road," historic Indian highway from New York to Georgia.

Grandview, near Beckley, Raleigh County, inspiring panorama of heavily wooded hills and turbulent mountain streams.

The "Sinks" where the Gandy River begins its mysterious journey through a natural tunnel beneath Randolph County mountains.
Pinnacle Rocks, Mercer County, silent sentinels standing vigilant guard along the highway between Bluefield and Welch.

Truly representative of National Forest areas in West Virginia is this fawn and these masses of blooming rhododendron.

Seneca Caverns, South Branch Valley. Many strange natural formations are found in such deep caves beneath the Alleghenies.

This fair fisherman enjoys the charm of a delightful climate and the lure of fascinating scenery—as well as fine fishing.

Many favorite fishing streams are being restocked with trout, bass, pike, perch and other game fish from State hatcheries.

Falls of the Tygart River between Fairmont and Grafton in a valley made famous by the exploits of adventurous pioneers.
A scene worthy of a master's brush. Fine grazing lands produce lambs and wool which often top the Nation's markets.

Farm land with forest background, which represents the mountain scenery that is typical of many sections of the State.

The Washingtons, the Lees and other colonial families left their fine homes for us to admire. This home dates from 1790.
Presidents and lesser notables for nearly two centuries have visited White Sulphur Springs and other justly famed mineral springs.

Tradition says the first golf in America was played at White Sulphur Springs. At any rate, here are 45 holes of good golf.

Championship tennis in such a setting draws us, whether or not we are tennis fans, to this famous recreation center.
Old Virginia, Maryland and West Virginia touch friendly fingers at Harpers Ferry where John Brown started Civil War fires.

The most traveled building in the world is John Brown’s “Fort.” This little building went to the Chicago World’s Fair, 1893.

Sandstone Falls, Hinton. So many streams start in these forest-clad hills that the State is called “The Mother of Rivers.”

Blennerhassett Island, Parkersburg. Burr, Blennerhassett, Lafayette, De Celeron and a host of others wrote Ohio River history.

Fruit growing dominates the agriculture of many Mountain State counties in the Eastern Panhandle and in the Ohio Valley.
Nature’s mirror tells a charming story to this nymph who has strayed to this picturesque spot along a mountain waterway.

Some of America’s finest farming land is found in these rich valleys which line the Great Kanawha and Ohio rivers.

Much live stock of high quality is raised. Bluegrass, which springs up naturally in many sections, is unequaled as a pasture.
Seneca Trail, Marlinton. Nearby is the old Indian trail, made by moccasined feet centuries ago, yet clearly seen today.

Horseshoe Curve, Wirt County, and the Seneca Trail represent modern highways, which cross West Virginia by easy stages.

A dozen Federal highways link up with the State highway system. The National Pike, Northwestern Turnpike and Midland Trail played an especially important part in State development. Maps showing condition of State roads may be had upon request.
The Sovereign State of West Virginia

Showing
intimate scenes from the romantic pages of her history, and fascinating glimpses of her varied and interesting industrial life.
The major trunk line railroad systems have combined their efforts to offer overnight train service to every point in the East.

The State has more than 4,000 miles of main line railway, or a mile of railway for each six square miles of its area.

Scene from Prospect Peak, Morgan County, Washington and associates projected the old canal which is shown in foreground.

The New River Gorge retains its natural beauty and charm although industrialists have harnessed the river's mighty power.
At Shepherdstown, James Rumsey operated his homemade steamboat successfully 90 years before Fulton's invention was made.

State park, Berkeley Springs, once known as "Bath," frequented by Washington and given to Colony of Virginia by Fairfax.

Grave Creek Mound, Moundsville, may have been Ohio Valley headquarters for the strange race preceding the Indians.

Ashby's Fort, Mineral County, 1755, frontier outpost which withstood the attack of Indians, is still used as a residence.

Point Pleasant, scene of pitched battle, 1774, between frontiersmen and Indians, greatly influenced Revolutionary events.

This plate, Clarksburg, marks the birthplace of General Thomas J. "Stonewall" Jackson, renowned as a military leader.

Here at Philippi, June, 1861, the Blue and the Gray armies clashed in the opening land battle between North and South.

One of the bitterest Civil War fights to determine control of West Virginia was at Rich Mountain, Randolph County.
University of West Virginia, Morgantown, as seen from the air. The stadium was the gift of loyal alumni to the institution.

This model high school layout on thirty-acre tract illustrates the high educational ideals of Mountain State people.

The song of birds, the drone of bees and the perfume of roses from thousands of such gardens lure the lovers of Nature.
Jackson's Mill State 4-H Camp, between Weston and Clarksburg, has attracted wide attention by its work among rural youth.

At this camp away from classrooms, practical arts are taught sturdy boys and girls, and good citizenship is stressed.

Art students find inspiration at Oglebay Park, Wheeling, where a novel new educational idea is being successfully developed.

Daughters of American Revolution erected this impressive monument to the "Madonna of the Trail" on National Pike, Wheeling.
Governor William G. Conley crowns queen of West Virginia Forest Festival, Elkins. This festival has become an annual event.

This camp represents facilities offered by National Forests. These forests in this State now include a half million acres.

Riding tournaments held annually in the South Branch Valley are reminiscent of days of chivalry and old English life.

Civil War trenches. At Droop Mountain, Laurel Hill and elsewhere only sharp fighting could determine Civil War supremacy.

Dr. Barton, Lincoln authority, established the fact that Nancy Hanks, mother of the martyred President, was born near Keyser.
Salt brines, known since pioneer days, are a foundation on which the Great Kanawha Valley builds a new world chemical center.

Among many interesting new industries is the building of airplanes, illustrated by this plant, Glendale, Marshall County.

Floyd Gibbons tests safety glass made by State factories. Glass production is high and glass sand of fine quality is found.
Giant electric furnaces at the Huntington plant of the International Nickel Company, an industry with world-wide connections.

The standard coal for Uncle Sam's battleships is produced in the State, which frequently leads in soft coal production.

Much fine lumber comes from the splendid hardwood forests which still comprise more than three-fifths of the State area.
The flaming torches of great steel mills, piercing Northern Panhandle skies, symbolize its industrial life and development.

Iron horses with electric nerves speed up the handling of traffic on the railroads serving the southern part of the State.

Despite such hydro-electric developments as this plant on Cheat River, vast stores of water power energy remain undeveloped.

Oil and gas are among the favored gifts that have been so lavishly bestowed on the State by a richly generous Nature.

Even in such modern factories, there's need of the potter's wheel as when Omar watched the old Persian potter "thump his wet clay."
"The Land of the Laurel and the Pine
Where men are strong and women divine
Where crystal springs and mountain peak
Reflect their tint in many a cheek."

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