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THE LANGTON

SPIRAL BOUND BOOK

For Water Colour etc.

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24th August Tuesday.

Rained all day. Hechz day packing. John collected Mrs Willson
6 pm. & brought her back to supper. Terence came also.
Home made chicken soup.

Steaks.
Courgettes.
Beans.

Cleared up in evening.

Apple Charlotte.

25th August Wednesday No one able to get in to bathroom as Nizky

locked door. Up 8^a pm. Lovely morning but soo- clouded
over. No spare keys to van. forgot oil can & bee net.

Off 10.30 am. To Southampton via Devizes and Stonehenge.
Lunch 12-20 at Stonehenge. Pull but fine. Pies, tomatoes, beer. Salisbury

1. at Southampton by. 2.15. parked in old town. Sailors uniforms, bordellos, but no book shops
to buy book for Michael. Station bookstall only had James Bond novels. The boat was 10 mins
late in starting off for which apologies were made. Sunshine again now. Met Mason (ex Camp) G.P
from Torquay, wife, friend. Not many cars on the boat only about $\frac{1}{2}$ full. Choice of many places
to sit. Coffee in entrance hall & last minute purchase of books. Nizky bought MHD!! Set off at 3.40
down past Cowes. In dock were Queen Mary, Southern Cross, Stirling Castle, Shant of the Needles the



Nieuw Amsterdam steamed past and later the sister ship Viking I (we were on Viking II). Read until 6.30 then to cafeteria where the service & meals were less attractive than last time. Brandy & ginger then. Meal rather cold & unattractive. Good soup but fish was cold. Chicken & chips. Sea was rather rough, we all had to swallow hard to keep our meals down. Nobody else optically. Jill, Michael & Alison to cabin for a sleep. Awake when lights twinkling at entrance to the Hauner, la France in dock in the distance. Disembarked - first off. - couldn't decide where to camp so drove along the front, eventually decided to stay in a pension. Hotel Teamer Danc. Straight to bed. Micky, Alicia, Michael in one room. admonished. Jill & me in a cupboard filled with Bueton Furniture.



Thursday. Awake to find Michael & well bed. Petit déjeuner with a mountain of delicious croissants (from next door) & very good coffee - rolls, jam. Off. by 9.45. He Heere a beautiful new town completely rebuilt. Quiet basin in centre of town. Drove off towards Revere.

Normandy Landscape



Chicory.



Had Normandy countryside. Black & white houses & Percheron horses. wide landscape. Cornfields being harvested & combine harvesters. Detour along side roads before we reached Rouen. There's a lovely little town with Chateau & zoo & artistic center & lovely wooden market hall. Stream. Stopped to buy pâté de campagne, in Charentais where some of the pâté was made into ducks, covered in bacon. Evreux & vin rosé. Stopped & had lunch in rolling countryside just off road by a pile of stones. a few miles short of Beauvais. Cloudy but bright. lunch of pâté, vin rosé, Boursin cheese & garlic quaiques. blue & scented. On to Beauvais. - sunshine. Photographs. Quick look

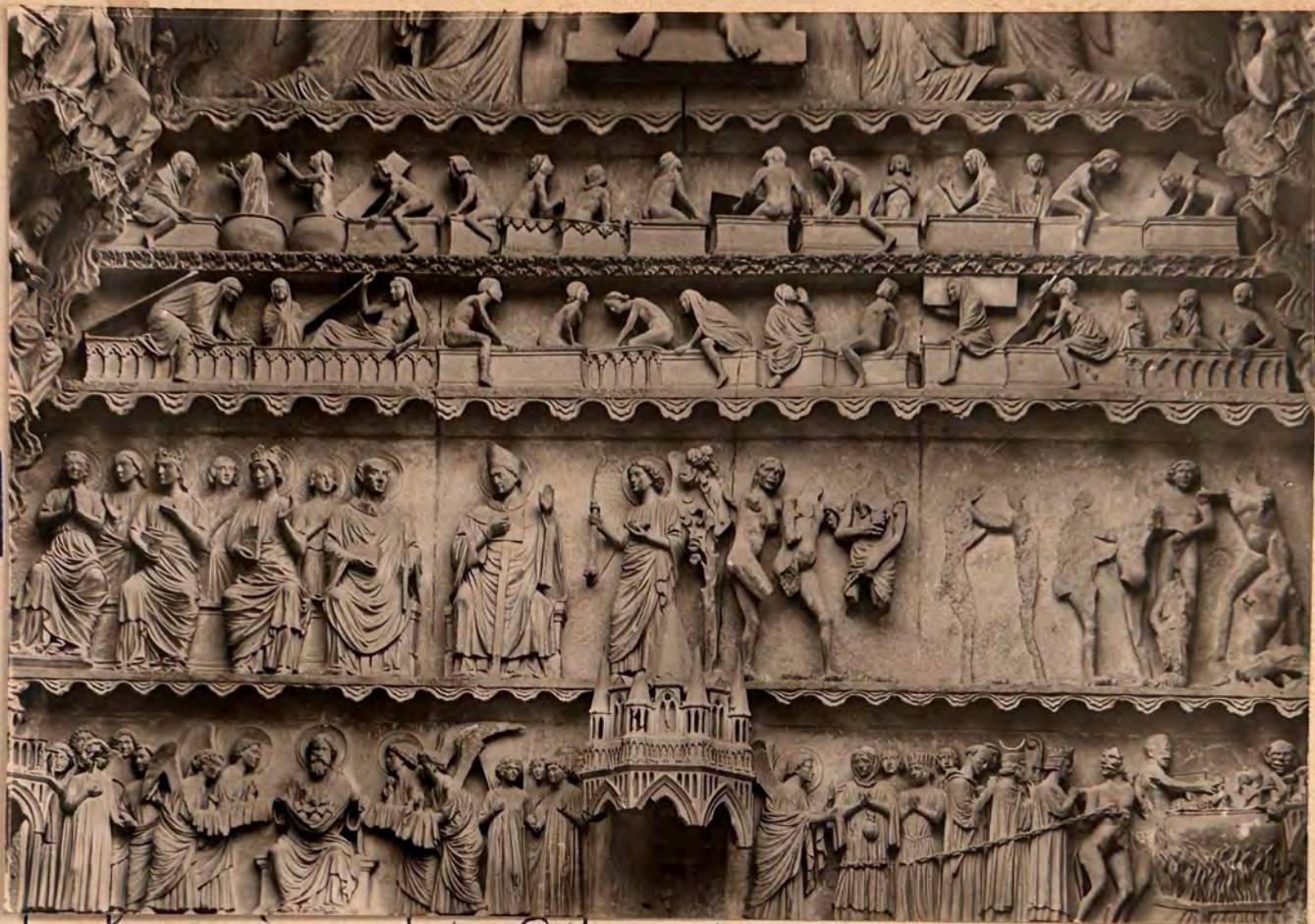


inside cathedral. Magnificent tapestries, astronomical clock (19th. good stalls, the highest choir in France. Beautiful stained glass. Compiègne - over the river - by the forest, past the 194-1915 Armistice site. Past the race track at Reims (24 hour car race in July), into the town. Parked by the cathedral. Saw statue of Joan of Ark - looked as if she had sat on a pin. Into cathedral after inspecting the facade - being cleaned. Laughing angel. - Visitation & Presentation. Catafalque in cathedral. 3 notable things. ① Rose west window overleaf. ② Tapestries. ③ Statue of Joanne d'Arc at the sacre. Decided we must have champagne at Reims so into café in square & ordered a $\frac{1}{2}$ bottle from a drunk looking waiter. The reason he seemed drunk was soon apparent - he had to taste each bottle before serving then conjure his glass away. It cost us £11 for a half bottle !!! winecents abroad.



Jeanned'Arc
by...
Dubois

Seeing two of
everything including
the bill!



Doors of
N. Transept
last. Judgement

Doove out past famous caves to Sillery where a not bad but very overcrowded campsite
not very near river underneath poplars but a bit sleazy. 8 pm. Meal of Soup ~~meat~~ & Spaghetti
& rest of vin rosé. & quipes & Karens cake - v. good. v. heavy. v. plenty. Rained like hell in the night
Bacon & Egg

Friday. 27th. August. Still raining on & off & continued all day until evening when it cleared a bit.

People leaving camp as quickly as possible. Family of v. blond rather sleazy English. Into village to
buy bread. Off this lovely empty French type countryside to Bar-le-duc where we stopped &
shopped & went to bank. - a lovely old town c. Sisley water scene. Charcuterie. sack of grapes & vin rose
of Anjou. Up into foothills of Vosges & lands overlooking the Rhine Meuse canal - transient



View from
Oberberg
Switzerland

sunshine. Barque on the river below. Road verges full of scabious, knapweed, & campanulas.
Dropped down into. and then to Domvenny. Allison v. excited at seeing birthplace.
of Joan of Arc. Peasants cottage, Small museum with her campaigns contemporary documents, -
& a film of her life. Water meadows & lovely foothill landscape - bit of sunshine, rest
of journey via Neufchâteau, Mirecourt.
of Eprial. & Remiremont uneventful. - Into the Vooges. - Scenery alpine & some
chalets but typical. Lorraine landscape. Villages just a series of big farms & big
barns. Finally after wisely turning down three other campsites arrived at the one at Bussang
to find it a lovely empty
alpine meadow with a stream
& waterfall. & views of the hills
Arrived at 7pm. & had
Veal steaks potatoes petit pois
vin rose.



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Birth room of house of
Jeanne d'Arc.



Tympan aux
armes de
France. (restauré)
accostées des
blasous de
Claude du Lyo
petit-neveu de
Jeanne
et de sa
femme
Nicole Thiesselin

Saturday 28th August.

Torrential rain in the night but awoke to a glorious sun - mist rising off the valleys. Up by 6.30 am. & on the col de Bussang by 9.15. Down to Trann a typical Alsatian town with high gabled houses and the most beautiful cathedral in the Vosges. Fine W doorway beautifully carved with statues including one of S. George! A nativity & a crucifixion. Interior ornate but not inspected adequately because a wedding in process. Weddings all over the

place. The girls all looked incredibly young. Strawberry ice creams. On via Mulhouse, Baste
Olten - a ghastly 2 hour drive through industrial districts of Alsace + N. Switzerland and
increasingly lovely weather, getting increasingly hungry until 2.15pm when we drove to the
N. bank of the Sarsee to a hido + had belated lunch after a swim in the very warm
lake. Michael fell down + cut his face, leg + hand. Fed coats, slid down slides, had swims
+ then at 3.30pm on to Lucerne. ^(+broke garage - more serious.) - parked by big fountain, then walked into old town,

Rathaus, Cornmarket, Old Bridge - Dance of Death on it. Beautiful shops with everything from
everywhere. Clouding over. Left at 5.15 by new road through Küssnacht - past Astoids chapel.
Weggis - unspilt - Vitznau - glorious sunset. Brunnen - Schwyz. Here we made a fateful
decision - to go to Euthal via Ibergeneegg pass. - marked on the maps but only just.

V. steep - wonderful views back to L. Lucerne in the sunset, pine forests and cast track
surface. Boiled and stuck $\frac{3}{4}$ way to summit - Got started after $\frac{1}{2}$ hour + v. pleased with
ourselves going down the far side - in the dark at 7.30. about $\frac{1}{2}$ a mile from
Oberiberg stuck in the mud track past - by a chalet where a stream was being

rebuilt. Behind us piled up a Volkswagon and light weight tractor and in front another
had. The peasant was delighted. He had told the roadworkers that a car would stick + we
had. The volkswagon crew took off shoes + stockings + started attacking the road with shovels.
We pushed - backwards forwards - put under boards - attached chains to the tractor which
broke then another which didn't then after

an hour and a half sent off old barefoot for the police + help. In the meantime another car
arrived and suggested rocking sideways - out we rolled.!!! Whisly all round, + down to Oberberg
Unterberg + Euthal. Never did find out what happened to old barefoot. Found Euthal at 10.30
running out of petrol, tired + v. muddy, an
unpleasant crowded campsite - too late for
our meal out - Soup + tobed.



STUCK
IN'T MUD.

Old
Barefoot
to the
rescue.

'Very pleased
it had happened'



Haymaking at Bach.

Sunday 29th August. Awoke to lovely sunny morning after more heavy rain that night. Cowbells
church bells & singing birds. 7.30 am. out on the lake in the canoe. before breakfast with Hickey.
hooked much better by moving light Hotel Post where a dance had been held the night before
with much traffic to & fro, and an annexe with a boys school on holiday. Chores done then
out on lake with Jill. Shop in Gasthof Post. Very hot & sunny. Drove in van to Oberiberg
a nice high station Tourist Village bought some lunch had apfelsaft & beer in Gasthof terrace
then climbed the Rogenstock, about 1,000. The kids including Michael!! pranced up the
whole way. Clouded over - so better for walking - lovely views including a daylight reappraisal
of the top of the previous night's pass, & where we had stuck in the mud. Martagon Lily
finished flowering, Willow Gentian, & Gentian Asclepiades. Aconitum blue & white. Thistle & Anemone.
Made friends with cows & kittens. lost path, boggy meadow found path - had lunch then
followed the track but it got so steep that we decided to go no further, & went back
down. Hickey had left his sweater at the lunch spot so pause for ½ an hour for
him to go back to collect it. Found lost lens hood at cafe where we had morning
drinks. & so back to camp. at 5.30 pm. Dressed up, & in to dinner at the hotel.
Chicken soup. Baked trout, salad & potatoes & Wiener schnitzel with chips & vegetables for Jill & Nicky.
Fendant wine. Apfelsaft for the children. Coffee. & turned to bed.

Monday, 30th. August.

Awoke with Migraine. Sid. lovely morning but threatened to be wet later. Not on the road until 11.00 am. Drove along lakeside to Einsiedeln. Town crowded with cattle market fair and full of religious geezaws. because of being the year of the Passion Play. Auditorium in the square. balloons blind men with hardy yards heads of cows with tink tonk bells. A beautiful church. with very ornate baroque interior. Black virgin. Walked through the town to see the diorama of the Nativity. English commentary. Magnificent. & unusual.

Bought lunch & supper & so to lake Zurich. - very built up. & good autobahn type road to Weissensee - Sarqans. and. Maienfeld. Beautiful views. good weather. Turned off up the valley to Klosters. Stopped once on the way up when the car stopped due to overheating. At Klosters decided to stay and at 5.30 had the tents up & go. the sun went down & a rather cold evening. Evening meal of Spaghetti Bobonese. in the van. Three other campers in the campsite. Rain at bed time. Children played in the stream & so to bed.



O. GRABBL BOE 1702

Unsere Liebe Frau von Einsiedeln,
bitte für uns!

300 Tage Ablaß



Thursday 31st August, hazy morning but clouded over very quickly. Had thought we would go up
The Gotschna by cable car but it was soon shrouded in cloud so decided on plan B,
to pack up & move on to Mayrhofen. Only got clear by 11 am after resisting the temptation
of visiting the Hirzels but bought socks, went to bank. Up through woods to
Davos - tumbled up ~~to~~ ^(over 1) peak. Rapid worsening of weather. Then up
Fluelen pass, where we stopped three times before making the top.
Car in lake at top. Stopped for lunch on way up, while waiting
for engine to cool down. Goats on rock face. Pretty pink flowers,
campanulas and saxifages. Alpenrose, heathers & dwarf junipers.
Scaring drive down cornice, with river Inn below. Car driven
over edge - Tildar. Down into the Engadine & stopped in village
of Ader after seeing Sus & Gorda on its hill - Very good squaffite
including tree of life, & some good oriole windows. Castle of Tarasp in
distance. Across Austrian border - large no-man's land. At frontier
carload of Germans were getting rough treatment from authorities
including inspection of handbags. Managed to convince them we had
nothing to hide, so continued on down Odertal in steadily worsening
weather. Liked Pfunds and Reud - Ghastly drive along main
Inn valley from Rust via Telfs, Innsbruck & Schwarz in



Interior of
Einsiedeln
Monastery
Church.

Fewy fat Anigid Frauo Inrightfully Frustrated. Longing frantically a firsawang to Fuedlan.

pouring rain + bad traffic. Into Zellertal + drove up to a village called Rerd
where we alighted on a very primitive Gasthof annex, run by a
rather nice old frau. Ticked pink by Michael asleep - we put him straight
in to bed. Pongiest about in Austria.

Out to next Gasthof for supper.

Bouillon mit Ei.

Huge Weiner Schnitzels

Pommes, pills + salad.

Coffee.

And so to bed:



Those cushion things
bouncing around on top
of us.



I've got a
headache
in my
bladder.

~~but that's
another story~~

Wednesday 1.9.65. Raining like stink but with a promise of sunshine which never became more than
fitful watery. Frühstück. lovely rolls - butter & jam. Coffee for kids & for us. Photograph of Frau then off
into Mayrhofen bigger than ever and taller than ever. of Germans, looked round town & in Norodes
which was packed with people & very expensive. Noroder



The Master of
Ceremonies.

himself modelling small blonde German boy
who was modelling lego. To smaller
campsite to cook lunch, (Frankfurters &
beans.)
Then to other campsite in brief interval
of sunshine to put up tent.
Walked up through woods to Weisenhof -
raining - stopped for drinks. Appelsaft
& tee - mit - rhum. Down steeper path
to Hayhofen again in 1 hour. Back
to campsite. Quick change. Then to
Cafe Dengg for supper, & Tyrolerleder -
abend. Soup with fried batter drops -
Pork entree & cucumber salad. Ices & cake
We liked especially the Millers Dance Miners
dance with explosion. & scything dance. Also the
girl yodelling & the man who played the clarinet
with pegs on his eyebrows.



Schnapps Carrier
for the band at
Forchach.



Thursday 2nd. September. Michael's Birthday. No presents
All of them at home. Bad weather but suddenly cleared
to give a lovely sunny day. Packed up & had lunch then. parked car by Post & walked up through the
woods to the Zillertal valley. lovely walk thro' alpine meadows along the stream and back to a cafe
for Apfelstrudel & cake. Set off for Back at 4.30pm. Sudden torrential rain again which cleared. No car drive back



Friday 3rd. September. Glorious day. Up late.
I walked up to Bernards Egg Hutte. Alpine meadows
flowers. — arnica, thistle, walk in woods. Michael
had been sick the night before. I was a bit difficult
to get up the hillside. Alpine thistles. etc. & glorious view
from the top. Met Nicky & Johnny damming a stream.
Slid down the hillside as it was so steep. Collected the
van from Klaf. Gasthaus. where we had left it —
first having had a drink. No sign of the boys so
drove back to Ingas. I got ready to receive the band
from Forbach. Supper and then Dr. Kammeler came
shortly followed by the band. Recorded the whole procedure.
Handsome Croat schoolmaster. conductor. The mayor played the
big drum. Speeches & schnapps from the girls to toast
the health. Then the two girls. band leader, mayor, bandmaster
and Dr. Fischer of Bozen, gynaecologist & his doctor wife.
Trained in U.S.A & very much the same approach
to gynaecology. Does 350 private obs. cases a year!
Will retired early. (I am. with the vomiting — same
as Michael last night. Eventually retired at 3.30 am

Saturday 4th. September. - Inga & Martin's Birthday.

Jill feeling weak, & the rest of us rather tired. Dr. Kammeler said we really ought to start leading a new life - where shall we go tonight. Awoke at 9.30 am. to a rather variable day. Decided to take it easy so down to Reutte by 1 pm. and up to the Pansee - down to the far end. launched the canoe; picnic lunch. played boats. sat & read canoeed. Small water wheel at bathing site. Drove to Reutte to buy meat & wine dispenser & knife as birthday presents then back to Pansee to pick up everyone. lovely sunset & back to Bach by 7.30 pm. Reutte had lovely painted houses Duck fountain & 3 knights on a pillar. At 8.30 pm out with the Kammelers to the Grünen Baum - collected the Ko. from their home. A lovely room with antique Tudor furniture, blackcock & deers horns. (one from the time he ran a deer down with his car. - written off - & rather expensive hunting.) Old clock & huge old cow bell. Indoor plants inlaid table. Out to the gasthof. 3 carats of wine songs by the ^{Herrmann} winekeeper. Heel on his guitar & me & Jill on the accordion. Party broke up early when Nicky & Martin announced to say Johnny had been sick. (the bug) so early to bed at 1.30 am.

Sunday. 5th. September.

Spent the morning looking at vignettes at Bach. Painted houses. House where Anton Koch was born. lovely church interior with someone playing the Ave Verum. Sunny morning Jill did ironing. Back for an early lunch then out with Michael & Holzgau and a walk to Smir.

Starting Mileage, August 25th 1965.

10.30 a.m.

2567.

Le Havre

9.30 a.m.

2662.

Sillying 9.30 a.m.,

2872.

Bussang 9.15 a.m.,

3066.

Euthal. 11.30 a.m.

Rayhofen 4.15 pm 3492.

up the Tuntal.
Huso' Schwarz + up
to
where we turned
off up the road to
Fernpass. Car going
v. badly & eventually
packed up when just
Huso' Hazareith.
Treaschered back to
an engineer in the
village - what luck!!
1. after having our
petrol system blown
through with air
Bertha went like a bomb.



Cost. 10/- only.
Must do the Fernpass
again in daylight.
lovely floodlit castle.
Reutte seemed to be
a long way & the
hospital v. deserted.
Arrived at 10 pm.
& eventually found the
night house! Hit up
& expecting us &
welcome meal.
Soup. Pie & meat.
Red wine. Then
Dr. Franz Kammerlander
arrived & we sat &
talked for hours

John.
Shaving ✓
Sponge bag ✓
Pyjamas ✓
Dressing Gown ✓
Pants ✓
Shirts ✓
Sweat ✓
Drap. ✓
Sweaters ✓
Coat ✓
Hat ✓
Gloves ✓
Scarf ✓
Trousers ✓
Jeans ✓
Tentone ✓
hosen ✓
Shorts ✓
Sunt. ✓
Ties ✓
Cym shoes ✓
Shoes ✓
Stockings ✓
Socks ✓
Swimsuit ✓
Pipe Tobacco ✓
Beanet ✓
Handkerchiefs ✓

Jul.
Nightie ✓
Makeup ✓
Sponge bag ✓
2 cardigans ✓
2 jumpers ✓
2 Shirts ✓
Socks (bed) ✓
Vest ✓
Pants ✓
Bras ✓
2 Shirts ✓
Shirts ✓
Jeans ✓
Swimsuit ✓
Sung. belt ✓
Hankies ✓
2 dresses ✓
Wool den ✓
2 shirts ✓
Mac ✓
Sneak ✓
Stockings ✓
Coat ✓
Shoes ✓
sandals ✓
Glove ✓
Kettle ✓

N. Day
Pyjamas ✓
2 Pullovers ✓
Vest ✓
Pants ✓
2 Shorts ✓
Jeans ✓
Tie ✓
Socks ✓
Stockings ✓
Shoes ✓
Sandals ✓
Garters ✓
3 Shirts ✓
Mac ✓
Blazer ✓
Swimsuit ✓
Gym shoes ✓

Alison.
Pyjamas ✓
Nightie ✓
2 Cardigans ✓
Pullover ✓
Vest ✓
Pants ✓
2 shirts ✓
2 shirts ✓
Shorts ✓
Jeans ✓
2 dresses ✓
Ribbons ✓
Swimsuit ✓
Swim hat ✓
Mac ✓
Shoes ✓
Daps ✓
Socks ✓

Michael
Pyjamas ✓
Slippers ✓
Socks ✓
Sandals ✓
Daps ✓
Vests ✓
Pants ✓
4 Shirts ✓
4 Trousers ✓
2 pullovers ✓
Swim pants ✓
Drugs
Dramamine ✓
Tetracycline ✓
Diphen ✓
Sulphadiazine ✓
Sulphadiazine ✓
Mist. K. 2 ✓
N. 10 ✓
Morph ✓
Ank. 10 ✓
Cyan ✓
Linos ✓
Esterin ✓
1st. 10 ✓

Boat
9 Pillows ✓
5 sleeping bags ✓
7 Rug ✓
Blanket ✓
3 Camp bed ✓
8 Towels ✓
Tent ✓
Groundsheet ✓
Mallet ✓
Ropes ✓
Cushions ✓
Bed board ✓
Back " ✓
Table ✓
Chairs ✓
Optex ✓
Sulphadiazine ✓
Sulphadiazine ✓
Mist. K. 2 ✓
N. 10 ✓
Morph ✓
Ank. 10 ✓
Cyan ✓
Linos ✓
Esterin ✓
1st. 10 ✓

Other
Tent poles ✓
Sleeping pads ✓
Tarp ✓
Kettle ✓
Tent poles ✓
Cutting ✓
Chisel ✓
Corkscrew ✓
Bottle opener ✓
In. Opener ✓
Bam ✓
Bucket ✓
Wash paper bag ✓
Dustpan ✓
Dishcloth ✓
Mop ✓
Drying cloth ✓
Duster ✓
Mallet ✓
Dress ✓
Mixer ✓
Frying pan ✓
Dry Spray ✓
Toilet paper ✓
Paper bands ✓
Cable ties ✓
Rubber gloves ✓

