

to swim fifty yards, and have at least two dollars in a public savings-bank, and pass on the following subjects:

Advanced signalling.

Advanced first aid.

Fourteen-mile hike, and a satisfactory report of it.

Advanced outdoor cooking.

Map-making and map-reading.

Elementary carpentry.

Judgment of distance, height, number, and weight.

Numerous observation tests of nature.

Daily practice of the Scout oath and law.

Instructing and enlisting a boy as a "Tenderfoot" Scout.

#### MERIT BADGE

After a boy has acquired the rank of "First Class" Scout, he may continue perfecting himself in different subjects and take examinations in them. Of these there are fifty-seven varieties, ranging from agriculture to music, from life-saving to taxidermy, and from mining to astronomy. If he is successful in passing any one of these, he is awarded a special badge indicating the nature of his attainments. Special ranks, including "Life Scout," "Star Scout," and "Eagle Scout," are given to boys passing particular groups of merit-badge subjects. For each of these ranks there is an appropriate badge, which represents some part of Scout training.

The badge of "First Class" Scout is a combination of the trefoil, which is the "Tenderfoot" badge, and the "Second Class" badge, consisting of a scroll with the motto "Be Prepared" on it. The scroll is made to turn up at the corners as a Scout's mouth should, and indicates cheerfulness. The motto, "Be Prepared," re-