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A few more highlights: Lauren Groff meets the mermaids of Weeki Wachee; Rosecrans Baldwin dorks out at the Boy Scout Jamboree; William Girdaldi tries to quit Jack White; Ellen Ann Fentress analyzes the literary representation of household maids; and Catherine Venable Moore tells the big story of a small place in West Virginia. The issue also features a selection of tintype photographs by Lisa Elmaleh, and poetry by Ansel Elkins, Tarfia Faizullah, Jericho Brown, and Monica A. Hand.

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