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Comes Back From East

*Inventor of Basketball
Visits Massachusetts
And 'Quints'; D'Ambra
Accompanies Him*

Dr. James Naismith, retiring professor of physical education at the University, and internationally known as the inventor of the game of basketball, returned late Saturday from a month's vacation in the east. He and Duke D'Ambra, Lawrence photographer, made the trip by motor-car, visiting among other places, New York, Springfield, Mass., and Callendar, Ontario, home of the quintuplets.

Doctor Naismith's comment was modest. "I had a very pleasant trip, and met many old friends," he said.

But D'Ambra expressed the case more in detail. "Business about suspended in Springfield when Dr. Naismith arrived," said the Duke. "Everywhere the Doctor went, he was greeted by friends; every door was open to him. It was easy to see how proud Y.M.C.A. college at Springfield is of the fame brought to it by this invention." Doctor Naismith was an instructor there when he invented the game 45 years ago.

Visits Quintuplets

Cutting across southern Canada, the travellers stopped at Callendar to see the quintuplets.

"I was happy to have an interview with Doctor Dafoe, and to see the famous little girls," said Dr. Naismith. "He was a Toronto (University) man, and I am from McGill, so that gave us something to talk about."

Duke came in with some added information:

"Doctor Dafoe must have liked Doctor Naismith. The usual time he gives for interviews is 12 to 15 minutes; he talked with Doctor Naismith for 43. I don't believe they spent all their time talking about college, either, for I understand the quint's doctor told him a lot about them that doesn't go to the general public."

Dr. Naismith expects to spend part of the summer at Dallas, Tex., visiting at the home of his son, James Naismith.