

THE ISLE OF MAN.

The Isle of Man is a tiny island situated in the Irish Sea, between England and Ireland. It is a lonely spot, having all over it fairy-like glens and waterfalls.

Douglas is its chief and largest town; in summer it is a very rowdy place, being generally crowded with "trippers," but if you visit it in spring, autumn or winter, I am sure you will think it perfectly delightful.

One of the chief attractions on the island is the electric tramway, which runs along the cliffs for many miles. The trams stop at two or three pretty little places on the way. One of these places is called Grondle, and many people go there for picnics, and have their meals either on the shore or in a pavilion built high up on the rocks. A tiny stream flows down from there into the sea, and you can follow its windings through a glen of romantic beauty.

Another little fishing village is called Laxey. Here one of the sights is the "Laxey wheel." I do not know what it is used for, but it is immense and you can climb right up to the top, and look out to sea for miles round.

Castletown is another place of importance, because it has a very large boys' school called "King William's College," and a very old fortress called "Rushen Abbey."

In Douglas, besides electric trams, there are cable cars, which run through the town. They move swiftly, but occasionally the cable breaks when going down hill, and then they cannot be stopped by any means until the bottom of the hill is reached. By that time, perhaps, the car has run into a few waggons or anything else that happened to come in its way.

There is a beautiful bathing place in Douglas, which induces many people to visit the town. There are also public swimming baths of mild temperature for the use of those who do not like cold water baths.

It is not easy to describe all the advantages of Manxland, but I think every one who is fortunate enough either to live there or to be able to visit it, must find it an ideal spot full of beauty and interest.

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