

relief with a flask of brandy, without which I never could have reached the shore. Several bathers have been made seriously ill by inadvertently allowing a drop from a wave to enter the throat; and some have died from a swallow of it. No living thing is found anywhere in the lake's vast waters. No ice ever forms upon it. I better understand the passage in the Bible where the swine "ran violently down a steep place, and were *choked*."

We were told that a German Jew went to bathe in this lake, and was never seen again. His clothes were found in the bathing-house, but all search for his body proved fruitless. It has since attracted notice, that his life was insured for thirty thousand dollars, and that his cheerful wife, after arranging his affairs, soon left the city with the insurance-money. The impression prevails, that he had other clothing, and played the game for the purpose of securing the money; since the buoyancy of the waters would surely have disclosed the dead body if drowned in the lake.