

pression. It comes the next thing to railway driving. At low water mark the sand suitable for this purpose is about three hundred feet wide. This broad plateau attracts many of the boarders to the enjoyment of riding, driving or walking. Others prefer strolling in the woods south of the hotel, where they find paths cut just wide enough for two, winding up, and down, and round the gentle declivities, branching out from each other in various directions, with suitable seats here and there, and occasional openings made to give glimpses of pretty scenery. These paths are marked with romantic names fixed on small boards to the trees, indicating or suggesting what, doubtless, sometimes takes place in such circumstances.

The boarders generally bathe between ten and twelve o'clock, so as to be dressed in afternoon costume in time for dinner. Sometimes parties bathe by moonlight. It has a peculiar and not unpleasing effect, though I should think it a safer practice on the still water of our lakes than in tide water. In consequence of the uniform arrangement of the gently sloping beach, the state of the tide makes no difference in the time of bathing, which is a great convenience, and enables one to arrange their proceedings more methodically.

The custom here, as at most American bathing places, is for ladies and gentlemen to bathe together. This gives occasion for the display of much taste in the bathing dresses of the ladies, which are of the Bloomer pattern. The gentlemen, in general, trusting to the dresses for hire at the Beach, present anything but an attractive appearance. Hundreds thus clad, and sporting together in the rolling surf, form an amusing picture, which is enjoyed by many spectators.

Surf-bathing is not without a spice of danger, and this makes the presence of gentlemen necessary. But in the gentle airs of midsummer, the surf at Orchard Beach, though