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SOME OF THE BIRDS OF ALGOMA.

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We were a party of four who had planned to spend our summer vacation in the wilderness of Algoma. We took boat at Collingwood for Killarney, and during this twenty-four hour trip, not the least of our pleasure was in watching the gulls which sailed around the boat with an air of proprietorship. When doing justice to the excellent *menu* of the boat, we did not forget these birds, but invariably carried off some tid-bits to make sport for them. When a morsel was dropped into the water, the nearest gull turned in a short but graceful curve until he stood just tip-toe on the waves, deftly picked up the food, then rising would almost regain his place at the head of the flock. When the birds were close together there would be a race for the food, and some of them would drop with a hovering movement of the wings striking the water with a splash in their eagerness to be first. But never could we deceive them. They could distinguish a chip or a piece of paper at the highest altitude. Occasionally some noisy one would straighten out his neck, open a capacious mouth, and utter a cry decidedly irritating to the nerves. One gull, of dark gray colour—so dark as to look black when at a distance—seemed particularly anxious to exhibit his musical talents. At nightfall they dropped behind resting upon the water, but they were following us again in the morning with the earliest streaks of day.