

in elegant toilets, who filled the listening air with music, song, and mirth. This home-life by the sea impresses us as far more wholesome than the fashionable dissipations of the crowded caravansaries. A summer Institute of Theology, Art, Science and Literature is well sustained, and the August camp-meeting still exhibits its old spiritual power.

Martha's Vineyard was visited and named by Captain Goswold, an English mariner, eighteen years before the settlement of Plymouth, and from it he freighted large cargoes of sassafras—then esteemed a sovereign remedy—to Europe. Vineyard Sound, between the island and the mainland, is one of the greatest thoroughfares for vessels in the world. The keels of every nation plough these waters without rest day or night. It is said that more than 60,000 steamships and sailing vessels pass annually through this Sound in the day-time alone; and very picturesque it is to see the snowy-winged vessels floating like sea-fowl on the sparkling waves. As many as 335 vessels have been counted in Vineyard Haven at one time.



WINDMILL, BLOCK ISLAND.

Another island, much more picturesque in aspect and more primitive in the character of its people, is Block Island. It was discovered by Verrazani in 1524, but received its name from Adrian Block in 1614, and has historic associations with the famous Puritan, Governor Endicott, and with Roger Williams.

The poet Dana's fascinating "Buccaneer," and Whittier's romantic story of "The Palatine," have made this charming home on the ocean familiar to thousands who have never visited it.

"The island lies nine leagues away;

Along its solitary shore,

Of craggy rock and sandy bay,

No sound but ocean roar,

Save where the bold, wild sea-bird makes her home,

Her shrill cry coming through the sparkling foam.