

lonely men lived there, and every evening at sunset the light twinkled from its tall windows far out across the sea.

The village itself was not beautiful. A long, straggling street ran through it for over a mile; on each side were the long rows of miners' houses—ugly wooden buildings with dirty back-yards, where ragged children played or quarreled all day long. Gaunt, long legged pigs and lean goats wandered about, trying to find something eatable.

Midway in the village a wooden bridge spanned a little ravine, where a noisy and dirty brook, fed from the distant coal pit with yellow copperas-water, tumbled into the sea, staining the rocks and the water for some distance an ugly rust color.

Under this bridge was the "incline" down which continually clattered cars laden with coal, running out upon the long wharf to load the vessels. At the top of this hill or "incline" there was a road leading to the coal mine, and also a line of railway for transporting the coal.

These roads, and indeed all the roads about the place, were quite black; for they were made of slack coal. There were few green fields and fewer trees, but, out where the tall stack of the engine-house rose, there was a grove of pale green hackmatack or junipers, which showed both in winter and summer lines of delicate lace-like tracery against the sunset sky. The little children at Sea View, from their nursery windows, loved to look at these trees.

Beyond the bridge stood the Company's store and office a large wooden building: a short distance back of this the public school. A few shops, four Churches, a small hotel, the Post-Office and a few fishermen's dwellings made up the centre of the village. At the head of Breakwater Street stood the Presbyterian Church.

The Breakwater was a huge and solid structure, over a quarter of a mile long. It protected the coaling wharf from the violence of the easterly gales, and big ships were moored to it by huge hawsers around the great mooring posts, while the calm haven between it and the loading wharf was always full of small schooners and fishing boats.