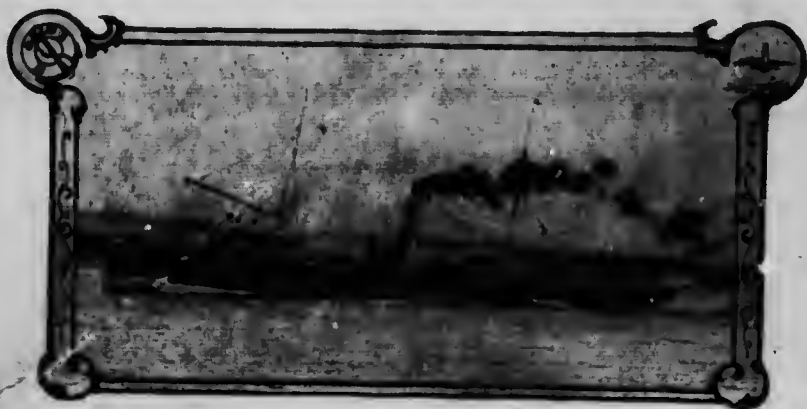MUCH has been said and written of an Alaska trip. The geographical characteristics of the Coast are very similar to those of Norway or the West coast of New Zealand, but the scale on which they are executed is far greater and grander. Deep inlets cut their way into the Coast and on either hand rise steep cliffs straight from the water's edge. Outside of these fiords a long line of islands form a natural breakwater, and the many winding reaches and narrow channels present with marvellous variety views of great charm and poetry. As the northern latitudes are reached, the scenery increases in grandeur, and the traveller begins to realise he is in a strange and wonderful region. Archipelagoes, peninsulas, bays, inlets and forest-clad mountains alternate with snow-capped giants and splendid glaciers, while the signs of human habitation even have an unfamiliar aspect.

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