



MINER'S CASTLE.

spend summer in. The hotel there, built and furnished in grand style, was occupied one season; but now the furniture is all stored in heaps in one or two rooms, and only one man lives there to keep watch over the things. Indians steal the bed-clothes when they get a chance.

"Splendid site! that Munising. Ought to have had the railroad from Escanaba through to this place instead of to Marquette. But, you see, the iron interest carried the day. It runs now through a swamp most of the way; but this route would have been good land all the way. Besides, and this every one who has lived on the lake knows, Grand Island Harbor is the only real safe harbor on the entire lake. Shut in from the storms in all directions, vessels and steamers put in here for safety when a storm is raging outside. Waves may roll high as a meetin'-house out in the lake, and it will be calm as a mill-pond in this harbor. Bad job carryin' the road to Marquette. We've been through to Green Bay, in winter, by this route, many a time; and Bully has carried mail here for several years when the navi-

gation was closed, always starting into the wilderness for Munising. Back of the town, or where it was laid out to be, the hills rise suddenly about two hundred feet, as you can see from here; and then the country is quite level all the way to Green Bay, and is heavily timbered."

"Any game in that direction?"

"Deer, panthers, bears, wolves, rabbits, ducks, and a'most any thing you are a mind to shoot, and good trapping all winter. Right here, where the point of Grand Island comes down into the harbor, the water is deep, and the steamers can run close; but on the other side there is half a mile of shallow water, with a hard-pan bottom, and vessels often get aground on it. Pilots and old sailors know it. The harbor seldom freezes over. A little round the shores and up into the bays the storms and winds make a pretty strong current, which keeps it open. That platform, half a mile from shore, was built for a landing, and it was intended to connect it with the shore by a plank-walk and carriage-way; but the whole project went nader at once. The railroad to Marquette did