

MACKINAC ISLAND.

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NOWHERE in America, nowhere on earth, is there any spot that comes nearer uniting every glory and beauty and delight that constitutes a tourist's paradise than this long-known but as yet almost unknown

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little visited in the past, owing to the great difficulties and discomforts attending a trip to its lovely shores. Oblong in shape, about seven miles in circumference, rising



LEANING ROCK, MACKINAC ISLAND.

gently to an almost mountainous height from the very center of these famous straits, in which the mighty waves of Superior, Huron and Michigan meet, it is one of nature's grandest sporting places. The chosen home of the great boss god of the Indians, it has filled a place in the history of all exploration since the pale-face first set foot upon the new world. It was the scene of many wild incidents in the life of Marquette; and it was the rendezvous of La Salle and his adventurous comrades in arms and danger. Three flags have waved over it. Britain took it from France; America gained it by the revolution; the British recaptured it in 1812, and the Americans regained it at the end of that war. The old Jesuit Church and Mission House, dating back two centuries, still stands among modern hotels and handsome summer residences, with their shrubbery, and fountains, and flowers. The fort, with its massive stone walls, clings to the side of the bluff 200 feet above the lake, and its