

HE KEPT A DIARY IN WHICH, AMONG OTHER THINGS, IS EXPLAINED THE CAUSE OF GETTING LOST.

WAS it not Emerson who advised men to keep diaries? The advice is good, and should be regarded as a means of handing down much of interest, if not of wisdom, for posterity. Referring to becoming "separated from remainder of his party," we find the following entry upon evening of May the 18th (the second day's solitude): "Owing to the loss of sleep for the past three nights, the irregularity of meals coming out, and above all, the failure of my boatman and chef (Nymark) to bring with him a quantity of tea and other things ordered and paid for, at Gold Rock, and mistaking a red tin of Mr. White's tobacco for Lipton's tea, I was not nearly so alert as usual; and all this, combined with adverse wind and trouble with the gasoline launch, from lack of experienced men, together with their very apparent recklessness in smoking, while 10 gallons of leaky tins of gasoline kept skidding from port to starboard, contributed much to my annoyance, discomfort and lack of confidence in the entire outfit; so that a seemingly very insignificant inadvertence, a total lack of caution or absent-mindedness, such as I never before experienced, brought about this possibly long train of disasters. The launch evidently