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the party, but fortunately no children. After three days and three nights on Isle Royale, with only hard-tack to eat, and exposed to the sweeping blasts of a Lake Superior hurricane, the wrecked crew and passengers were taken off by a steam tug, and it is not to be wondered at that when safely aboard a boat again they nearly all collapsed, while some actually fainted. There have been few narrower escapes on the Lakes.

It was on Lake Superior too that George Mutart, a Michigan man, came very near to his last adventure. He left home one October in a small rowboat, with a party that was going hunting on the south shore of the lake. The rest of the party were in a motor launch, but Mutart stayed in his boat, which towed behind the launch. A heavy pall of smoke made the air almost as thick as fog, and the sea was running high as well. During the afternoon Mutart dozed off to sleep in the boat, and when he awakened an hour or so later he was adrift. His boat had broken loose from the launch, and because of the smoke and choppy sea, no one had noticed it.

All that night Mutart drifted about. He was entirely unaware of his whereabouts, and had no means of finding out, except that he was in a desolate part of the country beyond sight or sound of human life. From Monday night till Thursday noon he was adrift, without a bite to eat, and able only with great exertion to keep the boat from swamping. When finally he was rescued by a passing steamer he was almost dead and half demented.

It falls to the lot of the light-keepers along the Great Lakes to experience this same trickiness in a way somewhat

habited except by the lighthouse men. And their entire stock of provisions comprised a half-barrel of flour and a supply of fish. Nevertheless they determined to make the best of a bad situation.

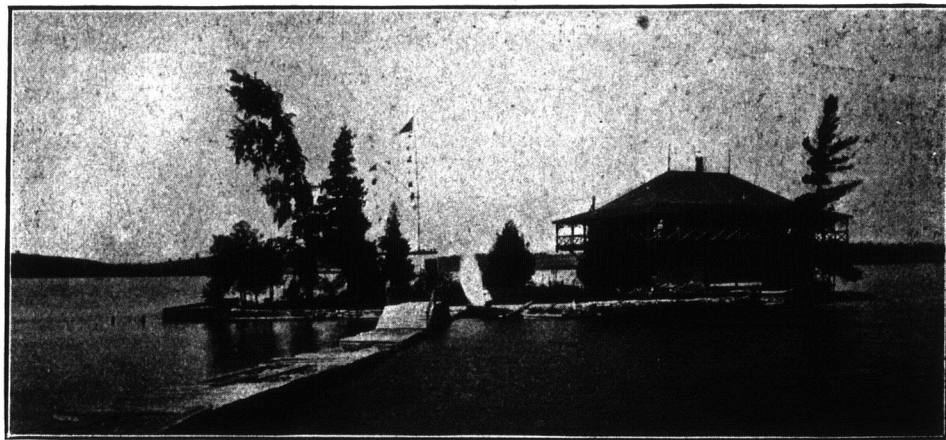
Two days before Christmas, however, they were gladdened by seeing the tug approach their island again. By this time the sea had quieted down, and it was possible for them to launch their own boat, and thus to reach the steamer waiting for them off the shore.

When safely aboard, the light-keeper broke down and cried, and when a hardened and seasoned seafarer, ripe in years, does the like of that, it may be judged how serious a thing it is to be marooned on a lonely island, as they had been threatened. A few days later they reached home. It was the latest a steamer had ever made the trip along the north Superior shore, bound for the Soo, and the escape of the Caribou lighthouse men was one of the closest on record.

A Crest or a Tool

A certain family has as its crest a hammer, raised by a muscular arm. They have had the crest placed on all their possessions. It is etched into their table glass; it is emblazoned on the doors of their carriages and automobiles; it is stamped on their silverware and embossed on their notepaper.

The device was originally used because the founder of the family was a very clever carpenter who had three sons, all, like himself, clever carpenters. Together, they built many of the houses in a very important town, and in doing so laid the foundation of a very large fortune. Their



A Typical Island Home on the Lakes

peculiar to their calling. Beginning with the coming season, the lighthouse men are to remain at their posts through the winter, but hitherto they have left each year at the close of navigation. When the keeper of the light on Caribou Island, in Lake Superior, thus attempted to get away a few years ago, he met with what proved to be quite too much like a Robinson Crusoe adventure.

Navigation on the lake had closed in the early part of December, and the light-keeper and his assistant prepared to leave the island for the winter. They nailed up the windows of the lighthouse, put the lamps away, and made the premises as secure as possible against winter storms, and then waited to be taken off themselves. They were to be called for by a steam-tug from Sault Ste. Marie.

During the next week or two the weather suddenly grew more severe, and heavy winds sprang up. On the 17th the eagerly awaited steamer called at the island, but the sea was running so heavily that she could not land, and was forced to return to the Soo. A second attempt was made a few days later, but with no better success.

Every day's delay now meant that much less likelihood of a steamer's being able to leave the Soo, the winter ice having already begun to form along the shore, and when the two Crusoes saw the tug turn away the second time they concluded that no further attempt would be made. They themselves had nothing but a small boat, in which it would have been quite impossible to reach the main shore. The only thing left to them to do was to return to the lighthouse and prepare as best they could for a winter on the island.

It was a dreary prospect. Caribou Island is a desolate, rocky spot, unin-

habited except by the lighthouse men. Much of it still stands. The third generation became extensive landholders, and today the family is independently rich.

But the hammer, as a tool, has quite passed out of use in the family; even the male members cannot use a hammer without considerable danger to their thumbs.

The story of the crest is not unlike the story of another crest that serves a much larger family. That larger family uses the cross as its crest. It sets the cross high upon its churches, and it uses the cross to decorate their interiors. Often its women wear crosses hung from their necks as ornaments. Throughout Christendom, wherever you go, you will see the cross used as a crest. So used, it does good. Even as a crest, the cross is always a rebuke to ease and self-seeking; but in the beginning the cross was not a crest. It was a tool. It was the tool with which Christ did His work. With the cross He bore the burdens of others. With the cross He suffered for the sins of the world. With the cross He builds His kingdom—a kingdom of sacrifice and love.

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