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# LAKE MAGGIORE.

**LAKE MAGGIORE.**—SIZE, 17x25.—This Chromo is from a fine painting by Seefisch, the view being on the Bay of Tosa. On the left of the picture the shore of the bay stretches away in the distance, its sunny slopes and terraced hills covered with vineyards, and blossoming with their native verdure.

Farther away in the distance and background are the immortal Alps in their unequalled grandeur. Their cloud-capped peaks are aglow with the evening sun, which lights up and softens their rugged sides, until they are made beautiful and majestic in their solemn glory; the misty clouds forming a fine and striking contrast to the blue Italian sky which overhangs this lovely scene.

At the foot of the loftiest mountain the Borromeo Islands are seen rising from the bosom of the calm and placid lake, in their picturesque rocky beauty. They are named after the family of Borromeos, who for centuries have been in possession of the richest estates in the neighborhood. They were little more than barren rocks till Count Borromeo, in 1671 caused soil to be carried to them, built terraces, and converted them into gardens, the beauty of which, and their situation, has won for them the name of the Enchanted Isles. The odors of the flowers from the Islands, upon which grow many plants of tropical climates, are wafted far over the lake.

On the largest of the Islands, the famous Isola Bella, are plainly seen the ancient towers and solid walls of the Castle and residence of the Borromeo family. One may well realize that the name, Enchanted Isles, is rightly bestowed upon this charming group, in its soft and bewitching loveliness.

In the foreground, on the right, is a representative Swiss Chalet (church), overshadowed by a sturdy and full-leaved oak; the low roof, small windows and simple bell tower, telling of the plain and unaffected tastes and desires of the people. On the lake is seen a boat with sails spread, gently gliding with the evening breeze through the still, deep waters.

This Chromo presents a combination of soft beauty and silent grandeur. The twilight gradually stealing over the lake, the setting sun lending its soft radiance to the scene, and the impressive majesty of the stately mountains, unite to form an elegant and beautiful picture. Lake Maggiore is one of the largest lakes in Italy, the *Lacus Verbanus* of the Romans. It is situated partly in Piedmont, partly in Lombardy, and partly in the Swiss Canton of Ticino. It is about thirty-six miles long, and is eight miles wide at its broadest point. It lies 60 feet above the level of the sea, and has a depth, in places, of not less than 1,800 feet. This large and beautiful Chromo is given to every subscriber who pays \$1.50 for one year's subscription to **OUR HOME COMPANION.**

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