

shafts 18 or 20 feet long, pointed at the end with iron see the shape. The 2 splints of wood spreading each side, directs the point into the fish, which at a great depth it would be otherwise difficult to hit. I saw upon one of their canoes in the morning a large piece of bark spread a-crofs. On this lay gravel and sand, and on these coals and ashes, which I supposed had been a fire, and the gravel placed there to save the bark. And I took it to be a design both to allure and see to strike the fish.

25th. Our guide, and several other *Indians*, lead us to the canoes belonging to the town, into one of which we got full of hopes of going by water, but were much chagrined to find ourselves only paddled crofs the water, where we unwillingly took out our cloaths, victuals and blankets, and carried them on our backs following our guides, who were now increased to three. We had 12 miles down the river by land, most of the way middling land, some white pine and spruce groves to pass through, but most of the way in sight of the river, which is very rapid most of the way to the lake. On the point formed by the entrance of the river, stands the fort or trading castle, it is a strong stone house, encompassed with a stone wall near 20 feet high, and 120 paces round, built of large squared stones; very curious for their softness, I cut my name in it with my knife. The town consists of about
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