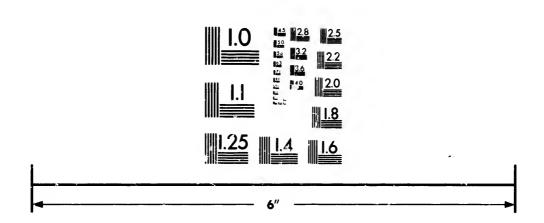
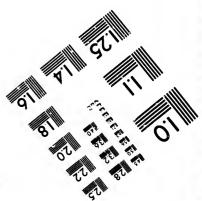


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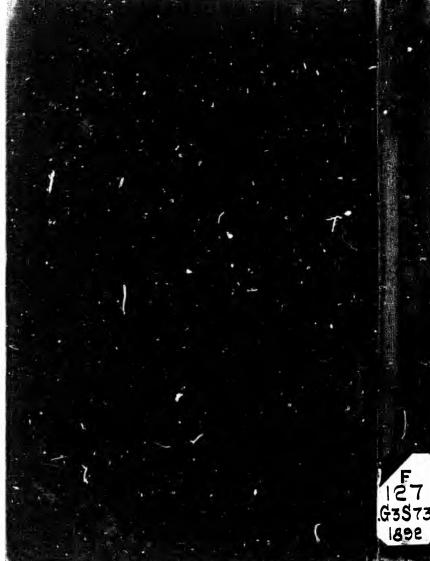
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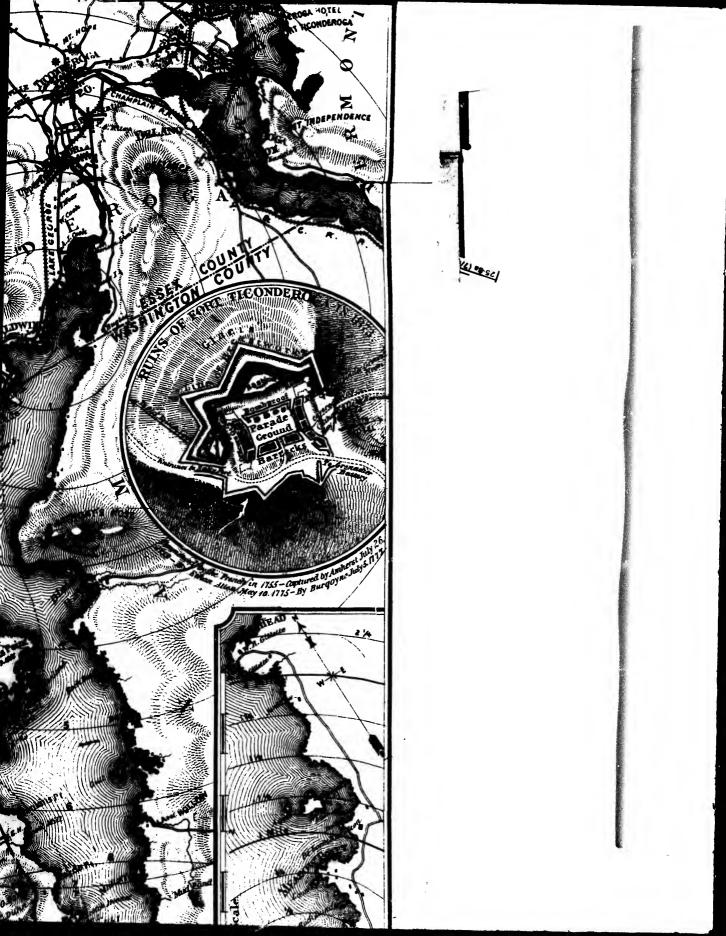
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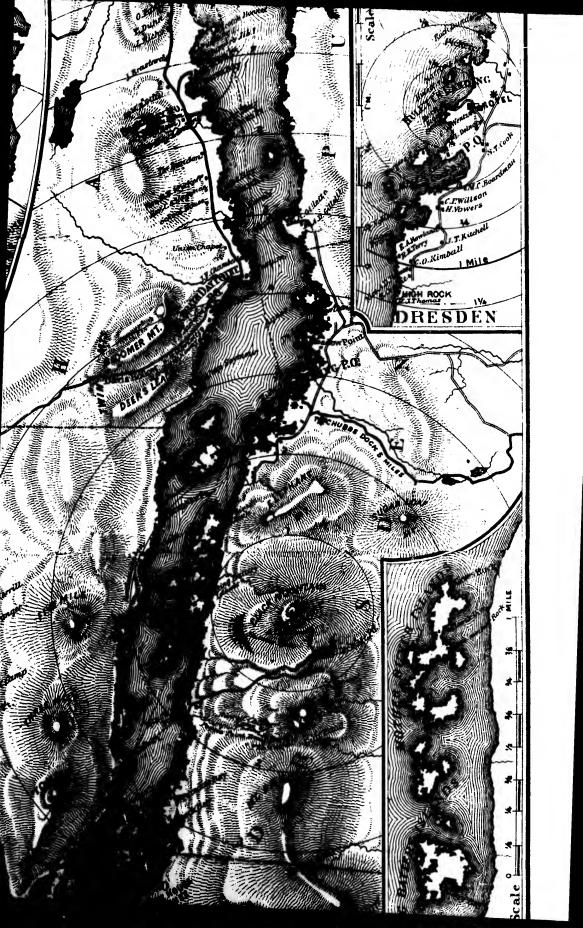
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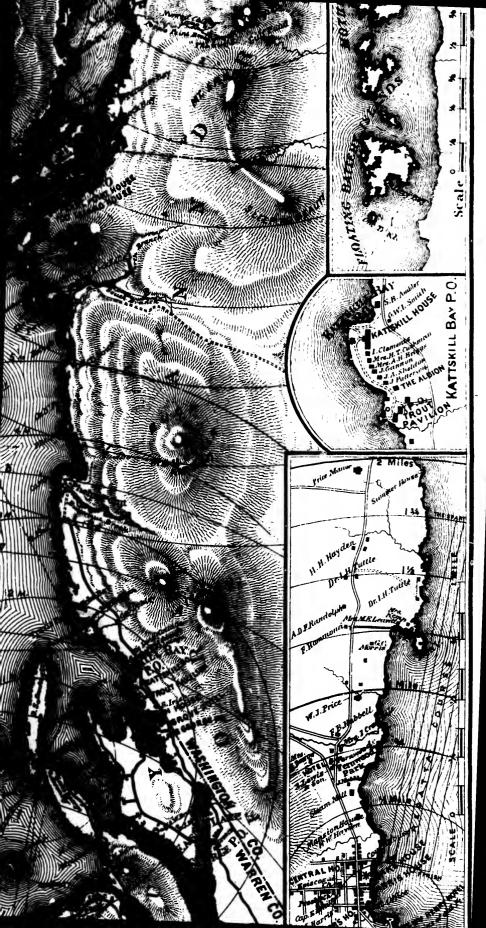








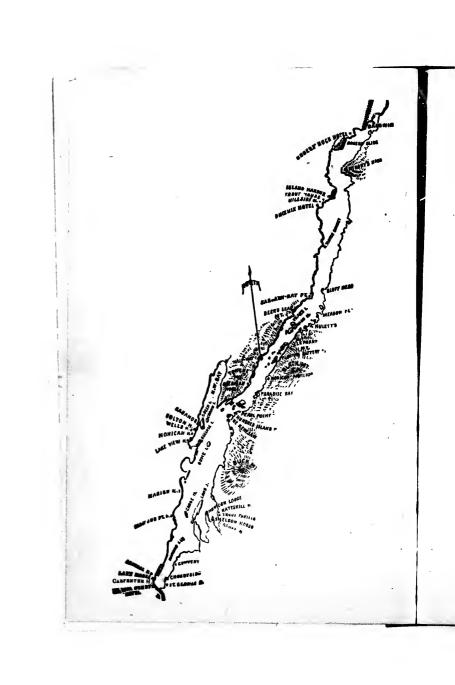






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#### LAKE GEORGE.



AKE GEORGE! How the heart bounds and the pulse quickens at sound of the ords that bring with them thoughts of the "Holy Lake." In farcy we again breathe the air, heavy

with the odor of pines and cedar, or fragrant with the breath of blossoming clover. Again we wander among the daisies and buttercups that gem the hillside sloping so gently down to where the wavelets kiss the white beach, or floating among the verdant islands, watch the sunlight and shadow chase each other up the mountain side, while every crag and fleecy cloud is mirrored in the quiet waters below.

A memory of the past comes to me as I write; of good old days now past and gone; of lumbering coaches where now go swiftly glancing trains; of six horse tally-hos, now crowded out by monsters breathing fire and smoke; of sounding plank in place of shining ribs of steel. More comfortable now it is undoubtedly with its luxurious palace cars but the poetry has gone with the dear old stages, and the new things of the age have made living commonplace at last. The memory remains, however, of the stage of old, with its overhanging load. of pleasure seekers in brave attire, suggestive ofsome huge bouquet of gaily colored flowers, rocking and swaying from side to side as it bowls merrily along through the shaded streets and out across the plain, creeping up the long hill, then down into the

valley on the other side, where ragged urchins pelt us with great, creamy pond lilies; of the stop at the Half-Way House, where thirsty ones partake of cooling drinks such as Brown alone can make; of the rapidly changing views as with swinging gait we cover the winding forest road; of Williams' Monument and Bloody Pond; and of the moment when the woods are left behind and the "Lake of the Blessed Sacrament" lies before us, green-walled at the sides and stretching away to where the rugged Tongue and misty Black Mountain close across the sparkling way.

Rightfully and becomingly does Lake George wear the proud title "Queen of American Waters." Lying along the south-eastern margin of the great Adirondacks it combines the grandure of its widest mountain lakes with the quiet loveliness of its peaceful valleys. The graceful foliage of Keene Valley, the rounded headlands of the queenly Raquette, the repose of stately Placid, the rugged grandeur of dark Avalanche, have each their counterpart here, all blended in one grand harmonious whole.

Its water of marvelous purity has a distinctive color of its own. The Raquette River flows red, the Opalescent amber; Lake George is, in its shaded depths, a positive green. Its tributary streams are few and short—spring-born in the enwrapping hills. It is itself but a great overflowing spring in its hollow of verdure-covered rock. Its surface is 346 feet above tide and 247 feet above Lake Champlain into which, at the north, with many a wild leap and rapid race, it empties. Islands rear themselves in solitary grandeur, or are gathered in dainty clusters on its face. Of old it was said there was an island

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for every day in the year, and an additional mysterious, illusive, little sprite of a one that appeared only in the years divisible by four, but the unimaginative survey of 1880 proved that there are but 220 including every considerable rock around which the water breaks.

During July and August, Lake George teems with nomadic life in all its varied forms. Vagrant communities appear and disappear as if by magic; white tents gleam among the dark-green foliage, and lonely islands are suddenly astir with busy throngs. Its wilderness solitudes for the time resound with joyous shoutings, as of boys let loose from school; its rocks are flecked with blue and gray; its tree tops blush with bunting, while the very shores put on a flannelly hue, and shadowy points blossom out in duck and dimity. It is safe to say that in the course of the season a thousand people taste the pleasures and overcome the difficulties of actual camp life at Lake George.

The camp outfit should include a light axe, long-handled frying-pan, tin pail for water or coffee, tin plates, pint cups, knives and forks and fishing tackle. A stove-top laid on a fire-place of stones and mud, and supplied with one length of stove pipe will be appreciated by the cook; spruce boughs for a bed, with rubber blanket, to guard against possible, dampness, and two or three good woolen blankets for covering, will be found very comfortable. A small bag to fill with leaves or moss for a pillow, pays for itself in one night. Flannel or woolen clothing, with roomy shoes and a soft felt hat, is ordinarily the safest dress.

Ladies, wear what you have a mind to (you will, any way), but let me respectfully suggest that it be mostly flannel, with good strong shoes under foot, and aman's felt hat over head—take the man along, too, if you want to, he will be useful to row you about, take the fish off your hook, run errands, etc.

Boats and provisions may be obtained at almost any of the hotels. Bacon, salt pork, bread and butter, Boston crackers, tea, cossee, sugar, pepper and salt, with a tin box or two for containing the same are among the things needed. Milk can be obtained regularly at the farm houses, berries picked almost anywhere; ice is a luxury which may be contracted for and thrown from the passing steamers daily; a hole in the ground with a piece of bark over it forms a very good ice box; a drinking cup of leather, to carry in the pocket, comes handy at times; broad-brimmed straw hats are a nuisance. Whiskey is unnecessary, a damage and disgrace to the party; if you take it habitually to prevent colds, don't come. Colds are never taken here by sleeping out under the stars, and there is little in God's pure air and sunshine in keeping with the degrading stuff.

A shanty made of boughs will answer, in absence or anything better. It sounds well when you talk about "roughing it," but is unsatisfactory in practice. A tent may be made comfortable with the outlay of a little time and work. There are clubs who own fishing boxes or shanties, more or less rough in construction, some made simply of rough boards, with bunks for sleeping in, and with chairs, tables, stoves, etc. Some of them can be hired, the price being from \$12 to \$20 per week, including

the use of a boat or two and in many cases a well filled ice house. The poorest cottage is an improvement on the best of tents in stormy weather.

The question of the right of individuals to acquire and hold possession of certain islands belonging to the State is somewhat complicated and as yet unsettled. The law says; "The lands now or hereafter constituting the forest preserve shall be forever kept as wild forest lands." A number of these islands are occupied by responsible parties who were appointed custodians by the land commissioners, and who in good faith expended considerable money in beautifying and making these islands comfortable for summer occupancy. Their rights are respected by the public generally and their removal a question of time.

The Forest Commission, having charge of the forest preserve, was created by Chapter 283 of the laws of 1885. The forest warden, forest inspectors, foresters and other persons acting upon the forest preserve under the written employment of the forest warden, or of the Forest Commission, may, without warrant, arrest any person found upon the forest preserve violating any provisions of the act creating the commission. The Forest Commission has the same power to bring action for trespass and to recover damages for injury, or to prevent injury to the preserve which any owner of lands would be entitled to bring. The fire wardens have power to call upon any person in the territory in which they act for assistance in suppressing fires, and every person refusing to act when so called shall be liable to a fine of not less than five nor more than twenty dollars. Any person who shall willfully or negligent-

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ly set fire to any forest lands belonging to the State, shall be liable to a fine of not less than fifty or more than five hundred dollars, or to imprisonment of not less than thirty days nor more than six months.

The islands of Lake George belong to the State and under existing laws, cannot be purchased, except the following: Tea, Diamond, Canoe, long, Elizabeth, Three Brothers, Dome, Recluse, Belvoir, Hiawatha, Leontine, Green, Crown, Fourteen Mile, Flora, Turtle and Harbor Islands.

Good fishing can be had at Lake George in its proper season by one possessed of a proper knowledge of the best ground. This knowledge is pur chasable and can be had by the employment of competent fishermen, who furnish boat and bait also, at about \$3 per day. The game fish are the lake trout and black bass. The trout are usually taken by deep trolling early in the season and with live bait in deep water, later. Black bass are caught by trolling or still fishing over rocky ground. Rock bass and perch abound on certain well-known ledges while the plebian "bull-head" flourishes on the softer bottom. This last fish, although not considered good in many waters is here firm of flesh and palatable. Brook trout fishing makes a fair return for labor expended, the yield in the various streams emptying into the lake being in ratio to the whipping they get. Here the various "flies" that are comparatively valueless for lake fishing may be used to advantage.

Hunting is little considered here although the woods yield a fair share of birds and small game and deer are not uncommon in the mountains along the narrows.

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The existence of Lake George was first made known to Europeans in 1609, through the writings of Samuel de Champlain. It was known to the Indians as Andia-to-roc-te (place where the lake contracts). Champlain went no further south than the falls at Ticonderoga.

In the month of August, 1642, a war party of Iroquois, returning from Canada to their homes in the Mohawk Valley, passed through Lake George with three prisoners, tortured, maimed and bleeding. They were a French Jesuit, Father Jogues, Rene Goupil and Guillame Couture, the first white men known to have seen the "Lake of the Blessed Sacrament."

Again, on the 29th of May, 1646, Father Jogues, with Sieur Bourden, engineer in chief on the governor's staff, and six friendly Indians arrived at the outlet on the eve of the festival of Corpus Christi, and in commemoration of the day they named it the "Lake of the Biessed Sacrament." For over a hundred years it bore its beautiful name of Lac Du St. Sicrament, then, in 1755, General Johnson encamped at its head and called it Lake George, in honor of George the Second, and then reigning king of Great Britain.

"Horican," the "Silvery Water," was simply a fancy of Cooper's. He says: "It occurred to me that the French name of this lake was too complicated, the American too common-place, and the Indian too unpronounceable for either to be used familiarly in a work of fiction,"\* so he called it "Horican." The name has been generally accepted as historical

<sup>• &</sup>quot;The last of the Mobicaus." Introduction to edition of 1851. New York George P. Putnam.

and advanced by admirers as one more indication of the poetic temperament and appreciation of the beautiful fitness of things possessed by the noble red man. It is not explained, however, why, in these later days, Cooper's creation is accepted as the name, while his spelling is ignored.

Isaac Jogues, who nrst saw, and seeing, wrote of Lake George, was born at Orleans, Jan. 10, 1607; entered the Jesuit Society at Rouen, 1624, and three years later removed to the college of La Fletche. He completed his divinity studies at Clermont College, Paris, and was ordained Priest in February, 1636. In the spring of that year he embarked as a missionary for Canada, arriving early in July, and soon proceeded to his far-away station on the Otawa river in the land of the Hurons. On his return from Quebec where he came for supplies in 1642, he was captured with his party and carried through Lake George to the Mohawk, suffering torture at that and various other times. The following year, in July, he made his escape by aid of the Dutch at Ft. Orange, who sent him to France, where he arrived about Christmas, and was received with great honor and reverence. In 1644 he.returned to Canada, and in 1646 returned by the old route to his former masters, the Mohawks, a missionary from his superior, and an ambassador for the French nation, to ratify a treaty with the savages. Once more he returned to Canada, and once more passed over the holy lake to his "Mission of the Martyrs," where on his arival he was met by torture and paid the penalty of his zeal with his pure devotad salf sacrificing life.

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In 1609, Hendrick Hudson ascended the North river to its junction with the Mohawk, and the same year Champlain sailed as far south as Ticonderoga, on the lake which now bears his name. At that time the Algonquins occupied the land north of the St. Lawrence, and the Five Nations (a powerful consederacy, consisting of the Mohawks, Oneidas, Onondagas, Cayugas, and Senecas), were gathered in the valley of the Mohawk. The tribes of the north and south were continually at war with each other. The land between the St. Lawrence and the Mo hawk was debatable ground, and the country along the shores of St. Sacrament and Champlain was a solitude, for the lakes, stretching north and south, formed a pathway through the wilderness, over which savage nations were constantly going to war against each other. This had driven all wl.o were inclined to occupy the land beyond the mountains; and presumably this is why it received its Indian name, signifying "the lake that is the gate of the country.'

The English secured their right to the country claimed by the Five Nations by virtue of a treaty with that people; the French claimed it by right of Champlain's discovery. Both nations aimed to keep the friendship of the Indian tribes, in which the French met with the greater success. They were constantly extending their lines, and sending over zealous missionaries and enterprising traders, who carried glass beads, fire-water, and the bread of life to the red man, and created a great revival of religion among them, in consequence of which a good many English scalps were taken.

In 1731 the French advanced to Crown Point

and built a fort, which they called "St. Frederick." The slow English remonstrated, but took no active measures to resist the advance on what they claimed as their territory. The Indians that gathered around the French fort were a constant menace to the exposed home of the English settlers of the upper Hudson, and often was the story told of a sudden descent on some unprotected point, a rifle shot, a gleaming knife or bloody tomahawk, and a retreat by the light of a burning building. In the words of the French concerning their Indian allies, they occasionally "struck a blow and returned with some scalps."

In time the English realized that something more effective than protests would be needed to resist the encroachment of the French, and in 1755 General, afterward Sir William, Johnson was dispatched to take charge of the little affair. He arrived at the head of Lac du St. Sacrament August 28th, and at once renamed the lake, calling it Lake George, in honor of the then reigning King of Great Britain. Not content with this hydraulic victory he issued a proclamation, in which he said: "I propose to go down this lake with a part of the army, and take post at the end of it, at a pass called 'Ticonderogue,' there to await the coming up of the rest of the army, and then attack Crown Point." While General Johnson was waiting to note the effect of his proclamation, the Baron Dieskau, with 1,400 men, 600 of whom were Indians, advanced, September 8th, to attack Fort Lyman, now Fort Edward. When within four miles of the fort, the Indians refused to proceed further, it is thought from their known fear of cannon. Dieskau then

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fense, and, when the French did finally advance, they were received by a well-worked battery against which they could not prevail. The attack was spirited, and the defense stubborn. The engagement began a little before noon, and lasted until about four o'clock, when the enemy retreated, and the English took their turn at pursuit. Dieskau was wounded and taken prisoner, dying afterward, it is said, from the effect of his wounds. ... Johnson was also wounded early in the day, and the command devolved on General Lyman, who behaved with unexceptionable bravery throughout the entire engagement.

The French loss, killed and wounded, was nearly 400 men; the English about 300. Johnson, having earned glory enough, spent the remainder of the

season in building Fort William Henry.

In March, 1757, Vaudreuil, with 1,500 French and Indians, came over the ice to attack Fort William Henry. The attack was made at two o'clock on the morning of the 19th, but the garrison was apprised of the enemy's approach and repulsed him successfully. He succeeded, however, in burning a number of sloops and batteaux, that were frozen in the ice, in front of the fort.

Early in August, following Vaudreuil's unsuccessful attack, the Marquis de Montcalm, with nearly 8.000 French and Indians, advanced on Fort William Henry. Colonel Monro was then in command of the fort. He withstood the siege for six days in hopes of relief from General Webb; but, receiving none, sent a messenger to Montcalm stating the terms on which he would surrender. The terms were substantially that the English should be

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allowed to march out with the honors of war, carrying arms and baggage. They were agreed to, and at noon the next day the English marched over to the entrenched camp, there to remain until the following morning, leaving the sick and wounded under the protection of the French general. But, even while they were passing out, the



Indians swarmed in through the embrasures, attacking the sick and helpless. The horrible scenes that followed are thus described by Father Robaud in his "Relations:" "I saw one of these barbarians come forth out of the casements, which nothing but the most insatiate avidity for blood could induce him to enter, for the infected atmosphere which exhaled from it was insupportable, car.

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In the morning, when the English marched out of the entrenched camp, and, protected by three hundred French, the insufficiency of their escort became apparent. The savages swarmed in the woods on every side, and hung like a dark stormcloud along their path. Low, ominous muttering, like distant thunder, came from the surging crowd, rising higher and higher, until, with fierce yells, they fell on the panic-stricken English, and struck them down in the face of their helpless guard. Soon all semblance of order ceased, the march changing into a selfish race for life. The butchery, which at first was the work of a few, became general; the savages murdered helpless women and children, and tore men from the ranks, and, like wild beasts, fought among themselves for the sickening prize of a human scalp.

It is difficult to exonerate Montcalm from all blame, for he knew the nature of the savages, and their treatment of the sick and wounded in the old fort the day before, and still, with 6,000 French at command, sent only 300 to protect a long line of men, women, and children from wild beasts, thirsting for their blood. The number that perished is unknown, but has been estimated by some as high as 1,500.

Their object accomplished, the French returned north, leaving the fort a heap of smouldering ruins, and the bones of the English bleaching in the sun.

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year has passed away, and the curtain rises on a scene of wondrous beauty. The same old mountains slope down, amphitheater-like, around the lake; the mists of midsummer hang over the land; martial music fills the air. The sound of bugles and of highland pipes echo from the mountain side, and a thousand boats, bearing 15,000 men, in all the varied colors of royal court, of clan and forest, with banners waving, and hearts beating high with hope, move away down the glassy lake.

Thus, on the morning of July 5th, 1758, Abercrombic embarked and sailed to the attack of Fort Ticonderoga. On the following day, at Trout-Brook, Lord Howe fell, and the evening of the 9th saw the inglorious return of the defeated army.

The following year Amherst passed the same way, capturing Ticonderoga and Crown Point, and driving the French into Canada.

Fort William Henry is described as square, built of pine logs covered with sand, flanked by bastions at the four corners, and surrounded by a deep ditch. The ruins are in the sandy, tree-covered bluff west of the railroad depot, between it and the Fort William Henry Hotel. The outline is still preserved, showing the form of the old fort, nearly square, flanked on the west, south, and a part of the east side, by a ditch, and on the north by the lake. The "Old Fort Well" still remains near the east side, partially filled with stones and rubbish. Just where the fence which now incloses the grounds on the east would run, if continued out into the lake, deep under water, is the old Fort dock. Beyond the dock a little way, may be seen, on a still day, the

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charred remains of an old hulk, with blackened ribs and keel half hidden in the sand, supposed to have been one of the number sunk by Vaudreuil in February, 1757. Shell and cannon balls have been taken from it at different times, and in 1820 two small cannon were removed from the wreck.

FORT GEORGE is a half-mile east of old Fort William Henry, back on the low bluff, around which the railroad swings as it turns away from the lake. It was built in 1759, by General Amherst, the portion completed being but a bastion of what was then designed for an extensive fortification. It was occupied as a military post while the necessity for one lasted. Commanded (!) in 1775 by Capt. John Nordberg, "in a little cottage as a Hermit where I was very happy for six months;" taken possession of by Col. Bernard Romans, May 12 (two days after the capture of Ticonderoga by Ethan Allen), and held by the Americans until the close of the Revo lution. It is now but a great heap of earth, sloping off from the edge to toward the centre and north held in place by the walls, which are quite well preserved on the east side. The greater portion of the stonework has been removed, and burned into lime.

On the table land, a little to the southwest of the fort, was the old entrenched camp, the scene of Dieskau's defeat by General Johnson in 1755.

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FORT WILLIAM HENRY HOTEL, William Noble owner and proprietor, H. P. C. Johnson, manager. Post Office, Lake George. Capacity 600. Rates \$4,00 to \$5.00 per day according to room.

The original Fort William Henry Hotel was built in the year 1854-5 by a stock company, of which Thomas Thomas was president, and opened for guests in June of the last named year, with Daniel Gale as manager. The architect was a son of the president of the company, the builder Franklin M. Wright of Glens Falls. The original structure had a front of 200 feet with a wing extending backward from its centre 130 feet, and was four stories high with basement. In 1855 and the spring of 1856 the front was extended towards the east making it as it now stands with a total frontage of 334 feet. In 1865 Daniel Gale and A. C. Joselin purchased the property of the company, Mr. Gale succeeding as sole owner and proprietor two years later and continuing in the management until August, 1868, when he sold it to T. Roessle & Son of Albany, for \$125,000. During the following winter and spring the house was remodeled at a cost of about \$200,000. The entire structure was raised 26 feet making room for the basement and main story, the latter with ceilings 16 feet high. A mansard roof was also added making the building seven stories high. On February, 1891, Mr. William Noble of the Grenoble Flats, New York city, purchased the property of T. E. Roessle the surviving partner.

The space between the house and depot is rich in history and tradition and was once the centre of vast military operations which brought together a host four times greater than could now find quarters in all the hotels and cottages along Lake George's teem

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ing shores. Now, winding paths lead to the water, and stately pines grow on the ramparts and in the trenches, where, of old, men watched for the savage foe or made merry around the barrack fire.

The Lake House, H. E. Nichols, proprietor, is on the west shore between the water and the main street of the little village of Caldwell. Capacity 300. Open June 1st.

This is one of the oldest houses of Lake George and is firmly established in the hearts of many who are as regular in their appearance as the seasons. The office always impresses a new comer with the idea that he has unexpectedly dropped in while a



LAKE HOUSE, LAKE GRORGE, W. T.

reception is in progress, as it is a favorite gathering place for the lady guests of the house. It is attractive with tasteful decorations and a paneled ceiling of native woods, while an ample fireplace, ornate in terra cotta, gives promise of a cheery comfort of a chilly evening in early spring or late sum mer when a fire may be a welcome addition.

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with pictures, books, and periodicals. The piazzas, back and front, give choice of position at different hours of the day. All along the front extends a double line of thick-leaved maples, under and through which is displayed a charmingly restful view of village, church and mountain. On the east a shaded lawn slopes down to the water's edge. On the grounds are four comfortable cottages, two of which, standing at the lake shore, with balconies that almost overhang the waters, are fine specimens of architecture. Excursion steamers and the regular line boats all land at the dock.

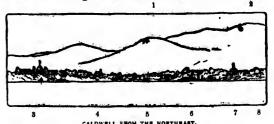
Mr. Nichols, the proprietor, is well known to Lake George visitors, having served here in the capacity of clerk and general manager for some time. He is energetic and thorough and will undoubtedly hold the Lake House where it has stood so long, a favorite among Lake George visitors. North of the Lake House is the Warren County Court House and jail. South of the Lake House is a large private boarding house kept by Mrs. J. Quinlan; rates, \$8 to \$10 per week; will accommodate 25.

CENTRAL HOTEL is just north of the Lake House, on the opposite side of the main street. It is substantial, comfortable, and attractive, and is open summer and winter. An omnibus, free to guests, runs to all trains and boats. Board \$2 per day; \$8 to \$14 per week. Capacity of house 100.

The "Central" opens under new management this year—that of Stewart D. Brown, son of the veteran George Brown, whose name has been associated with the hotel business of Lake George and French Mountain for nearly half a century. The new proprietor in addition to a considerable experience, brings youthful push and energy into the

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business and will no doubt add laurels to the name. The house shows marked signs of modern ideas as a result of the general overhauling and re-arrange-



1 Rattlesnake Cobble; s Prospect Mountain House; 3 Fort William Henry Hotel: 4 R. C. Church; 3 Carpenter House; 6 Lake House; 7 Court House and Jall; 8 Central House.

ment for summer guests presenting a handsome appearance from office to kitchen.

The Arlington, just south of the Central House, J. T. Bryant, proprietor, will accommodate about 60.

CARPENTER HOUSE, J. H. Carpenter, proprietor. Capacity, 70. Rates, \$2 per day; \$7 to \$10 per week. This house is still further south and directly opposite the old stone store. It is neat and orderly, and will accommodate about 70 guests. A free stage runs to trains and boats.

PROSPECT MOUNTAIN rises west of the village, its top less than a mile in an air line from where steamer and cars exchange their crowds of passengers. The Mount Ferguson House at the top will, presumably, furnish refreshments and accommodations as heretofore.

"THE OLD STONE STORE," on the east side of Main Street, opposite the Carpenter House, is a venerable landmark, known for years, and of general interest for its unique collection of Japanese goods.

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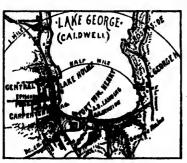
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tains a drug and prescription department in care of M. Asher, Ph.G., of New York. The proprietor is Dr. W. J. Hunt, a young man of sterling qualities, popular with resident

and visitor, and with a gratifying and steadily growing practice.

D. T. Sands, one door north of the old Stone Store, is a young merchant of promise and worthy of patronage. His specialty is fancy goods, dress goods, and ladies' shoes.

C. A. & E. J. West, on the west side of the street need no commendation. They are a solid firm and deal in solid goods, staple and fancy, with unlimited groceries and canned goods. Camping parties will do well to make a note of this.

THE POST OFFICE is on the west side of the street, a short distance north of the Central Hotel.

THE CROSBYSIDE is on the east shore opposite the Lake House. Capacity of house and cottages about 200. Rates given on application. R. C. Jenkins, manager. Steamers land at the dock and an omnibus conveys guests to and from all trains Telegraph in the office.

Cottages noticeably prominent along shore, north of Crosbyside, belong severally to Mrs. M. S. Stockwell; Rev. James P. Wilson, of Newark; Mrs. Henry L. Gregg; Matthew Wilson, the artist; Mrs. Dr. Wm. A. Brown; and N. H. Bishop, canoeist and author. The sharply-gabled cottage, on the higher open ground, is Montclaire Terrace.

STEAMBOATS.—The steamboat service on the lake is thorough, convenient, and satisfactory to the public generally. The "line" boats belong to the Lake Champlain Transportation Company, Capt. George Rushlow, General Agent, with office at Burlington, Vt. The boats on lake George and Lake Champlain (connected by train between the two) form a continuous day line through the two lakes. The Lake George boats are the "Horicon" and the "Ticonderoga."

The Horicon (side-wheel steamer), was built at the old landing near the outlet in 1876, re-built at Baldwin in 1890. It is of fine model, graceful poise, and can run 20 miles an hour under favorable conditions. The length of keel is 196 feet (203 over all),  $8_{10}^{-6}$  feet hold, and  $30_{10}^{-6}$  beam (about 52 feet wide over all). It is of 643 tons burden, and privileged to carry 1000 passengers. Three staterooms are provided for guests or passengers, and arrangements are made for dining such as desire it. The saloon occupies the entire breadth of the boat between the wheel-houses, and is 108 feet long, finished in butternut and black walnut and lighted with ground glass of two designs. Captain J. D. Reeves, commander.

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Baldwin about noon, where passengers are transferred by rail to the Champlain boat at Fort Ticonderoga, on which they may proceed northward, or may return south by rail via Whitehall. In the afternoon the Horicon returns from Baldwin connecting at Caldwell with train south to the night boats at Troy and Albany.

The Ticonderoga (side-wheel steamer), was built at the company's ship yard near the outlet, and launched August 23, 1883. Its dimensions are 172 feet in length over all, 28 feet beam and 9 feet hold. The greatest width at guards is 46 feet, ordinary draft v.hen loaded 4½ feet. Its interior finish is of native woods and its general arrangement like that of the Horicon. Captain Richard Arbuckle, commander.

The Ticonderoga leaves Baldwin at 7:30 in the morning, touching at the principal landings and reaches Caldwell to connect with midday trains for the south. On arrival of trains from the south at about 4:30 P. M., the Ticonderoga returns to Baldwin, touching when required along the vay. Fare either boat \$1.50. Tickets are good for passage through the lake and return the same day without addition to the price.

The Island Queen, a small excursion steamer, trim and fast, built in 1890, makes morning and afternoon trips from Caldwell to Paradise Bay, landing at intermediate points. Fare 50 cents. Round trip one dollar. Captain, Everett Harrison; Pilot, Moses Finkle. This boat is 90 feet long, 18 feet beam, 4½ feet draft.

Small steamers may be chartered at from \$15.00 to \$25.00 per day.

ROADS AND DRIVES.—Not alone is Lake George to be enjoyed from the water. Its drives are many and delightful. Livery rigs, luxurious, stylish, and sensible, can be had here at Lake George, at reasonable prices, considering the stock which has to be carried through to accomodate the limited season. The finest are to be found at the stables of H. R. Levens & Co., at the Fort William Henry Hotel, and may be called by telephone from any house about the head of the lake.

The most picturesque road, and one in which the lake is the ever-present and ever-varying feature, is along the west shore to Bolton, which may be continued up past north-west bay and indumntely among the mountains beyond. The undesirable feature is its sand, which makes the wheeling heavy a portion of the way, but not to such an extent as to be an unsurmountable objection. Lateral roads lead from this up the western hills and offer a variety of interesting if somewhat laborious ways.

The drive along the beach and down the east shore is an interesting one for these who enjoy woods and partially cultivated country. It passes by the ruins of Fort George Hotel, Crosbyside and a number of very pretty summer cottages and the Convent of the Paulist Fathers, "St. Mary's of the Lake" rising finally to the cleared space around the north side of French Mountain to overlook a great expanse of the lake. A branch road may be followed along shore to Lake George Park, on Dunman's Bay, notable as the summer place of Edward Eggleston.

The drive on the plank road to Warrensburgh, six miles north, where the Schroon River is crossed, is

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delightful, because of its shade. The ascent is gradual, rising through a picturesque notch between the mountains by the side of a babbling brook. The road bed is excellent for driving and usually as smooth and hard as an iron-like sand, quarried along the road, can make it.

The road to Prospec Mountain and the Mount Ferguson House on one of its summits seen prominently at the west, yields an interesting wood and field excursion and a grand prospect when the top is reached. There are two passable ways of reaching it, by the "old road," which is generally preferred, going by the way of the Warrenburgh road to the first toll-gate, thence west around the mountain, approaching the summit point finally from the southwest, by which the ascent is gradual, or by the "new road," which leads past the old Indian encampment and by a steep but shorter way arrives at the summit from the south. From the observatory here fully one-half of the lake can be seen, and the main peaks of the Adirondacks easily distinguishable by one who knows them by their outlies. Refreshments can be had here, and satisfactory accommodations for those who may wish to stop over night.

The most interesting drive, all things considered, of any at Lake George is the plank road south through French Mountain Pass, over the historic "Dark and Bloody Ground" to Glens Falls.

FORT GAGE stood on the hill that rises west of the road about one mile south and just beyond where the road from Fort George joins the plank road. The lines of earthworks may still be traced through the pines that now cover them. The slope

was cleared of all timber down to the water's edge at the time of Abercrombie's advance in 1758.

BLOOD? POND is a mile farther, at the left of the road and between it and the railroad. It is simply a stagnant pool that in the early part of the season is nearly covered with lily-pads and great white pondlilies, and in the summer becomes almost dry. It is said that a party of the French (after driving the English into their fortified camp at Lake George, and being driven back in turn), were seated around the pond at sunset, was partaking of their evening meal, when they were surprised by a party of English advancing from Fort Edward, who poured in upon them a destructive fire. Totally routed, they fled in confusion, leaving their dead and wounded on the field. The dead were thrown into the pond by the English, their blood turning the water red, from which circumstance it received its name.

WILLIAMS' MONUMENT is about three miles south



of the lake, and west of the plank road. It is a plain marble shaft, blue and white, standing on a huge bowlder, which is itself inclosed within an iron fence. It was erected in 1854 by the graduates of Williams' College, in memory of the founder of that institution. On it are inscriptions in Latin, to show the learning of those who erected it, and

in English, telling what it is all about. From it we learn that it was "Erected to the memory of COLONEL EPHRAIM WILLIAMS, a native of Newtown, Mass.

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who, after gallantly defending the frontier of his native State, served under General Johnson against the French and Indians, and nobly fell near this spot, in the bloody conflict of September 8, 1755, in the 42d year of his age.

The old military road ran along on the hill just above this spot, identical with the country road that is there now. A little way south of the monument, on this road, inclosed by an iron railing is a rude stone slab, supposed to mark the place where Col. Williams was buried. The stone bears the inscription

E. W. 1775. COL. EPHRAIM WILLIAMS.

The drive continued south passes French Mountain, with its ancient and once celebrated Half-Way House, to Glens Falls, 10 miles from Lake George.

Glens Falls is the metropolis of Northern New York. It is the market and source of supplies of a large tract of rich, outlying country and of the northern Adirondack Wilderness. It is high and dry and delightful with shaded streets and a core of solid business blocks that rivals the city in appearance.

It has eight churches; a union free-school of splendid attainments: an academy, almost collegiate in its course; an opera house of fine appearance and appointments; numerous civic societies of varying objects; a military company (the 18th Separate) of high rank, a salvation army (small, but mighty of voice), electric street cars (running also to Ft. Edward and Sandy Hill), an excellent water system, uniformed police, electric lights, (arc and incandescent) with other modern necessities, and ten thousand inhabitants, who live

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The place was known to the Indians as "Che-pontuc," meaning a difficult place to get around. In 1762 a patent of Queensbury was granted to several of "our loving subjects" by George III, a large proportion of which patent was purchased by Abraham Wing, who erected a grist and saw-mill at the falls. Later, Wing sold his birthright for a mess of pottage—or to speak plainly—transferred his right and title to the name to a Col. Johannes Glenn for the price of a "wine supper" which the latter paid, and the name was changed to "Glenn's" Falls.

Of course you did not come to Lake George without something extra in your purse and Glens Falls will give you as fair an equivalent for that "extra" as any city in the country. Upwards of 50 stores—some of them models of elegance—supply the visitor with necessary or fancy articles unlimited, and those who may need anything, from an organ to an octopus, can usually have their wishes gratified here. To that end you are respectfully referred to the appendix, where almost every branch of trade and industry is represented by the cards of responsible firms.

If you would remain over night or for a dinner only, you may find hotels clean, wholesome and attractive. The Rockwell House, on Fountain Square, is the leading hotel and recognized as one of the best-kept houses in the State. It is very complete in all its appointments, provides an excellent table, and is thoroughly worthy of the very liberal patronage it receives. Rates \$3 per day, \$14 to \$21 per week. C. L. Rockwell, proprietor.

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The American Hotel, Monument Square is substantial and well ordered and enjoys a reputation for excellent fare and accommodations equaled by very few of the high priced houses of the country. Free bus to all trains. Rates, \$2.00 per day. George Pardo, proprietor.

The Van Cott House is on South St. Rates, \$2 perday. W. H. Van Cott, ex-County Clerk and good



GLENS FALLS INSURANCE BUILDING,

prietor the one, only and original "Marcus." There are other hotels with a well established clientage and at reasonable prices.

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d here, s birthplace familiar from Maine to Mexico. Organized in 1849, it has attained to national prominence and a reputation as one of the soundest institutions of the kind in existence. As a fact, many a Lake George tourist knows more about this company and its officers than about the beautiful village after which it was named. Its new building just completed on Monument Square is substantial, convenient and becoming as the headquarters of a prosperous institution that never failed in its obligations and never made a mistake. Such is its reputation and record. The officers of the company are J. L. Cunningham, president; R. A. Little, secretary.

Joseph Fowler & Co., gives employment to a large number of operatives. The factory on Glen St., between Monument and Fountain Squares is a very bee-hive of industry, well worth inspecting. Here are made all kinds of silk and flannel, satine and plain white shirts with collars and cuffs almost beyond number. The firm enjoys a reputation among dealers for producing high grade products with a superior finish, the pure soft mountain water with which it is supplied making perfect laundrying a possibility.

Van Wagner & Norris, in Opera House Block, make a specialty of fine custom work. Fine flannel and silk goods, neglige shirts and the countless necessaries of the well-dressed man, fully equipped for his summer outing can be had here. The firm is reliable, the work staunch and serviceable.

The "Canopy-top Buckboard," manufactured here, is celebrated from Maine to Mexico. The

"Time Globe," invented by L. P. Juvet, of this town, is known of scientific men in two hemispheres

The Glens Falls Terra-Cotta and Brick Co., a mile north of the village, employ upwards of 100 men in the manufacture of red and buff pressed and molded brick and architectural terra-cotta for exterior and interior ornamentation. They own extensive beds of marl and clay lying near, and a patent process for combining the same in a manner resulting in works of superior beauty and finish. J. M. Coolidge is president of the company, and Charles Scales superintendent.

Come with me down the Big Hill to the falls, You can see the mists that hang over the gulf and hear the sounds of its waters. Noisy mills now compass it about, and the rythmic sob of many saws mingle with its dull roar that never ends. A grace ful new bridge crected by the Berlin Bridge Company, reaches out to the island from the north shore, while a stone arch spans the gulf at the south. At the south end of the long bridge, steps lead down to the flat rock, and near the lower end where it is notched and broken out, you may climb down to the level of the water, and enter the cave made memorable by Cooper in his "Last of the Mohicans."

In the dry season the volume of water is confined within the channels worn deep on either side, or finds its way in rivelets down across the pitted buttresses of black rock. Here the ledges, which in the spring freshets are covered with a foaming torrent, are worn smooth almost as polished marble. Na'ural stairways lead in places to the top, and at intervals, holes in the rock, round and deep, are filled with wa'er, with, possibly, at the bottom a remnant of the

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On either side are saw mills that have contributed

to the town's prosperity, full of life and action at times, at othersand that too often -stilled by sum mer's drought or spring-time flood. On all sides are lumber piles. They line the banks of the river away above. They wall in the canal along up to where, at the "Feeder Dam," are more saw mills and

more lumber piles

It is estimated that the sawing capacity of these mills is 600,000 standard logs per annum. This means 120,000,000 feet of lumber, or 30,636% miles of boards eight inches wide. If laid end to end they would extend around the earth with a long lap to

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The lime business is next in importance to lumber. In quantity manufactured it is equalled in the United S ...es only by Rockland, Me., and in point of quality stands at the head. The best rock yields, when calcined, from ninety-five to ninetyeight per cent, of the purest and whitest lime to be found on the continent. It is used extensively by tanners, bleachers of cotton goods and manufacturers of paper, wire, gas, glass, etc. The lime rock is embraced in an area of not more than 250 acres, beginning at the head of the falls, and extending in a narrow belt on either side for perhaps near a mile down the river, the strata dipping slightly toward the south, and disappearing under the hill along that side. For a depth of about thirty feet it lies in thin strata, then comes a strati f grey marble, from two to three feet in thickn nd under this the solid black marble, twelve feet thick. This is almost a pure carbonate of lime; in its nativ estate of a bluish grey; calcined, it is whiter than snow. The tunnel on the south side from which the rock has been recently taken extends a considerable distance into the hill-a vast room with rock-roof, supported by many massive columns, and well worth a visit. Lime was first burned here about the year 1820, by Powell Shaw, then simply for home consumption. It was first manufactured and shipped to an outside market (Troy) by K. P. Cool, in 1832.

Lime Kilns—clouds by day and pillars of fire at night, are below the falls. They are of the patent or "perpetual" kind, with a burning capacity

of 100 barrels each per day. Two sets of ham's are required to attend to them, the fires running night and day. There are thirty of these lime-kilns. They are well worth visiting.

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T. S. Coolidge is the general agent. Sub-agents are appointed in the various cities. About 500 men are employed in this industry. The average production for the past twenty years has been 450,000 barrels per annum, of which 200,000 are shipped annually to New York.

The black marble (which is the purest carbonate of lime in the world, with perhaps the exception of the Irish and Belgian marble), in its native state, is of a dark blue; wet, it becomes black; polished, it shines like jet. Blocks are quarried as large as four feet square and nine feet long. It is sawed into slabs for tiles, table tops, mantels, interior decorations and ornamental work. There are two mills here that saw the stone. See them saw and note how, under dripping water and sand, the toothless saws eat their way through the solid rock.

Wood pulp is manufactured in a large mill near the south end of the bridge, and vast quantities of wood that until recently, was considered almost valueless, now find its way in, in logs and comes out in thick sheets to be turned into paper in the adjoining mill.

The paper mill on the south side of the river has the perfected machinery of the day and reels off broad ribbons of, paper a mile or more in length. The kind made is the kind used by the newspapers, and the fact that it is used by the Troy Times, the Brooklyn Eagle and the New York Sun proves its remarkable political flexibility.

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Note.—By aid of accompanying large map, and the outline cuts distributed through the book, the reader should have no difficulty in locating all points of interest seen from the steamboats. Travelers from the north should read paragraphs as numbered in reverse order, beginning at Ticonderoga. "East" and "west" indicate side to look from the channel usually taken by the steamboat. Distances given are air-line distances from Caldwell, unless stated differently.

- 1. From the south. The outreaching point from the west terminates in Tea Island, about a mile distant (see outline cut); over this is Tongue Mountain; a little at the right, the round top of Shelving Rock; about two miles beyond Tea Island, at the right, is Diamond Island; beyond this, partially hidden by it, is Long Island; at its right edge is West Point. About two miles away, on the right, is Plum Point; on the high ground, a little nearer, the summer place of the Paulist Fathers. Still nearer, among the trees, is Crosbyside. Over the beach, at the east, is the Fort George Hotel; and back toward the south, the ruins of the old fort. Toward the west is Prospect Mountain, and at its base along the west shore, is the village of Caldwell, known to the postal department as Lake George.
- 2. TEA ISLAND (west) is a little gem of an island, somewhat resembling the crater of an ex-

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Tradition says Abercrombie buried gold and valuables here; and a goodly share of the surface has been dug over, at different times, by the treasure seeker—some one suggested that the digging was for fish-worms, but the idea is too absurd to be entertained for a moment.

The handsome building on the west side, one mile from the depot, is the residence of W. J. Price, of New York. A. D. F. Randolph, poet and publisher, 'as a modest cottage among the trees west of Tea land. Rev. Dr. Butler, of Philadelphia, is near by. Rev. Dr. Tuttle occupies a cottage near the shore, north of Tea Island. Price Manor, residence of the late Col. W. W. Price, is on high land, two miles from the depot. The octagon building, at the waters edge, is not a light-house.

3. St. Mary's of the Lake (east), a mile north of Crosbyside, in a grove of young trees, is the summer place of the Paulist Fathers. This society is composed of priests, whose work is chiefly that of missionaries, something akin to that of the old Jesuits. Their convent is in New York, presided over by its founder, the Rev. Father Hecker. The Paulists also own Harbor Island, and camp there a portion of the year.

4. PLUM POINT (east), a half-mile north of convent, received its name, it is said, because of the large quantity of plums raised here. The casual observer will see no plums, and may not see the point of this. (Mild joke.)

5. DUNHAM'S BAY opens up on the right. At its head is Lake George Park. Edward Eggleston

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- 6. DIAMOND ISLAND (west), near the centre of the lake and three miles from its head, was so named because of the quartz crystals found upon its surface. It was fortified and used as a military depot by Burgoyne, after his capture of Ticonderoga in 1777, and the same year was the scene of an engagement between the forces then in possession (the English) and a party of Americans under Col. John Brown, which resulted in the defeat of the latter. In 1820 it was occupied by a family who gained a living by the sale of crystals found there. East of it are two nameless little pyramids of broken rocks, which go to make up the 220 islands of the lake.
- 7. CRAMER'S POINT (west, 23/4 miles from Caldwell). It is said that this was an island, when the islands all belonged to the state; but a former owner of the adjoining shore looked upon it with longing eyes; and one night the kind waves, or something equally efficacious, filled up the intervening space with earth; the island and the shore clasped hands across the muddy chasm; the twain were made one flesh, and no law was found to put them asunder. At the west is the tasteful villa of George H. Cramer, of Troy.
- 8. THE ANTLERS (west 3½), Jerome Burton, proprietor. Capacity 100. Rates \$2 per day; \$8 to \$12 per week. P. O., Hill View. House completed and opened for 1891.
- 9. REID'S ROCK is just north of Cannon Point (west, 334 miles). A man named Reid, whose love for rum had taken him across the lake one stormy

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night in late autumn, was found on this rock, in the morning, frozen stiff, and covered with ice from the dashing spray.

10. ORCUT BAY is entered between Reid's Rock and Cannon Point. "The Healing Spring" is just over the ridge, west of this bay, and may be reached along shore from Caldwell. The visitor should see this spring, and talk with its honest, odd owner, "Uncle Joe," as he is universally called, who has firm faith in the efficacy of the water to cure all the ills that flesh is heir to.

11. DIAMOND POINT (west 4 miles) comes next The quartz here, like that of Diamond Island, occasionally yields very pretty crystals. Sampson Paul, an Indian, who flourished over half a century ago, once killed a panther with a common fishing-spear, here, as the poor brute was coming out of the water benumbed with cold.

12. DIAMOND POINT HOUSE (west, 4½ miles), John Coolidge, proprietor. Capacity, about 50. Large boats do not land. Reached by wagon from Caldwell, or by small steamers. P.O., Hill View.

13. CANOE ISLANDS (west, 4½ miles), east of Diamond Point House, about midway between it and Long Island. Here the American Canoe Association was organized in 1880. The islands are owned by N. H. Bishop, and others.

14. Long Island is the largest island at Lake George, being something more than a mile in length. The deed by which it was transferred by King George to private parties, bears date of July 4, 1770. The house near its centre is the summer place of its owner, Dr. D. S. Sanford, of New York.

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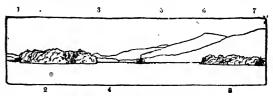
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"Its plan is three-fold,-Recreation, Reason, Religion. Its scope is to blend these three R's. While we are recreatingly rusticating we may also reason reasonably and reveal religion in the everyday life. It will attain its end by encouraging everything that is manly, noble and healthful in sport, by interesting lectures from interesting men every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 4 o'clock, free (never more than an hour in length), and through Sunday services (11 A. M. and 4 P. M.), by eminent divines, stimulate the desire to live a nobler, better and purer life. A number of tents have been provided for rental at reasonable figures. Parties furnishing their own tenting outfits may camp within the grounds at 10 cents per day-children, God bless them! nothing. A store and restaurant is on the ground-no extortions permitted. Lots are for sale to approved purchasers only, subject to such rules and regulations and restrictions as will best conserve the comfort, happiness and convenience of congenial families that we hope to gather in a homelike colony here, where Mrs. Grundy and other fashionable follies have small part, and where Mrs. Ostentation and Mrs. Extravagance are altogether

absent. If you are law-abiding, order-loving and Sabbath-respecting, be one of us. If you are not, don't."



VIEW NORTH FROM NEAR DIAMOND ISLAND

Dome Island; 2 South Island; 3 Shelving Rock Mountain; 4 Long Island, Black Mountain; 6 Buck Mountain; 7 Pilot Mountain; 8 As embly Point.

"The Brooklyn," William M. Frommell, proprietor, is at Assembly Point. Rates on application.

16. HORICON LODGE (right, 5½ miles by steamer), George A. Ferris, manager. Capacity 100. \$2.00 per day; \$8 to \$12 per week. P. O., Cleverdale.

17. SHELDON HOUSE (right, 6 miles). Attractive grounds. Capacity, 80. Rates not given.

18. EAST LAKE GEORGE HOUSE, Franklin Gates, proprietor. Landing, Sheldon's Point. Capacity, 60. Rates, \$1.50 per day: \$7 to \$10.00 per week. P. O., Kattskill Bay.

19. GROVE HOTEL (right, 7 miles), E. Wetmore, proprietor. Capacity 75. \$2.00 per day; \$8.00 to \$10.00 per week. P. O., Kattskill Bay. Land at Trout Pavilion. Boas or carriage in attendance on arrival of steamer from south.

20. TROUT PAVILION (right, 7 miles), John Cronkhite, proprietor. Capacity 100. Rates, \$2 per day; \$9 to \$12 per week. P. O. address, Kattskill Bay. The accommodations offered are in three buildings,

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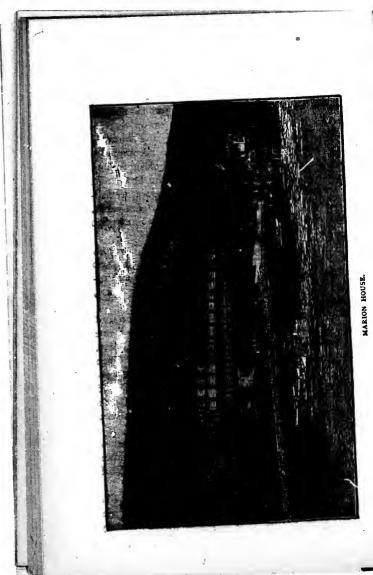
the two nearest the lake connected at one corner by their piazzas, which extend on three sides. One building contains parlor, dining-room, &c., the others, private parlors and sleeping rooms. In the inner angle formed by the two, is an open, tree-shaded floor for dancing. Bowling and outdoor sports have been provided for. The accommodations are good, the table clean, wholesome and abundant. An attractive feature is the boats and the attention given to the legitimate sport of fishing. Open June to October. A pretty steam yacht, the "Latona" is here subject to charter at \$15.00 per day, \$10 for a half day.

21. The Albion is north of the trout Pavilion. Rosa Phelps, proprietor. Capacity 40. Rates \$2.00 per day, \$10.00 to \$12.00 per week. Mayflower Cottage, still further north, is a private boarding house, capacity, 30.

22. KATTSKILL HOUSE is on the high terraced bank at the north dock, shaded by a thrifty grove of birches. Capacity about 100 guests. Rates, \$2.00 per day; \$10.00 to \$12.00 per week. Open from June 15th to October. A. P. Scoville, proprietor. The post-office (Kattskill Bay) is located here and a wire connecting with the Western Union telegraph is in the office. Good fare is furnished and an excellent patronage held here.

23. ELIZABETH ISLAND appears as a point of the shore north of the Kattskill House. The Manhattan Club, composed of graduates of New York College, make it their summer camp ground.

24. PILOT MOUNTAIN (right, 7 miles, air line from Caldwell), is nearly sharp at its summit, descends steeply to the lake at points where we lately



25. BUCK MOUNTAIN (right, 9 miles) is a grand rocky, round-featured mountain, along the east, rising 2,000 feet above the lake. It is sparsely wooded at the summit. This, with Pilot Mountain on the south, is locally known as the deer pasture. Phelps' Point is at the lake, a little south of the highest part of Buck Mountain. A passable road leads out along shore to the Kattskill House.

26. MARION HOUSE (west side, 53/4 miles from Caldwell), D. W. Sherman, proprietor; H. L. Sherman, manager. Capacity 400. Rates, \$3.50 per

day; \$14 to \$25 per week.

Recent additions have made this one of the largest houses at the lake. It has been remodeled from office to attic. Its public rooms are spacious, delightfully open to the air, richly furnished throughout, and contain many unconventional appliances that tend to enjoyable ease. It is lighted with gas throughout, and heated by steam. Its sleeping rooms are large, furnished modestly but with excellent material, and supplied with superior beds. An elevator renders all floors almost equally convenient and leaves little choice in rooms, unless there are preferences in points of compass. Electric bells' communicate between guests' rooms and the office. and a wire from the office connects with the Western Union Telegraph. The sanitary conditions are pronounced perfect. Soft, sweet water is brought to the house through pipes, from a spring on the west mountain. All steamboats from north and south land at the dock. A feature of the table supplies is

MARION HOUSE

the butter and milk, from a herd of Jerseys belonging to the Marion farm.

The grounds surrounding the Marion are extensive and attractive. It has the advantage of approach by land, as the picturesque road from Caldwell runs along the shore, past the house. Back of the house are rugged bluffs, and forests almost as wild as they were a hundred years ago. The views of the lake are broad and far-reaching. Livery rigs of standard excellence can be had at established prices. A feature here not common to the Lake George hotels is the tally-ho coach, "Marion," on which, a moonlight dash along shore with a select party, or a trip over the mountains, represents the acme of rare coaching experience, and more fun than an old-fashioned trip across the continent. The Marion is an exceptionally attractive place.

The Agawam which stood on the shore of the bay a half mile north of the Marion was destroyed by fire in 1890.

27. VICTORIA LODGE (East, 7½ M.), John W. Harris, proprietor. Address at Kattskill Bay, for particulars.

28. DOME ISLAND (East, 9 miles), near the centre of the lake, next claims our attention as being the highest of Lake George's 220. Seen from the north and south, it has the appearance of a huge emerald dome, somewhat flattened, but bearing enough of the appearance to justify the name. This island was purchased from the State in 1856, for \$100.

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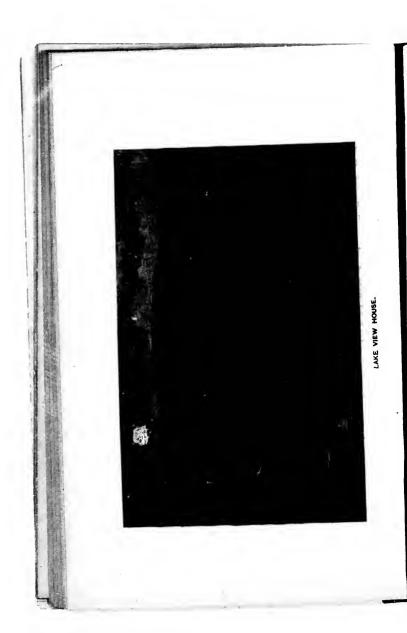
30. LAKE VIEW HOUSE, R. J. Brown, proprietor. Capacity, 100. Rates, \$3 per day; \$12 to \$15 per week. P.O., Bolton.

This house has earned for itself that unfailing



sign of approval—the repeated return of old guests to familiar rooms and places, their number augmented annually by new friends and kindred spirits. The view is unsurpassed for quiet beauty, as revealed in retreating headland, pretty grouping of island forms and the lovely gate-like openings of the distant Narrows, with giant Black Mountain beyond.

Mr. Brown makes a very pleasant landlord, agreeable and obliging. The grounds around the Lake View are pleasant, and the effort has been quite successfully made of leaving nature's perfect work untouched while relieving it of unsightly objects, and making all parts trim and accessible. There are detuched buildings here for bowling and billiards, open space for croquet and tennis, retired walks, cozy seats and pleasant outlooks. A pleasant addition is the detached building back among the trees con-

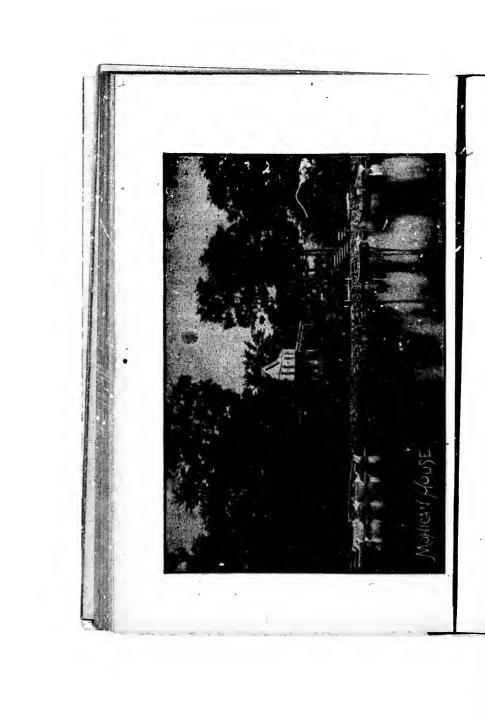


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South of Lake View House is Concordia Bay, so names from the fact that its shores have been a favorite camping ground of the Union College boys. The attractive cottage on the point beyond, overlooking the lake from its rocky perch and appropriately called "Buena Vista" was built in 1880 by Robert C. Alexander of the New York bar. He is the owner of the tract which forms the entire west shore of Huddle Bay, and extends back to the highway running from Caldwell to Bolton. Extensive improvements have recently been made on this property in clearing up, opening drives and vistas, and laying out the lake frontage into cottage sites. On one of these, northward from Buena Vista, Rev. J. D. Kennedy of Brooklyn, is building a handsome cottage, which will be ready for occupancy during the present season. Charles Dudley Warner is on record as saying this is one of the most exquisite spots on Lake George.

32. LOCUST GROVE is back at the northwest of the Lake View House. Capacity 75. Rates, \$2.00 per day, \$9.00 to \$15.00 per week. George R. Fish, proprietor.

The handsome villa back of the bay indenting the shore north of the Lake View, with statues distributed about the ample lawn, is the summer place of William B. Bement, of Philadelphia.



33. MOHICAN HOUSE, E. B. Winslow, proprietor. Capacity 100. Rates, \$3.50 per day, \$12.00 to \$20.00 per week. Free transfer of guests and baggage to steamboat. Open the year round. P. O., Bolton. This is one of the desirable houses of Lake George and has been noted for years as the resort of people of culture and refinement. There is no ostentatious display but on the contrary it seems to



withdraw from the public gaze and seclude itself among the trees and flowers that deck the lake front. The lawn is shaded by locusts and maples, and the long point protected by an expensive sea-wall terminating at the substantial dock where the little steamers land—a favorite place with guests

who can here catch delicious whiffs of the faintest breath that may be stirring across the lake. This was once the main landing for Bolton, with the "line boat" coming and going, but the runners and guests from other houses, and travelers passing over the grounds, made it too public a thoroughfare for those who here sought quiet and rest, and a public dock was built in the bay at the north that might accommodate all the hotels of that section.

The house is a long, low, rambling structure after the southern style, with piazzas facing the lake and extending along its south side. The trees press their heavy tops against it, effectually shading it from the too ardent rays of the sun, but underneath the

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wind can pass freely and the views of the lake are interfered with scarcely at all. The parlor and dining room afford space for general assembly and there are neat, cozy sleeping rooms, nicely furnished with choice of ground or second floor. Such as may want greater seclusion than the main building affords can find spacious and desirable quarters in the cottage on the shore of the lake at the north, while toward the west is a newer and larger building with superior furnishings and equipment.

The table and service is excellent—neat, clean and appetizing, and in its dainty niceness very attractive to the refined taste, and yet the lusty ones with natural appetites sharpened by boating excursions or in tramps among the picturesque hills, find an abundance that should satisfy the most ravenous.

For amusement, croquet grounds are laid out under the trees, while lovers of tennis or polo, or the national game, find space on the level grounds at the west. The roads of Bolton are varied and picturesque, and those who enjoy riding or driving can secure means for the pleasure here. For boating or fishing, a fleet of lake boats dancing on the water south of the point invites attention, and guides and fishermen stand ready for service. Here also is one of the finest bathing beaches on the lake with sandy bottom sloping gradually out into deep water, and roomy bath-houses fitted with every convenience.

From the tribe of Uncas came the name, and on the tall flag-staff that stood out on the point for many years stood a wooden warrior defying sun and storm, and his silhouette as it was reared against the bright sky is to-day the totem of the modern "Mohican." there I with want dis can ottage oward supe-

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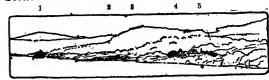
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The legends of the place are many. One is of a beautiful Indian girl who was brought a prisoner from the shores of the Great North Lakes by the Mohicans in one of their periodical war raids through "The Lake that is the Gate of the Country." Arrived at their village here, a young chief, the pride of the nation, gazed into the stranger's dark eyes and was made captive by her grace and beauty. He would have taken her to his wigwam in preference to any maiden of his own tribe but the old women of the nation had chosen for him another bride, and when he again went on the war-path, and the cruel old men and women only were in possession of the camp, it was decreed that the daughter of the northern tribe should die. They bound her to the stake, piled faggots high around her slight form and the fire was lighted, but as the crackling flames curled upward, a supernatural figure that shone like a blazing comet-stronger than a buffalo and swift as the wind—swept through the circle, scattered the blazing brands like playthings right and left, and seizing the willing captive, dashed out again before the awe-struck crowd had recovered from their terror. Running through the growing corn to the middle of the field at the west he sprang to the top of a large stone, and from it flew upward with his burden, over the hills, and the girl was never seen more. Curiously enough also the young brave came not back with his party. He had vanished out of their life. But thereafter, at every coming of the tasseled corn, some warrior of the tribe was slain by a mysterious being who came out from dark Oulusca -- "The Place of Shadows" west of the great peaks-a warrior who shone like the fox-fire of the

lowlands and whose cunning and might were beyond the power of human brave. The body of his victim was always found lying across the stone from which the stranger sprang over the hills, and the bloodstains on it took the shape of picture-writing where the people read their fate; for the Great Spirit had decreed that for every fire-touched hair of the maiden's head a Mohican brave must die, until the tribe should be no more.

As proof, the rock still lies in the field west of the house, and the old gardener, Franz Richter, points out the footprints of the mysterious fire-chief, the blood-stains of the victims that were afterward offered up; of Indian faces and forms; of animals and birds and flowers and growing trees. See Franz and hear the story from his lips of the "Sacrificial Stone" of the Mohicans.



BOLTON BAY FROM THE NORTHEAST.

1 Lake View House; 2 Mohican House; 3 Keamboat Dock; 4 Bolton House; 5 Church of St. Sacrament.

North of Mohican Point is the old "line" boat landing. North of this the pretty cottage occupied during the season by James Palmenter, the Cranberry King, of Chicago. Toward the northwest on a rocky bluff is the church of St. Sacrament (Episcopalian), its bell in front in a small tower by itself.

35. BOLTON LANDING is 9½ miles north of Caldwell. The line boats land regularly here to receive and deliver mail.

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36. HOTEL FENMORE is at the west end of the long bridge that connects Green Island with the main land. Capacity 20. The red building on the heights beyond belongs to Mrs. Putnam. Farther north is the summer residence of George W. Silcox.



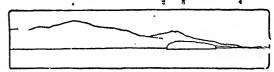
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THE SAGAMORE (on Green Island, west, 91/2 miles), M. O. Brown, proprietor. Price of Board, \$3.50 to \$4.00 per day; \$17.50 to \$25.00 per week,

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according to time and season. Open June 20th to October. The hotel stands among the trees at the south end of the island, flanked by handsome, modern cottages. The style is that popularly supposed to belong to the sixteenth century. The cluster which may be considered the hotel proper is built at varying levels, delightfully uncertain of number, picturesque and pleasing, connected by open corridors with charming outlooks; its varied porticoes, balconies and gables admirably displayed in colors that harmonize well with their native surroundings. Its interior finish is plain, but rich and substantial, showing massive beams, fireplaces of artistic designs in terra cotta, tinted walls and joiner



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work in native woods. The main hall and office and the principal parlors are on the main floor, looking out upon a velvety lawn with flower bordered walks sloping under the trer and revealing delightful vistas of lake and islands beyond. The line steamers land on every regular trip through the lake, connecting with the trains at each end. The accommodations and general management of the Sagamore are of the best.

Of the attractive cottages along shore on either side the one nearest the dock on the west, "Bellevue," is occupied by Gen. Robert Lenox Banks of Albany.

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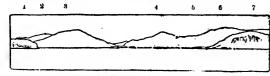
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From the Sagamore dock, the boat runs almost due east toward the entrance to the Narrows, about two miles distant.

38. CROWN ISLAND (west, 10 miles), owned by G. M. Dilly, of Palistine, Texas, and for sale, is a short distance beyond the Sagamore landing. North



THE NARROWS FROM THE SAGAMORE DOCK. r Cr. wn Island; 2 Northwest Bay; 3 Tongue Mountain; 4 Black Mountain 5 Footteen wile Island; 6 oft, Brobus; 7 Shelzar; truck Mountain.

West Bay (or "Ganouskie" as the Indians called it) extends northward about four miles beyond Crown Island.

39. OAHU ISLAND (west, 11 miles), is the property of Gen. P. F. Bellinger, of Elizabeth, N. J. Gen. Bellinger occupies the cottage toward the south, while the one near the north end is the summer place of J. W. Moore, Chief Engineer U. S. Navy.

40. TONGUE MOUNTAIN rises rugged and broken, west of the Narrows, and, sloping gradually southward, terminates in Montcalm Point, owned by Mr. J. Buchanan Henry. West of the mountain is

# LAKE GEORGE.

Northwest Bay. "Green Oaks," the summer place of E. Corning Smith, of Albany, is on Turtle Island, lying northeast of Montcalm Point.

41. THE KENESAW (East, 11 miles from Caldwell), is on Fourteen Mile Island, H. H. Van Aranam, proprietor. Capacity 100. Rates, \$2.50 per day; \$10 to \$15 per week. The house, without



THE KENESAW

making any pretentions to architectural beauty, is cozy, convenient and comfortable. Its piazzas and nume ous summer houses scattered about the island are attractive and suggestive of good times.

Why called Fourteen Mile Island the oldest inhabitant does not pretend to say. It is presumed however, that fourteen miles was the estimated distance from Fort William Henry, before actual measurement demonstrated it to be less. The island has an area of twelve acres, portions of which are extremely picturesque in combination of rock and soil, and with fine specimens of oak, chestnut and Norway pine. Its shores are rocky and broken

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in some places, in others rounding smoothly over into the deep water, with huge, lichen-covered boulders, smooth, rocky floors carpeted with thick mosses, and hollows filled with waving ferns. Its varied features have made it a favorite resort with artists, who here found fitting studies for every variety of mood.

On the east, separating it from the mainland, is a narrow and deep channe!, through which the largest steamers can pass. Here is another dock where excursion steamers land.

HEN AND CHICKENS at the south is a pretty group of islands, on one of which Delavan Bloodgood, surgeon U. S. N., has built picturesquely after the fashion of an East Indian bungalow.

Following along the rocky shore south of Fourteen Mile Island you find many pretty bays and headlands. At one point a little brook makes out over a beach. If you will enter the sandy gate you find yourself within one of the most charming thicket-guarded bays on the lake. Alighting where a noisy brook tumbles in, at its head, and following up a little way, you will be rewarded by the sight of a perfect little gem, called Shelving Rock Falls.

42. THE HUNDRED ISLAND HOUSE (right, 111/4 miles from Caldwell), R. G. Bradley & Co., proprietors. Capacity 100, Rates, \$2.50 and \$3 per day; \$10 to \$17.50 per week. P. O., Shelving Rock. Picturesque, and with pictures on every side, this section is a favorite among artists, the lovely grouping of the islands and the grand lines of the surrounding mountains affording beautiful studies from this point. En passant, the house has a convenient dark



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room, fitted up for the accommodation of those who "press the button" whether they "do all the rest" or leave it for others to do.

The location is capital for a summer house, affording a protected harbor for small boats, a new dock easy of approach for large. It is built in the most substantial manner possible, and with a degree of finish seldom applied to hotels designed simply for summer occupancy. The table is exceptionally



HUNDRED ISLAND HOUSE.

Fresh milk and vegetables come from the farm belonging to the house. The post-office—"Shelving Rock"—is in the hotel office, and the telegraph is close by.

A stairway lead: up to the sightly observatory, from which the roof may be gained, and a view obtained that has hardly its equal anywhere on the lake, showing the broad, open water toward the south and west, the hundred islands of the Narrows, and the lake stretching away to Sabbath Day Point at the north.

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THE PEARL POINT HOUSE is one of the leading hotels of the Lake. Its furniture and appointments are liberal and complete in all respects. Rambling, quaint and profusely ornate in architectural design, the buildings attract much attention and admiration. Nestling amid abundant shade trees, surrounded by piazzas, with tasteful, elaborate and admirably kept grounds, little imagination is required to invest the place with unusual interest. Including two handsome cottage buildings, or dormitories, the establishment affords accommodations for one hundred and fifty guests. From its opening, in 1876, it has been exceedingly well managed, and has secured a permanent reputation and patronage of superior character. It is conducted on strict temperance principles, and on that account has peculiar attractions to many.

The location in the Narrows, faced and flanked by "The Hundred Islands," on account of the shelter afforded by the islands, make boating delightful in any state of the wind, while the fishing of the neighborhood is excelled nowhere on the Lake. That both may be enjoyed without stint, the proprietor makes a special feature of his boat livery, having provided a numerous and really elegant fleet of boats of various styles and sizes, suitable for every requirement, all equipped with the best in the way of oars, cushions, etc. Telegraph wires and daily mails enable guests to communicate readily with the outer world. D. W. Sherman, proprietor. Kates \$3.50 per day, \$12.00 to \$21.00 per week.

## THE NARROWS.

Ranger Island is west of Pearl Point. The pretty cottage with sharp peaked tower belongs to a devoted disciple of old Isaac Walton, Justice F. E. Ranger, of Glens Falls. Next at the north in Juanita Island, where the Bullard Brothers—and sisters—come every summer. The "Glen Club"—composed of some of the solid men of Glens Falls, and commonly called the cold water club, for obvious reasons—become boys again every year on the island north of Juanita.

Phantom Island is next, with its attractive cottage and tastefully decorated summer houses and grounds. It is owned and occupied during the summer by Hon. Jerome Lapham, of Glens Falls. It was formerly the home of "the hermit," J. Henry Hill, who came here in 1870, built the house and occupied it alone until 1876, when he was adjudged insane, and removed temporarily to an asylum, where he soon recovered. He belonged to a family of artists, and was himself one of considerable ability—his professed object here being the study of nature.

Gem Island and cottage, northeast from Phantom, is where another solid Glens Falls club "receives," during the season. Gravelly Island is the nearest large island toward the north from Pearl Point.

Over under the west shore is Turtle and Phelps' Islands. Camp Colvin, on the latter, belongs to a Glens Falls man—in fact Glensvillians have preempted a considerable portion of this attractive group of islands, and still cry for more.

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BURNT ISLAND is the largest of the Hundred Island group, and occupies a central position toward the north. On it half wild goats have for several years lived and bred.

As-You-Were Island is the last of the group near the west shore.



LITTLE HARBOR ISLAND, east of the last named has on its north border one of the curious holes in the rock supposed by some to have been the work of the aborigines.

FORK ISLAND, its shape suggesting the name, terminates the cluster at the northeast.

PARADISE POINT, a beautiful peninsula—site of a proposed hotel colony—extends from the east shore, separating Red Rock Bay on the south from Paradise Bay on the north, the latter guarded by a cluster of very pretty islands.

There are others, a multitude of them, some rising abruptly from the depths, moss-draped and thicket-crowned, while others only see the light when the water sinks to its lowest level. All around are treacherous shoals and reefs, and when the light is right and the water rough, you may see the surface checked and spotted by the bright green that marks their position, while the little steamer, with many a graceful turn, threads the labyrinth as the verdant gateways open and close along her course.

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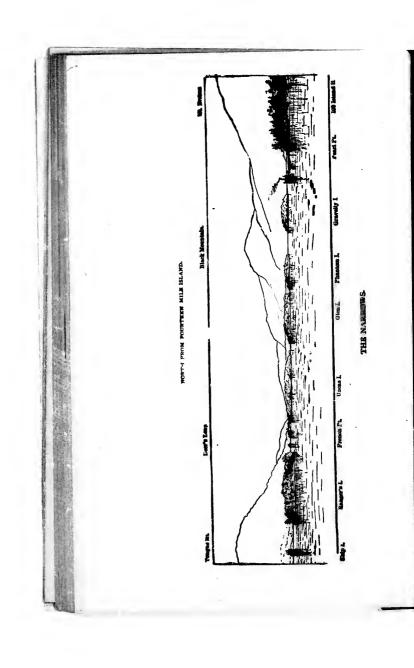
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some rising and thicketnt when the around are in the light is the surface in that marks with many at the verdant rse. FRENCH POINT projects from the west shore, 13 miles north of Caldwell. The shore here is rugged and broken, running in places straight up from the water, Tongue mountain rising sheer from the little plateau. The Sherman House that stood here was burnt to the ground at the close of the season of 1889.

BLACK MOUNTAIN stands on our right, the monarch of the lake stretching away to the north, seeming to recede as we approach and travel with us, its granite crest lifted over two thousand feet above us, its rocky sides seamed and scarred and reddened by fires that have swept over it in times past. A sentinel, it seems, overlooking the whole lake and mountains round about; the first to welcome the rising sun, and at evening, glowing in the splendor of the dying day, while the valleys below are misty with the shadows of coming night. From its summit, 2,661 feet above tide, and 2,315 above Lake George, nearly the entire lake may be seen. To the north is Lake Champlain; at the east lie the Green Mountains; on the west and north the Adirondacks rise one above another, while away toward the south, like a thread of silver, stretches the mighty Hudson. Don't forget to take an extra blanket or heavy shawl if you make the ascent,-and don't forget the luncheon. Horicon Pavilion, which stood on the cleared space southwest of Black Mountain called Black Mountain Point, was destroyed by fire April 21st, 1889. It was a poem in wood and stone, a work of art that seemed here a part of nature's self. From this point an excellent road ascends to the top of Black Mountain.



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HALF WAY ISLE is under the west shore, the centre of a circle, of which the circumference is the rim of a mountain that rises, amphitheater-like, around its western side. As its name indicates, it marks the centre of the lake.

THE "THREE SIRENS," lovely and inviting, but surrounded by dangerous shoals and reefs, are out in the middle of the lake nearly opposite Halfway Island.

HATCHET ISLAND is one of the same chain; the derivation of the name is unknown, but tradition connects it with a good little boy who couldn't tell a lie.

ONE TREE ISLAND it is just outside the channel. The stump is all that remains of that "one tree."

FLOATING BATTERY is north of One Tree Island, the southernmost large island of a group lying along the east shore, opposite the highest point of Black Mountain. In the little bay on its south margin is the remains of what is said to be one of the two "castles," floating batteries, or gunboats, built to accompany Abercrombie down the lake in his advance on Ticonderoga, in 1758. The name is sometimes applied to the entire group, as it stretches along shore.

MOTHER BUNCH is the name given to the northernmost member of the group, because, it is said, of a fancied resemblance between a portion of the island and an old woman; it is a beautiful tribute to the memory of the old lady any way, while the also elegance and appropriateness of the name only fell

## THE HARBOR ISLANDS

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The CIVES ROCK is a solid wall, breaking of perpendicularly from the mountain slope on the hight, north of Mother Bunch; water constantly drips over its face, and cives, a species of garlic growing in tufts, and liked as a relish by some, spring spontaneously from its fissures; the largest boat can be laid up along side of this rock in still weather. A venerable landmark, known to have been there sixty-five years, is an old stub, projecting a little above the surface, and swaying about just outside the usual course of the steamer; below the portion that has been worn down by the ice it is four feet in diameter, its point downward, and supposed to be anchored in the bottom of the lake. The water here is seventy feet in depth.

THE HARBOR ISLANDS are near the center of the lake, the west channel passing close by their western border; they are owned by the Paulists, who received a title to them from the State, in 1872, and who occupy them occasionally as a camping place. The group is the first of any considerable size on the west side, north of the Narrows, and was once the scene of one of the bloodiest engagements in the history of the lake. On the 25th of July, 1757, a party of between three and four hundred English, commanded by Col. John Parker, left Fort William Henry, and under cover of the darkness proceeded cover the

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One hundred and thirty-one of the English were killed outright, twelve escaped, and the rest were taken prisoners. Of the latter, Father Roubaud, a Jesuit priest, says in his "Relations": "The first object which presented itself to my eyes on arriving there was a large fire, while the wooden spits fixed in the earth gave signs of a feastindeed, there was one taking place. But oh, Heaven, what a feast! The remains of the body of an Englishman were there, the skin stripped off and more than one-half of the flesh gone. A moment after I perceived these inhuman beings eat, with famishing avidity, of this human flesh; I saw them taking up this detestable broth in large spoons, and, apparently, without being able to satisfy themselves with it; they informed me that they had prepared themselves for this feast by drinking from skulls filled with human blood, while their smeared faces and stained lips gave evidence of the truth of the story." The good father attempted to reason with them, but to no avail. One said to him: "You have French taste; I have Indian; this food is good for me," offering at the same time a piece of the human flesh to the horrified priest.

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# "CAPTAIN SAM"

Vicar's Island is just north of the Harbor Islands Here, on its northern border, an affecting incident transpired once, of which Captain Sam Patchen, who lived at Sabbath Day Point at the time, was the hero. One winter's day he conceived the idea of sailing his grist to Bolton mill on the ice. So, piling the bags of grain into the old cutter, with a pitchfork, held firmly in his hands, for a rudder, he hoisted sail and sped away before a strong north wind.



remarkably well; but heurs was not so much certainty about the satisfactory behavior of the steering apparatus. The old man, it is said, was given to spiritual things occasionally, and had, on this occasion, evidently hoisted in rather too much rye in the liquid form to conduce to the safe transportation of that in the bags. The craft insisted on

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Captain Sam was always dignified, and on this occasion it is said his manner of resting on that snow-drift was remarkably impressive. Even the snow felt moved, and the island itself was touched, and when he came out and set his radiant face homeward he was not a Sam of joy or a Sam of thanksgiving, but a Sam abounding in language that would set a mule driver up in business, and bring despair to the boss canvasman of any circus traveling.

Deer's Leap Mountain is on the west, a little way north of Vicar's Island. The top is rounded, the side facing the lake a perpendicular wall of rock. at its foot are great fragments of rock that have fallen from time to time, and said to be a favorite resort for the rattlesnake. Once on a time a buck pursued by hunters, was driven to the brow of the precipice, a pack of yelling hounds close at his heels.

"Not the least obeisance made he; Not a minute stopped or stayed he—

but leaping fearlessly, far out over the giddy height, was impaled on the sharp point of a tree below.

HULETT'S LANDING (east, 18 miles from Caldwell), Henry W. Buckell, manager. Capacity, 125. Rates, \$2.50 per day; \$9 to \$14.00 per week. Open June to November. P. O., Hulett's Landing.

The surroundings are exceedingly wild and interesting. The plan for the entertainment of guests is of a central building containing the general office, with post and telegraph offices, a second containing assembly, and music rooms; a third with the diningroom, kitchen, etc., connected with the first by a picturesque covered walk, and several detached cottages that may be rented by families or assigned to guests in common with the rooms in the main building. Steamers land going each way. It can be reached also via Chubb's Dock on the D. & H. R. R., 5 miles east. A wagon road has been made from this point to within a mile of the top of Black Mountain.

MEADOW POINT is north of Hulett's on the same shore. A cluster of pretty cottages here, fitted up with neccessary conveniences may be rented with or without board. Here Cyrus Butler hoped to establish a summer school of music, painting and botany but in his death the enterprise lost its inspiration and "Horicon" an ardent admirer. He was one of the most lovable of men, a sympathic friend and a generous enthusiast whose benefactions were limited only by his means as many a struggling genius can mournfully attest.

Hog's Back is the rugged mountain back of Meadow Point. Near its highest point Putnam and Rogers once came upon an Indian encampment, and, after the heroic manner of warfare in those days, left none to tell the tale. Illustrative of the brutal nature of the man and the spirit of retaliation which to some seemed to justify the most cruel measures, Rogers, it is said, killed an Indian baby by dashing

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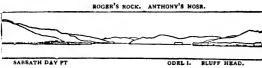
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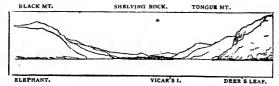
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The red-roofed, Swiss-like building, on a point beyond Meadow Point, is the summer place of De Lorm Knowlton, of New York. North of Hog's Back stretches Spruce Mountain—strikingly bold and precipitous.



BLUFF HEAD is the long point extending out from the east shore. The late Rev. A. D. Gillette, D. D., for many years pastor of Calvary Church, New York, made this his summer home. His widow and sons, Dr. Walter R. and David G. Gillette have cottages here now.

From Hulett's Landing, we run diagonally across the lake to Sabbath Day Point, about two miles dis-



tant. As we draw near to the dock glance backward toward Black Mountain. Note how the old giant asserts his supremacy, rising up and o'er topping his less stately supporters. A little further along and he is again the stately centre of the picture

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THE ELEPHANT stands back there at the north end of Black Mountain. See his well-formed head toward the west; his eye, and the rift that marks the outline of his massive jaw; the wrinkled neck and great round back, with scattered bristles of dead pines clearly defined against the sky beyond.

SUGAR LOAF MOUNTAIN is over at the left of the Elephant. Its summit, viewed from a little distance north of Sabbath Day Point, looks very like a pig lying down, with his sharp nose pointing east. These animals were, undoubtedly, a part of the lot created "in the beginning."

TWIN MOUNTAINS are seen in the southwest from Sabbath Day Point. The southernmost one is the Deer's Leap, the other locally known as Bloomer Mountain.



SABBATH DAY POINT (west, about 19½ miles from Caldwell). Capacity, 25. P.O., Sabbath Day Point. F. A. Carney, Proprietor.

Sabbath Day Point has been the scene of many stirring incidents in the history of Lake George. It commands the approach by water on either hand, and would naturally be selected for a camping place by parties who had reason to expect an enemy near. Here, in 1756, a body of provincials under Putnam and Rogers, repulsed a superior force of French and Indians; and on the 5th of July, 1758, Abercrombie,

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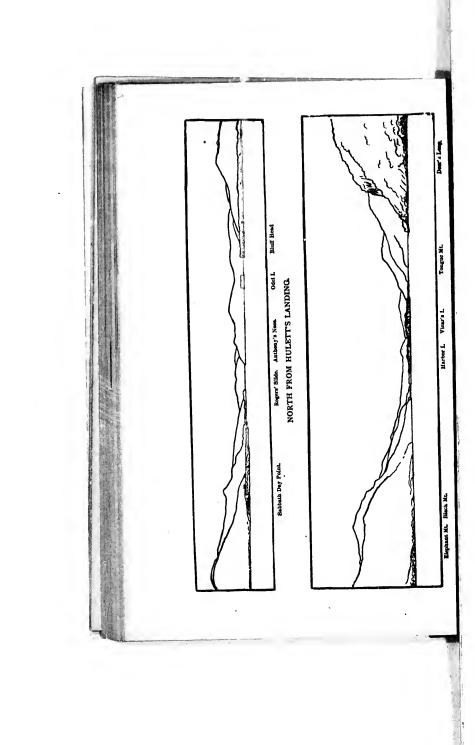
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In September of the following year Gen. Amherst, with twelve thousand men, drew his boats up on the sandy beach west of the house, and passed the Sabbath with appropriate religious ceremonies. To this circumstance is sometimes ascribed the name, although it had been called Sabbath Day Point for some years before. It is said also, but on doubtful authority, that an engagement occurred here in 1776 between fifty Americans and a force of tories and Indians, resulting in the defeat of the latter.

In 1765, eleven years before the engagement spoken of, we find record of a house here, occupied by one Samuel Adams. In 1798, Capt. Sam Patchen (hero of the cutter ride to Vicar's Island) built a log-house near the site of the present building, since which the Point has never been without its resident family, The late owner of the Point, also named Sam—Capt. Sam Westurn, lived here for many years, a genial pleasant companion. The place is very homelike, wholesome and pleasant.

The Indian Kettles, at the edge of the water on the bay north of the Point, are good specimens of rock boring—but you wonder whence the grinding power that should create them—by the side of quiet water.

GRACE MEMORIAL CHAPEL was erected here in 1885 in memory of the wife of Mr. Norman Dodge, daughter of Rev. A. D. Gillette, D.D. It cost





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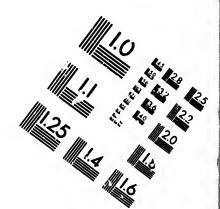
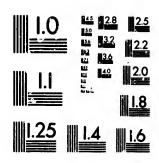


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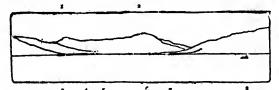
about \$7,000, contributed by the New York families who had made this place their summer home.

On the west shore south of Sabbath Day Point are summer cottages severally owned in the order here given, by J. M. Jackson, J. J. Wilson, W. H. Van Cott and Rev. A. H. McKinney. On the point north of the steamboat landing is the summer place of J. F. Chamberlain Esq., of New York. A mile further north are the cottages of Rev. C. F. Hageman, Rev. D. B. Wyckoff and Dr. Landon.

SILVER BAY (landing, telegraph and post office, west 22 miles from Caldwell) J. J. Wilson, proprietor. Capacity, 75. Rates \$10 to \$15 according to room. The house is a little distance back from the lake to which the land slopes easily, looking, with its surrounding buildings like a little village. It has its own post office called "Silver Bay" in common with the charming harbor near by. It is supplied with the necessary conveniences insuring comfort and furnishes admirable quarters and fare. Boating, bathing and fishing facilities are ample for all the acquatic needs and pleasures of guests. For hunting and climbing among the western hillswhich stretch so invitingly along parallel with the lake and up which, back of the house run paths like network over the open space-nature has presumably supplied all that may be considered necessary, or if not it takes but little time here in the gloriously bracing air of Lake George, to get the requisite energy and strength, and the exhilaration of the climb and the beautiful views to be had when on its summit, or the game found in its depths, well repays one for the exertion.

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SCOTCH BONNET, four miles north of Sabbath Day Point, is a flat rock, lying west of the channel, and but a little above the surface. It was so called because of the resemblance which a cedar tree, that once grew on its surface, bore to a Scotch cap or



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6 Sabbath Day Point; 7 Slim Pt.; 8 Scotch Bonnet.

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AGUE is situated on a broad, sweeping bay, at the west side of the lake, 28 miles from its head. The general character of its scenery is peaceful, lacking the grandeur of the Narrows, but here the artist will find plenty of matter for

study in the great variety of foliage, lichens and mosses, the many-colored rocks, the rugged islands and the graceful elms, whose slender branches droop and sway like the weeping willow, the like of which is seen nowhere else at the lake.

Good bass fishing is found near by, and two fine trout brooks render the place attractive to those who throw the fly, while the shore, all the way back to Sabbath Day Point, is considered good hunting ground. A walk up the valley road, north of the house, gives a number of the most charming bits of scenery imaginable.

THE PHŒNIX HOTEL is the large, white three-story building seen a little way north of the steam-boat landing. The house will accommodate fifty, comfortably. A level, grassy lawn stretches from the house out to the sandy beach along the water

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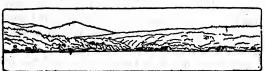
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"THE HILLSIDE," John McClanathan, proprietor, is situated a few rods north of the Phœnix. Capacity 75. Rates, \$1.50 per day; \$8 to \$10 per week. Open June 15 to October.

TROUT HOUSE, Charles H. Wheeler, proprietor. Capacity 40. Rates, \$1.25 per day; \$7 to \$8 per week. Open all the year. Here the most wholesome of country fare is provided, and homelike comfort rules the establisment from one year's end to the next. It is one of the places where you are made to feel that your welcome is not always gauged by the length of your purse. "Charley" can tell to a nicety just where the big trout is to be



HAGUE FROM THE SOUTHEAST.

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tennis court is a pleasant feature here.

THE RISING HOUSE a short distance north of the Trout House, on the flank of a hill that, rising into quite a mountain toward the west, comes thickly wooded down almost to the door. It commands a most extensive view and is well spoken of for its table and general accommodations. Will accommodate about 25 guests. B. A. Rising, proprietor.

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Island Harbor is the name given to the cluster of houses on the west shore of the bay, formed by the enclosing group known as Cook's Islands. It is

much frequented by sportsmen, and has a record for big fish, approached by few places along the lake. The location, while retiring, shows lovely vistas through the islands; and affords safe boating, even in the roughest weather. The table is excellent.



Free conveyance between all houses and the steamboats.

WALTONIAN ISLE is the outermost and largest of the group of nine cutside Island Harbor. The steamboat rounds close to its rugged shores.

Ten miles away at the south, the "Elephant" stretches his huge bulk across the lake; over his head Black Mountain stands guard, growing misty along the distant narrows.

Near by, at the north, is Friend's Point, a pleasant, tree-bordered meadow, quiet and beautiful enough now, but of old, the scene of bloody engagements, being then, as now, a favorite camping ground.

On the right is Blair's Bay, setting well back into the eastern shore. At its head are cleared fields in the town of Putnam—a bit of civilization reaching out from the section beyond, and seeming almost foreign in its lack of interest to the rest of Lake George.

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ANTHONY'S NOSE extends west along the north side of Blair's Bay. It is heavily wooded, excepting in spots where a cliff is presented or where its western point rounds over sharply into the lake. From a position well back on the south side of Blair's Bay can be seen a perfect face in profile, with smooth brow, Roman nose, firm lip and bearded chin, looking out toward the west from the perpendicular wall at the second mountain step. It cannot be seen from the passing steamer.



#### ANTHONY'S HOSE.

We pass close to the point of the mountain, so near that a stone could be easily tossed against its iron-stained sides, and we struggle with incipient profanity to note where some vandal quack has paraded his nostruma before a long suffering puble, desecrating the face of nature, aye, even outraging its very nose with his vinegary compound, and, with the wish father to the thought, we look down into the depths to see if, perchance, retribution did not overtake him in the act and leave some record for our gratification.

This is said to be the deepest portion of the lake, put down as being anywhere from four to five hundred feet in depth, and a stone loosened from its bed

## ROGERS' SLIDE

above, is heard in dull, heavy thuds as it leaps from crag to crag down through the water to the unseen bottom.

ROGERS' SLIDE is toward the west, a mountain nearly a thousand feet high, with smoothly rounded top and precipitous sides. It is rich in minerals, many beautiful specimens of garnet having been found along its summit, and also graphite or black lead, which exists in considerable quantities. Nearly half of its entire height is a smooth wall of rock descending at a sharp angle to the water's edge. It is said to have received its name from the following circumstance: In the winter of 1757-8, Robert Rogers, with a small party of Rangers, was sent to make observations at Ticonderoga and Crown Point, where he fell in with a party of the enemy, and the skirmish which ensued resulted in the total defeat of the English. Rogers escaped, and, pursued by the savages, made for the summit of what was then called Bald Mountain, probably, with the object of putting in practice the ruse which his dare-devil nature had suggested. Arrived at the brow of the precipice, he threw his "luggage" down the steep walls, and, reversing kimself on his snow-shoes, made his way down through a ravine, at the southwest, to the lake; thence around to the foot of the slide. The savages, following to the edge of the mountain, where the track of the snow-shoes seemed lost in the path made by a falling body, expecting, of course, that whoever had attempted it could not have reached the bottom alive, must have been considerably sur prised to see the brave major making off on the ice

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ROGERS' ROCK MOUNTAIN may be ascended by a good path leading from the hotel north of the slide to the top, from which point may be had a view of surprising grandeur and extent. On its summit, looking like a tiny bird cage from below, is seen a summer house built by Boston's celebrated divine, the Rev. Joseph Cook, whose birth-place is just over the other side in pleasant Trout Brook Valley. Mr. Cook spends much of his summerings at the old homestead and may often be seen on the mountain-top, looming grandly against the sunset sky.

The ROGERS' ROCK HOTEL stands on a bold promontory just north of Rogers' Slide, and supplies the long felt need of a first-class house at this end of the lake. Around it cluster some of the most interesting reminiscences of the past; near by are deep waters and running brooks; from its commanding position it looks out over the narrowing waters of the outlet and south to where Black Moun-

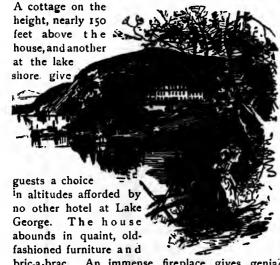
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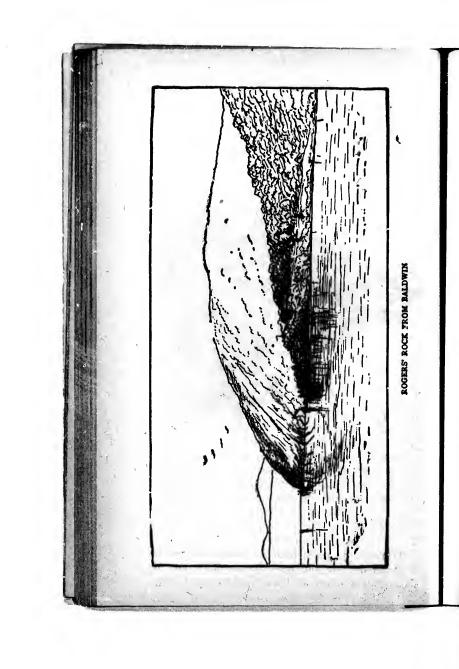
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tain stands guard over the way; backwards, a road winds through the wood and up the mountain, and woodland paths run here and there with guide boards pointing the way to interesting places. The steamboats land on the regular trips. Small boats in variety give facilities for fishing or pleasure excursions.



bric-a-brac. An immense fireplace gives genial warmth to parlor and connecting office. Soft mountain spring water, never failing in the dryest times, supplies the house and is carried to every floor, Post-office created for the house named "Rogers Rock" and telegraph office are here. Capacity 125. Rates, \$3 per day; \$17.50 to \$28 per week. Hon. T. J. Treadway, manager.

BALDWIN, 32 miles from Caldwell, is at the end of steamboat ride, and here cars are taken for the Champlain steamers at Fort Ticonderoga landing.



Howe's Landing is the bit of circling beack north of the dock. Here Abercrombie, with his army of 15,000 men, and Lord Howe, their life and moving spirit, landed on the 6th of July, 1758, and advanced toward Ticonderoga.

The French, who retreated as the English advanced, burned their bridges across the outlet, thus compelling their enemies to follow along the outer circle made by the stream as it sweeps around toward the east and south where, it empties into Lake Champlain. In the valley, north of where we cross the outlet, Howe, at the head of his detachment, fell in with a portion of the retreating French, and a skirmish ensued. At the first fire the gallant young leader fell, and with him the hopes of the army. Abercrombie sounded the recall and did not advance again until the evening of the next day; this delay allowing the French to strengthen their defences at the old lines, and is probably the main reason for the defeat of the English at that place.

ROGERS' ROCK PROM BALDWIN

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PRISONER'S ISLE is out in the lake east of Howe's Landing. Tradition says the French used it as a prison pen. Another version of the account places the English in possession, and a party of French—taken by Abercrombie in the earlier stages of his advance on Ticonderoga, and who escaped during the night by wading ashore—their guests, and properly enough receives marked attention on account of this very interesting story. It seems characteristic, however, of the head that controlled the whole movement, and suggests the thought that, if this eminently sagacious and far-seeing warrior, Abercrombie, trust-

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ed to the depth of the water to keep a drove of Frenchmen, like a drove of sheep, he did not immediately, on discovering that they actually intended to fight, surrender himself and army to them; but, no! by the most profound strategy he succeeded in making a brilliant retreat, and escaped with the remnant of his army—consisting, then, of only about thirteen thousand men—from Montcalm's overwhelring force of thirty-five hundred!

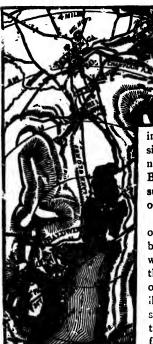
Toward the north, the lake rapidly narrows down to a mere creek, hastening to its fall, and the crystal water is discolored by the clay of the bottom. Formerly the boats ran nearly a mile further to the old dock.

Here at the outlet, once when May flowers were blooming in the wood, came the martyr priest who gave it the beautiful name of St. Sacrament, and was the first white man to gaze upon its beauties. A century passed, and, in 1757, another Frenchman went southward over its waters; the first came with bible and cross preaching peace; the second with fire and sword and a hord of savage beasts to fated Fort William Henry.

The following year came Abercrombie, to be driven back while the flower of the British army lay on the bloody field of Ticonderoga, and the next year, slow but resistless in its march, came the army of Amherst, and before it, the French vere swept rorthward, their hold on "the lake, that is the gate of the country," gone forever.

# LAKE GLORGE.

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The UPPER FALLS of Ticonderoga may be seen on the left as we approach to cross the outlet. It is one of the best water privileges in the country, supplied by a reservoir that never floods or fails. 'A cotton factory, pulp mills, etc.,

here, give employment to a large number of operatives.

TICONDEROGA (village), three miles from Baldwin and two from Lake Champlain, contains about

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1,500 inhabitants. The water-power is considerable, and the stream navigable for small steamers from the foot of the lower falls out into Lake Champlain.

THE BURLEIGH HOUSE is at Ticonderoga village. E. J. Wood, proprietor. Rates, \$2.50 per day; \$10 to \$20 per week. It was named after Hon. H. G. Burleigh, of national same, who owns the building. It is the teading hotel of this section, and offers many attractions to summer visitors. It is a handsome building, with modern conveniences, including electric bells, electric lights, and steam heat. It spreads a superior table. It is nearest to Fort Ticonderoga of any house that the visitor, will ordinarily, care to patronize, and it is a convenient centre for various interesting drives. Next to having back the good old times when staging was the regular means of crossing from one Lake to the other, is an excursion over the historic ground, in the tally-ho belonging to the Burleigh House, with the accompanying oratorical historico-legendry accompaniment, by the driver, which will be furnished if due notice be sent in advance, to the proprietor of the Burleigh House, at Ticonderoga.

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FORT TICONDEROGA (lake station) is at the east foot of Mt. Defiance, five miles from Baldwin. Here Lake George trains connect with the Champlain steamers and cars from the north and south. The old fort can be seen at the north, about a mile distant from the landing. Refreshments can be had at the old Ft. Ticonderoga Hotel by the lake shore.

Tickets are good, either by boat or rail, as far north as Plattsburgh, giving travelers the choice between an afternoon spent on the lake, or at the Ruins. At Plattsburgh, passengers by boat and train unite.

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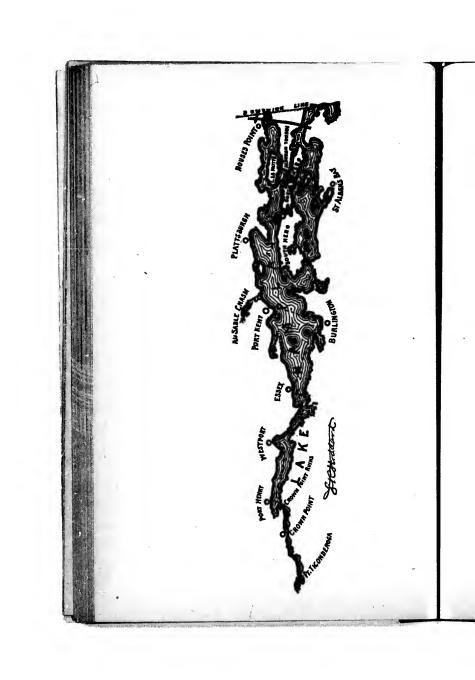
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## LAKE CHAMPLAIN.

HE first white sporting man that ever visited the Adirondacks was Samuel de Champlain, a Frenchman, who, in 1609, joined a company of native Canadian tourists on a gunning expedition toward the south, when he fell in with a party of Iroquois, and succeeded in bagging a number. Samuel was an enthusiastic sportsman,

and of a vivacious, happy disposition, as witness his felicitous description of the manner in which he, at the first shot, brought down three out of four Aborigines, who broke cover, then pursued and killed some others. After this adventure, which happened the same year that Hendrick Hudson sailed up the river that now bears his name, and 11 years before the Pilgrims landed on Plymouth Rock, he wrote an account of the affair, modestly calling the sheet of water explored after himself - Lake Champlain. Just two centuries after his passage in a canoe, the first steamboat was launched on the lake. When Champlain came, the Indians called the lake Cani adere quarante, spelled in various ways, and said by learned authorities, who copy it from some one else, to mean "the lake that is the gate of the country." By the early French, who did not choose to recognize Champlain's right to the name,



it was known as *Mere les Iroquois*, or "Iracosia." A book published in 1659 speaks of it as "the lake of Troquois, which, together with a river of the same name, running into the river of Canada, is 60 or 70 leagues in length. In the lake are four fair islands, which are low and full of goodly woods and meadows, having store of game for hunting. Stagges, Fallow Dear, Elks, Roe Bucks, Beavers, and other sorts of beasts." In shape it is very like a long, slim radish, with Whitehall at the little end.

On the east is Vermont, sweeping away in a broad, cultivated plain, that gradually ascends to the ridges of the Green Mountains. Along the southern and central part of the lake, the rocky western shores step down to the water's edge and backward, rise peak on peak, wild, broken, and grand—the Adirondack Mountains. Here and there are bits of cultivated land, and breaks in the mountain-gateways to the wilderness. Then, as you go north, the mountains fall away back into the interior, and a level, well-cultivated country presents itself.

Its length, from Whitehall to Fort Montgomery, is 1071/4 miles; its greatest width, which is near the outlet of Au Sable River, is 121/8 miles, and greatest depth (at a point 17/8 miles southeast of Essex Landing), 399 feet. Measuring down into Missisquoi bay, the extreme length of the lake may be found at about 118 miles. Its elevation above tide is 99 feet. It contains a number of beautiful islands, principally near the north end, the two largest known respectively as North and South Hero, and collectively as Grand Isle, a county of Vermont.

#### WHITEHALL.

THE D. & H. R. R., extending along the west shore of the lake, in an air line, between New York and Montreal, is the main artery of travel between the two great cities. At various points, rail or stage routes diverge, leading to the central portions of the wilderness.

2. WHITEHALL\* is at the head of Lake Champlain; 219 miles north of New York, 78 from Albany. It was originally called Skeenesborough, after Col. Philip Skeene, who accompanied Abercrombie in 1758; was wounded in his attack on Ticonderoga, and, after Amherst's victorious advance the following year, was appointed commandant at Crown Point, at which time he projected the settlement. In 1765, he obtained a grant of the township, and, in 1770, took up his residence here. On the breaking out of the Revolution he took sides with the Royalists, accompanied Burgoyne in his expedition against Ticonderoga, and was captured with him at Saratoga. His property was confiscated by act of Legislature in 1779.

At Whitehall, the train from the south divides,—a part going east, the remainder north, along the principal street, through the tunnel, and across the marsh-bottomed basin, toward a notch cut out of its farther rim. Just before entering the rock cut alluded to, we see on the east a short double crook, in a narrow channel, known as "Fiddler's Elbow," where, under water, are the hulks of some of the vessels engaged in the battle of Plattsburgh in 1814. On the high point of rocks just over and slightly to the north of the Elbow is Fort Putnam, where Gen-

In going south along Lake Champlain, read numbered paragraphs in reverse order, begining at Rouse's Point, page 153.

eral Israel Putnam lay in ambush, waiting for the French and Indians under the command of Marin.

The train skims over the surface of the marsh on the long trestle, straight as an arrow flies, for a mile, and over the draw at the outlet of South Bay around which Dieskau led his men to attack Fort Edward, in September of 1755.

Win 1g in and out, we continue along the west shore. On the east, at intervals, are the odd, little numbered light-houses, and posts where lanterns are hung nights to mark the tortuous channel. Low, reedy islands and points float outward from the shores, and the grand, rocky gateways, opening up as we advance, reveal vistas of wondrous beauty, of far-reaching water, and of the blue of distant mountains.

Twenty-three miles north of Whitehall is the steamboat landing, and the junction of the branch road from Lake George with the main line running north.

THE STEAMER VERMONT, Captain B. I. Holt, commander, belongs to the Champlain Transportation Co. It was built in 1871, rebuilt and refurnished in 1892. It is 271 feet long, 36 foot beam, 65 foot beam over all. It runs regularly between Plattsburgh and Ticonderoga, leaving Plattsburgh at 7 A. M., touching at Bluff Point, Port Kent and Burlington, arriving at this point about noon. Returning, leaves on arrival of passengers from Lake George and the south. Passengers by the morning boat through Lake George will find the Vermont awaiting them here. Dinner is served on board. And, by the way, the dinners served on the steamer Vermont have been noted for years for their whole-

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someness, and for the plethora of good things with which the table is loaded. On the other hand, the appetite which a ride over Lake George or Lake Champlain gives a body is also a constant source of wonderment—and it costs just a dollar here to do justice to the one and satisfy the other.

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8. THE RUINS OF FORT TICONDEROGA can be seen on the promontory lying about one mile north of the steamboat landing. Here were enacted the principal events in the play of the lake; here savage and civilized tribes contended for the country on either hand; here two great nations struggled for the prize of a continent which neither could retain, and precious blood fllowed like water for this, the key to the "gate of the country," by its position elected to become historic ground.

Claimed by the Hurons and Algonquins on the north, and by the Five Nations on the south, Lake Champlain was permanently occupied by neither. It lay between two sections that were continuaily at war with each other-the bloody middle ground, over which each party in its turn swept. carrying ruin in its path. This had made the lovely shores a solitude. Thus Champlain found it when, in July, 1600, he sailed south with the Indians from the St. Lawrence to make war upon their southern enemies, and "encountered a war party of the Iroquois on the 29th of the month, about ten o'clock at night, at the point of a cape which puts out into the lake on the west side." In the morning a battle ensued. Champlain says: "Ours commenced, calling me in a loud voice, and, making way for me, opened in two, and placed me at their head, marching about 20 paces in advance

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The English claimed this territory by right of purchase and treaty with the Five Nations. General Johnson was sent, in 1755, to drive the French from Crown Point, but halted at Lake George, when Baron Dieskau made his famous dash around French Mountain, defeated Colonel Williams, and

attacked the main army, to be defeated in turn. He then retreated to Ticonderoga, and began the erection of a fort, which he called "Carillon."

In 1757, somewhat enlarged, it was occupied by Montcalm, who marched thence to the capture of Fort William Henry. In 1758 Abercrombie made his unsuccessful attack on the old French lines, which resulted in his total defeat, with a loss of nearly 2,000 killed and wounded. The following year Amherst entrenched before them, and the French, satisfied that they could not successfully resist him, abandoned and set fire to the works, and the English took possession in the morning. The English advanced on Fort St. Frederick, the French retreated into Canada.

Amherst repaired and enlarged the works at Ti-

conderoga and Crown Point on a scale of great magnificence, but never after was a shot from the frowning embrasures directed against an approaching foe. Peace between the nations soon followed and the

forts were allowed to fall into a state of ill repair and were poorly garrisoned when the revolution broke out. Ticonderoga had but 50 men, all told,

#### FORT TICONDEROGA.

when in the gray of the morning of the 10th of May, 1775, Ethan Allen and 83 of his "Green Mountain boys" stole in through the wicket gate and demanded its surrender "in the name of the Great Jehovah and the Continental Congress."

In 1777 the brilliant general Burgavne with 7,500 men came from the north and laid siege to Ticonderoga. St. Clair, who was then in command, had barely sufficient troops to man the principal works, and when the English took possession of Mt. Defiance, from which they could drop shot right over into their midst, he abandoned the fort, stealing away on the night of July 4th.

After the capture of Burgoyne at Saratoga, the British retired into Canada, but in 1780 the old fort was again occupied by the troops under General Haldiman. Then came another enemy, silent, but resistless as the march of time—frosts to rack and tempests to beat upon the old walls, until they totter and fall away, disappearing one by one, and bringing the time when naught shall remain but the name it bears, and that uncertain.

TICONDEROGA is the generally accepted composite of a dozen or more Indian terms applied to the place, all with something of the same sound, as Tienderoga, Cheonderoga, etc., the words used by the natives meaning the coming together or meeting of waters\* instead of the commonly given version of "sounding waters." Carillon, the name given it by the French, meaning "music racket, a chime," may have been suggested by the sounding waters of the falls at the outlet of Lake George, two miles distant.

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The old battery on the bluff, above the fort steamboat landing, is said to have been the original Carillon. Back on the higher ground are the barrack walls, trenches and bastions. On the west, beyond the outlet of Lake George, is Mount Defiance. Opposite the fort at the southeast, the lake is narrowed down by the near approach of Mount Independence, which was also fortified while St. Clair held command. Between the two points ran the chain, or floating bridge.

The lake here turns toward the north, thus washing three sides of the promontory. Among the oaks, just west of the tunnel, is the old French lines, reaching over the ridge and nearly across the peninsula. The trenches, embankments and two or three redoubts are clearly defined. Across the locust-covered flat, just north of the ruins, from a point near the drawbridge, lay Ethan Allen's route in 1775.

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oga. On the lake-shore, are the furnaces of the Crown Point Iron Company, and the eastern terminus of a narrow-gauge railway, which extends back 13 miles to iron mines

at Hammondville, 1,300 feet above the lake.

6. FORT FREDERICK is the landing at Crown Point Ruins, about 6 miles north of Crown Point village. The steamboat lands here on regular trips. The grounds have been fitted up by the Champlain Transportation Company for the accommodation of picnic parties that are brought here by their steamboats, with a dancing pavilion, refreshment rooms,

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APPROACHING CROWN POINT RUINS FROM THE SOUTH.

1 Crown Point Light House; 3 Port Henry; 3 Chimney Point.

from the east. At the narrowest point in the passage, are the scarcely visible ruins of Fort St. Frederick, built by the French in 1731. This point became a noted trading post at that time, the savages coming to exchange peltry for civilized fire-water and other necessaries. Under the protecting guns of the old fort it developed into a village of 1,500 inhabitants. Remains of cellars and flagged walks, extending back toward the west, still show signs of its old-time prosperity.

CROWN POINT RUINS are over at the west. The walls of stone barracks are still in a good state of preservation, and the extensive earthworks indicate the magnitude of the fortifications. They were commenced by Amherst in 1759, and completed at an expense of ten million dollars, but never was a shot fired from them at an approaching enemy. When Ethan Allen captured Fort Ticonderoga, Crown Point was garrisoned only by a sergeant and 12 men, and was taken possession of by a part of

Allen's men under Seth Warner. In 1777 it was occupied by Burgoyne in his triumphant march south—triumphant until he reached Saratoga.

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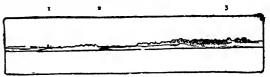
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BULWAGA BAY is at the west, over beyond the peninsula on which the ruins stand. Dr. Geo. F. Bixby, of Plattsburgh, whose researches have confirmed, or proved the falsity of, many popular beliefs concerning the early history of the Champlain Valley, believes the shores of the peninsular just west of Crown Point Ruins to be the place where Champlain encountered the Iroquois to their confusion; and the cape referred to by him "which puts out into the lake on the west side."



CROWN POINT FROM THE MORTH.

1 Crown Point Light House; 2 Ruins of Old Fort St. Frederick; 3 Ruins of Crown Point Barracks.

6. PORT HENRY, two miles north-west of Crown Point ruins, is exceedingly picturesque. It extends from the lake shore well up on the side of the mountain that rises boldly beyond, and has a number of elegant private residences, occupied by the iron magnates of that section, with churches, public schools, a pretty opera house, etc. The Lee House

furnishes very good accommodations.

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7. THE CHEVER ORE BED is two miles north of Port Henry, near the lake shore.

8. The Y M. C. A. of Albany, has a summer camp on No-Man's Island, west shore, a mile south of Barber Point light house. Rules require, obedience to leader, attendance at Bible Study, quiet at 10 P. M.

9. WESTPORT is a pretty little village, on a deep

bay setting into the western shore, fifty miles north of Whitehall. It is the natural gate-



way into the mountains, via Elizabethtown and Keene Valley, and possesses attractions of its own that recommend it strongly to the summer visitor.

THE WESTPORT INN, overlooking the steamboat landing, is under the management of Mrs. O. C. Daniell and Mrs. Henry C. Lyon. Capacity 50. Rates, \$3 per day. This is an excellent house.

THE GIBBS HOUSE, formerly Richards House, is at the northern border of the village. Capacity 40. Rates, \$2 per day; \$8 to \$14 per week. N. J. Gibbs, proprietor.

THE "WATER LILY," a small steamboat, runs from Westport to Vergennes daily, on arrival of the steamer Vermont from the south, returning in the morning to connect with the south bound boat.

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The Water Lily is notable among steamboats as having a lady at the wheel, in the person of Mrs. Captain Daniels, who is said to be the first and only regularly licensed lady pilot in the United States. Fare, \$1.00. Round trip, \$1.50.

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STEAMER CHATEAUGAY, Capt. Baldwin, leaves this point at 7:00 A. M. daily, Sundays excepted, and touching at Cedar Bay, Burlington, Plattsburgh and intermediate points, arrives at North Hero at 12:15. Returning over the same course reaches Essex at 6.00 P. M. This boat belongs to the C. T. Co., and was launched at Shelburne Harbor, November 1, 1887. It is 203 feet long, and 59 feet wide over all. Water line, 195 feet; beam, 30 feet. The hull is of rolled steel plates, made from Chrteaugay ore, with a wrought iron frame, braced in the most substantial manner, and provided with watertight compartments. The engine is a vertical-beam, jet condensing engine, 44-inch cylinder, 10 ft. stroke. The paddle-wheels are of the new "feathering" pattern, 23 feet in diameter. The boat draws four and a nalf feet of water, and will make 20 miles an

miles north of Westport. Here the luckless steamer Champlain was wrecked in 1875 while running north on her regular night trip. The immediate cause of the disaster has never been explained, as the night was no more than ordinarily dark, but since that time, day or night when running, the pilot houses of the sister boats invariably contain two competent men. Captain Rushlow of the Vermont was then in command of the Champlain, and it was due to his self-possession that no panic ensued to lead to

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11. SPLIT ROCK MOUNTAIN extends along the west shore terminating in a sharp point 8 miles north of Westport. The sides toward the lake, close under which the steamer runs at times, are precipitous, and at points wild and grand. Barn Rock (a corruption probably of Barren Rock) shows the upturned edges of strata lying at a sharp angle with the surface in a bold point enclosing a deep harbor. "The Palisades," a little way north, are grand perpendicular cliffs. Rock Harbor, a mile further north, shows an "effort," where Gotham's ex-Boss, Tweed, tried his hand at digging ore. Openings are to be seen in the mountain side, with piles of ore below, and the buildings high up in the notch beyond. Grog Harbor-a charming little cove despite its name-is near the northern end of the mountain.



SPLIT ROCK FROM THE NORTH.

z Grand View Mt., Vt.; 2 Split Rock Light; 3 Split Rock; 4 Whalon's Bay.

SPLIT ROCK is at the northern termination of the mountain bearing the same name. It is a rough fragment, perhaps a half acre in area, separated from the main land by a narrow passage. In the uncertain records of old Indian treaties, it is claimed that this rock marked the line between the tribes of the St. Lawrence and those of the Mohawk Valley. It

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also divides the honor of being the ancient "Rock Regio" with Rock Dunder, lying just south of Burlington. It was the unremovable monument set up by the treaty of Utrecht in 1710 to indicate the line between English and French possessions, and later accepted as the northern boundary of New York, but in the rearrangement of the geographies in the school of 1775 and 1776, the line drifted some sixty miles further north.

12. OTTER CREEK enters the lake from the east something over five miles north of Westport. This is the longest river, or creek, in Vermont, and is navigable to Vergennes, whose spires may be seen some distance inland.

FORT CASSIN was built at the mouth of Otter Creek, and some of the works are still visible. Within the creek a portion of the American squadron was fitted out in 1814, which, under Commodore McDonough, defeated the British Commodore Downie at Plattsburgh in September of that year.

VERGENNES, is eight miles back from the lake, following the course of the river, although in an airline but little more than half of that distance. Vergennes is one of the oldest cities in New England, dating its organization back to 1789, and is celebrated as the smallest incorporated city in the country. It has a population of about 2,000 inhabitants, with all the honors and added dignity of a mayor and board of aldermen.

THE STEVENS HOUSE, owned and under the management of Mr. S. S. Gaines, has accommodations for about 100 guests. Telegraph, telephone and express offices are in the house. Board costs from \$8 to \$12 per week.

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14. Essex, a small village on the west shore, is 10 miles north of Westport.

15. THE BOUQUET RIVER empties into the lake four miles north of Essex landing. It is navigable for about a mile. It was a rendezvous of Burgoyne's flotilla in his advance on Ticonderoga in 1777, and in 1812 was entered by B....... gunboats to work the destruction of the little village of Willsborough lying a mile inland.

16. THE WILLSBOROUGH stands near the northern extremity of Willsborough Point, a low peninsula about four miles long by one wide separating Willsborough Bay from the main lake. The house has capacity for 100 guests. J. Henry Otis, proprietor. P. O., Willsborough Point. Rates, \$3.00 per day; \$12 to \$18 per week. Open June to October. The accommodations here are all that can be reasonably desired, except that they are not sufficient for the demand, and during July and August would-be guests will do well to engage rooms in ad-



vance. Steamer Chateaugay lands daily. Railroad station is Willsborough, five miles distant. Notice should be sent in advance to assure attendance of carriage on arrival of train.

THE AMERICAN CANOE ASSOCIATION holds its annual meet again this year on the north end of Willsborough Point, August 4th to 25th inclusive. This is an international organization with a membership of over a thousand and is

composed largely of literary and professional men. The Association is bound by a code of rules that keeps it free from what may be termed "professionalism." Its official organs are "Forest and Stream" and "Rudder, Sail and Paddle." The in itiationfee is one dollar, annual dues one dollar. Charles V. Winne of Albany, Commodore; W. B. Wacker-

hagen, Albany, Secretary and Treasurer.

The Association is divided into four divisions, Eastern, Northern, Atlantic and Southern. E. L. French, of Buffalo, is Vice-Commodore, and C. C. Belman of Amsterdam, Purser, of the Central Division, in whose jurisdiction the Meet is held this year. The A. C. A. was organized at Lake George in 1880, and has met annually since that time at Lake George and other places. The camp is under strict police surveillance and strangers are not allowed on the grounds except under certain restrictions and on regular visitors' day, at which time it is intended that some of the most interesting events of the Meet shall transpire.

17. THE FOUR BROTHERS are near the middle of the lake, east of Willsborough Point. Here occurred the running engagement between Benedict Arnold and Capt. Pringle, in 1776, in which the

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English were victorious.

18. JUNIPER ISLAND is northeast of the Brothers, with high, almost vertical walls, and surmounted

by a light-house.

After leaving Essex Landing the boat passes out into the broadening lake gradually nearing the Vermont side in the approach to Burlington. Back inland are the two highest peaks of the Green

Mountains—Mansfield, 4,350 feet above tide, and Camel's Hump, the Leon Couchant of the French.

19. ROCK DUNDER is a prominent object, as we near Burlington. It is a sharp cone about 20 feet high, believed by Winslow C. Watson, the historian, to be the famous "Rock Regio," so frequently mentioned in colonial records, notwithstanding the counter-claims of Split Rock. The steamer usually passes close by on its east side. Pottier's Point terminates a long stretch of regular shore on the right.

20. SHELBURNE HARBOR is east of Pottier's Point. Here are the ship-yards of the Champlain Transportation Company, and here have been built all the large boats of Lake Champlain. It is worthy of note that but one year after Robert Fulton's first steamboat was launched on the Hudson River a steamboat was built and launched at Burlington. And it could run 5 miles an hour without heating the shaft, too.

La Plotte river empties into Shelburne Harbor. It is said its name was bestowed because of an incident of the Revolution. It appears that a party of Indians had left their canoes unguarded on the banks while making a raid on the scattered settlement beyond. They were finally driven back by the whites and took to their canoes for safety, but the canoes had been discovered by some prying settlers and riddled with holes which let the water in, and the settlers now proceeded to riddle the savages also. The Green Mountain Boys were very artistic about these little affairs.

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21. BURLINGTON is a beautiful city of nearly 15,000 inhabitants, 80 miles north of Whitehall. It is one of the largest lumber marts in the country, standing fourth in the order of business. The firms representing a capital of \$4.000,000,000. 150,000,000 (see to flumber are sold annually from the markets.

Three railroads centre here—the Central Vermont, the Burlington & Lamoille, and the Rutland & Burlington railroad.

The Champlain Transportation Company has its general offices here, its steamers running to connect with the D. & H. trains on the west shore, and to Adirondack points.

The University of Vermont is located here-crowning the hill, on the western slope of which, the principal part of the city lies. Among other public buildings of interest are the Medical College, Billings Library building, Vermont Episcopal Institute, St. Joseph's College, Park Gallery of Art, Fletcher Free Library, the Mary Fletcher Hospital, and the Young Men's Christian Association building. Joined to the last is the book store of S. Huntington & Co., which is one of the most complete in appointments of any store devoted to this business, outside the great cities of the country.

On the high land, back of the city, overlooking Winooski Valley, is the Green Mountain Cemetery, where lies the body of Vermont's famous son, Ethan Allen. A monument of Barre granite, 50 feet in height, surmounted by a statue of Allen, marks the spot, and is a shrine often visited by admirers of the Hero of Ticonderoga.

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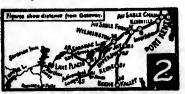
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22. COLCHESTER POINT reaches out half way across the broad lake north of Burlington, and still further west are Colchester reef and light-house, a blood-red light marking the outermost rock at night.

23. SCHUYLER ISLAND is a large cultivated island lying near the west shore. Trembleau Mountain is beyond, terminating at Trembleau Point.

24. PORT KENT is 10 miles from Burlington. Below, the town is not attractive; but above, along



the brow of the hills are several very pleasant, comfortable looking houses, among the m the old home

of Elkanah Watson. the historian.

Trembleau Hall, a boarding house, with capacity for about 20 guests, has been opened recently by

Farrel & Adgate. Rates unknown.

The Keeseville, Au Sable Chasm and Lake Champlain Railroad runs from Port Kent to Keeseville, passing over the chasm a short distance below 'tautiful Rainbow falls. It is five miles long and was built primarily in the interests of the Au Sable Horse Nail words at Keeseville, for the transportation of the material used in their extensive works.



This is the point of departure for Au Sable Chasm and the interior, via the Au Sable Valley.

AU SABLE CHASM is the Yosemite in miniature. The Au Sable River, coming out from the mountains of the south, through the valley past Keeseville, breaks, after many a rush and tumble, over the rocks into Au Sable Chasm, in the beautiful Rainbow Falls, then hurrying downward through devious ways, creeping under towering cliffs, resting in dark places where the sun never shines, finally emerges from the gloom into the broad willowy way to mingle later, after many twists and turns, with the quiet waters of Lake Champlain.

It is a vast fissure in the Earth's surface, its walls that now stand apart, were apparently united and solid in the past; projections on the one side are faced by corresponding depressions on the other; strata broken off here are continued over there. Low down are found petrified specimens of the first orders of animal life and ripple marks made when the rock was in its plastic state—the bed of some lake or ocean—and above these, in successive layers, towers nearly a hundred feet of solid rock.

Who can say what ages have passed away since the restless sea beat upon this unknown shore and left the marks of its wavelets for us to wonder at? Thought is lost away back in the eternity of "The Beginning" when darkness was upon the face of the deep. Later came the dawn of Creation, and in its full light the lowest of animal creatures lived their brief day and added their mite to old Ocean's bottom. Long ages rolled away. Floods swept over the uneasy world that reeled and staggered with the pulsations of its heart of fire. The Earth's thin shell

bubbled up into mountain ridges and broke like crackle glass, then, cooling, left its marks in ragged heights and fearful depths. Then came great icebergs, grinding the uplifted points to atoms in their course, polishing, leveling and filling up the openings. Then the water fled away, leaving the seams and cracks filled with a rich alluvium gathered in passing centuries, holding in its bosom the germs of vegetable life that in time covered all with a mantle of green. The yearly rains descended, floods swept down from the mountains above, washing outward the loose deposit and the softer rock that had filled these crevices, and revealing to us this wonderland of "The Walled Banks of the Au Sable."

In 1873 a number of gentlemen from Philadelphia, under the corporative name of The Ausable Company, acquired the land lying along the west side, with an entrance and an exit on the east, and built stairways, galleries and bridges, which, with the aid of boats near the lower end, enabled visitors to pass entirely through the chasm. In 1879 the old wooden galleries were replaced by stone walks with substantial iron railings, bridges were erected above high water mark, or made movable so as to be taken up at the close of the season, and put back in the spring, and new boats were placed in the navigable waters below Table Rock, to carry visitors through the otherwise inaccessable portions of the gorge. The admission to the chasm is jo cents; the boat ride 50 cents additional. The boats are in charge of experienced men, and although exciting, the ride is attended with no danger, so the most timid need not hestitate in going.

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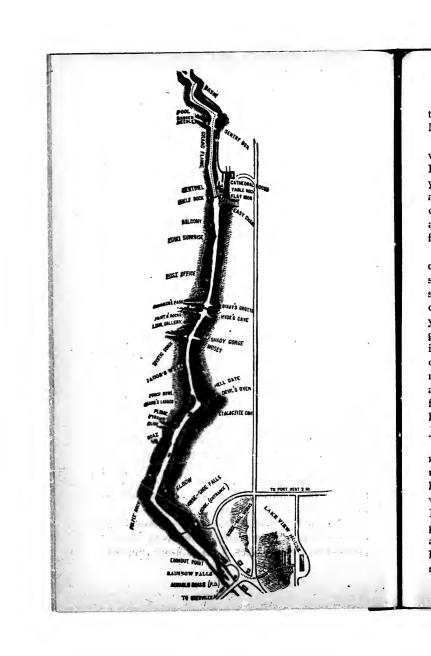
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THE LAKE VIEW HOUSE overlooks the head of the Chasm from the east. Capacity 100. Rates, \$2.50 per day; special for week or season; open June 1st to October 15th. P. O., Au Sable Chasm. W. H. Tracy proprietor. The main structure was burnt last spring but a smaller one was promptly erected to take its place. The dining capacity is practically unlimited The hotel and Chasm are under one management and Mr. Tracy should be addressed for particulars relating to either. The admission fee to the Chasm depends upon circumstances; large parties are admitted at reduced rates; guests of the Lake View have free access. Guides are unnecessary, as once in the Chasm, the course is plain, guide boards and signs pointing the way and calling attention to notable places until Table Rock is reached where boats are entered for the remainder of the trip. Stop-over privileges are given passengers by rail and boat at Port Kent. The hotel carriage conveys guests to and from the Chasm station for 25 cents the round trip.

Admission to the Chasm is gained through "The Lodge," a picturesque building, octagonal in form, pagoda-like, unique and attractive. Within, will be found photographs, books and curios pertaining to the place. Before descending, note the queer effect the stained glass in the lodge windows, give to objects seen through them, where the blue makes frosty winter, and the red the most insufferable of

summers of the same objects.

RAINBOW FALLS, at the head of the Chasm, flings its mass of water from nearly 70 feet above into the gulf below. Horse Shoe Falls is nearly opposite



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the entrance. Note its suggestive shape from the lookout, before descending the stairs.

PULPIT ROCI. faces us as we approach the Elbow, which is the first turn below the entrance. Split Rock shows on the left at the farthest point visible as you turn around the Elbow. The rock which stands at the left of the opening made by the splitting off of a large fallen mass is called the Elephant's Head and with the morning sun lighting up the massive front, the name does not seem inappropriate.

Stop when you reach the end of the bridge that crosses here. The Devil's Oven is in the wall which shuts off our farther advance on the right of the stream. Why "Oven" is not so clear, for if you climb the rough rocks and enter its 30 feet of depth, you will not find it the superheated place suggested, but rather the reverse. The same tropical imagination that conceived of this and some of the other names applied to places here, gave to the narrow passage-way at our feet the name of Hell Gate, and looking, one does not really wonder at the fancy. From Hell Gate, rising in a great sweep heavenward, away from the rushing waters, is Jacob's Ladder.

Across the bridge we go, around the rocky abutment toward the left, clinging perhaps to the iron railing which prevents our sliding into the water below, beneath overhanging rocks, over the seething water, across the bridge which spans the Devil's Punch-Bowl—pausing, perhaps, to glance into the green depths of the Fernery at our left—down across the worn rocks, then zig-zag up the side to a higher level. Here is one of the most remarkable, specimens of rock boring in the country, called



Jacob's Well, showing where some vagrant stone, caught, perhaps, in an eddy when the stream ran here, and whirled away continually, ground its way down through the strata of soft rock, until it wore itself out 1 vain beatings against its prison walls. Here a bridge crosses Mystic Gorge, to the Long Gallery beyond which, descending, we come to Point of Rocks. Note high up the sides of those rocks the segments of a large bowl similar to Jacob's Well, and backward the rapids which, seen from this point, in the sunshine at noon, are very beautiful. Opposite this point is Hyde's Cave, named after a venturesome individual, who, in 1871, let himself down by a rope from the rocks above and was the first to reach its dual entrance. Below the bridge, which leads to Hyde's Cave, on the same side of the stream, is Bixby's Grotto.

Returning to the north shore, Smuggler's Pass, directly opposite the Grotto, is crossed by a bridge. You may follow along the ledge if you like and lose yourself from sight where, back from the river, this passage winds into quite a large chamber. More stairways are found as we proceed, then comes the Post Office. This post office has neither post master nor distinguishing name in the postal department, but nevertheless does a large business, peculiarly its own, as the observant visitor will notice. No charge is made here for drop-letter or cards, and many avail themselves of the privilege.

Clinging close to the rocks protected by the iron" railing we pass along high up at this point, then through the Hanging Garden, and, descending, cross

to Table Rock.

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From the upper point of Table Rock look backward through the Upper Flume. See Column Rocks at the farthest visible point on the left, and, if the sun be right, notice the Altar-cloth hanging over the water at the right. Turning, the Anvil is before you; partially hidden, perhaps, by the rustic canopy which has been built against it to afford shade for such as may care to take advantage of it when, for two or three brief hours in the middle of the day, the sun pours its beams down into this open space. Back of the Anvil, Cathedral Rocks rise a hundred feet above the level floor, suggesting in their broken lines, some vast cathedral's ruined towers and aisles. "The Sentinel" stands guard at the outer corner of Cathedral Rocks.

Through a cleft in the lower edge of Table Rock we descend and enter the large batteaux found waiting here for the passage through the Grand Flume and beyond. Do not fear for these boats are strong and serviceable, to withstand the hard knocks they get at times, and in charge of stalwart boatmen who will guide us safely through the exciting passage below. The Grand Flume reaches from Table Rock for some distance down. Here the water runs straight away, shut in by walls that rise perpendicularly up for more than a hundred feet, while the dip of the rock-strata on either side gives one the queer sensation of running down quite a steep hill.

Here, at the narrowest place, the cliffs are scarcely ten feet apart, and the sky above seems but a narrow ribbon of blue. The water seems to round up in the middle and actually to run on edge. No plummet has ever been found to sound its depths. Over this look backumn Rocks and, if the ing over the is before stic canopy I shade for when, for of the day, pen space. a hundred heir broken and aisles.

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The Lower Gate-Way ends the Long Flume and ushers us into the Pool. The Sentry Box is at the right as we emerge into the open space. On the left there is a larger *creavasse* in which, leaning, stands the Broken Needle. At the Pool, the river turns sharply to the left and leads downward over dancing rapids where we go until, rounding to the right, we enter quiet water once more, and finally pass out into the basin where, at the landing, carriages are taken to convey us back to the hotel.

It is well to have passed through Au Sable Chasm once in a life time. Such scenes make man realize the puny creature that he is, for—in the somewhat stalwart language of Will Carleton:

"—To appreciate Heaven well
It is good for a man to have some fifteen minutes of Hell."

25.—Three miles north of the landing at Port Kent, is the sandy mouth of the Ausable River which is supposed to have suggested its name, Ausable meaning "a river of sand." A wooded depression in the ground above shows the course of the river. Across from this is the widest uninterrupted portion of the lake, being here a little more

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than ten miles in width. Measuring down into Mallett's bay brings the distance to about 13 miles.

26. VALCOUR ISLAND is about six miles north of Port Kent, the steamer passing between it and the main land on the west. Here, Oct. 11, 1776, occurred the first naval engagement of the Revolution, between the British, commanded by Captain Thomas Pringle, and the Americans under Benedict Arnold. The British plan was to send a fleet from the north to capture Ticonderoga and clear the way for a junction with the army of the south, that should come by way of the Hudson. Early in the spring they began the construction of ships at St. Johns, and the last of September the fleet-consisting of a three-masted vessel carrying eighteen guns, and two schooners with thirteen guns each, with smaller vessels, twenty-nine vessels in all, mounting eighty-nine guns, manned by picked seamen and practiced gunners-moved south to the attack. When it became known that preparations of this nature were in progress at St. Johns, Arnold was commissioned to, construct vessels to oppose them. Massing all possible help and material at Skenesborough (now Whitehall), he set about the work with tremendous energy, and in August put afloat a number of flat-bottomed sailing craft and row galleys, carrying altogether 84 guns and 152 swivel-guns. The largest of these vessels was the "Royal Savage," a two-masted schooner carrying fourteen guns. With this force Arnold sailed north, going as far as Windmill Point, then returning, took up a position in the narrow channel between Valcour Island and the main land.

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a brilliant commander—his fall was like that of Lucifer.

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Valcour Island was the spot selected for "a communal home, based on the principles of social science," where the "Dawn Valcour Community" dawned on the astonished world of 1874, grew into a mighty power (on paper), with "Col." John Wilcox to furnish the intellectual, and "Uncle" Owen Shipnian the temporal home; where congenial spirits were invited to commingle in promiscuity, but all too soon were on the ragged edge of individuality, while the musical auctioneer warbled over the odds and ends that remained to satisfy outside demands. In the words of one of its leading members, the thing "busted;" and the "Dawn" was merged into twilight, to furnish another lesson on the practicability of free love.

27. HOTEL CHAMPLAIN, the superb, is seen on the bold headland that puts out from the west shore just north of Valcour Island. It does not come upon you suddenly, as a revelation. You have seen it over the lake for miles back on your course, before the steamer had touched at Burlington, perhaps, or from the car window as the reeling train swung around Trembleau Mountain nearly ten miles away, and at intervals ever since as the road wound in and out along the shore. Now, as you approach, its magnificent proportions come out in grand relief against the sky.

"Commanding" is not misapplied here. The hotel stands on a height that breaks away abruptly

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At a moderate elevation it commands in an unbroken circuit a panorama that for picturesque variety and beauty is equaled perhaps nowhere in the country. Having no near mountain heights to dwarf its own strong setting, it looks out from its own native wilderness over land and water diversified and changeful. It is restful, rather than overpowering with great heights and dismal depths. Right and left runs the valley with its checker-board of field and woodland; its network of roads; its quaint farm buildings gathered here and there in little knots that form hamlets and prosperous villages, and beyond, hills rising into the ranges of the Adirondacks that stretch across, pointed at intervals with the grander mountain peaks. Toward the southeast a splendid road winds through the trees to the dock where busy life attends as the steamers come and go. East a broad swathe has been cut out through the green trees down to the water's edge, where gleam the beach of "The Singing Sands" circling in a broad belt toward the south, between the restless water and the thick growing cedars.



Towards the north are perpendicular cliffs that attain quite a height — the bluffs which undoubtedly gave to the point its name. They are cleft asunder at one place and made memorable by the tradition of the White Squaw and the Bloody Hand that left its marks on the walls, and later as the place where smugglers successfully landed their stores free from suspicion because of its seeming inaccessibility, to those who were not in the secret.

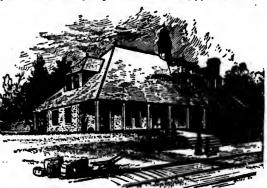
Valcour island lies like a garden below, bordered with its varying belt of shrubbery. Beyond stretches the broad lake, dotted here and there with islands to the shoies of Vermont, the Green Mountains beyond rising into the heights of Carnel's Hump and Mount Mansfield. North and east are Grand Isle and the Great Back Bay; at the north Cumberland Head, the sweeping circle of Plattsburgh Bay where occurred that splendid naval battle of 1814—the last, as the battle of Valcour was the first, with the mother country—and nearer, the little island where sleep the dead of that eventful day.

Within the hotel is found everything that appertains to a — oh, much, an ill-used term — first-class house. Every modern appliance tending to the comfort of guests will be found here. Its management will undoubtedly be all which time and experience has shown to be the most acceptable to the travelled public, for O. D. Seavey, of the Ponce de Leon, St. Augustine, Florida, is at its head.

Excursions may be made by steamboat from this point south to Ticonderoga or north among the islands and on to the fishing grounds of the Lake. A fleet of boats, ranging from the light Whitehall skiff

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to the dainty little steam yacht, are here for charter. Drives are many and varied, and equipages here to suit all occasions. The distance from New York is 308 miles; fare \$8.05. To montreal, 77 miles: fare



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\$2.71. Quick and convenient train service will be maintained throughout the season north and south. Trains on the Chateaugay Railroad leave in the morning, arriving at Saranac Lake and the various hotels leached by the Chateaugay Railroad in time for dinner.

CRAB ISLAND, some distance north of Valcour, is the burial place of the common sailors and marines who fell in the battle of Plattsburgh. North of this, and projecting well out across the lake, is Cumberland Head, from which the shore recedes toward the north and west, then comes back in a wide sweep, embracing the waters of Cumberland Bay.

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PLATTSBURGH is on the west shore of this bay, a thriving village of 8,000 inhabitants. It is of considerable commercial importance, being on the direct line between New York and Montreal, 311 miles from the former and 74 from the latter. It is the northern terminus of the Au Sable (Branch) Railroad, and from it the Chateaugay Railroad penetrates the mountains toward the west. Plattsburgh is thoroughly cosmopolitan, with an opinion to offer

on every question of the day, exerting no mean influence through its wide-awake newspapers, the Daily Telegram, and the Sentinel and Republican—the latter instituted in 1811, and, notwithstanding its age, one of the most reliable and ably conducted democratic weeklies in the state.

The first settler in this region was Count Charles de Fredenburgh, a captain in the English army, The warrant conveying the land to him bore date June 11, 1769.

The property reverting to the state after the Revolution, was granted, in 1784, to Zephaniah Platt and others, and incorporated into the town of Plattsburgh, April 4, 1785. A company was then organized which, in June of the same year, erected a mill at Fredenburgh Falls. The estimate of expense contained among other items, the following: "For bread, \$65; for rum \$80." They used a great deal of bread in those days.

In the year 1800 Plattsburgh was the county seat, its territory extended from Lake George on the south to Canada and the St. Lawrence River on the north and west. The village then possessed a population of less than 300, and within the county limits were owned at this time 58 slaves.

THE FOUQUET HOUSE is at the depot, and affords a convenient stopping place for parties arriving late

or desiring to take an early train out.

THE WITHERILL HOUSE is near the post-office. It is elegant in its appointments, its pictures and decorations displaying a high degree of artistic taste.

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but has renewed its youth, and is in splendid condition under its new management. Rates, \$2.50 per day. Charles F. Beck, late of the Florida House, St. Augustine, Florida, and of Hotel Champlain, Rouse's Point, is proprietor. A free bus runs to trains and boats, and ample time is given for breakfast here between the arrival of morning train from the south and departure of train for the interior.

There is also an excellent restaurant in the depot, under railroad management, where a good lunch can be had at a moderate price, or a really superior and well ordered meal during the twenty or more minutes given for that purpose between the arrival and departure of trains on the main line.

THE CHATEAUGAY RAILROAD extends from Plattsburgh to Saranac Lake, a distance of 73 miles

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The first section was built by the State to reach Clinton Prison, at Dannemora, 17 miles from Plattsburgh. In 1880, it was extended to Lyon Mountain, 17 miles further; but the

influx of Adirondack tourists was increased, and the road that climbed an altitude of 2,000 feet, to Lyon Mountain, must go farther into the wilderness. So it was extended to Loon Lake. In 1888, 19 miles more were added, bringing it to Saranac Lake, distributing its passengers by various stage routes that

branch from it to a score or more of summer hotels. By it tourists reach Chazy, Chateaugay, Loon, Rainbow, St. Regis, and Upper and Lower Saranac Lakes, Ray Brook, Lake Placid, Mirror Lake, Cascade Lakes and Adirondack Lodge. A Wagner sleeping car leaves Grand Central station, New York, daily, the year round, for Plattsburgh, where passengers are given time for breakfast, before leaving for the interior. During the pleasure season, passengers can leave Grand Central Station at 7:30 P. M., connecting with trains leaving Plattsburgh 7:30 A. M., and reach the various resorts in time for dinner. Passengers can leave New York at 6 P. M., by Hudson River night boats and by the Adirondack special from Albany or Troy, reaching Plattsburgh at 12:20 and Saranac Lake 4:30 P. M., the following day. Sleeping and drawing-room car accommodations can be secured in advance at any of the stations. Drawing-room cars are run on all trains. A Sunday train each way will run during July and August connecting with sleeper for New York.

30. CUMBERLAND HEAD is three miles from Plattsburgh. Near it occurred the naval battle of 1814. Continuing northward the west shore is low but picturesque in its irregular line of deep bays and projecting points, but of little interest historically except for the old fort that once stood on Point au Fer, built, according to the best authorities, in 1774, then comes Rouse's Point.

31. ROUSES POINT, according to the United States Coast Survey, is about 107 miles north of Whitehall, although the deviation from the direct line made by the steamboat in reaching the various landings, increases the distance a number of miles.

It is a place of considerable commercial interest, and the most important port of entry on the frontier. Five railroads centre here, viz: The D. & H., leading to New York, the O. & L. C., to Ogdensburg and the Thousand Islands, the Grand Trunk to Montreal, the Portland & Ogdensburg to the White Mountains, and the Central Vermont to Boston and the southeast. There is a very good hotel at the station and another—Hotel Windsor—on the lake shore a half mile south of the village.

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THE ISLANDS of Lake Champlain lie principally in its northern and broader parts. The larger ones are North and South Hero and Isle La Motte, which, with others of less note, and with Alburgh Tongue—extending from the north centrally eleven miles south of the Dominion line—constitute Grand Isle county belonging to the State of Vermont. Concerning this section, that enthusiastic sportsman, Dr. George F. Bixby, editor of the Plattsburgh Republican says:

"Here are islands which now appear in their original beauty as when Champlain first saw them, the abode of eagles, so secluded are they. Here is better fishing, all the year round, than any other body of water in Northern New York can boast of; big, hungry fish, voracious pike, huge black bass, as well as the muscallonge—that nearly extinct fish—the noblest and gamiest that swims, ready for the

fisherman at all seasons. In their season, water fowl abound—enormous black ducks and wild geese, with smaller game in abundance, while its facility of access from the Hudson and St. Lawrence for all kinds of craft; hospitality of inhabitants, pure air; pure water; delightful scenery, eligible camping grounds and abundant bases of supplies, all offer irresistible attraction to those unable to endure the fatigue incident to a lodge in the vast wilderness, or that other class who are 'constitutionally tired.'"

In proof of the Doctor's faith in his own medicine is "Eagle Reef Lodge" on the North Sister, where lucky friend or luckless castaway may, alike, feel cer-

tain of a hearty welcome.

SOUTH HERO, the largest of the islands, is twelve miles long and fills about one-third of the width of the lake. It is reached from the west by steamer, to Gordon's and Adams' Landings on the west and on the Vermont side by Sand Bar Bridge. Hotels and farm houses furnish accommodation at from \$7.00 a week upward.

GORDON'S LANDING is owned by D. I. Center. About 18 guests are provided for in the large stone house here, Post Office, Pearl, Vt. Entertainment can be had in the southerly portion of the island as follows: (Post Office address, South Hero, Vt.) "Iodine Spring House," Capt. Warren Corbin, proprietor, on Keeler's Bay. Capacity about 50. Rates, \$2 per day; \$7 to \$10 per week. Open all the year. Distance 3½ miles from Gordon's Landing. "Island House," C. S. Keeler, proprietor. P. O., South Hero. Capacity 20. Rates, \$2 per day; \$8 to \$10 per week; four miles from Gordon's, fare \$1. "Locust Grove," H. Kibbe, proprietor.

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Capacity about 30; to Gordon's six miles. "Martin Brothers" are near Locust Grove, with accommodations for about a dozen.

Eagle Camp on Rockwell's Bay is the summer place of Prof. George W. Perry, State Geologist, of Rutland, Vt., who brings a class of his boys here annually for summer outing.

ADAMS' LANDING. Adams House will provide for about 20 guests at \$2 per day; \$8 to \$10 per week. Open June to October. Edwin Adams, proprietor. P. O. address, Adams, Vt.

LADD'S LANDING is at the northern extremity of the island. Alfred Ladd will provide for 15 guests; Mrs. Julia Childs for 12. P. O., Grand Isle, Vt.

NORTH HERO extends northerly from South Hero, to which it is connected at Ladd's, by a swing bridge. The post office is North Hero, on the east side of the island about four miles from its south end. Steamer lands regularly through the summer. Boarding houses are as follows: Mrs. C. E. Darrow, on Hubbard's Bay 11/2 miles north of Bow and Arrow Point; Mrs. H. W. Allen at the hamlet of North Hero; \$1.25 per day, \$6 per week. Open June 1st to October, with capacity for about 30; Nicholas Hale near by with accommodations for ten or a dozen; Mrs. Ruth McBride on the east shore, three miles north of the steamboat landing, will take care of 12, at about \$6 per week. Open june to September; J. N. Parker will provide for 12 a half mile further north, at \$1 per day, \$6 per week. 25 cents per meal. Capacity 6 to 10. Open June 1st to October.

ISLE LAMOTTE is 9 miles north of Cumberland Head. It is 5½ miles long by about 1½ wide.

About its southern extremity are valuable black marble quarries. On its west shore, midway, is the site of a fort, built in 1812, and near its north end the ruins of Fort St. Anne, built in 1866. The post office, located centrally, is Isle LaMotte, Vt. Communication with the New York shore is had by ferry to Chazy Landing and to Alburgh Tongue by bridge at the north end.

The Island House is here, midway of the island, where the road runs to the four points of the compass. Capacity 15. Rates, \$1.50 per day; \$7.00 to \$12 per week. Open all the year. H. H. Hill, proprietor. Stage from Alburgh Station, 6 miles, 50 cents. Summer boarders are also taken at the houses of E. S. Fleury and N. W. Fisk, on the west side, and Cyrus Holbrook, N. G. Hill and M. Phelps, on the east side, in the southerly part of the island. At the northern part, on the west, doors are thrown open by D. T. Trombly, M. Carron, Wm. H. Yale and Wm. F. Hill, the last at the light-house, while the east side, north, is represented by the houses of C. G. & E. S. Holcomb and W. D. Osborn—all of which address at Isle LaMotte, Vt.

ALBURGH SPRINGS is near the east shore of Alburgh Tongue, a mile north of Alburgh Station, seven miles east of Rouse's Point. Its sulphur and lithia springs attract visitors who bathe in, and drink the victers. Hotels are the Alburgh Springs House and the Mansion House. Rates, \$2.50 to \$3 per day.

THE GREAT BACK BAY is a revelation. It might remain undiscovered for years by the voyager through from north or south if not especially sought for. It is revealed in its broad beauty and

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entirety only from the hills that compass it about on the east. Glance at the map and you will note that it forms by considerable the larger body of the lake at its north end. It is entered through the narrow passage between North and South Hero Islands or through the long, slim passage at the north. Away at the south it stretches, cut across, finally by Sand-Bar Bridge; at the north the open water is dotted with numerous small islands; east, St. Albans Bay enters deep into the main land, flanked and guarded by outstretching points and islands. This is noted fishing water and its shores favorite camping grounds. Some of these camps are for hire and some go only by favor.

CAMP WATSON is one of the last. It is an ideal summer camp on an extensive scale, where Hiram Atkins, Editor-in-chief of the "Argus and Patriot" of Montpelier, Vt., entertains his friends in royal American style. It consists of a large central cottage containing the dining-room, library and four sleeping rooms used in the cool early and late days of the season; flanked during July and August by a long line of tents that suggests soldier life in earnest. At this time two cooks and three or four table girls and four boatmen are required to keep matters moving. Fifty people are often in camp, and such is the power of the Atkins eye that they usually retire at 10 o'clock evenings, and from that time until 6:30 of the morning refrain from any excess of noise or boisterous conduct, and attend regular Episcopal services on the Sabbath, the last, however, inforced by a penalty too horrible for the average camper, with the average camper's appetite-and thirst-to contemplate for a moment. Camp Wat-

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Camps along this shore to let are owned respectively by Zeb. Everest, Aldis Martin and Charles Rich. Summer boarders are taken by W. B. Halbert, George Youngers and A. Lazelle and Rocky Point Hotel, on St. Albans Point. Address at St. Albans Bay.

ST. ALBANS is a characteristic Yankee town, having a more cosmopolitan air, however, than most New England villages, due largely to the fact that the large construction and repair shops of the Central Vermont R. R. are located here. The lower part of the town, in the vicinity of the railway station, is level; but the land soon rises, and the principal business street, with the pleasantest part of the town, is built upon a gently sloping hill overlooking Lake Champlain, 21/2 miles distant. A spacious park emphasizes the focal part of the town. It is spangled with pathways leading beneath fine elms almost as dense and stately as those of the storied aisles of classic New Haven. The Welden is the chief hotel of the town. Rates not given. J. C. Finch, proprietor.

Aldis Hill, an elevation near the town commands the ranges of the Adirondacks and Green Mountains, and a wide stretch of Lake Champlain. The ride to Bellevue, a winding hillside road, leading to the top of a neighboring eminence, gives one of the most extensive views in the State.

SAMSON'S LAKE VIEW HOUSE is on the lake shore three miles north of St. Albans Point. P. O., Lake View House, Vt., H. L. Samson, proprietor. Capacity of house 50. Rates, \$2 per day; \$10 to \$12 per week.

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HOTEL CHAMPLAIN, of the east, is at the north end of the "Great Back Bay" locally known as Maquam, the western terminus of the St. J. & L. C. R. R. Close connections are made at Swanton with trains for Boston and New York. Excellent fishing is found here, yielding small mouthed black bass, pickerel, pike and muscallonge. Fishing boats, experienced guides and all necessaries for sport can be had here during the fishing season. Pleasant drives lead back into the country and south along the lake shore. This is the original "Hotel Champlain" and not to be confounded with its new neighbor on the west shore. Rates, \$2.50 per day; \$9 to \$14 per week. Open June 1st. C. F. Smith, proprietor. P. O., Maquam, Vt. Telegraph office in the house.

Continuing northward around Hog Island (made an island by the united waters of Maquam and Charcoal Creeks) the spreading delta of the Missisquoi River is found where the "Swanton Gun Club" go regularly into camp. From this point is seen the noble expanse of Missisquoi Bay, 4 miles wide and extending down into the dominion of Canada an equal distance.

HIGHGATE SPRINGS is on the shore of the bay, backward southeast from the Delta. It is 14 miles north of St. Albans and about two miles south of the Canada line. The Franklin House and cottages standing here furnish excellent accommodations for 150 guests. Judson L. Scott, proprietor. Board \$2.50 to \$3.00 per day; \$10.00 to \$20.00 per week. Open from June 1st to October. Post and telegraph offices in the house. The attractions are duck-hunting

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and fishing. The place is attractive, the fare and accommodations excellent, and the mineral water—ah, that water! it should be tasted to be appreciated. It has been analyzed and the man survived! Anyway, the spring houses look nice in a picture.

MISSISQUOI PARK is a few rods north of the station on the shore of Missisquoi Bay. Nature has been lavish of her favors here. The grounds are broken into delightful forms, shaded by far spreading butternuts, elms-graceful as weeping willowsand cedars, twisted and sliaggy. Velvety sward and richly colored rocks and ledges, cropping out, complete the victure, and the Central Vermont railroad has enhanced its beauties by making its enjoyment possible. It has encouraged Nature by building cozy seats through Lovers' Lane, and opening up secluded walks under the trees. It has built swings for two, of the kind worked by its occupants, with no one to interfere, and it has furnished the timehonored, inevitable dancing pavilion and nickledrawing refreshment rooms. On the whole, the place is delightful, and is appreciated by the immense excursions that come from the north, south and east to enjoy its favors.

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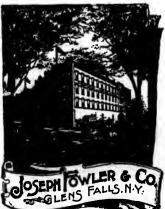
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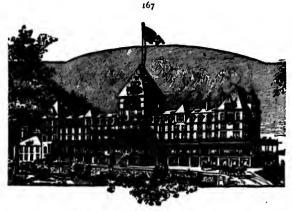
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