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DO YOU KNOW MOUNT DESERT ISLAND AND ITS FOUR «HARBORS»?
In 1867, Mr. Elias Rich of Bernard, near Southwest Harbor, lay breathing his last. A devout believer in the Hereafter, he was grieved that his family did not entirely share his faith. “When I am gone I shall return again to you” were his last words.

A simple marble stone was erected, inscriptions on the front but absolutely nothing on the rear. One day a neighbor came wild-eyed into the village. While visiting the cemetery he had noticed the monument to Elias Rich. There, on the back, was a face in profile and surmounting it a crown.

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In the following pages we present glimpses of the interesting and unusual and try to bring close to you the almost indescribable charm of the island. It would be difficult to find another spot with so many varied interests. Only a few are presented here, for want of space, but if you like these samples—come and see for yourself. If you come once you will return. One never grows tired of Mount Desert Island.
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GEOLGICALLY SPEAKING

It is thought that at one time this old earth of ours was a red-hot sphere. As it cooled and shrunk, its skin, which had grown hard through contact with the air, was left several sizes too large for the core. This would never do. So Nature, on whom we blame so many things, made the skin fit tightly by wrinkling it up in spots. These wrinkles are what we know as mountains and valleys. Then appeared the oceans—either as condensed steam from the earth’s core, or in some related fashion—and took their places in the deepest of these valleys. But the wrinkling process was not quite completed. The land rose and fell—several times perhaps. We know that the sea at one time covered a large portion of the State of Maine. In proof of this, whale bones have been found on the site of the Union Station at Bangor and others at St. Albans. And on Mount Desert Island an ancient mussel-bed may be seen on the farm of Mr. Byron Robbins, which lies four miles from salt water.

At a comparatively recent time, also, the land was much higher in relation to the sea than it is now. It has been found from soundings made by the U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey that the mountains and valleys of the land extend many miles under the sea. Their contour is still sharp and abrupt, proving that they were submerged quite recently. Otherwise the irresistible wave action would have rounded off the mountains and filled the valleys with sediment. A fine relief map of the sea floor in the vicinity of Mt. Desert Island, well illustrates this point and may be seen in the Abbe Museum in Acadia National Park. The latest movement of land was a slow progressive sinking which ended, according to Professor Douglas Johnson, only a few thousand years ago.

It is quite probable that some unknown nation at one time existed in this Northeastern region and perhaps the remains of their cities even now lie under The Gulf of Maine.
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OUR FIRST KNOWLEDGE OF MOUNT DESERT ISLAND

In 1604, Henry the Fourth of France commissioned his loyal friend, Pierre Du Guast, Sieur de Monts, to possess and settle North America between the 40th and 46th degrees of latitude. The first colony was soon after planted at Saint Croix on the river of that name. Samuel de Champlain was pilot of this expedition and on Sept. 5, 1604, set out on a coastwise voyage of discovery. Let us quote from his journal:

"The same day we passed near to an island some four or five leagues long, in the neighborhood of which we just escaped being lost on a rock that was just awash and which made a hole in the bottom of our boat. From this island to the mainland on the north the distance is not more than a hundred paces. The island is high and notched in places so that from the sea it gives the appearance of a range of seven or eight mountains. The summits are all bare and rocky. The slopes are covered with pines, firs and birches I named it Isle des Monts Desert".

This then, is the earliest mention we find of Mount Desert Island. When the curtain next rolls back it is the year 1613. The ship "Jonas", bound for the Penobscot River with another group of French settlers had been caught in the grasp of a great storm. When it cleared away and Mount Desert appeared in the distance, the settlers landed but with no intention of staying. The native Indians, however, with great cunning made it known that their Sagamore was dying and wished to be baptized. Father Biard, a Jesuit, was in the company and since no priest could withstand an appeal of this sort he accompanied the Indians to their village, only to find their Sagamore in perfect health. The Indians had practiced this ruse in order to point out a place at which they wished the colony to settle. And they were successful, for the French stayed and called their little village "Saint Sauveur".

Unfortunately for Saint Sauveur King James of England also claimed this part of North America. Some few weeks after the French had landed, the British ship "Treasurer" under Captain Samuel Argall was cruising nearby. Hearing from Indians that Frenchmen had settled on Mt Desert, Captain Argall, who bore a commission commanding him to expel all interlopers from the territory of King James, set full sail and sped to the scene.

The infant colony was taken unawares. After the first British volley all was confusion. No resistance was made save by a young priest, Father du Thet, who set off the ship's cannon. This effort was unproductive, however, since, in the excitement he neglected to point the cannon at the enemy. The French were taken prisoners, their colony razed, and thus ended the first white settlement on Mount Desert Island.
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Mount Desert has been a very much coveted Island.
It was granted in 1688 by King Louis XIV to Antoine de La Mothe Cadillac, who later became the founder of the City of Detroit and Governor of Louisiana.
In 1762 the Massachusetts General Court granted one-half the Island to Sir Francis Bernard, Royal Governor of Massachusetts.
Following the Revolutionary War one-half of the Island was re-granted to the Governor's heir, John Bernard, by the General Court in 1785.
In 1786 one-half of the Island was granted to Madame de Gregoire, grand-daughter of Cadillac, who presented letters of recommendation from LaFayette.
Individual parts of Mount Desert were sold by M. de Gregoire and John Bernard.

THE KING'S ENGLISH

The early French and English explorers and adventurers, used to an active life and unversed in spelling and languages, encountered some difficulty when they laid aside the sword and took up the pen.

Cadillac in his “Memoire” alludes to the following places:

Cambrigge                        Cambridge
Martinvigners                    Martha’s Vineyard
Rodeillant                       Rhode Island
Mananthe                         Manhattan
Majais                           Machias

In Dr. Street’s “Mount Desert” we find mention of a Scotchman, Captain Alexander Glen, who was called by the French “Le Capitan Cendre.” This was the French way of saying “Captain Sandy.”

SIEUR De MONTs SPRING

Not so long ago barefoot boys made their way through swampy meadows to the spring which gushed up from nowhere. They no doubt enjoyed the water thoroughly but it was no place for little girls with freshly starched dresses.

With the beautifying movement the waste-land was converted into an attractive park and the spring covered with a pillared canopy. “Les Eaux Douces de L’Acadie” are now protected by glass and fine screen between the pillars which keeps the sediment from the water but does not screen from view the clear bubbling water known as Sieur de Monts spring.

The spring has a flow of 62 gallons a minute and its overflow is piped to a small pool where trout lazily accept the admiring glances from the hundreds of visitors. Lest anyone picture them too vividly on a dinner plate, it may be opportune to warn that their diet is liver and their mission in life to purify the water.

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A trail leads from the Sieur de Monts Spring to the top of the former Dry Mountain, now Flying Squadron and thus named as a memorial to the aviators who lost their lives during the World War. This is a refreshing walk of about two hours marked with cairns, piles of stones along the open rocks and ledges, and by rustic arrows or pointers in the woods.

THE LAFAYETTE NATIONAL PARK MUSEUM OF THE STONE AGE PERIOD

This museum, though located in what is now Acadia National Park, still bears its former name, doubtless through some vaguary of Congressional procedure. It was erected through the generosity of Dr. Robert Abbe (the first to use radium surgery in America) and friends.

What does it contain? To the casual eye there seems to be nothing but a series of glass cases filled with oddly shaped stones and on the walls a few relief maps of the coast of Maine and Mt. Desert Island. But let us ask Mr. Walter Brown Smith, the Curator, if there is anything interesting here. He seems faintly amused at our question and leads us to a case in which are several platters full of reddish dust. "Perhaps four thousand years ago," he says, "there lived a people in this region about whom we know nothing except some of their burial customs. This red ochre dust here is a sample of large quantities discovered in various parts of Maine imbedded in the earth along with these spear-points, arrow-heads, plummet, chisels, gouges and so forth. From traces of bone dust also discovered we believe these deposits of red ochre and implements were cemeteries. Where did these people come from? We do not know, but here are several spear-points of translucent quartzite, which, as far as we know is native only in Labrador and then only in small quantities. Where did they go? We can only guess. They probably lived further east on land which is now the ocean floor. They may have been destroyed by tidal wave or earthquake. We only know that they were very ancient and entirely distinct from American Indians. We call them the Red Paint People because of the red ochre found in their cemeteries which is a pigment used in making red paint."

Every article in this museum has a history. A very interesting relic, though not of the Stone Age, is a bronze dirk found deeply buried on the edge of a Red Paint cemetery near Howland, Maine. With deep nicks on its blade and signs of hammering on its handle, who could not conjure a picture of its owner parrying cutlasses and swords and even wedging open the strongbox of an olden treasure ship! Several efforts have been made to identify this dirk. On its handle it bears a grinning head with mouth partly open and tongue protruding. Lion's feet form the hand-guard. It has been said that this is a representation of the Egyptian god Bes,
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but this has not been substantiated. Was it lost by some daring Viking, or is it a later relic of Columbus, Champlain or Captain Kidd?

Many enjoyable hours could be spent in the Abbe Museum. Besides the Red Paint People relics are remains of the later Abenaki Indians who inhabited this region at the time of its discovery by the French. There is also a small library which includes 100 volumes of "The Jesuit Relations and Allied Documents," which are the reports of the early Jesuit missionaries to their General. From these reports most of the first history and appearance of our land has become known.

Yes, the Abbe Museum is interesting. In proof of this let us consult statistics. In 1934 over 24,000 people visited here in a period of three months. Sundays are busiest, having an average of 1000 visitors.

MT. CADILLAC OR GREEN MOUNTAIN

When Champlain first sighted the mountains he called them wild, untamed, and so they remained for several hundred years. As the island became populated it was divided into estates and it is then that we find Green Mountain part of an estate owned by Mr Brewer. A rough road led to the summit on which he built a coast survey house. Visitors climbing the steep ascent stayed overnight and descended the following day. As business prospered, Mr. Brewer built a carriage road to facilitate the climb, and thus ruined his business, for the visitors, no longer wearied, returned on the same day.

A new hotel was built in 1888 and a system of transportation organized whereby visitors were met near the present Newport House and carried to the shores of Eagle Lake in "barges". Ferries carried them across the lake to a cog railroad similar to that on Mt. Washington, which brought them to the summit. This was too elaborate a scheme to warrant permanence—the deserted hotel was left to decay and the railroad to fall into ruin.

In 1909 Mr. Geo. B. Dorr with the aid of Mr. John S. Kennedy secured for the trustees of public reservations the top of Green Mountain which was restored to its original bareness. Rotted ties and bolts driven into the rocks may still be seen, the only remains of the railroad.

In 1926 the Mountain and other tracts of land were made part of the Sieur de Monts National Monument, and in 1919, by an act of Congress, LaFayette National Park. This was changed to Acadia National Park, being part of the section immortalized by Longfellow, and the mountain changed to Cadillac Mountain.

A five mile stretch of road given by John D. Rockefeller, Jr., was completed in 1929 leading to the Cadillac Mountain Summit Road, built by the Federal Government at an approximate expenditure of $350,000. The road is twenty-two feet wide and is a marvel of engineering skill, enabling motor cars to make the ascent in high gear at low speeds.

The view from the summit, includes on a clear day, Mt. Katahdin, 110
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The thundering power and majesty of Elgar's Pomp and Circumstances surges within us.

The sweet, pure notes float on into obscurity. Lily Pons has finished the Bell Song.

Lincoln's Gettysburg Address is done; the silent throngs too moved to speak.

On the summit of Mount Cadillac words are useless. Power—majesty—loftiness—flight—simplicity—, all grope for expression but mingle in speechless ecstasy.

The mist is driven by, now unveiling, now revealing—each successive scene surpassing the former. Patches of woodland and meadow in shade of greens; the vari-colored village of Bar Harbor; wooded islands and vagueness beyond; mist and obscurity once more.

To those who have visited Mt. Cadillac these few words may bring memories—to those who have never had the experience they may bring desire.

The area of Mount Desert is approximately 100 square miles about one-sixth of which lies within the park boundaries.

There are found on Mount Desert Island many wild animals among which are Virginia white-tailed deer, beaver, red-fox, muskrat, raccoon, skunk, wood-chuck, grey squirrel mink, and hare. Hunting is prohibited but fishing permitted with a license.

At Isleford, on Little Cranberry Island, the discriminating and patient energy of Professor William Otis Sawtelle has established a Museum of the island history which is unique and invaluable. Here are collected books, maps, pictures, furniture, and memorabilia of all kinds illustrating every phase and aspect of the story of Mount Desert Island.

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Bar Harbor was the first summer colony on the island to receive widespread development. In the latter part of the last century the large hotel flourished almost exclusively. Gradually the transient guests, realizing the ideal advantages of the location, erected permanent summer homes and the strictly hotel phase of its history gave way to the balance and variety of the present. Now, Bar Harbor boasts many fine estates and accommodations of every type, for the seasonal or transient visitor. Nine American plan hotels, the largest of which is the Malvern, with 200 rooms, offer accommodations from $2 to $15 per day. Rooms in fifteen European plan cottages are available from $1 to $5 per day. Convenient cottages and tourist cabins are to be had within easy reach of the center of Bar Harbor. There is a fine Y.W.C.A. and Y.M.C.A.

The business section of Bar Harbor presents a kaleidoscopic view of Boylston Street, Fifth Avenue, Paris and "Main Street," including stores with varied and excellent specialized stocks.

Reliable train and bus service makes good connections possible and, when more speedy commutation is desired, the new Bar Harbor Airport, located at Trenton, and serving the entire island, offers daily passenger, as well as air mail and express service, connecting to all points.

A recently completed park on the waterfront, with adjacent parking spaces affords a fine view of the harbor with a survey of the yachts and visiting men-o'-war.

Bar Harbor, rendezvous of statesmen, socially-elite and tourists, welcomes all.

THE BUILDING OF ARTS

Gracing the rolling hills, stands the Building of Arts, of pure Grecian architecture with its massive Corinthian columns and friezes of idling muses. Seated in the terraced amphitheatre in the rear, during the progress of "Birds", by Aristophanes, it is not difficult to wander to Olympus.

But this is stoic New England and the nearest Olympus is Cadillac. It is all an interlude in which the building and its surroundings serve as a medium to revive the ancient Arts. The foreign building of long ago seems a far call from modern New England surroundings and fittingly so, for it is a sharp contrast to turn from the thousand petty cares of business to the soul nourishing realms of music or poetry as interpreted by world famous masters. There have come to this hall, Fritz Kreisler, Harold Bauer, Gabrilovitch, Ernest Schelling, Olga Samroff, Adamowski, The Ben Greet Players, Rosharana, with her Indian dances, Amy Lowell, Enrique Ros,
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The Building of Arts, planned by Guy Lowell of Boston, at that time one of the country's greatest architects, was completed in 1907. The building opened with Emma Eames, Maine's own great singer, as the soloist, with Gorgoza whom she later married, also on the program.

It is no wonder that Bar Harbor is considered a Utopia when the pleasures of the winter may be enjoyed with those of the summer and all in a lovely setting.

THE MOUNT DESERT PLAYHOUSE
AND THE STUDIO OF ACTING

The Mount Desert Playhouse is an unusual and very active organization which has attracted nation-wide interest.

For eight years Mr. Leighton Rollins has been directing drama in Maine, five with the Surry Playhouse and four with the Mount Desert Playhouse, which he founded. Each summer the Mount Desert Playhouse produces four plays representing Greek, Restoration Period, Shakespearian and Modern Drama. The cast of fifty actors, including students in the Studio of Acting, is brilliant with names prominent behind the footlights. Among these are Harry Green, who played with Roland Young, Edith Barrett, Shakespearian actress, Philip Tonge, who played with The Lunts, Byron McGrath, who had a leading part in "Within the Gates," and Josephine Hull, who played with George M. Cohan in "Seven Keys to Baldpate".

Among those active in the organization are Tom Kelley, photographer for "Town and Country," and "Spur", Arthur Sircom, who directed "Sailor Beware" and "Birds" and A. Lehman Engel, composer of music for "Within The Gates."

In 1935, the Players produced a modern version of Aristophanes' ironical, political satire "Birds", Congreve's witty comedy, "The Way of the World" and scheduled for August Shakespeare's "Much Ado About Nothing", with Edith Barrett and Margaret Anglin in "Fresh Fields", a comedy by Ivor Novello. The plays are presented at the Casino at Bar Harbor.

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During the early 80’s there dwelt in the outskirts of Bar Harbor a personage known as Sol. Of a kindly and easy-going nature, he was generally well liked by his neighbors. Although a recent comer to the vicinity he was rapidly becoming a power in the town.

It was winter. A storm had come sweeping in from the sea with all the ferocity and bleakness of a real New England Nor-easter. Snow and sleet were piled high on Mount Desert. It was a night to stay indoors.

In the dead of night an alarm went ringing from house to house. Sol had disappeared at the stroke of midnight and in the teeth of the gale. Searching parties quickly banded, and armed with lanterns, found huge footsteps leading from his home. With anxious eyes the searching party followed as best they could in the drifted snow. The prints were deep as if a load were being carried. They led to the top of a cliff which has ever since been called Sol’s Cliff. Here the tracks ended. Where did Sol go?

Arthur Train, author of “Tut & Mo. Tutt” occupies the estate known as “Sol’s Cliff” near the cliff mentioned above.

THE MOUNT DESERT ISLAND HOSPITAL

In the summer home of Mr. Edward Coles on Mount Desert Island there prevailed that hush that comes only when critical illness lays its cruel hand upon a home. A hospital was needed but the nearest was miles away. Then and there was born the germ that became the Mount Desert Island Hospital.

Through the efforts of Mr. Coles and sympathizers a building was bought and equipped and the foundation laid for the splendid organization of today. Now the hospital has 36 beds and a staff of 16 physicians and surgeons, two laboratory technicians and 13 graduate nurses. Its operating rooms are unsurpassed in the entire State of Maine. A well-known authority on X-Ray recently commented on the exceptional clearness of the Hospital’s X-Ray negatives, stating that they were the finest he had ever seen.

Although located in a very popular summer resort section it is interesting to note that the hospital’s busiest month of 1934 was January. During the last ten years the number of cases the Hospital has cared for has increased more than 50%, showing that its field of service is ever-widening.

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“Station AJQ—late news flash —16 men, crew of the trawler Mary Jane of this port, were rescued from death by Mission Boat Sunbeam late this afternoon. The Mary Jane was in a sinking condition.”

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MOUNT DESERT ISLAND BIOLOGICAL LABORATORY

Situated on the left as one enters the island at Salisbury Cove stands an unpretentious yellow house, the dining room of the Biological Laboratory. By following the next dirt road on the left, one is brought to the centre of activity in the camp and finds four rough buildings—a general lab, a reference library, and a dark room for special photography.

Since its organization thirty-seven years ago the Mount Desert Island Laboratory (formerly the Harpswell Laboratory) has been open regularly to investigators providing research and instructional facilities for over six hundred persons.

Around the island and along the shores a great variety of conditions are found, each one especially adapted to certain marine species—rocky, surf-beaten shores, muddy coves, gravelly beaches, extensive tidal pools, shallow, quiet bays, deep sounds, cold water more than six hundred feet deep within twenty miles of the coast, brackish streams and bays. Each region is the home of characteristic forms not found south of Cape Cod or north of southern Newfoundland. The Laboratory has the advantage of being near the wild life sanctuary in Acadia National Park which secures for all time a permanent and singularly rich area for biological study.

To the initiated the work in the lab may be described as the study of the normal and abnormal function of the kidney, anatomy, marine plants, general physiology of invertebrates, and protozoa, the blood and its circulation, cancerous growth, and general cytology, pharmacology, distribution and morphology of lichens and rotifers and many other studies. To the uninitiated the lab is a kind of museum with fish and other marine life in aquariums, barnacles being experimented upon with mysterious apparatus, seal ogling visitors from their play-yard, and dog-fish swimming in closed tanks.

Among many other valuable achievements, experimentation here has led to the discovery of important facts concerning the function of the kidneys, Such fundamental facts are prerequisite to correct and proper treatment of abnormal kidney function.

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Yes, the lab is a worthy and interesting organization. You are invited to visit it on Wednesday afternoons.

THE SHORE CLUB

The Shore Club, situated on the harbor, is one of the leading centers of social life in Bar Harbor, where hotel guests, other summer residents and prominent year round residents gather for informal sociability as well as dances bridge parties, teas and other functions. It was established by six of the leading hotels to provide club life and a general meeting place for their guests and others, invited by members to participate in its privileges. It operates also as a shore station for visiting yachtsmen and officers of naval vessels. The building is a landmark on the harbor front. It was built by summer residents for club purposes and was originally known as the Mt. Desert Reading Room. Later it was occupied by the Bar Harbor Yacht Club. Distinguished men of many countries have been guests there. Once it was even a temporary White House, when Grover Cleveland and his Cabinet occupied it for a week. Taft and Theodore Roosevelt also have been honored guests, as well as an impressive succession of American and British admirals and diplomats.

One of the finest views on Mount Desert is to be had from the club's broad verandas, where meals and refreshments are served. The club overlooks the yacht and ship anchorage and Frenchman's Bay.

INSTITUTIONS OF BAR HARBOR

The Jesup Memorial Library is an educational center that offers many opportunities for self improvement and recreation, containing more that 13,000 volumes and many periodicals. It was dedicated in 1911 in memory of Morris Ketchum Jesup. Art exhibitions are held each year in the Print Room.

The Kebo Valley Golf Club, situated on the Mountain Road, is naturally located on some of the most naturally ideal golf ground in America. It is an eighteen-hole course and has been used by many persons of note, among whom may be mentioned Bobby Jones and John D. Rockefeller, Sr.

The Jackson Memorial Laboratory, established in Bar Harbor in memory of the late R. B. Jackson of Detroit, is a much needed institute for the study of cancer. It is in direct charge of Dr. Clarence C. Little, former president of the University of Maine. Thousands of mice are used yearly as specimens in an effort to find the cause and cure for this wide-spread disease.
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Important though its work and significant its findings, the laboratory itself is but one small outpost in the world war against cancer. But it takes on unusual added weight because its director, Dr. Clarence C. Little, formerly president of the University of Maine and of the University of Michigan, and now a resident of Bar Harbor, is also managing director of the influential and active American Society for the Control of Cancer, main offices in New York, whose strategy is largely determined in this sylvan retreat of science. Facts determined here are fitted into and correlated with the findings of countless other laboratories and lone workers in the greatest crusade that medicine, with its many supporting sciences, has undertaken.

THE BAR HARBOR CLUB

The Bar Harbor Club was organized in 1903 as The Swimming Club, and as such it continued until 1929 when Mr. A. Atwater Kent, Mr. E. T. Stotesbury and Mr Potter Palmer reorganized the Club under its present name. Land was added and with funds raised by subscription, the new and modern building on West Street was erected. A swimming pool of the most advanced design was constructed and the original seven tennis courts were increased to nine and improved—all at a cost of $360,000. It also has excellent dining room facilities and a large and beautiful ballroom. The social hour is from 11 to 1 daily.

It is operated on a club basis, being open to members and otherwise by invitation only. It has become the recreational and social center of the summer colony and is one of the clubs named most frequently in society columns of the metropolitan dailies. The board of Governors is:

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With every facility for summer enjoyment, including sports of all kinds, delightful drives, impressive views, palatial and modest hotels, and a gay and colorful social life, the town of Mount Desert stands unchallenged. Brightly illuminated in the limelight of distinction we see Sargent Drive, along the shores of Somes Sound, Jordan Pond, Northeast Harbor Fleet, The Ocean Swimming Pool at Northeast Harbor, The Harbor Club at Seal Harbor, the Gatehouse, entrance to Acadia National Park, Asticou Terraces, and the magnificent estates of world renowned figures. The Mt. Desert water supply, which is unusually refreshing, is annually tested to be pure.

Miss Lorraine Des Isles, 17-year-old author of three plays produced in Miami and Northeast Harbor and a resident of the latter, tells in her own words what she thinks of her town: "No more wondrous combination of lakes, ponds, mountains, woods and salt water could be found. It seems that the Creator was especially generous with His gifts when he made Northeast Harbor, which is and always will be, one of the most beautiful places in the world."

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THE NORTHEAST HARBOR FLEET

Northeast Harbor has the distinction of having the largest fleet of yachts in America east of Marblehead. With 119 yachts of every class, almost 175 members, and race events, treasure hunts and cruises scheduled for every day during the summer season, one wonders if it could not also lay claim to being the most active fleet in the country. It was organized in 1923 and has for its burgee a red pointed field, upon which is placed a compass in blue pointing northeast. The interior of the compass is white, the whole providing a very attractive emblem.

THE SUNDAY EVENING CLUB

Another striking and unusual feature of Northeast Harbor is “The Sunday Evening Club”, whose meetings in the local theatre bring in many who really take more interest in things of the spirit than they know themselves, but to whom a church stands as something “not in their line.” Hymns are sung, a prominent speaker talks on an interesting subject, excellent music is enjoyed, and a general feeling of good-will spreads about. The club is no longer an experiment, having existed for sixteen years.

MOUNT DESERT CHAPTER, AMERICAN RED CROSS

The Mount Desert Public Health Service, one of the smallest independent chapters in the country, was organized in 1921 with Dr. Edward K. Dunham as president. The purpose is threefold; to care for the sick, to prevent disease, and to promote health through educational activities. Everyone is acquainted with the work of the Red Cross during war, flood and emergency but let us turn our attention to Mary Smith, of Mt. Desert and better understand its work in a peaceful community.

Even before her birth Mary’s mother is guided by the Red Cross nurse and at her birth she is registered at the chapter house in Northeast Harbor. Mrs. Smith attends clinics where she learns of diets and hygienic care of the child and as soon as possible Mary is vaccinated and guided in corrective work so that when she enters school she is physically fit. After the yearly examination, the teachers make attractive posters—usually of animals—and the first child to have dental work completed may choose one of these (it is considered a great honor to win a pig). Throughout the school year follow drives for tonsils and adenoids where necessary, glasses where required, and for general cleanliness. If Mary has missed the Sunday School Christmas Tree she is invited to the Red Cross party or if she is ill she is visited by the nurse. As she becomes older Mary attends
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THE MOUNT DESERT LARGER PARISH

The Mount Desert Larger Parish will celebrate its tenth birthday next fall. Its purpose in organization was to keep active those churches on the island which could no longer independently support themselves and afford pastoral service the year-round.

The parish includes seven churches, Otter Creek Congregational, Seal Harbor Congregational, Town Hill Federated, Northeast Harbor Federated, Northeast Harbor Union, Salisbury Cove-Eden Baptist, and Somesville Meeting House Society.

Through the services of Mr. Melvin H. Harter, Miss Eunice B. Shaw and a summer theological student, these churches are given leadership in worship, religious education, and church social life in return for what they are able to contribute.

THE NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE

Built through the generosity of summer residents, the Northeast Harbor Neighborhood House provides a very suitable gathering place for many social functions. It has facilities for dancing, theatricals, and other amusements. For over 10 years the summer residents have produced a Vaudeville, the proceeds of which have been given toward the upkeep of the building.

SOME ATTRACTIONS

In the Town of Mount Desert are located some of the most ideal opportunities for enjoyment on the Island. At Seal Harbor is situated a novel sea-water swimming pool. Here, in purified and sun-heated water, children as well as grown-ups may know all the pleasures of indoor bathing at the same time obtaining the benefits of the out-of-doors. Here also are found the famous courts where tennis fans may find enjoyment.

Somesville, the first permanent settlement on Mount Desert Island, is a Mecca for those desiring absolute quiet and peace amidst the beauty of Acadia. At the head of Somes Sound, it commands a wide view of the mountains and provides one of the most sheltered harbors for small-craft on the island.

Northeast Harbor, among its varied attractions includes a system of hiking paths second to none on the island. These were started in the '90's by a Mrs. Cabot who left a small sum of money with a friend and expressed the wish that it should be used to benefit the island. Since that time many beautiful trails have been marked and now provide a never-ending source of enjoyment. Northeast Harbor also possesses a superb 18-hole golf course, an excellent system of bridle paths, and a series of fine tennis courts.
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For many years the summer home of Mr. Joseph H. Curtis, famous landscape architect, Thuya Lodge and Asticou Terraces were given at his death to Northeast Harbor, under a trustee fund.

Within the rough lodge one sees the family — first, of excellent taste, the approach to the Lodge symbolizing naturalness with just enough cultivation, the home, cultivation with just enough naturalness. Next we see that they were lovers of art, as shown by the Rembrandt and Corot reproductions, the furniture of other periods, and Indian rugs from Arizona. Then we find Mrs. Curtis a lover of music, betrayed by a tapestry of a scene in Faust and a group of pictures of composers found in her room. We know too that they were great lovers of literature, shown by the fine collection of books, among which is “Life of Campestris Ulm”, by Mr. Curtis. And last, we see them of sentimental attachments, as shown in a rug made from the uniforms of Federal soldiers in Company F of the 44th regiment, and Mr. Curtis’ discharge from the army after the Civil War, which is kept in a secret drawer of his writing cabinet.
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Because of the exquisite texture of Somes Sound granite it has been used in the construction of many well-known buildings, a few of which are: The Bank of Commerce in St. Louis, The Court house at Omaha, the piers and approaches to the Manhattan Bridge, the lower section of the Custom House at Philadelphia, the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, including the famous Lions which guard the entrance, and last but surely not least, the interior of the Cathedral of St. John The Divine, at Morningside Heights, N. Y.

At the present time these quarries, which number over a dozen, are not in operation. From 1880 to 1900 nearly 800 men were regularly employed here. Now the towering derricks stand like lonely sentinels above the bulky wealth which lies below.

SOUTHWEST HARBOR

Southwest Harbor—named by Champlain in 1604—was the first summer resort on Mt. Desert Island. It has kept intact the charm and simplicity of the country village, so desirable to those who have become weary of the cares of business and the noise and hubbub of the city.

Although a quaint and quiet town, it has all facilities for the enjoyment of its visitors. There are five excellent hotels at prices to suit every purse, modern and well-equipped garages, restaurants and unique tearooms serving very palatable foods, gift shops with individual and pleasing stocks, and three grocery markets of the most modern type. Excellent medical, dental, drug, and nursing service is a feature of which the town is proud.

Churches of all denominations are located conveniently and extend a hearty welcome to all visitors. The village library, containing 8000 volumes, provides books of fiction and non-fiction as well as a complete assortment of the leading magazines.

Many interesting spots are within easy distance of Southwest Harbor. The Jesuit Spring at Fernald Point—the site of the first settlement on the Island—is unusual. Here a fresh water spring has its outlet under the ocean and may only be seen at low tide. At Ship Harbor near which a vessel was wrecked in 1740, many old English coins have been found. And, of course, Acadia National Park with all of its absorbing interests, is close at hand.

Sports of all kinds are available, including fresh and salt-water swimming, tennis, golf, fishing and sailing.

There are many fine sites available for summer cottages. Would you prefer yours overlooking the glorious Sound, the mighty ocean at Seawall, or would you like it near fresh water? For information on any subject consult an officer of The Southwest Harbor Chamber of Commerce.
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From the misty realms of the past comes a tragic story of shipwreck near Southwest Harbor. The Ship Grand Design—three hundred tons—loaded with passengers from the north of Ireland was driven out of its course by a furious southerly gale and struck on Long Ledge at the entrance to the Western Way. Passengers and crew escaped in boats, landing in what is now called Ship Harbor.

But Mount Desert Island was at that time uninhabited and the shipwrecked company was nearly without food. A party of young men was dispatched to bring aid, but was never heard of again. For long, weary months the suffering castaways existed, some of them dying from exposure and starvation.

Finally a group of Indians came to the island and found the survivors. Word was carried by them to Warren, Maine, where a vessel was immediately sent to succor the ill-fated travelers.

There are many legends concerning Ship Harbor. When the thundering waves dash themselves against the jagged, unyielding rocks of the ledge; when the sky is leaden-gray and a gale comes shrieking in—that's the time to listen to these legends.

ESTATES

The most interesting of the summer residences to the tourist are those occupied by persons of national prominence, which may be found principally in Bar Harbor and Seal Harbor. As one enters Bar Harbor one passes through Hull’s Cove, where the principal home of interest is that owned by the late Jane Addams of Chicago. Passing along the bluff one comes to the entrance of the estate of Dave Hennen Morris, ambassador to Belgium, followed closely by the two houses of A. Atwater Kent of Philadelphia. The most elaborate house on the island is that of E. T. Stotesbury of Philadelphia, banker, located to the south of the Kent holdings.

On the hill to the right of the road is Mizzentop, summer home of Henry M. Morgenthau, New York banker and father of the Secretary of the Treasury. One entrance to this estate is marked by stone dragons on Eden street.

Walter Damrosch occupies the estate of his late father-in-law, James G. Blaine, on the same ridge as Mizzentop.

Beyond Bar Harbor, continuing on the Ocean Drive route, one finds the gates of Kenarden Lodge, present residence of Mrs. John T. Dorrance, Philadelphia. A view of this estate, formerly held by the late John S. Kennedy of New York, may be had as one finishes a walk around the famous Shore Path.

Two miles further is the entrance to Chatwold, estate of the late Joseph Pulitzer, famous publisher, now occupied by his son, Joseph Pulitzer of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

A sign also can be noted marking the entrance to Hare Forest, estate of Potter Palmer of Chicago.

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owner of Sand Beach, which she opens to the public for bathing and picnicking except for Sundays during August.

Seal Harbor is noted as the location of the estates of John D. Rockefeller, Jr., and Edsel Ford. These are set amid extensive land holdings. Mr. Rockefeller's estate, The Eyrie, is on a high hill overlooking the harbor. It may be seen from the main road between Seal Harbor and Northeast Harbor. A distant view of both estates can be had from Manset and Seawall.

When not in the Antarctic Rear Admiral Richard E. Byrd spends much of the summer on Mt. Desert. He customarily occupies an extensive camp on Latty's Cove, West Tremont, which is not visible from the road.

Most of the estates are to be little seen from the road, but an excellent view of nearly all can be obtained from the water. Party boats are available.

A MARTIAL INTERLUDE

It was a peaceful, sunny afternoon in August, 1814. Captain Benjamin Spurling sat at ease, whittling out a sailboat for his little grandson. Only the lazy cries of sea-gulls circling overhead disturbed the serenity of Cranberry Island.

Then another sound caused the Captain to look up. The creak of cordage meant a ship. As yet no vessel could be seen, but there, looming up above Sutton's Island, were three slender masts from the highest of which floated the Union Jack.

Now, Captain Spurling was a ship-owner and had two vessels laid up in Norwood's Cove, near Southwest Harbor. Since it was the practice of the British during the War of 1812 to burn all shipping that might be used against them, the Captain had disguised their presence by removing the masts and putting green tree-tops in their place. It was soon evident, however, that sharp eyes aboard the ship-of-war Tenedos had penetrated the camouflage and were bent on destruction. Seeing this, the brave Captain rowed to the Tenedos and tried cajolery, blustery—even bribery, but to no avail. He was taken prisoner for use as a hostage.

Meanwhile the alarm had spread. All night long indignant men came hurrying to Norwood's Cove, armed with muskets, blunderbusses, rifles and what-not, until a company of seventy or so had gathered. As the sky grew gray in the east, a barge loaded with soldiers was seen setting out toward the beached vessels. The battle began—the British firing muskets and a swivel cannon which was mounted on the barge—the defenders firing from behind rocks and trees. It was a short but decisive combat—the British retired with seven dead leaving the Americans victorious with no casualties.

Two cannon-balls picked up after this skirmish are in the proud possession of certain Southwest Harbor residents.

The rising sun first lights the top of Mt. Cadillac, the highest eastern peak of our country's coast. Groups which gathered on the summit for the Easter Sunrise Service have the distinction of being the first in the nation to greet Easter.
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