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## Geographical Sketch of Mt. Desert.

At the first meeting of a literary society, of which I am a member, a description of the island of Mt. Desert was read and talked about. I thought it might be good practice for me to write upon the subject and see how much I could remember.

The name is familiar to everyone, as it is a favorite summer resort. The island is fourteen miles long and eight miles wide, with bold, rocky shores and various indentations. There are a few mountains, and between these nestle small lakes. This peculiar feature I think I shall always remember. It seems very strange that mountains should be found so near the ocean, and especially on an island, but I suppose there are many strange things yet to be revealed to me.

These mountains form boundary lines between the three townships, which are Tremont, Mt. Desert and Eden. The last one is visited the most. It is situated on one of the harbors of the island, and, as I should think, from the description,

which says there are no trees here and very few  
houses, there would be very little to make the  
place attractive. Perhaps the scenery from the  
island, together with fishing and such sports,  
makes up for the dreariness of the village.

One of the points of interest is cliffs call-  
ed 'The Corns', along the coast. These cliffs rise  
perpendicularly from the water, and are covered  
with turf on the top. The Corns are cylindrical  
in the solid rock, some by the tide. Some are  
small, but one or two are large enough to hold  
about thirty persons. The rocks are principally  
of a pinkish appearance, but often times they  
look as if polished in various delicate colors.  
These certainly must be very interesting and  
worth seeing.

On the same side of the island is another  
wonderful work of nature. The cliff or projection has  
acquired the peculiar name of 'Schooner Head'. I  
believe it was named from the fact that at  
a short distance from the island, the rock  
looked so if it were a small schooner.

Though this cliff and extending down into  
water is an opening. At high tide the water  
rushes into this opening, but in a storm,  
there is such a force that the water is hurled  
up above the opening. I believe about one  
hundred feet. A name has been given to this  
feature also, 'Spouting Stone' and it is very rare

to imagine its application.

Turning to the interior of the island, we find other interesting places. In a valley between the mountains is what is known as "Thunder Cave". Here the rocks form a cove where the water, rushing in and beating against the rocks, reminded some one probably of thunder. Hence the name of the rocks.

Close to the cave in the underbrush, is a tall stone, that looks like a monument. At the base are projections, resembling steps, and the top is slightly pointed. The people call this the natural steeple.

One of the characteristics of Mt. Desert is the frequent fogs. Sometimes for several days, all views of scenery will be cut off to the thick mist. This is most frequent in July and August. By the sudden appearance and disappearance of the fog the scenery are constantly varied.

This island, which was discovered and named by the Larch, is, from its description, full of places of interest. It is not very often that such varied landscapes can be found in such a small space of country. One can almost, at the same time, be at the seaside and in the country. I do not wonder that



the island has so many visitors in the  
summer months, and I hope that some-  
time I may be classed among them.

Very well done.

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