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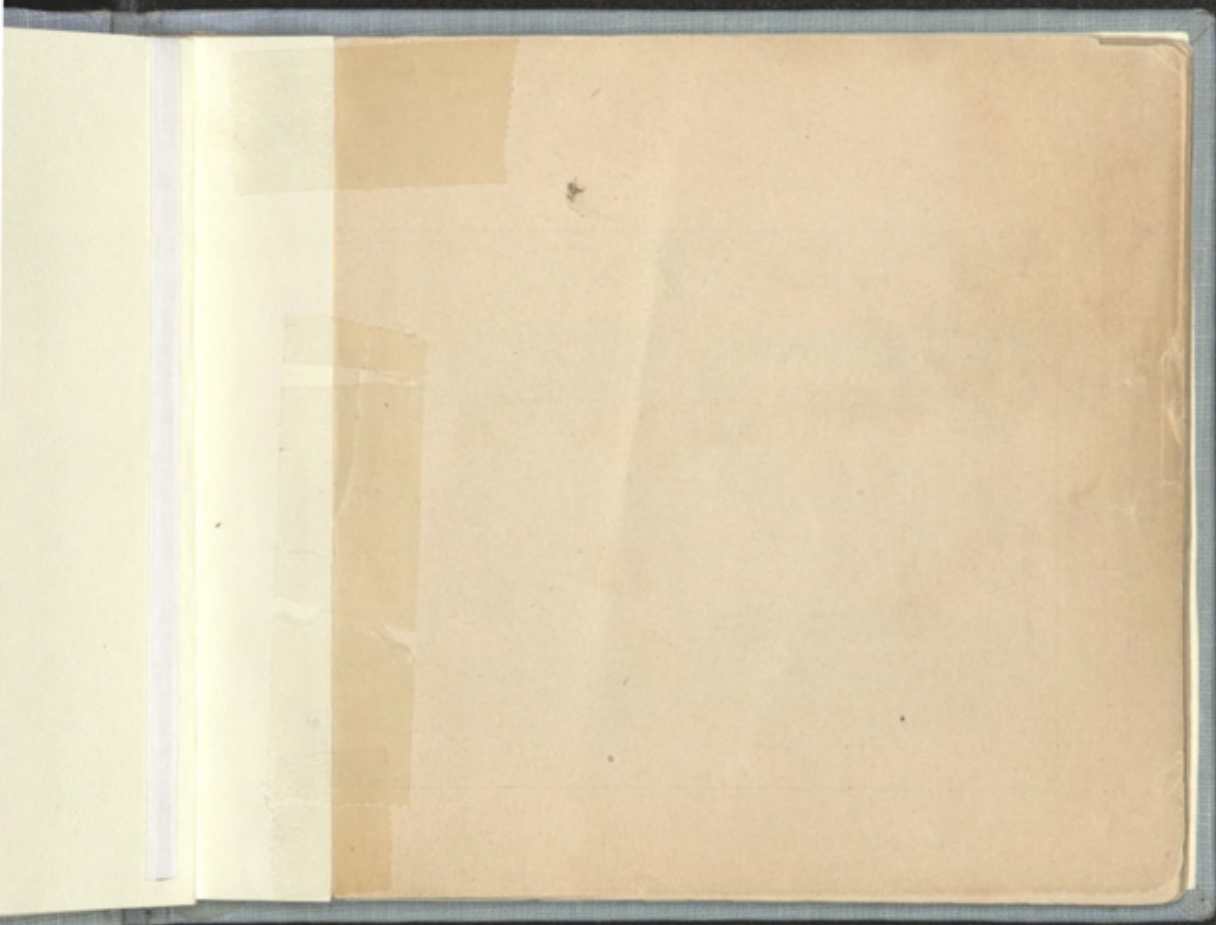


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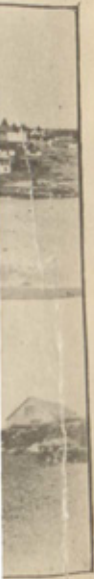
View of Lowell's Cove.
Smugglers' Cove.

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Historical Sketch
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With Landscape Descriptions.
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ORR'S ISLAND, MAINE.

INTRODUCTION.

THE object of this little book is to advertise and to bring more distinctly before the traveling public Orr's Island as a summer resort; to give to that class of persons a better idea of the locality, its natural advantages and possibilities; the high lands and open access to the ocean, the cool sea breezes, the facilities for boating, fishing and excursions; its excellent connection with Portland by the Harpswell steamboat line four times a day from June to September; its exclusion from the rush and whirl of great watering places; the home comforts to be secured by people of moderate means; these are some of the things which we wish to present to all who need rest and exclusion from the wear and tear of life to enjoy the cool sea breezes, to recuperate and enjoy the beautiful works of nature which has been lavished in the landscape and the ocean scenes around Orr's Island. The Bay scenery, the Islands, the rocks and ledges and breaking shoals; the ever changing variety of natural scenery; the ocean mild and passive, the storm king in his wrath, the billows mountains high, the foam-crested wave bursting upon the rock bound shore, tossing the angry surf

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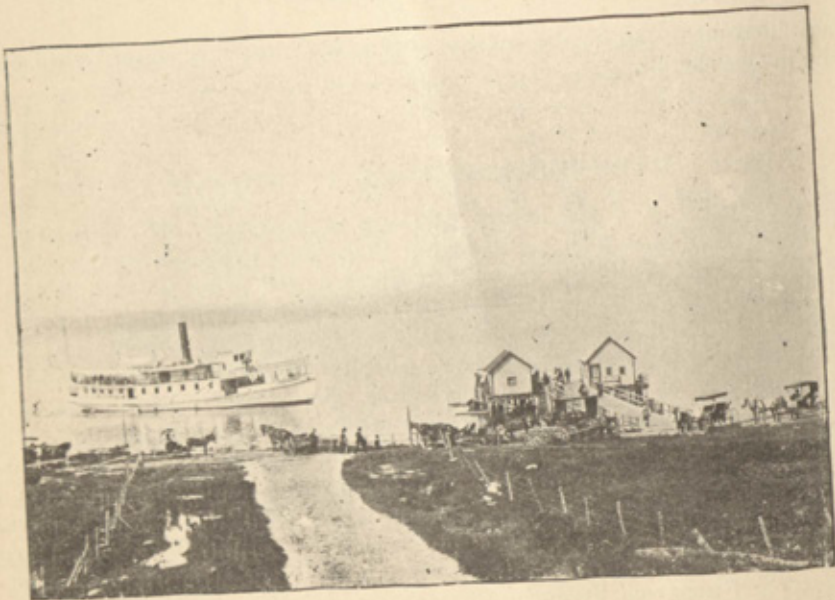
upon the greensward beyond. The steamers out on the ocean, the coaster breasting the blast with double reefed sails; angry waters breaking over the hidden shoals, then to change until the bay is as smooth as an inland lake and the hundred of little islands stand out radiant in beauty and repose. We shall give the reader a historical outline of the first settlers and such matter as our limited space will permit of. We shall give a list of the local inhabitants, the business of each individual, so as to make as nearly as possible a directory to be used in the future by persons abroad, who may turn to this little book and find the address of any person with whom they may wish to correspond. The cottage settlements may as well be located on this page as elsewhere. They stand mostly along the eastern side and southern end of the island, starting at Will's gut they range along the eastern side of Lowell's cove to the head of it, most of them being between the gut and Lowell's cove. There also is a new colony on the eastern side of Lowell's cove on the land that formerly belonged to the Gilliam estate. These are nice cottages, the best on the Island. In both of these localities the land is high and commands an extensive view. Will's gut is the name of a narrow body of water which separates the northern end of Bailey's Island from the southern end of Orr's Island. The reader will please remember that in our sketch of Orr's Island we give the names of the heads of families. This is to establish the

line of descent down to the present day. We have not room to do otherwise in this sketch.

HARPSWELL STEAMBOAT COMPANY.

TRAVELERS to Orr's Island arriving in Portland, Me., can take the electric cars or a hack to Portland Pier, from there the steamers of the Harpswell steamboat line leave four times a day from the middle of June till the last of September. The route is twenty miles long and passes through the most picturesque scenery of Casco Bay, touching at Long Island and Hope Island, then passes across the bay to Cliff Island. Its next stopping place is Chebeague, where there are three landings. From here it crosses Broad Sound to Potts' Point or South Harpswell, which means one and the same landing. To the southwest the boat passes through Potts' Gut, so called, after which she rounds to and heads for Bailey's Island, where there are two stopping places. Her next course is north, along the western shore of this island to Orr's Island. She runs alongside of the landing in about two hours out of Portland, when on time. The Harpswell Steamboat company is one of the most enterprising as well as most reliable on the coast of Maine and has done more to adver-

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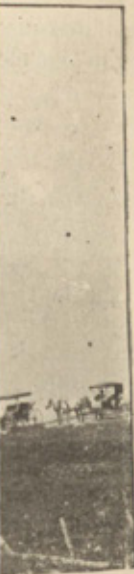


Steamer Aucocisco of the Harpswell Line approaching the wharf at Orr's Island
Photo by Davis & Son.

tise Casco Bay summer resorts than any other source. Their beginning was small; the first boat, the Gordon, a small affair, went on the route about 1885 and soon outlived her usefulness and the Merriconeag, a larger boat, was built to take her place. The business of the company increased and a smaller one, the Chebeague, was built. She did not fill the bill and was sold and a larger one was built. She was named the Sebascodegan. She was some bigger than the Merriconeag. The company having a chance to sell the latter, sold her to an eastern company. At that time she was the fastest boat in Casco Bay. The Sebascodegan however, could outdo her. The company then built the Aucocisco. This one exceeded all others both in beauty and speed. She was of a little different model than the Sebascodegan. These two boats last built are the ones now on the route, the neatest and cleanest boats running out of Portland, well officered and manned with men who must be gentlemen to be retained by the managers of the Harpswell Company.

THE ORR FAMILY.

THERE is some confusion as to who was the first purchaser of Little Sebascodegan or Orr's Island. History says that in 1743 Richard Jaqueth purchased one hundred acres on Orr's Island. Tradition says that



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a man by the name of Fitzgerald was the first man who settled on the Island. In 1742 Joseph and Clement Orr bought one hundred and ninety-one acres of land in the northern part of Harpswell neck on which they lived. This was previous to their buying Orr's Island. What disposition Jaqueth made of his property is not known but history records that Orr's Island was owned in 1748 by Elisha Cook of Boston and William Tailer of Dorchester, Mass. For in that year their heirs sold a part of the Island to Joseph Orr. In the purchase of the Island Mr. Orr failed to get the signature of one of Tailer's daughters, Mrs. Mathew Biles, consequently a part of the Island known as Biles' was set off for her share. After the purchase Joseph Orr with his brother Clement and his sons moved to Little Sebascodegan Island, which took the name of Orr, from that date. The Orrs came from Ireland in company with the Skolfields early in the seventeenth century. The family consisted of three brothers, Joseph, Clement and John. They first landed in Boston and came to Harpswell in 1742. Joseph and Clement and his children came to Orr's Island in 1748. John settled at Mare Point. Joseph Orr married Mrs. William Wver. He had one daughter, Mary, born in 1761, who married Col. William Stanwood, and another born in 1763 married John Reed of Topsham. Clement Orr had a son Clement, Jr., born June 27, 1752, died Oct. 9th, 1813. His children were Richard, John, Lettice and Mary. John Orr married Susan

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The Pearl House Boarding House.

Mrs. John Osborn, Prop., Orr's Island.

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Skolfield. They had no children. There has been a tendency for some to mix up the two John Orrs, but it must be remembered that John the brother of Joseph did not come to the Island but bought a farm at Mere Point and that the John Orr of Orr's Island was the son of Clement Orr, Jr. To sum the matter up as far as we are able, we must conclude that the Orrs now natives of the Island must be the descendants of the original Clement through Clement's son. The sons of Clement were Clement second, William, Richard, John and David. Richard the first was the father of Dunning Orr who was the father of Hiram, Frank, and Richard 2d. The last mentioned brothers lived at Orr's Island Oct. 22, 1898. The sons of William were Charles, Joseph, James, Alfred and Henry. Charles who still lives on the old Clement Orr place is a lineal descendant of Clement. The first, Charles has three sons living, William, Edward and Henry. David had one son, Isaac, who lived in Portland in 1898.

THE NATURAL LAY OF THE LAND.

ORR'S Island is situated in Eastern Casco Bay, eighteen miles from Portland and is one of the Harpswell islands. It is bounded on the north and east by Great Island and the eastern bay which lies between the town

of Phippsburg and Harpswell, on the south by Lowell's cove and Bailey's Island, on the west by North Harpswell, Harpswell Centre, West Harpswell and South Harpswell and separated by Harpswell sound, a body of water about a mile wide. The community is divided into two villages; one at the steamboat landing, the other at the head of Lowell's Cove. The beauty of the natural lay of the land is enhanced by its green groves and grand ocean views. There are two churches on the Island, Free Baptist and Methodist; and two school houses, one for primary school, the other is the grammar school department. The local inhabitants number about 440. The chief business is fishing, although some farming is done in the northern sections.

THE SKOLFIELD HOUSE.

THE house that has been called the "Pearl house" by visitors is over 100 years old. Its first owner that we can find any account of was Simeon Orr, by some reported to be a direct descendant of Clement, the second of the name. Somewhere about 1812 Ralph Johnson bought it of Orr for \$800. He had eight years to pay for it in. The last owner, Clement Skolfield, who died about 1885, married Mr. Johnson's daughter, Lydia, and took the old couple to support during their natural lives. His widow and

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The Mascot House, Oak Lake, Wis.

her sister, Miss Charity Johnson, lived on the old place until the spring of 1887 when they both died within a few hours of each other. Both of these old ladies were beloved and respected by the whole community. One thing we wish to record as a memorial of this venerable couple was that they had always expressed a wish to die together and it seems as though their wish was granted. People who speak of them say that no person ever bought anything of them but they received rounded measure; a quart of milk measured a quart and then an extra amount was thrown in to make sure.

It is said of this house that in its earlier days there was no chimney in it but that the smoke escaped through a great square hole in the roof. In the center of the floor was a great hearth of stone with a curb of the same material around it. Here in the winters of one hundred years ago the young folks used to gather and dance around the old hearth while the old folks sat and ate apples and drank cider, occasionally taking a whirl with their happy children.

MEMORIES.

When memory calls us back again to childhood's happy days
 And from our dimming eyes once more the veil is drawn aside,
 We see those dear companions of our youth and sigh to live life o'er with them again;
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Souvenir Store.
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ELIJAH KELLOGG'S ELM ISLAND.

A view east of Orr's Island reveals Elm Island made famous by a series of stories written by Elder Kellogg. This little Island of about three acres of land does not seem like the island home described in Kellogg's narratives; Lion Ben, the Boy Farmers, the Young Shipbuilder, the Ark, Charley Bell and others must have had narrow quarters. These stories would lead the reader to think that some part of the island had washed away and the Elder's populous island home had sunk, like the famous cities of some Grecian tale, beneath the cruel enchanter's hand, and it only wants the hero to rescue by breaking the unholy spell, and the imagination to see beneath the waters the Old Ark and the ruins of the cities of Kellogg's creation. The old gentleman must have been quite a dreamer in his day and no doubt but his stories had a good moral effect.

THE SYLVESTERS.

THE Sylvesters of Orr's Island are descended from Richard Sylvester who lived at Weymouth in 1633, afterwards at Scituate. His great grandson William was born in Hanover, Mass., in 1704. He moved to Harpswell in May 1762 and landed on the 31st of that month. He lived on the place now occupied by Rev. Elijah Kellogg, and had eleven children, name-

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THE WILSON FAMILY.

THE Wilson family was among the first settlers on Orr's Island. The father of John and David who are the ancestors of all the Wilsons on Orr's Island was a David Wilson who moved to the island from St. Georges about 1780 and squatted in a little valley to the south of Biles'. It was once a part of the land set aside for Rev. Matthew Biles' wife at the time Joseph Orr purchased the rest of the island. Wilson gained possession under the old law of twenty years quiet holdings. He had three sons; one was lost at sea, the other two were John and David, who settled on Orr's Island. After the old gentleman's death the place was divided; John living in the old house and David built the one afterwards occupied by Robert,

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his son. The sons of John were Alvin Bradbury Eldridge, Henry, John and Lemuel and a daughter Emeline, who married Edmund Coffin, all residents of Orr's Island. The son of David who settled at Orr's Island was Robert, who died in 1897. He had three sons, David, George and Elmer, and one daughter. They also live on the island.

THE STEVENS FAMILY.

THE descendants of the Orr family are quite numerous on the Island. William Stevens, Sr., came to Orr's Island about 1844 and married one of the Orr girls. The descent from this branch were George, Oliver, Charles and Mary. George has five children and Oliver has two sons and two daughters. Charles at last accounts was unmarried and does not live on the Island at present. The father of William was named Wm. H. Stevens. This is the name his son George gives. Mr. Stevens was a carpenter, and there are many samples of his work here on the Island. He died in 1894. His daughter Mary married a man by the name of Lovell and lives in Portland. She has a summer house on the Island.

THE GREEN FAMILY.

THE father of this family settled here about the first of 1800. His name was Henry and he lived in what is known as Boothbay before he came here. His sons who live on Orr's Island are John, Charles, Elijah. He has



another son by the name of James who lives in Harpswell and a son Joseph who lives in Durham, Me., who owns a summer house on the Island.

THE SINNETTS.

MICHAEL, the original, was the father of James Sinnett. He was the father of the late George Sinnett. The Sinnetts in the first, second and third generations stood, Michael in the first, James in the second and George in the third generation.

The late Stephen Sinnett was a son of Stephen, the first of the name. Michael Sinnett was born in Ireland, and he, with other parties, was enticed away from Dublin and brought to this country about 1746 and sold for passage money. This was a common occurrence in those days. Joseph Orr paid the bill and took Sinnett to Orr's Island and after Sinnett had worked for Orr enough to square up his debt with his benefactor he married and settled at what is now Boothbay. Soon after, while his wife was away on a visit, a press gang captured him and carried him to Quebec to fight in Wolfe's army. After the fall of that army he was discharged and made his way back to Boothbay. Meanwhile his wife had returned from her visit and found her husband gone. She made her way to the Orrs at Orr's Island, remained there until he returned. When Sinnett returned to his home and found his wife gone he made his way to

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GILLIAM FAMILY.

THE oldest native of Orr's Island is Mr. William Gilliam, who, according to his own account, must be about ninety-four years old. His father emigrated from Newfoundland in 1700 and settled on Ragged Island, where William Jr. was born about 1804, just before the fight between the Enterprise and Boxer off Damas Cove. In 1813 the family moved from Ragged Island to North Yarmouth Island, where they lived at the time the fight occurred, as above described. Soon after the family moved their house to Orr's Island. A part of the original building is said to be that of James R. Coombs, remodeled and added to. The son, William, afterwards built the house now occupied by himself and daughter Hannah. The building is sixty years old. The present William Gilliam married Hannah Coombs. There was a family of fourteen children, including sons and daughters. The old man was in good health, with the exception of

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BLACK FAMILY.

THE Blacks are another old family whose ancestors settled in this vicinity. Uncle Charley, well known to all visitors, is a veteran fisherman, grown gray in the business. The head of the family probably settled in this vicinity about 1760.

The Linscotts without much doubt settled in this vicinity the first years of 1800. James was the name of the first settler of that name, and the father of James 2d by his first wife. His second wife was a Black, a sister of Charles Black before mentioned. His sons by this marriage were Moses, John, William, Charles, Isaac and Hugh. The Linscotts have always been a thrifty, well to do race. Most of them have made their mark in the fishing business on the island. There is considerable money in the family; all own their own homes, and are able, staid men. They are a numerous family.

THE COOMBS FAMILY.

THE Coombs family settled in Harpswell early in 1700. The original Coombs was said to have been a Frenchman, who first settled in Plymouth. His children were Peter, Anthony and John. Peter came to



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Brunswick in 1730 and afterwards moved to Harding's Station. His children were George, Peter, Samuel and Caleb. John Coombs settled on Great Island. From his children was descended the Harpswell Coombses. His son John was the father of William by his first wife. By his second wife were Ephraim and Sabrina. William was the father of Samuel, Joseph, Mary, Almira and Betsey, there may have been others. Samuel had a numerous family. His sons who settled in Harpswell were James R., Kingsley and Harmon. Ephraim, a son of John by the second wife, died young. Sabrina married George Doughty of Topsham. The oldest son, William H. Doughty, lives at Orr's Island. John Coombs, the second of the name, settled in Harpswell and was an officer in Washington's army and after the war lived on Gun Point and drew a pension from the government. He lived to be one hundred and three years old and died in 1845. James R. Coombs, a son of Samuel, the son of William, the son of John, the Revolutionary soldier, is one of Orr's Island's prominent citizens, and well to do.

PRINCE AND SONS, TRADERS AT ORR'S FORTY YEARS.

MR. S. C. Prince of Orrs Island was born in Brunswick, Me. He was a son of Pyrum Prince who lived at Prince's Point in that town. He moved to Orr's Island in 1859 and soon after married a daughter of

George Sinnett, direct descent of Michael the first settler. Mr. Prince has raised up a large family of children, the youngest daughter being the only one unmarried.

ORR'S ISLAND BRIDGE.

ORR'S Island's bridge was built in 1833. Samuel Orr, Ralph Johnson, David Wyer, Thomas Jack, Michael Sennett, John Conley, William Orr, Charles Black, Richard Orr, first of that name, in 1852 gave the bridge to the town. In 1857 the bridge was viciously destroyed by unknown persons, but was rebuilt soon after.

BROWN'S CORNER.

BROWN'S Corner is a collection of houses at the corner of Lovers Lane and the main street. This delightful situation is a quarter of a mile from the steamboat landing here. At the junction of the two roads is a nice grove of spruce to which summer people frequently resort to read and rest in the shade. The land is high and overlooks a vast stretch of ocean and land scenery. Charles F. Brown and family own some of the best located lots on the Island; at this point the grove is included. Just over the hill to the eastward are three cottages called the Veterans Row belonging to three veterans of the Rebellion. Just above on the hill top is,



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The Lara and Philoon Cottage at Orr's Island.
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Memorial cottage, a small French roof building owned by W. H. Doughty, another veteran. From this place can be seen the best view on Orr's Island. On the opposite side of the street is Castle cottage owned by Mr. Brown before mentioned. From the location of the last two cottages mentioned there is no spot on the southern end of the Island where a better all-round view can be obtained. The location is just far enough from the steamboat landing to be out of the noise and bustle in the summer season.

CASTLE COTTAGE.

CASTLE cottage is always overflowed with boarders. The place is run on the European plan. There are five other houses near the corner which makes a separate village of it. The post office is about five minutes walk from the spot. Just above on the right are two summer cottages, and the homestead of J. R. Coombs the truckman. Abreast of him on the other side of the street is another summer cottage. All of these places are celebrated for their central location.

SALT WORKS SHOAL.

THE salt works, so called from the fact that during the war of Independence some of the patriots used to make salt there, is on the eastern shore about half way between Sinnett's Point and David Orr's Cove. The



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Castle Cottage Boarding House, Orr's Island.

Charles F. Brown, Proprietor.

works were said to exist as early as 1702 and was used by local inhabitants of Harpswell to produce their salt. In fact it is said that the people for miles around used to make salt at this place, it being in an out of the way place free from interruption.

"BILES'."

Is a high elevation of ledges on the northern end of the Island, 300 feet above the level of the sea. Its mountain base is washed by the waters of the Gurnett, which is the name given to the strait between Great Island and Orr's Island which connects eastern Casco Bay with the Harpswell Bay. The northern end of the Gurnett is crossed by Orr's Island bridge. Over the top of Biles' runs the road which goes from Orr's Island to Brunswick. On the highest part of this rocky ridge is located the Devil's back so named by Mrs. Stowe in the Pearl of Orr's Island. It is here that Mrs. Stowe writes that Mara followed Moses and the smuggler's gang, down the Devil's back to the smugglers' cave. Through the trees Mara sees the smugglers' schooner swinging at anchor. We do not wish to antagonize any one's opinion but our reputation is to some extent at stake in the production of our sketch of Orr's Island which must hereafter be considered historical because they shall be facts. Two things then are certain—one is that the cave spoken of by Mrs. Stowe was on the north end of Orr's Is-

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land; next, that the Pearl house did face the open sea. We must conclude after reading Mrs. Stowe's book that in fixing locations that individuals have been very partial to their own interests. The spot of land called Biles' is the highest on Orr's Island and from here one sees one of the grandest views is Harpswell. The eye makes a grand research for miles. No panorama can ever portray the beauty of the vision which opens to the eye of the beholder. A large part of Casco Bay is spread out like a map before the vision. The ocean, the hundreds of islands, the bays and inlets, the capes and the promontory, the woodland green, the gray rocks, the hills and valleys, the sea spread out like a silver sheen, dotted with islands crowned with garlands of spruce sitting on their foreground of gray, with the ocean for a border shining like silver in the noon day sun, the restless waters rushing along, dashing, breaking and tossing hither and thither. At other times bursting with a roar upon the rocks as at old Neptune's behest to overturn the islands in its course. We gaze and gaze and wonder not that the Mohammedan says great is God and Mahomet is his prophet, so wonderful are all his works.

DAVID ORR'S COVE.

DAVID Orr's Cove is on the east side of the Island about half way from Lowell's Cove to Orr's Island bridge and is one of the finest locations

on Orr's Island for cottages. The land rises in two slopes from the water to the hill-top 200 feet over a smooth incline of 45 degrees, sloping to the eastward one way and to the southward the other, forming a headland seen far out to sea. The position is a sheltered one, much to be desired by parties who might wish to be retired from the bustle around the villages or cottage colonies.

BACK SHORE COLONY.

THE Back Shore Colony is on the east side of the Island, abreast of Lowell's Cove settlement, ten minutes walk from the post office and handy to the stores. The first two cottages were built on this side of the Island in 1896 by Miss DeCoursey of Philadelphia and Miss Thwing of Boston, built about the same time, Miss Thwing having commenced a little ahead. Both cottages are very nice affairs, Miss DeCoursey's being called a Queen Ann. Miss Thwing's was plastered and finished making it fit for summer or winter. The other is a sheathed cottage on the inside. Just below Mrs. Booream has built two nice cottages, the one being in old colonial style, the other a Gothic structure. These buildings have all been built since the winter of 1895. There is yet plenty of land unoccupied in this vicinity. It is owned by a company having their agent on the Island. Just below on Sinnett Point the Witherell family built a cottage in 1898.

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It is considered the best on Orr's Island; in fact, it is more of a mansion than a cottage. Harpswell does not contain another like it, either in the manner of its construction or cost. The whole number of cottages on the Island is thirty-eight, of these all but seven have been built since 1888.

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AS we are making historical sketches and not dealing in romances we must confine ourselves to facts. Was the Pearl of Orr's Island a whole cloth romance or was it based on facts? And we say we do not know. One thing is vouched for, however, by good authority; that Mrs. Stowe did not write the book on Orr's Island but after she left the Island. She secured her material here. Whether she had a model or not we cannot say and what makes the thing more perplexing is that there is some conflicting among local celebrities as to where the Pearl's home and the grotto were located. There are so many different stories told that the only way to arrive at any clear conclusion is to come to Orr's Island and take the book and after studying it seek out the positions and satisfy yourself. For instance, Mrs. Stowe says the Pearl's home was a lean-to facing the open sea. If you follow her narrative you find that her smugglers anchored their vessel near the Devil's Back. Here, too, must have been the grotto,



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although these as they are represented here on the Island are just the opposite to the plan of the story. Whether Mrs. Stowe had a misconception of what the open sea was, or whether ambitious persons, from motives of their own, have changed the locations, the reader can form his own opinion, if he will investigate the situation with Mrs. Stowe's story in hand. The Pearl of Orr's Island was written thirty-five years ago. Mr. Smullin, then a partner of Mr. S. C. Prince in the grocery business, rowed the authoress around the Island and showed her the principal points of interest. He received the first copy of the book sent to this Island.

TREASURE TROVE AND OLD FOLK LORE.

POND ISLAND, nearly a mile south of Orr's Island, like Jewell's Island in Casco Bay, is reputed to be the burying place of pirate treasure years ago, so say the old folks. The bays and inlets in the vicinity of Harpswell, Orr's Island, Great Island, Cundy's Harbor and Pott's Point, South Harpswell, have their buried treasure stories. But to return to Pond Island. Years ago an old sailor reports that he was captured by the Pirate Lowe on the coast of New York. The sailor was a Spaniard. The ship to which he belonged was the Don Pedro, a treasure ship, from Mexico, bound to Spain under convey of a frigate. When off



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Cape Hatteras the ship was separated from the frigate by a furious gale. Hoping to sight her again the Don Pedro kept along the coast and was captured, as has been related. After Lowe had made this forcible seizure of the ship he kept away along the New England coast, and in turn was chased by an English man-of-war, and as the chase was a forty gun ship Lowe took leg bail for security and finally disappeared in Eastern Casco Bay.

The old Spaniard reports that the crew of his ship were given their choice of walking the plank or of joining the pirate crew. He and three of his shipmates became pirates. Dear reader, this old sailor has been dead 50 or 60 years, but his story is still extant. Said he: After being chased into a bay by the man-of-war we landed at a small wooded island on which there were five small coves on the northern end of it, one on the western side and one on the eastern side of the north end. Our ship came to anchor in the deep water to the eastward of the island. To the southeast of us was a large island. Between the island near which we anchored and about half way between the two was a breaking reef half a mile long, and laying northeast by southwest not over a mile to the west and northwest lay two large islands separated by a narrow channel. Running between the two, two or three miles to the northeast, there were several points of land and the mouth, of two rivers.

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The bay in which we were was a large one full of rocks and ledges. It was a rough hole, and no vessel could possibly enter it without a thorough knowledge of the channels in the vicinity. To cut the story short Lowe, after having anchored, lowered three boats, and into each one he put a large copper kettle, of which either one would hold a bushel, and a number of smaller ones. The kettles contained bullion in silver and over \$100,000 in coin and jewels. We rowed, says the old pirate, to the eastern cove on the northern end of the island and entered through a narrow channel between two ledges into a cove. Just at the head of the cove was a pond. We landed and dragged our boat over the bar which divided the head of the cove from the pond. Says he, no better place ever could be found to hide a treasure. The water in the pond was about 30 feet deep in the center and surrounded with a dense forest of beech, ash and maple, in fact you could not see the ocean from the cove, as a large high island blocked the view from the ocean, and otherwise the pond was surrounded by forest.

Into this mud hole, for it was nothing much better, we lowered two of the large kettles. After taking our bearings by certain rocks and trees, we rowed to the western cove and in a long narrow channel between main island and a high range of ledges we dropped the other big kettle and two small ones, taking our bearings at that time.

Whether the treasure was recovered by some of Lowe men I can not

say, as I escaped from the pirates soon after, but certainly the treasure was buried on the Island, for I have seen one of the marks in a certain ledge on the Island that you call Pond Island, but the trees are gone. A certain big beech that stood on the eastern side is necessary to establish the exact spot. One of the bounds on the western side is also gone. This is the old pirate's story.

The old folks say that Pond Island was once covered with a heavy growth of hard wood, but there is hardly a bush on it today; it has been cut off. The Island, like Jewell's Island, has been dug over many times by prospectors and if anyone has ever recovered any of the pirate's gold no one knows of it. The description of the old Spaniard tallies with the lay of the islands, and their bearings north, east and west. The forest is not there but as stated above, the old people say it used to be Orr's Island to northwest one mile, Bailey's Island $\frac{7}{8}$ of a mile, Ragged, southeast, and Middle Reef between the two. The two points were Jim Point and Poor's Point, the two mouths of rivers were New Meadows and they mistook Cohog Bay for the mouth of another.

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ORR'S Island is divided into two ranges of hills. A wide valley at the head of Lowell's Cove divides the two ranges and makes the division

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The Old Clement Orr Place.

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commonly known as the eastern and western shores. The New Colony is on the eastern side of the eastern range. On the shores of Lowell's Cove, on the west side, are the homes of a dozen families of the local inhabitants, mostly fishermen. The road passes along by these houses and passes around the head of the cove, forming a half circle like an ox bow, and finally turns sharply to the westward and ascends to the top of the western range. As you pass up the hill on the eastern side are the houses of the home dwellers. Most of them were born on the Island and never knew any other home, although the fishermen are by no means a class who have been confined to what they have seen on Orr's Island, and are not what strangers have been taught in some cases to think them. Their families are well dressed, their houses well kept and well furnished. Very few of the men but are able to take charge of a vessel and navigate her from the banks of Newfoundland to the coast of Florida; very few of them but what have visited every seaport city on the Atlantic coast of the United States, and some have visited foreign ports. But to return to our sketch; on this short street is the post office; passing this we reach Main street running north-east and south-west for four miles along the entire length of the Island. To the north the settlement extends up the Island one half a mile; turning south and we reach the steamboat landing in about the same distance. Along the route on either side of the highway the settlement extends to

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Prince's Point; the more thickly settled part near the postoffice and at the steamboat landing. The cottages are on the eastern side of the two ranges described, Prince's Point and Sinnett's Point forming the south-western extreme of both ranges of highland.

AROUND ORR'S ISLAND IN SIX HOURS.

STARTING at Sinnett's Point at the Southern extreme of Orr's Island on what is called the Back Shore, on a balmy summer day when the gentle southern breezes fan the heated air, and gazing upon the scene spread out like a map over the bay to the eastward, extending out for seven miles until it laps the shores of Small Point, your right intercepted in many directions by the little islands with green shores with their foregrounds of gray rock and ledges and knolls, and then meeting a shoal of ledges over which the water rushes and reels, tossing the spray and foam high in the air; then, letting the eye turn gently to the northeast, one sees the southern extreme of Great Island, intercepted by Crow Island and Oak Islands. On, on, let the eye extend its vision and it meets in its course Pole Island, at the mouth of Cohog Bay, and next, Poor's Point and Ridley's Hill. In all directions nature has lavished her beauty and grandeur.

Then, as the summer wanderer turns to the right about, he sees the old

Atlantic spread out in the distance, dotted here and there by the sailing vessels and steamboat lines which go by on their ways carrying the commerce of the world. In this direction lie Ram Island, Ragged Island and Pond Island, the latter famous for its ghostly history. In full view also can be seen Middle Reef, which is about a mile long and not entirely submerged by water, extending from the northeast to a southwesterly direction. Over this the sea breaks with a rush and roar and none but the most experienced will go near in rough weather. These are the scenes that greet the eye of the stranger.

Now one word about the back or eastern shore. In the spring of the year when the flowers begin to blossom and the birds begin to sing, when all nature seems to rejoice in its fullest sense, if you should stand on Sinnett's Point and cast your eyes to the north, any lover of nature will be amply repaid for his or her trouble. The sloping eastern incline, with its grassy slopes growing greener and greener under the warm rays of the morning and midday sun, the groves of spruce, the hills, and rills, and coves, multiply their charms in contrast with the bold, picturesque scenery which elsewhere meets the eye, the gray rocks over which the sea surges and rolls and on a windy day breaks with tremendous force casting the spray forty feet in the air, challenging the gazer on to nearer view.

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we arrive at Salt Works shoals. This place is so called because in olden times it is said salt was manufactured here. On we go along the sloping bank where the green grass meets the ledges on the shore and slopes back to meet the woodland, and we arrive at David Orr's cove, about a mile and a half from where we started. Here nature has done her best; no prettier place can be found on the island. The sloping grass ground, commencing at the top of the hill with an incline of 40 degrees, sloping to the southward and running to where the water meets the shore, while again to the west the hill rises 500 feet above the level of the sea with sharp grassy incline to the edge of the cove. Back between these hills runs a brook through an intervalle woodland. In the basin formed by these everlasting hills is the above mentioned cove, flanked to the eastward by the long ridge of ledges which hold back the rushing seas of the stern northeastern storm.

Close along the eastern edge of this point of ledges glide the waters of the straight commonly called the Gurnet, which divides Orr's Island from Great Island. In the distance can be seen Gun Point and Crow Island and the western coast of Great Island. The ice house and Dog-fish Island are in plain sight and up the Gurnet in the distance is the Orr's Island bridge that connects it with Great Island and Brunswick.

No other part of the island receives so much attention as the above described eastern shore. These shores are lined with people coming and



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Here on the green, grassy hillside also the fishermen's families congregate to watch for the vessels of their absent ones as they come in by Ragged Island, glad and eager when the white sails are seen in the distance and they well know the vessels of particular friends at sight. The children clap their hands with joy and mother smiles at the glad assurance that she will soon see her beloved ones, and she goes at once to prepare for their comfort.

Passing David Orr's cove we next arrive at Crow Cove on the land of Mr. Huntington. Here the country is more level and some of it a little swampy. Still along the coast and we pass Wilson's landing. Years ago there was a large amount of fishing done at this place and some is still done. There are several houses here and Robert Wilson has quite a farm at the place. Proceeding along the shore of the land called Byles', the island now rises into a high range of hills composed of ledges covered mostly with barberry and blueberry bushes. It is here under these high precipices that Mrs. Harriet Beecher Stowe located the Smuggler's Cave in her story of the Pearl of Orr's Island.

After a half hour's hard climbing over the steep ledges we arrive at the Orr's Island bridge. Over this bridge passes the Star Route mail. After a



look around we turn the head land of the island and start on our journey home. But first we must skirt Long Cove, which is about one mile long by a short eighth-mile wide. This cove is on the extreme northeastern end of Orr's Island. We pass up the eastern side of this cove along the almost perpendicular western wall of the island, over stunted trees and blueberry bushes and arrive at the head of Long Cove. Here is an open field. Around the head and we are again in the woods. After passing round Long Point, which forms the western shore of Long Cove, we head southwest for home along the western shore of the island. We are now abreast of Wyer's Island. There off the northern end of it is where the teams went through the ice last winter when the horses were drowned.

Here we come to Wilson's wharf, one of the best structures to be found from here to Portland. This wharf was built by Bradford Wilson, the owner of the land on which it stands. Here Mr. Wilson locates one of the block houses which were built by the first settlers for protection against the Indians. He has a large tract of land here which is divided into house lots and on the site of the old block house he has left a place for a public square. There is no prettier place on this part of the island. A grand view is obtained of Harpswell Neck its entire length with its villages, hotels and summer resorts. It is a splendid view. The eye sweeps the Merryconeag Bay from headland to the broad bosom of the ocean

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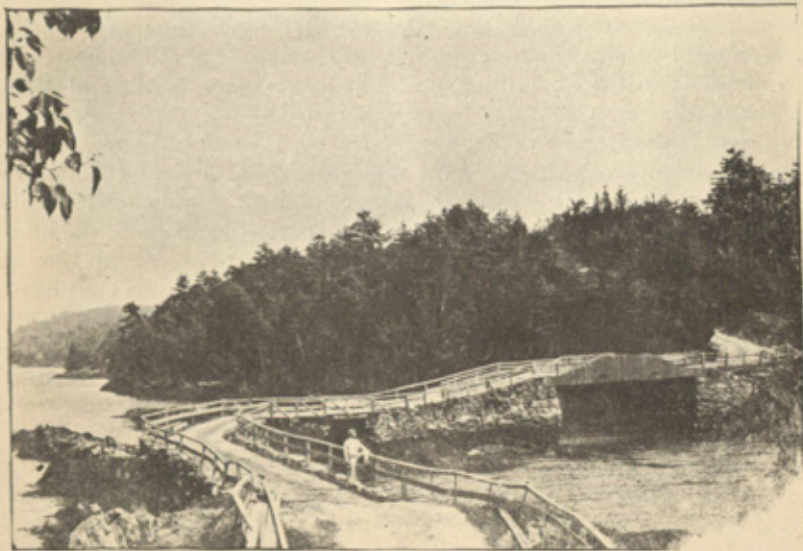
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Next comes what is called the Clement Orr place, one of the original owners of the Island. His descendants still occupy the old homestead. It is one of the historical land marks. The next place is the old William Sylvester place. This and the next place are along the shore of Beals' Cove. Here is the line fence between Mr. Farr and Sylvester, both very pretty in their landscape views. We will now turn around this point and a few steps brings us to the place of Mrs. Scholfield. This house is said to be one hundred years old. It is also said to be the location of the home of the heroine in the Pearl of Orr's Island. There are many people, however, that are sceptical on this point. Mr. Bradford Wilson claims that he owns the house at Wilson's Point which is the original of the story. This house is also said to be over a century old. Certainly it is one of the most ancient looking structures on the Island, having two pitches to the roof, making it look like a picture of Noah's Ark. This question, however, we will leave for the principals to settle among themselves.

We are now at the steamboat wharf. Here is quite a settlement and some of the summer cottages are located here. The wharf belongs to Prince and Son. This stand is the oldest on the Island. At one time Mr. Prince had half the patronage of Harpswell and of Orr's Island, keeping the only store on the Island at that time.



The Bridge connecting Orr's Island with Great Island on the road to Brunswick.

Photo by David S. Cox. Antiquary, Orr's Island.

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We are now nearly home. We pass by Will's Gut which separates us from Bailey's Island, and come in sight of the upper village at the head of Lowell's Cove. Along the western side of the cove the land rises with a gradual ascent two hundred feet. Along here are most of the summer cottages mingling their colors with that of the trees and lawns. This position is commanding in its views. Just as far as the eye can see is the ocean and island landscape spread unobstructed. The upper village is at its best. The lovely residences, the churches, the halls and the stores, and in the distance the beautiful summer cottages all well painted and kept and the vessels lazily swinging at anchor, with the boats and dories and other crafts in the foreground, form the immediate environments of our home.

VIEW FROM OFF SHORE.

THE scribe took a trip off shore this week and it was worth all the hardships of a row of three miles to get a view of our beautiful little island. Orr's Island was at its best, the beautiful cottages and family residences, the churches, halls and stores well painted and kept; the vessels, boats and dories in the foreground with the green sod extending gently downward from the hill to where it kissed old ocean at its foot; in the distance wooded land and groves. Pen can not describe nor artist paint this scene so vivid,

so beautiful. In the distance could be seen the wood-crowned summit of Ragged and Mark Islands. On our starboard bow the Cedar ledges and the Black Snake could be seen, where the waters dashed gently over those rockbound shores. Just over the port quarter was Pond Island, whose romantic and varied history of pirates and ghostly visitors is often repeated by the local inhabitants of the neighboring islands, who say it is haunted and that no one can abide on it for any length of time. Ram Island next claims our attention, just over our port bow, rising seventy-five feet above the level of the sea, a mass of ledges not approachable on the Eastern side, where the ledge rises nearly perpendicular to the above named height. Into a little cove on the Northern end we rowed and landing here, we got out our lunch and eat it while we viewed the grand panorama of sea and land. Re-embarking we rowed back to Lowell's cove, well paid for our toil in these beautiful scenes and surroundings.

ORR'S ISLAND IN WINTER.

AN accident somewhat serious happened January 27, 1893. Mr. Eben Doughty, Capt. Charles Lord, Mr. Fred Lewis and Mr. Lewis Hanson left the island to visit Mr. Joseph Doughty who was sick and stopping at Harpswell Neck. On their way over they took the overland route which is a long roundabout way. When they got ready to start for home, parties

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there advised them to cross the ice, at the same time assuring them that it was perfectly safe, as wood teams had been going back and forth for several days. Acting upon this advice they started for home on the ice. All went well until they arrived within three or four hundred yards of the shore of the northwestern end of Orr's Island. Here both horses went through the ice. The parties worked with unavailing effort for an hour to get the animals out. The horses were warm from their travel and were undoubtedly chilled to death before they were gotten out. The ice broke at every attempt of the horses to gain a foothold. Over on the neck Mr. Isaac Merriam and Elisha Stover witnessed the accident and hastened to the rescue. They were too late to save the horses. They brought ropes with which the horses were hauled out. Prince's horse was dead and Hanson's died soon after being taken out. The harnesses were saved. Mr. Eben Doughty and Mr. Charles Lord paid Mr. Prince \$250 for one horse. Mr. Hanson's horse was said to be worth \$200.

THE MASCOT HOUSE

LOCATED at Prince's Point is one of the finest buildings on the island. It has large shady verandas and a grand view of ocean and bay scenery on three sides. The rooms are large and airy, and the dining

room especially a good one; the parlor is a nice one. For boating and fishing the location cannot be beat. The house is a two story and a half building in sight of the Harpswell steamboat company's wharf. Parties wishing accommodations can apply to J. H. Mansur, Orr's Island, Me.

The Mascot House is for sale. Apply at the house or by letter. This will not affect summer arrangements until sold.

THE MERRITT HOUSE.

MRS. Georgie Fides proprietor. The building was opened in 1898, and is large and imposing, within five hundred yards of the landing. The house owns a never-failing supply of pure water, as good as any in the state. This house thus far has been popular for tourists. Write to Mrs. Georgie Fides, Orr's Island, Me.

CASTLE COTTAGE BOARDING HOUSE.

AT Brown's corner, ten minutes walk from the boat, conveyances always at hand. This place is situated on high land surrounded by groves and has one of the finest views of ocean and bay scenery on the island. The house is run on the European plan and has always been very popular. Engagements at this place must be made early in order to be successful. Address Chas. E. Brown, Orr's Island.

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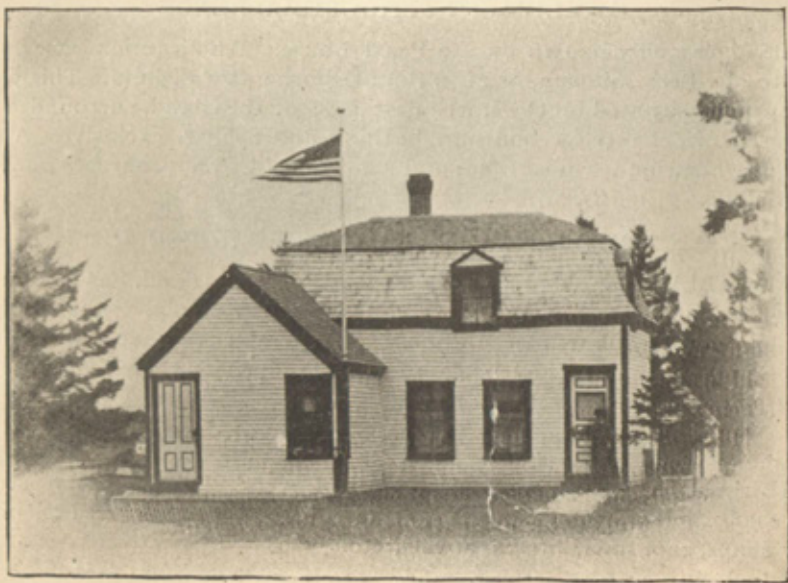
MOST commonly known as the Pearl house. Applicants please apply to Mr. Reed Johnson, or Mrs. John Osborne, Orr's Island. This place is beautifully situated on the northwest side of the island, surrounded by orchards, nice chance for boating, bathing and fishing, exclusive. A few minutes walk from the post office and near Beals' Cove. Churches one half mile distant.

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FAVORABLY situated on the high land of the island, has an unobstructed view of the ocean, good air, good water and good board. Carriage from the wharf to the door. Just the place to have a quiet time. The best place to ride the bicycle on the island; roads thereabouts good. Address Mrs. Charles Orr, Orr's Island, Me.

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WILLIAM H. Doughty, North end of Lovers' Lane, variety store; confectionery, cigars, tobacco and notions, thread, needles, pins, fancy soaps, cool soda, books, novels, etc.



Memorial Cottage.

W. H. Doughty, Orr's Island.



MERMAIDS' HOME.

Come listen to me while I tell you
Of the mermaids down by the sea,
Who smooth their hair with a golden comb,
As they lay in the surf and the ocean foam.

How they sing their songs of syren lore
To lure the sailors from the channels deep,
To the hidden shoals and the rock-bound shore,
Where they sink to rise no more.

Come see the place where the mermaids stay,
And chant the dirge of the sailors bold,
Who by their arts they seduced away to the ocean tomb
By the kelp near the treacherous holes.





There she sits and combs her hair
In the sunlight bright,
Just before the storm begins to brew and the night comes on,
Which means death to the mariner's crew.

In the lull of the storm the deck watch hears
A song so sweet that he falls asleep,
And dreams of a home that's away in a heaven port,
—and the vessel strikes on the hidden rocks,
And the waters of the deep over her roll.

Then the mocking laugh of the cruel maid
Echoes back to the stranded craft,
And her luckless crew finds a grave in ocean wave,
Under the kelp near the mermaids' home.

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| John Green, fishermen. | Mrs. Joseph Wyer, boarding house keeper. |
| John Coffin, fisherman. | Stephen S. Morrell, store keeper. |
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| George Fides, keeps the Merritt House. | Wallace, Hartley Doughty, Elijah |
| Mrs. Joseph Green, boarding house keeper. | Doughty, Roland Wallace, Elijah Green, |
| Wm. C. Daniels, steamboat clerk. | Chas. Black, Sylvester Black, fishermen. |

BROWN'S CORNER.

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| Charles F. Brown, boarding house keeper
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| Jeremiah Sheameson, Chas. A. Linscott, | Wm. H. Doughty, shop keeper and reporter. |
| Jacob Brigham, Simeon Brigham. Wm. | Jas. R. Coombs, truckman and jobber. |
| York and Frederick Green, fishermen. | Henry Allen, carpenter and jobber. |
| | Reed Johnson, carpenter. |

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Josie M. Linscott, postmistress 1899.

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Chas. Robinson, barber and boarding house keeper.

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Royal Groves, farmer.

Edmund Coffin, lighthouse keeper.

Henry Wilson, truckman and jobber.

Roberts & Son, carpenters and builders.

John Boyce, jobber.

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James Farr, boarding house keeper.
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Frank McIntire, grocer and fish dealer.

EAST SIDE.

William Stevens, James Linscott, William Huff, John Linscott, George Linscott, Edwin Snow, Sr., Isaac Linscott, Henry Doughty, David Wilson, fishermen.

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William A. Munsey, contractor and builder.

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Mrs. Flora Orr, boarding house keeper.

Simeon Littlejohn, retired fisherman.

Edward Wilson, jobber.

Augustus Sylvester, carpenter.

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Charles Perkins, Jr., fisherman.

Bradbury Wilson, farmer and jobber.

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Louis Hanson, milkman and farmer.

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