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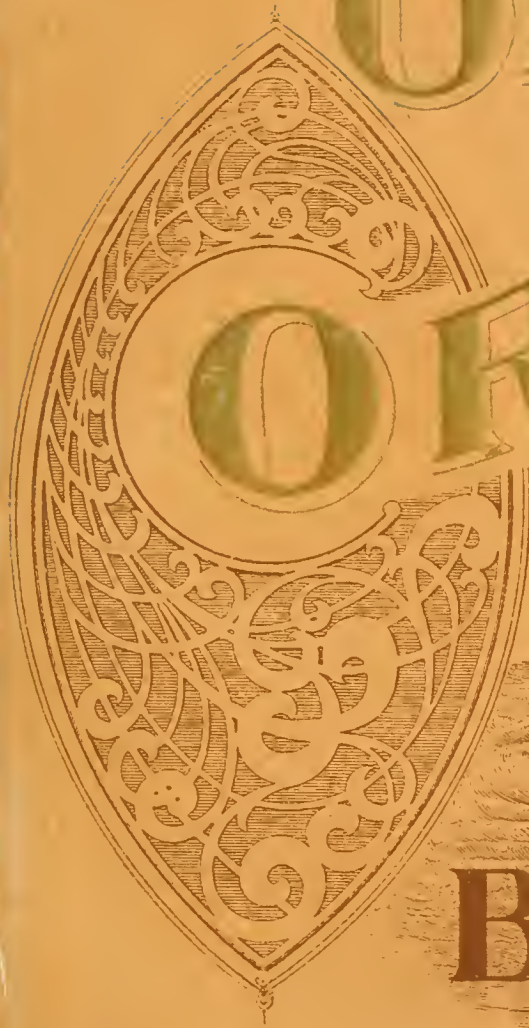
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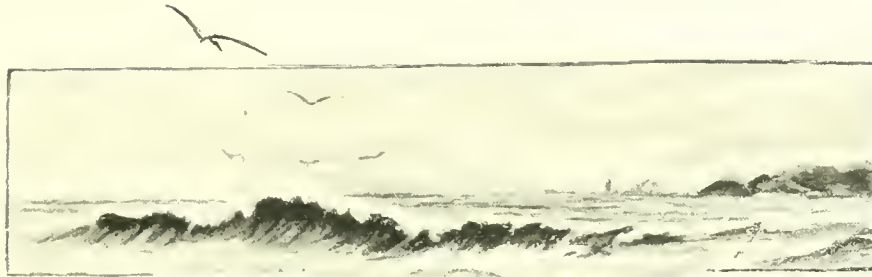
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THE State of Maine is sacredly historic and grandly picturesque. Her early history has the fascination of romance, and in her field, forest, lake and mountain scenery there are unrivaled charms. But the ocean, the great, grand, original, restless ocean, whose waves beat upon more than six hundred miles of Maine coast, is for human contemplation the most impressive of Nature's marvelous work. Old Orchard Beach, on the shore of Saco Bay, between the Dunstan River on the east and the Saco on the west, is a point which, to health or pleasure seekers, historians, scientists and devotees of Nature, presents more of interest and merit than any other place on the coast of Maine. Its early history and its present attractions and prosperity are so intimately interwoven with that of its environs that a description of it must, necessarily, embrace some account of other interesting points around the shores of Saco Bay, which is formed by Prout's Neck on the east and Fletcher's Neck on the west. Prout's Neck takes its name from Timothy Prout, who dwelt there in 1710. It is a part of the town of Scarborough and extends into the ocean three miles. Fletcher's Neck, a part of Biddeford, is named from Rev. Pendleton Fletcher, pastor of the first Puritan church in Biddeford in 1660. The distance from one to the other of these points is six miles and the bay extends inland about four miles in a semi-circular form. Old Orchard Beach, the longest and widest solid sand beach on the New England coast, is the northern and central section of this circular shore.

The natural attractions along this beach and around the shores of Saco Bay made here a favorite rendezvous for the aboriginal tribes, whose inherent love of Nature prompted them to seek a situation and erect their habitations where she lavished her charms in greatest profusion: hence everywhere the sod or sand around the Saco Bay has yielded to the pressure of a moccasined foot, and every cliff and island has met the reverent gaze of the Nature adoring red man. Here to the Great Spirit they offered their oblations. Their voices mingled with the murmur of the winds and the roar of the waves, and they devoutly believed that the Great Father of the waters and winds listened approvingly to their devotions. To these shores came their plumed chieftains for council. Here has been heard the measured murmur of the war dance and the terrifying echo of the death song. From this place the tribes went forth to battle, and when the strife was over they returned to bury here their arrows and tomahawks and smoke together the pipe of peace.



LOOKING TOWARDS THE OCEAN FROM THE OLD ORCHARD HOUSE.

In 1603 the explorer, Martin Pring, entered the Saco Bay and here made a landing. He and his party were no doubt the first Englishmen to set foot upon these shores. Capt. John Smith, who is well known for wonderful adventures and marvelous escapes, especially his connection with the history of Virginia and the family of Powhatan, was the first explorer who sailed up the Saco River and fully explored the shores and rivers flowing into the bay. This was in 1605. The report of these two voyages aroused in England a spirit of enterprise and prompted adventurers to seek these shores. In 1616 Capt. Richard Vines and a party of thirty-six men, sent out under the patronage of Sir Fernando Gorges, arrived at the mouth of the Saco in early autumn. They landed on the west side of the river, erected habitations, and spent the winter in exploring and bartering with the natives. At that time they had no English neighbors nearer than Jamestown, Virginia. This being the first winter spent by Englishmen on this coast, the locality has ever since been called Winter Harbor. Seven years after this, all the lands within the present limits of Biddeford, Saco and Old Orchard, a tract about eight by thirteen miles, was granted to Richard Vines and four others, by King James I. "in consideration of their having been in the country seven years." Hence these became the individual owners and they granted portions or made leases to any respectable immigrants who sought to settle here. There is a record of a lease made by Vines of one hundred acres of land, for which the lessee is to pay "five shillings, two days' work and one good fat goose yearly." Though the terms of leases like this have ceased, yet titles given in this way have remained inviolable ever since.

Much of the history of Maine had its beginning here. The first court was held here in 1636. The first saw-mill in Maine was built on Saco River in 1653. The earliest town records in Maine, commencing in 1653, are those of this settlement. They are in the custody of the city of Biddeford, York County, which had its beginning here and was the first established in Maine. The first hotel, or "ordinary to entertain strangers for their money," was established on the river, at the ferry (herein mentioned again), in 1654. The first Indian war in Maine commenced on the Saco River near the falls, four miles from its mouth, September 18, 1675. This war, with short intervals of peace, lasted more than fifty years, and several points along Old Orchard have been stained with the blood of Indian battles.

Googins' Rocks, a ledge which rises above the sands at the foot of what is now called Union Avenue, once afforded a fortification for a party of English settlers when attacked by a superior force of Indians. It was low tide, and being ensconced behind these rocks the settlers were enabled to fire with a precision so fatal that several Indians were killed and the others were repulsed and returned to the woods. There they found reinforcements and returned and renewed the attack. The settlers now saw the horror of their situation. Behind them was the returning ocean. In a few hours their fortification would be submerged. To leave it would expose themselves to the attack from their enemies. They must fall into the hands of the merciless savages or be engulfed by the insatiable ocean. They chose the latter, and determined to fight till the waters overwhelmed them. The contest was renewed and several Indians fell. The approaching waves dashed furiously against the rocks, nearer and nearer they came, — a few more breakers and the rocks would be buried beneath the waters.



VIEW FROM REAR OF THE OLD ORCHARD HOUSE.



STEAMER APPROACHING OLD ORCHARD PIER.



STEAMER PILGRIM LANDING EXCURSION PARTY AT THE PIER.





BAND CONCERT ON PIER.

ave encouragement to the savages, but despair sank deep in the hearts of the settlers: yet they still continued to themselves, and as the foaming spray was already dashing over them they saw that a party of friends was attacking Indians in the rear. They were settlers from the west end of the beach, who had heard the firing and had come to the . The Indians, seeing now a superior number, fled to the woods. The heroes of Googins' Rocks returned with their es, and the ocean came dashing over the rocks and washed away the stains and footprints of human strife. Formerly rocks were much higher above the beach than now. The building of a breakwater at the mouth of the river caused quantities of sand to flow into this vicinity and bury this cliff.

A short distance from this point, near the mouth of Goose Fare Brook (Goose Fare, a feeding place for wild geese), flows across the beach, was, it is believed, planted the first farm and the first orchard in Maine. Here Thomas Rogers in 1638; his farm was of so much importance that on the earliest maps it is designated as "Rogers' Garden." He brought fruit trees from England and planted the first orchard on the Maine coast. The apple trees which he planted lived more than one hundred and fifty years and became the *old* orchard from which the place takes its name. The house of Mr. Rogers was burned by Indians in 1675. In a contest with them, a son of Mr. Rogers and two other young men were killed. They were buried on the beach near where the house stood.

John Bonython, who defied the laws of Massachusetts and "was declared an outlaw" by the General Court, was once proprietor of the lands within the limits of Old Orchard. It is said that he promised his daughter, Ruth, in marriage to Mogg Megone, chief of the Sokoki tribe, which dwelt on the Saco River and from which it receives its name, for a part of a vast tract of these lands. Ruth refused to marry him and fled from her home. This tragic story is graphically told by Whittier in his poem, "Mogg Megone." He also tells another interesting story of a family who dwelt here, in his poem, "Mary Garvin."

Prout's Neck, a promontory extending from the town of Scarborough four miles into the ocean, forming the eastern point of Saco Bay, has much of interesting early history. During the Indian wars the inhabitants dwelt principally on the point near the ocean, where are now the hotels. To protect themselves from the Indians and their cattle from the sea, they built a heavy timber stockade across the Neck, and a strong garrison on the west side at the point now called Prout's Cove. Stratton's Island, near the Neck (named from John Stratton who dwelt there in 1631), was an important point for safety of the settlers. At one time, when the Indians destroyed the stockade and attacked the garrison, the settlers fled in their boats to this island. These points are subjects of inquiry from visitors to Old Orchard Beach, from which they are plainly seen, standing boldly above the water, their rocky shores fringed with the spray of the dashing ocean.

Following the curve of the shore westward from Prout's Neck, the first section of the beach, near Dunstan River (Dunstan is a corruption of Dunster. The first settlers here came from Dunster Parish, England), is now called Pine Point, but should be Pine's Point, from Charles Pine, who dwelt here in 1680. He was a celebrated marksman and was called,

"Pine, the Indian killer." Southgate's History of Scarborough gives many interesting facts concerning Pine, Hunniwell and Newbury, all well known in Maine history, who dwelt here and took an active part in the Indian wars. At this point there are summer cottages and hotels.

The next western section of the shore is called Grand Beach. It is a cottage settlement and the summer home of many distinguished Portland families. Hon. Thomas B. Reed has his summer residence here.

From this section stretching out towards the west for nearly four miles, as far as Goose Fare Brook, is the populous portion of the shore, the great, far-famed summer resort known as Old Orchard Beach. Here stands the Town Hall, a modern structure with a commodious auditorium, a free public library, and offices of the municipal departments. In the vicinity are four churches, besides a tabernacle, for general service, in which a thousand worshipers can be seated. Here is the Post Office and the principal station of the Boston & Maine Railroad. Here, also, is the Old Orchard Trotting Park, a one-mile, kite-shaped race-course, built in the most thorough manner, where every season there are exciting contests of equine speed. A large number of horses are also stabled and trained here, among which have been some of the highest class horses in the country. The New England Fair is also held here. Besides the permanent homes of this section there are many summer cottages of non-residents and high-class hotels, restaurants and boarding-houses which, during the pleasure season, accommodate a population of many thousands.

From this populous centre, leading back into the country and to the cities of Saco and Biddeford, five miles away, are several highways which pass through a varied landscape of field, forest and farm scenery. But the ocean, the bay and the beach are the magnetic causes which draw the public to Old Orchard and give it the popular distinction which it richly deserves. The beach, which really extends, under different local names, around the whole shore of Saco Bay, is the longest, widest and most solid sand beach on the New England coast. Over it the breakers daily beat as the tides come and go; and when the waves have receded it is a smooth, solid surface, nearly one-fourth of a mile wide and more than four miles long. It is therefore a natural boulevard, on which at every low tide hundreds of gay equipages and thousands of joyous or meditative pedestrians are passing and repassing without interruption, and the swelling and foaming surf is alive with jubilant bathers. Surf bathing, as an invigorating exercise or healthful pastime, can here be enjoyed without fear from dangerous under-currents or treacherous quicksands. Bathing accidents never occur here except to those who overestimate their strength or venture too far from shore. From the first settlement of the coast, here has been the favorite bathing resort for the inland inhabitants.

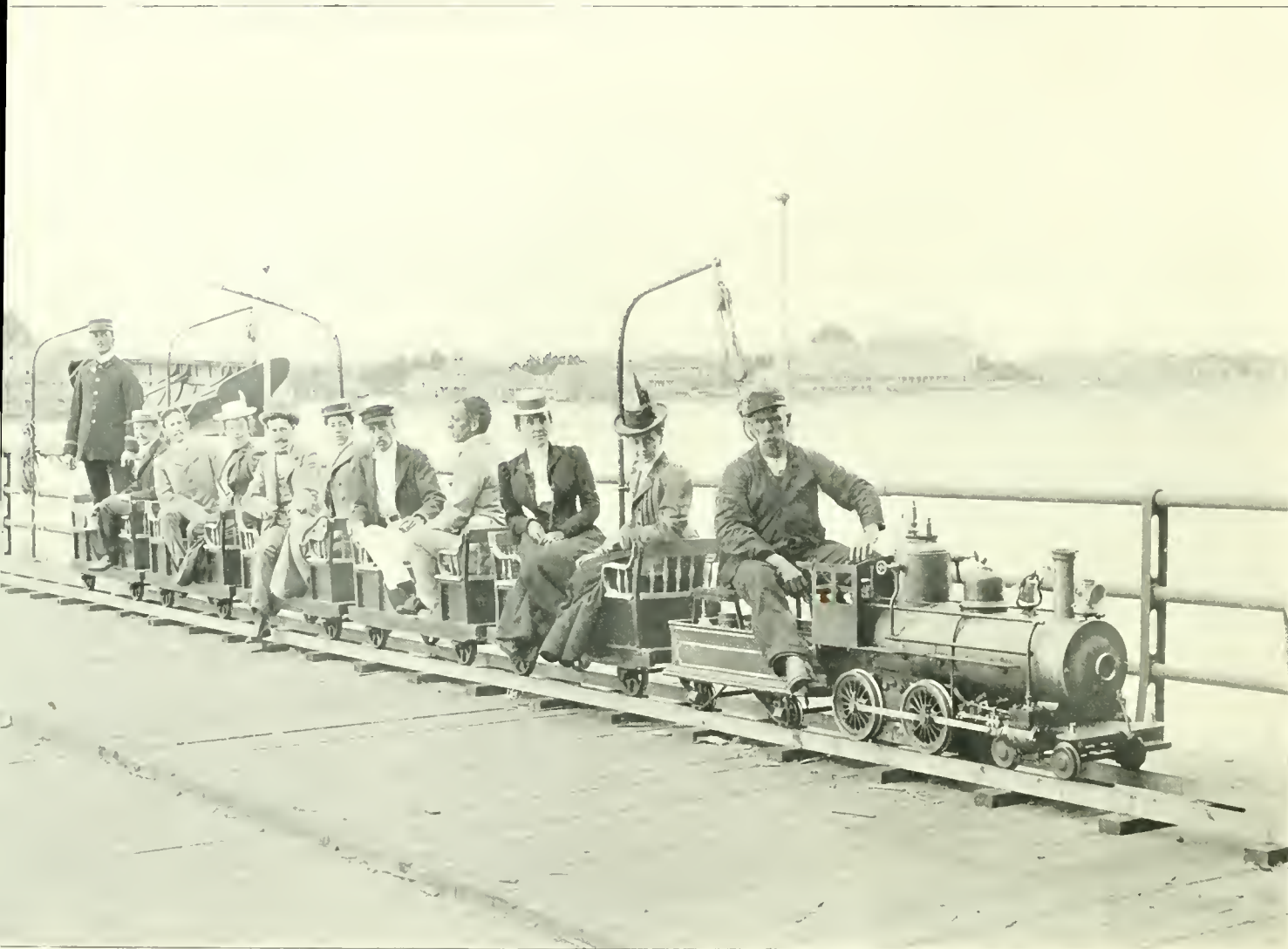
The 26th of June was once the popular bathing day, for among the early settlers and their descendants for several generations there existed an oft-repeated tradition that on this day the ocean at this point was especially endowed with healing properties. It was believed that, as at the Pool of Siloam, "an angel troubled the waters" and "whoever stepped in was cured of whatsoever disease he possessed." Hence on this day thousands of believers flocked to these waters to be



SEASHORE HOUSE, VELVET HOTEL AND FISKE HOUSE FROM END OF PIER.



SURF SCENE AT THE PIER.



RAILROAD ON THE IRON PIER.



SIDE VIEW OF THE PIER.



PLEASURE SEEKERS ENJOYING THE COOL AIR ON THE PIER.





VIEW FROM END OF THE PIER.

ed. Old age came to be rejuvenated, middle age to be strengthened, and childhood and even infancy was "dipped" usually to insure them against disease and death. Many accounts of benefits from this treatment are told by the credulous. An old lady, who "lived to see her six sons grow up strong and healthy," says, "I dipped each one of them the first summer he was born." In modern times there are believers in "faith cure" and also in "water cure": may there not have been a cure in faith and salt water combined? The custom of visiting these waters on a particular day came from England and went with the first settlers, who had there learned to reverence the sacred wells and fountains common in those countries in Europe, where they still exist. Old Orchard Beach was to these early settlers the most attractive bathing waters on the coast, and as the Court of Maine "was ordered to be held at Saco on the 25th of June annually," to which people flocked from all parts of the Province, the next day after the opening of the court was given to recreation and bathing: the June 26th became the gala day at Old Orchard. It is not now kept with superstitious regard as formerly, but being a busy season between hoeing and haying in the agricultural districts, these inhabitants still keep up the custom. Many foreign guests arrive at this time and it may be considered the opening of the pleasure season.

During every summer thousands of health and pleasure seekers come to this unique, interesting and attractive resort. Here, all classes here find profit and enjoyment. Jaded business and careworn toilers from the "din and bustle" of busy cities, from Canada on the north, from Mexico on the south and the inland states south and west, come here to regain their strength from the ocean's invigorating waters and ozone-laden atmosphere. Nature lovers here bow in adoration before the marvelous and mysterious ocean, which at all times is grand and impressive, whether seen at morn, when the rising sun gilds its surface with gold and crimson: at noon, when its blue waters blend softly with the distant sky: at evening, when the rosy sunset lingers upon its waters and tints the light clouds which float like fairy chariots above it, or at night, when the moon overspreads its surface with spangles of silver. At all times the eye is charmed with beauty and grandeur, the ear is enchanted with the melody of the breeze-touched waves when they sweep gently along the beach, or when the hoarse voice of tempest-driven breakers swells the "profound, eternal bass in Nature's anthem." There is also enjoyment in watching the swift-winged craft of pleasure, the steam-propelled palaces of transportation and the white-robed ships of commerce, coming and going, passing and repassing, bearing an exchange of thoughts and commodities from country to country, rolling continually upon this mighty highway of nations.

But the ocean is not all that makes Old Orchard attractive. The surrounding inland country has a fascination for those who enjoy forest or farm scenery, or carriage conveyance through picturesque highways. One of these, leading "up the coast," passes through a woodland landscape. On either side forest trees wall this highway and at some points overshadow it with extending branches. The carriage track is closely bordered with ferns, foliage and flowers. In summer the hedges are bright with the fragrant wild rose and hollyhock, and as the summer declines the golden-rod and purple asters appear, adding their bright plumes, prophetic of approaching autumn. Nothing can be more pleasing, to those who love Nature,



GREAT SURF BEATING AGAINST THE PIER.



VIEW OF THE STEEL PIER FROM THE SHORE.



MIDWINTER SNOW SCENE.



ICE ON THE BEACH.



SNOW SCENE.



SEASHORE HOUSE, OLD ORCHARD BEACH.



than a summer carriage drive through these woods at approaching sunset. Then the light pierces the tree-tops with its slender golden arrows and falls here and there in little golden oases among the deepening shadows. The still air is fragrant with the odor of sweet-scented pines and vocal with the evening voices of happy birds. The robin chants his plaintive requiem, the whip-poor-will sings a measured, melodious lullaby, and the silver voice of the hermit thrush tinkles through the forest. One who enjoys these woods at this enchanting hour will feel thankful that the vandal hand of civilization has spared this fascinating forest.

Fern Park, the property of the Old Orchard House (herein again mentioned) and a short distance from it, is a natural forest of giant trees and wild, woodland shrubbery. In it are found many of the wild flowers of Maine. Here the botanist finds facilities for pursuing his studies. Here those who gather flowers because they love them find pleasure in bringing to human admiration many little bright-eyed blossoms which modestly hide themselves in the depths of the dark forest, content to "blush unseen and waste their fragrance on the desert air." Here the early arbutus blooms abundantly. Here, like a cluster of rubies in a setting of emeralds, grows the bright bunchberry. The graceful partridge-vine and the sweet, tiny twin flower twine the moss-covered knolls. The modest violet, the delicate star-flower and the fragrant checker-berry flourish here, and from the abundance of lichens and ferns the park is appropriately named.

South of this, only separated by a highway, is the park and forest auditorium of the Orchard Beach Camp-meeting Association, where camp-meetings are annually held. Ten thousand worshipers can here be accommodated. Sunday services are held here during the summer.

Here was the birthplace of the International Missionary Alliance, and the Gospel Temperance movement under Mr. Murphy. Here Frances E. Willard took her first lessons in her great temperance work.

The camp-ground of the Free Baptist Association and a cottage settlement is the next section of the shore, west from Old Orchard proper. Here is a tabernacle in which educational conventions and religious services are held for several weeks during the summer. Here are several hotels and many private residences.

The first settlers on the New England coast erected their habitations near the ocean or at the mouth of some river. Nearly all were engaged in fishing. This was the quickest way to get returns for their labor; hence they located their habitations near the shore, and the ocean and the beach became their highways for communication between settlements, and rivers were crossed at ferries or fords. All land travel at first was on foot. No horses were in the Province of Maine till 1658 and no vehicles of any kind till many years later. The Saco River was crossed a short distance above the mouth, at a point called the "Lower Ferry," and from this the western section of Old Orchard Beach is called Ferry Beach. Here is a Government Post Office in summer, and a hotel. Its address is Bay View, Maine.

In the vicinity are several picturesque summer homes. From this beach there is an extensive view of Old Orchard, Prout's Neck, Fletcher's Neck (the Pool), the ocean and islands off from the mouth of the river, among which is Stage

, on which is a monument, built of beach stones by the United States Government, in 1812, for a beacon to prevent entering the harbor from falling upon the island. It was never of much value, as the island is seen by the mariner as the monument. It, however, adds a picturesque feature to the view. On this island the early fishermen dried their "flakes" or "stages," hence it was called "Stage Island." Beyond this is Wood Island, so called from the heavy woods which once grew upon it. The eastern part is now the property of the Government and "on it is a lighthouse, which consists of a tower forty-seven feet high and shows a revolving red light, flashing every minute. The light is sixty feet above the ocean and is visible for thirteen miles" (from the U. S. Coast Survey). There are several other small islands in the vicinity, thus making the view from Ferry Beach pleasingly picturesque, especially when there is a fleet of fishing and merchant vessels anchored here.

From the west end of Ferry Beach, at the mouth of the Saco, extends off into the ocean, for more than a mile, a vast structure, composed of huge blocks of Biddeford granite. This is the Breakwater, which was built by the United States Government at a cost of more than one hundred and fifty thousand dollars. It was commenced in 1867 and completed in 1876. Its object is to improve the channel of the river by removing the sand bar at its mouth, and it so well accomplishes its purpose that large ships can now pass at low tides without danger of grounding.

Just back from the beach, at its west end, is Ferry Beach Park, a natural forest of evergreen and deciduous trees. Through this beautiful forest an enterprising corporation has laid out streets and avenues, walks and rambles, thus adding touches of art to the grandeur of Nature. This park is destined to become a cottage community. Attractive buildings invite purchasers. The Boston & Maine Railroad grants free use of this beautiful park to its excursionists.

Old Orchard is one hundred and four miles east of Boston and eleven miles west of Portland on the Western Division of the Boston & Maine Railroad. During the summer season many trains daily run between these cities, and there are nearly every hour between Portland and Old Orchard. Besides this steamers connect Boston and Portland nightly, and Old Orchard is but twenty minutes' ride by rail from Portland.

Electric cars connect Old Orchard with the cities of Saco and Biddeford every fifteen minutes, and excursion steamers admits land passengers at the Old Orchard Steel Pier. A branch of the Boston & Maine Railroad also runs along the beach through Ocean Park, Bay View and Ferry Beach Park to the Saco River, where it connects with steamer for Biddeford. This road, which passes along the beach close to the ocean for four miles, is equipped with observation cars, which stop at any point for the convenience of passengers. From these cars there is a clear view of the whole of Saco Bay and the adjacent islands which rise above its blue waters.

A very important matter to the visitor at Old Orchard Beach is the abundance of pure spring water. Every one is satisfied that pure water is an essential, and there need be no fear of its scarcity at this famous resort. The Old Orchard Beach Company furnishes the hotels and cottages with water of great purity from cool, bubbling springs.



HOTEL VELVET.



HOTEL FISKE FROM THE BEACH.



THE ALPHEA AND VELVET HOTELS.



TOURISTS ON ROCKS IN FRONT OF OLD ORCHARD HOUSE.



FRONT VIEW OF THE OLD ORCHARD HOUSE.



VIEW FROM REAR OF THE OLD ORCHARD HOUSE.





FLORAL PARADE.

Among the attractions which art has here added to nature is the Old Orchard Steel Pier. It is a trestle of steel resting upon steel pillars which are sunk so deeply into the sand that they are unshaken by the action of the waves. It is fifty feet wide and extends out over the ocean for more than one-third of a mile at a height of twenty feet above ebb tide. At the top is a promenade surrounded by a protecting balustrade. Though high above the ocean, yet it is so constructed that steamers and yachts can land at any tide. At the terminus is a pavilion, seventy-five by one hundred and twenty-five feet. In this is a casino in which entertainments are given evenings during the pleasure season, and in which an instrumental concert is given three times each day. Morning, noon and evening this pier is a favorite promenade for pedestrians to seek the freshness of the breeze which here sweeps over the swelling waves. For the convenience of invalids and lovers of novelty a railroad runs miniature trains regularly from end to end of the promenade, the cars being the smallest (only wide enough for one passenger) and the road the shortest in the world.

The scene upon the pier at night is especially fascinating. The sky above, the ocean beneath, and the scenes around it meditative minds with enjoyment and adoration. Sometimes the dark sky looks silently down with its myriads of twinkling eyes, sometimes the moon appears, veiled in a soft tissue of fleecy clouds, and sometimes she throws it aside and her radiant face silvers the scene. At sunset the distant lighthouse flashes a shaft of ruby rays across the ocean and warns and cheers the wave-tossed mariner. Electricity from hundreds of points around the shore and along the pier sends out its sharp rays and bars the bay with lines of light. The murmur of the waves, the music of instruments and the din of happy voices enliven the scene and render an evening upon the pier one of enchantment.

To meet the demands of the numerous guests who visit Old Orchard Beach, the number of arrivals annually being estimated at two hundred thousand, there are more than eight hundred summer cottages and boarding-houses, and not less than twenty-five hotels. The total entertaining capacity of these is more than twelve thousand. A few of the largest hotels are here mentioned, though the others are worthy of patronage.

The Old Orchard House stands on an eminence commanding a full view of the bay, the beach and the surrounding country. It is modern in all its appointments and accommodates five hundred guests. Between the house and the ocean there is a seven-acre lawn fitted with ample facilities for guests who engage in modern open-air sports. Many distinguished American and foreign guests annually patronize this hotel, and all speak of it in terms of high commendation. It is only a few rods from the railroad station, to which leads a private promenade. Electric cars between Biddeford, Saco and Old Orchard pass and repass every fifteen minutes.

The Seashore House has all modern facilities for pleasantly entertaining three hundred guests. Its site is close to the ocean; in fact, it is literally "built upon the sands," yet the proprietor has "made his foundation sure," and though the winds and waves beat upon his house yet it falls not," and his numerous patrons enjoy the grandeur of the situation and bathe in the rolling waves which break near the door. Its piazza is but a few feet from the platform of the railroad station,



FLORAL PARADE.



VIEW FROM HOTEL CLEAVES.



CROWD ON THE BEACH.



VIEW OF BEACH.



VIEW ON THE BEACH.



BATHING SCENE AT OLD ORCHARD.





VIEW OF BEACH AND BATHERS.



BATHERS ENJOYING THE SURF.



SURF SCENE.



SURF ON THE BEACH.



BATHING IN THE SURF.

the distance to the steel pier is only across the street. It is equally popular with both transient and permanent patrons, and those who were among the first guests to register are now its patrons after a lapse of many years. It generally opens for business June 15th, and closes about the middle of October.

Hotel Fiske has accommodations for three hundred guests and is situated so near the ocean that the waves at high tide beat against its basement walls and the summer air is cooled by dashing spray. As it stands high above the other structures near it, no hotel has a better view of the beach and distant ocean. Across its broad piazzas cool ocean breezes usually sweep. In this house suites for families are a specialty.

Hotel Velvet, built in 1899, offers entertainment for five hundred guests. Its apartments are spacious and elegantly furnished, while its public parlors, overlooking the ocean, are among the especially interesting and attractive features of this place. It stands near the railroad station, on the principal promenade between it and the steel pier, the shore end of which terminates at the veranda of this hotel.

Just east of the Velvet is the Irving, a reliable house which has maintained a good reputation for many years. It has recently been refitted and refurnished and now accommodates one hundred guests.

The Bay View is the only hotel at Ferry Beach. It can be reached by the Old Orchard Beach Railroad from the Boston & Maine station at Old Orchard proper, distance three miles. It accommodates one hundred and fifty guests. Rev. Dr. J. Savage writes: "I know of no finer spot on the Maine coast, and that means no finer spot anywhere: for the Maine coast is the finest in America."

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Old Orchard Beach, renowned in the legends and traditions of the red man, and celebrated in histories and songs of civilization, has been and still is the admiration and adoration of each succeeding generation. As the years have passed time has changed the character of the people and the surrounding country. Fair fields flourish where forests frowned, and stately structures stand where the red warrior reared his rude wigwam. Only old ocean remains unchanged. Its breakers beat on the beach in regular rhythm and its tides come and go, as aye they will, "till the heavens shall be rolled together as a roll and there shall be no more sea."



ROCKS NEAR THE OLD ORCHARD HOUSE.



BRIDAL CASCADE, NEAR OLD ORCHARD BEACH.





ROCK SCENE, NEAR WOOD ISLAND LIGHT.



LOVERS' WALK, OLD ORCHARD.





WOOD ISLAND LIGHT.



FERN PARK.



THE TABERNACLE AT THE CAMP-MEETING GROUNDS.



IN THE GROVE AT THE CAMP GROUNDS.



NEW TOWN HALL, OLD ORCHARD BEACH.





SURF SCENE, NEAR MONTREAL HOUSE



OLD ORCHARD HOUSE. THE LARGEST HOTEL AT THE BEACH.



SURF AND BEACH SCENES.



SCHOONERS AT ANCHOR.



## THE MONTREAL HOUSE

Is located on the sea wall, and only two minutes' walk from the depot. This hotel is one of the best of its size at Old Orchard. It is well constructed and well equipped. The water supply is pure and abundant, being taken from the famous "Indian Spring," and it is not excelled. The table will be, as in the past, first-class, and every possible attention will be given this department. For further information address F. W. BLANCHARD, Manager, Old Orchard, Me.



## THE LAWRENCE

first-class family hotel, with accommodations for 150 guests. Its location is on the sea wall, commanding a fine view of mole beach and Atlantic Ocean, removed from any other house, and having spacious lawns. Its rooms are all good. It has the conveniences and comforts of a modern home, clear spring water in abundant supply, perfect sanitary arrangements, and is well put in perfect order, with many improvements for this season, without regard to expense. No pains will be spared to make the cuisine first-class in every respect, and the best to be found in the market will be provided for the table. Every facility will be offered for the enjoyment of all the sports usual to a seaside resort.



## ALDINE HOTEL.

The Aldine Hotel is situated on the sea wall, commands a most charming view of ocean and country. Its rooms are large and airy, lighted by gas, and it has electric call bells in each room, and spring water throughout the house. The sanitary conditions are perfect and well arranged. In the rear is a fine grove, extensive lawns and broad piazzas surround the house. A fine orchestra will be in attendance for dancing during the season. This is the Aldine's seventeenth season, and each succeeding year, Mr. S. HAINES, the genial proprietor, has the pleasure of seeing his former guests return to again enjoy the hospitality of his house. This hotel accommodates 150 guests. Any one visiting Old Orchard will find it an ideal summer home.

## HOTEL VELVET.

This hotel was built in 1899 at a great expense: in its first season it was crowded to its capacity, but many improvements and rooms have been added for the coming season that will be greatly enjoyed by its patrons. The hotel is connected with the great Old Orchard Ocean Steel Pier, longest Ocean Steel Pier in the world. The hotel is over one hundred feet facing the ocean, two hundred and fifty feet on Old Orchard Street, with a full view of the ocean, one hundred feet on Grand Avenue: the building is five stories high, with seven large towers, and a grand roof promenade, two hundred and fifty feet long and fifty feet wide, the only one in New England. Three of the towers are splendid observation look-outs, giving the grandest ocean view on the Maine coast. Broad stairways lead to each floor of the house, with electric elevator to the top floor and roof promenade: the roof promenade is well fenced in, perfectly safe for children and invalids. Every room on three sides of the hotel leads on to broad piazzas, over five hundred feet long on each floor, with ocean view, Old Orchard Street and Grand Avenue.

Hotel Velvet has one of the finest offices of any summer hotel found anywhere: it is forty feet square, finished in natural wood, and has a large fireplace, smoking and lounging corners, gents' writing tables, etc. The parlor leads from the grand salon and is reached by the electric elevator from each floor and main office. There is a grand piano in the parlor for the use of guests: also a fine ladies' writing room connected. The grand salon is on the second floor, directly over the main office and connected with ladies' parlor and writing room: reached from main office by fine stairway, also electric elevator. It is elegantly furnished and is used by guests as a reception parlor, is in the center of the house, lighted from overhead, well ventilated, steam heat when required, electric lights, no noise from the street, on the same floor as the sun parlor and ball room. The large patronage at the Velvet necessitated another pleasure room for its guests, so the sun parlor has been added. It is the only sun parlor at Old Orchard and fills a long-felt want, and is designed for the exclusive use of the guests at Hotel Velvet: it is filled with easy chairs, hammocks, couches and fine plants, also affords an extensive view of the ocean, making it a delightful addition to the hotel. The sun parlor is fifty feet square, twenty feet high, all windowed. It is on the same floor as the ladies' parlor and ball room. Music by the celebrated Velvet Orchestra every morning, afternoon and evening throughout the season.

You can see everything that is going on at Old Orchard Beach from Hotel Velvet. Fine dining room and cafe on first floor, connecting with office: over one hundred and fifty people employed. The house is well lighted by electricity from its own plant. Can accommodate over five hundred guests. Cuisine unexcelled, American and European plan: no intoxicating liquors. For terms, etc., from September 20th to June 1st, address H. L. Hildreth, sole owner and proprietor, 18 to 18 Battery-march Street, Boston: June 2d to September 15th, Hotel Velvet, Old Orchard, Maine. Porters meet all trains. Only half-minute's walk from the depot. To make sure of your rooms apply early. Hotel opens June 15th, closes September 15th. In main office long distance telephone and telegraph.





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## FERRY BEACH.

In presenting this Scenic Souvenir, our desire is to direct your attention to one of the most pleasant seashore resorts on the Atlantic coast. It may have been your good fortune to have visited on the Saco Bay; if so, this book can only help in keeping fresh in your memory the beautiful spots which abound and are so frequently found near its shores. For the abilities of man must fall short, on one side or the other, and the writer can only make an attempt in giving a description of this already famous resort.

Ferry Beach is one hundred and four miles from Boston and about thirteen miles from Portland.



FERRY BEACH PARK.

It is a continuation of the far-famed Old Orchard Beach, and together with Scarborough Beach, forms the beautiful shore of Saco Bay: which with the Peninsula, Prout's Neck, and Diamond's Island on the east, Stratton, Bluff, Eagle, Ram and Negro Islands on the south, and Wood, Tappans, Stage and Basket Islands, Biddeford Pool, Hills Beach and Saco River on the west and southwest, offer not only some of the best scenery on the coast, but the best opportunities for pleasure of every kind.

Daily railroad connections (Sunday included) are made by the Old Orchard, Ferry Beach and Saco River Railroad. From Old Orchard, with all through trains on the Western Division of the Boston & Maine Railroad.



SACO BAY.



BAY VIEW ROAD.

influence of those cool Arctic currents which so temper the Maine summer; it is yet far enough south to escape the unnatural chill of extreme northern points, and the season extends from June through October. The autumn is indeed in some respects the loveliest season of the year, a fact which is becoming yearly more appreciated by the sojourners at the beach. Those who have learned the secret tarry into the balmy September days, and when October draws near they revel in a play of splendid color over land and sea. Could we tell you the beauties you would doubt us, but take our advice, come once and remain and see them and they will live as a delightful memory many, many days afterwards.

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Ferry Beach has an ideal summer climate. Lying as it does with the Saco Bay of five miles in width and broad ocean on the southeast and the Saco River on the south and southwest, all of the southwesterly and westerly breezes, so liable to be hot in other places, strike the waters of the ocean or river and the atmosphere is thoroughly cooled before reaching the beach. It is far enough north to be well within the



FERRY BEACH PARK.



LONG POND, FERRY BEACH.

A drive of three miles, over one of the finest roads in the country, will bring you to the pretty city of Saco. You can take the dummy train (it will stop anywhere to take a passenger) and go to Old Orchard, from there you can take an electric car to Saco and Middleford, or a train to Portland for a trip down Casco Bay, or a day's sojourn to the White Mountains. Should you want boating or fishing, the mouth of Saco never offers deep water, good anchorage, and abundant facilities for steamer excursions and yachting parties. At the beach is the finest and safest surf bathing place on the coast. If you wish a quiet little treat get your row boat at the pier and take a turn up river, or take

and so enraptures one that it is an impossibility in speaking or writing not to mention the richest of Nature's offering and most picturesque gem of Ferry Beach. The scenes are so varied: the broad bay in front, and its islands with rock-bound shores: on the right the calm, peaceful Saco, which wends its way from the very heart of the White Mountains, through North Conway and Fryeburg, until at last it reaches the Saco Bay and Atlantic Ocean, offering as it does the finest scenery in the world and pleasure to every one who can appreciate the best boating facilities on the Atlantic Coast: then the large pine groves in the rear: Ferry Beach Park with its tall pine trees, mingled with beautiful underbush and ferns, sending forth from the morning dew the fragrant ozone which serves as a tonic and is so invigorating to invalids.



SACO RIVER.

the steamer James T. Furber and sail to the Pool or to Saco and it will never fade from your memory. Should you care for deep-sea fishing, almost any skipper at the mouth of the river will take out a party for a small expense, and you will find it true sport, for the bay is alive with mackerel, cod, and blue fish.

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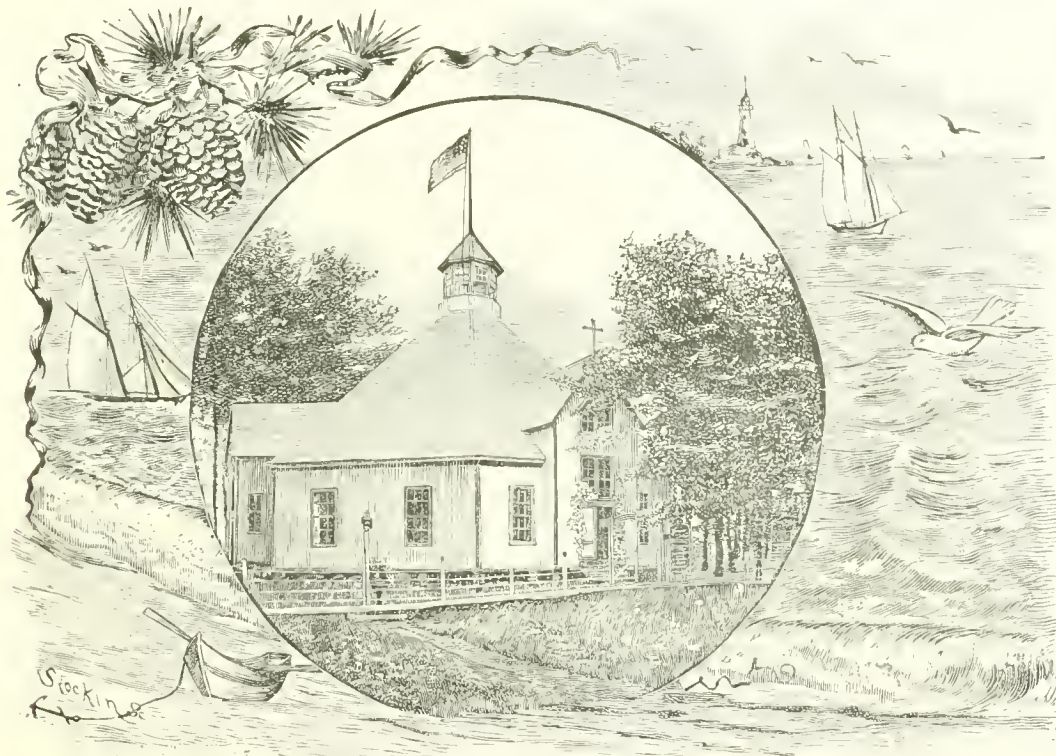
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