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Lovers of nature and of the piscatorial art should not fail to visit a charming retreat only a few miles distant from Farmington. Crystal Lake is in this county, and is about 8 miles due west from Rosemount. The Indian name for this lake was Minne-elk, which, by some, is interpreted as meaning clear water, by others as the favorite drinking place of the elk-deer. It was also called "Potter's Lake," after an early settler on its shores, and this name is still applied to a small body of water at the east end of Crystal Lake, of which it originally formed a part. Viewed from an eminence on the east side, the lake presents the appearance of the letter Y. Maple Island filling up the crutch. "Buck Hill" forms the back-ground to the north west and larger arm. This hill is conspicuously high, there being no other in the vicinity approaching it in this respect; and it is a noble addition to the attractions of the lake. From its summit can be seen, on a clear day, with the aid of a good glass, Fort Snelling and the city of Minneapolis—the church spires and larger buildings of the city being distinctly made out. Round Lake is another attraction about two miles to the south west. Here the princely black bass abounds—a gamey fish deservedly esteemed both for the test it affords for the angler's skill and for its delicate flavor. Here also is to be seen a cranberry marsh, a novelty to many in these parts. The berries grow on a small vine which runs in among grass and weeds, the whole forming a thick spongy mat or carpet covering many acres.

"Lakeside House" is the name of the hotel at Crystal Lake, and is kept by Mr. Lewis Judd. The moderate terms for boarders, the hospitable and genial welcome of the host and hostess tends to render this pleasant resort more popular every year. Two cottages by the lake have been put up for rent, and it is intended soon to erect three more. These improvements are being quietly carried forward by the enterprising proprietor of the Lakeside House, and we feel quite sure that those who visit this lovely little lake for a short or long stay will carry away with them refreshment of soul and body and sweet memories of a happy holiday.  
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