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PREFACE.



THIS HANDBOOK OF THE CATSKILLS is published with the intention of supplying *accurate* and *detailed* information concerning every part of the Catskill Mountain region frequented by summer visitors. So far as the most thorough canvass would secure it, the location and general particulars of *every house* offering accommodation to boarders will be found in its pages. No other book published does this, or makes any attempt to do it.

The illustrations in this book are made direct from photographs by the half-tone process. They are therefore accurate representations. A half-tone picture is made up of numberless dots, larger, or smaller, and should be held at such a distance from the eye that the dots are no longer discernible, in order to get the photographic effect.

The absence of a map in this book is to be explained by the fact that there is no good map of this region, nor even one approximately good, and it seems unwise to multiply errors in names and locations. A new map is being made which will be both accurate and up to date, and arrangements have already been made for its appearance in next year's HANDBOOK.

CHAPTER I.

THE CATSKILLS.

MUCH has been written historically and poetically of the Catskills;—it is rather from the point of view of the practical present that this chapter is written.

The region of the Catskills, which comprises the outlying lowlands as well as the actually elevated mountains and plateaus, has become the great pleasure and health resort of the nearer seaboard cities. The recommendations of physicians and health experts have taken the form that dwellers near the ocean,—or within the sixty mile belt along the coast, within which the prevalent atmospheric influence is of the salt sea,—should take their outing among the mountains (and *vice versa*) to secure the greatest benefit. This dictum has been accepted as rational and wise, but often without a complete and clear understanding, for a high altitude has been deemed necessary to gain the desired improvement in health, and, in some instances, this has seemed to be a mistake. Experience goes to show that altitude is not important except in certain peculiar cases, as thousands find refreshing and revivifying in the many lowland and valley resorts, the results being quite as marked, and as satisfactory, as on the mountain tops.

There is this to be considered. The air upon the lowlands and in the valleys is of the same purity as upon the mountains, there being a constant mingling through the continual stirring up by the ceaseless winds.

The water in the valleys is the same as on the mountains, with whatever advantage may be gained by more complete aëration in its travels over many cascades, rifts and rapids before it reaches the lower levels.

Further, the slight increase in chest measure, as noted by physicians, in the higher altitudes, to accommodate an increased supply of the rarified air, has been found to disappear speedily on return to the home in the coast belt, leaving it an unsettled question whether any benefit whatever has resulted from the temporary expansion.

On the other hand, it is now generally admitted that the beneficial results which are sought in a period of rest from household cares in the Catskill region depend rather upon the change in environment and its mental effects,—the freeing of the mind from the pressure of

a routine of care, which is more or less a condition of slavery to circumstances, and these bonds being broken, if only for a brief period, the bodily rest and mental peace combine in lifting to a higher plane of existence.

Another argument is brought forward by the frequenters of the lowland resorts, especially those whose families spend the season in the Catskills, and whose visiting with them is confined principally to Saturday evening, Sunday, and the early hours of Monday morning, and that is that the lowlands are reached in less time than the higher resorts, and therefore one has several more hours each week with his family.

It is not intended to exalt the valleys above the mountains, metaphorically, by these arguments, but rather to show that, physically, there is little to choose between; that one's taste may be consulted, without consideration of superior natural dispensations either way. It is simply a question of looking up to the mountains, or looking down from them. The higher altitudes are undeniably cooler, especially at nightfall, when the rarer air permits a much more rapid radiation of heat than in the valleys, producing more sudden changes. While this would be a boon to some, to others it would bring great discomfort.

Geographically, the Catskill Mountains are puzzling even to scientific observers, and there are several theories advanced as to their origin, none of which is satisfying. The theory of gravure by water and ice is not borne out by several obstinately adverse conditions, notably the stratification at the tops of the mountains where some quarries are worked. To the climber of many mountains, which is the only way to gain a comprehensive view of the whole, the idea of upheaval becomes irresistible,—and upheaval with subsequent modeling by water and ice will account for nearly all the phenominal forms and arrangements to be found in the region. Special features are noticed throughout this book, but it may be in place here to remark upon the duplication of forms, which is very marked. From some standpoint or other nearly every peak of great size has its double in a smaller one near by. And it may be stated as a general fact, with few exceptions, that the slopes on the northerly sides of the mountains are long and easy in grade, and on the southerly side are abrupt and steep, often precipitous. This fact alone would seem to oppose the water theory beyond possibility of explanation.

The mountain section may be divided into the Eastern and Western groups, the first culminating in Hunter Mountain, 4040 feet high, and the second in Slide Mountain, 4205 feet high. These two groups are joined at the Pine Hill Summit by a pass 1886 feet high.

From this pass flows the Esopus southward and the Delaware northward, marking the separation of the two groups.

Smaller subdivisions are readily discovered, each separated from another by a large brook. Small brooks and springs abound throughout the region and afford a never wearying enjoyment in their motion and pleasant noises.

The whole region appeals to the artistic sense. Less wild in feature than the Adirondacks, the Catskills are more homesome in feeling. One is acquainted with them quickly and loves them long. Here the grand and majestic bend to companionship with the quiet peace of the countryside, and the union is prolific of harmony.

As a playground for those weary of the toilsome drudgery of daily life this region is ideal. Near to the cities whence we would flee, with a multitude of houses, accommodating from four to four hundred, one may choose his home to suit his taste for solitude, or society; his purse as to dollars, or double-eagles; his preference as to meadow, or mountain. The widest variety is here with its vaunted spice, and easy and rapid communication enables the restless to fly from place to place at will.

For the rest, the pages following will have to tell the story, bit by bit.



CHAPTER II.

AVAILABLE TRANSPORTATION LINES.

THE great majority of visitors to the Catskills come by way of New York City. For their convenience the possibilities of transportation are here given, more detailed directions being given in Chapter IV.

The Hudson River Day Line, or "Albany Day Boats" as they are often called, is the most popular line, reaching the western Catskills by way of the Kingston Point landing, and the Eastern group by the Catskill landing. Steamers leave New York daily, *except Sunday*, at foot of Desbrosses street at 8.40 a. m. and foot of West 22nd street at 9.00 a. m. Brooklyn passengers take the annex boat from foot of Fulton street, which transfers them directly to the steamer at Desbrosses street. The annex boat leaves Brooklyn at 8 o'clock a. m.

The favorite route by rail is by the West Shore R. R. from Weehawken. Passengers leave New York by ferry at foot of West 42nd

street, or down town at foot of Franklin street. Some trains leave the Pennsylvania R. R. depot in Jersey City with the through cars from Philadelphia and other points south. These trains may be reached by Cortlandt street ferry or by the annex boat from Brooklyn. See West Shore R. R. time tables for time of leaving. The West Shore trains transfer passengers, or through cars, at Kingston to the Ulster and Delaware R. R. for the western Catskills. Tourists for the Eastern group continue their journey to Catskill station and there transfer to the Catskill Mountain Railway.

The New York Central and Hudson River Railroad affords another route. Trains leave Grand Central Depot at Fourth Avenue and 42nd street, New York City, transferring passengers for the western Catskills at Rhinecliff, where they take the ferry for Rondout which lands them just across the street from the Ulster and Delaware R. R. depot. For the eastern Catskills passengers ride to the Catskill station, taking ferry to Catskill village and then take trains of Catskill Mountain Railway and Otis Elevating Railway.

The Romer and Tremper steamboats leave New York City, foot of West 10th street, at 4 o'clock p. m. on all week-days but Saturday, when the time of leaving is one o'clock. Passengers on these boats remain on board until morning, if desired, taking early morning train on the Ulster and Delaware R. R. for the western Catskills. Or they may go to a hotel on the arrival of the boat at Rondout.

The steamer Mary Powell leaves New York daily, Sundays excepted, from Desbrosses street pier at 3.15 p. m., Saturdays 1.45 p. m., and from West 22nd street pier at 3.30 p. m., Saturdays 2 o'clock; arriving at Rondout 8.30 p. m., Saturdays 7.25 p. m. Passengers by this boat go to the hotels in Rondout or to Kingston (by trolley cars) for the night, taking the morning train for the mountains.

For the eastern Catskills the Catskill Evening Line Steamers are available for night travel, leaving New York City every week-day at 6 o'clock p. m. from foot of Christopher street, and from West 133rd street at 6.30 p. m., reaching Catskill early in the morning to connect with trains on the Catskill Mountain Railway and Otis Elevating Railway.

FROM ALBANY.

From the north, by way of Albany, the Day Line Steamers leave Albany at 8.30 a. m. for Catskill landing and the Eastern Catskills and for Kingston Point for the Western group.

The West Shore R. R. offers the most convenient railroad route for Catskill and Kingston with connections as described above.

The New York Central and Hudson River R. R. is also available by way of Catskill Station and Rhinecliff as above described.

CHAPTER III.

THE HUDSON RIVER DAY LINE.

THE Hudson is one of the rivers of the world, individual in character, distinct in feature, unique in history,—the worthy pride of the State of New York in which it has its fountain, winds its course for upward of three hundred miles, and at whose metropolis, with stately flow, it pours its immensity of water into the unsatisfied sea.

There is an influence intangible to human sense hovering about the Hudson, which has wrought a certain intensity into the lives of men in close contact with it, from the earliest historic times. The Indians who lived upon its banks were the noblest of the Red Men, and with its waters mingled the blood of Uncas, the last of the Mohicans, as he passed away defending his white friends against the ferocity of his own race. In the presence of the Hudson, poets break into rarer song, painters outdo themselves, men of valor are doubly brave and earnest, liberty finds its purest examples and civilization its highest type.

And shall we say that it is men who have made the Hudson great? Nay—but it is the Hudson that hath made its men great. We are not yet in touch with the spirit of the “inanimate” in nature, but the awakening is at hand and the next century will see it.

Partaking of, and reflecting the magnificence of this great river, is the splendid enterprise of the Day Line, which has made this the highway *par excellence* to the Catskills, from either New York or Albany. Its immense steamers are the exponents of the summit of perfection



ON THE DAY LINE.

SUGAR LOAF MOUNTAIN.

reached by mechanical skill in every department, from the micro-metric accuracy of the mighty engines, to the exquisite finish, and luxurious furnishings of the saloons and private parlors. Absolute safety, exceptional speed and elegant comfort have been wrought together within the most graceful lines, and the service and appointments are unexcelled from the restaurants to the orchestras. In these noble vessels the ideal has become the real, and, with every detail harmonious, the trip up the Hudson is one of unmixed enjoyment. Passengers who reach New York, or Albany, in the early morning may proceed directly to the steamer and will find the restaurants open at seven o'clock, prepared to serve breakfast. In New York the steamer will be found at the pier, foot of Desbrosses street. The demands of the "inner man" being satisfied, one is prepared to enjoy to the full the trip up the Hudson.

The annex boat from Brooklyn soon comes into view and lands its passengers directly on the Day Line steamer. Promptly at 8.40 a. m. we leave the Desbrosses street pier and swing around to the north, bound for 22nd street, the favorite landing for New Yorkers because of its convenience. There is always a large contingent to board the steamer at this point, and a lot of baggage to be shipped. The deck hands string themselves out in a long line with a trunk between each two, like a row of moving exclamation points with hyphens between, and the lading is done in a "jiffy."

At nine o'clock we are off again. Ahead on the left, the great wall of the Palisades stand out in bold outline. Fort Lee at the



ON THE DAY LINE.

STORM KING.

nearer end. This stupendous cliff stretches for twenty miles along the western shore, the highest point being nearly 600 feet above the water. On the right is the upper part of New York City, and we soon pass the mouth of the historical Spuyten Duyvil, the end of Manhattan Island.

Half-way along the Palisades is Yonkers, on the right bank of the river, and here we make another

landing, gathering more passengers, many of them for the delightful day excursions to West Point, or Newburgh, which are enjoyed by hundreds every pleasant day during the season.

The lines are cast off and away we go again for a two hours' run without stopping. If the breeze is too strong for comfort, we may take refuge behind the polished plate glass of the saloons and enjoy a perfect view, the windows being large and so close together as to be practically a continuous sheet of glass.

About five miles north of Yonkers we pass the boundary line between New York and New Jersey, and from this point onward both shores are of New York State. Another mile, or two, and the western shore begins to trend away toward the northwest and the River widens into the Tappan Zee, a charming sheet of water about three miles in width and ten miles long, extending northward to Croton Point, which narrow "spit" separates it from the wider Haverstraw Bay lying just beyond. At Haverstraw the River is nearly five miles across.

The shores now begin to grow upward into banks, and the banks into hills, which crowd closer and reach higher until the southern entrance to the world-famous "Highlands of the Hudson" is reached at Peekskill, with Dunderberg on the west and the Spitzenberg on the east. Just ahead on the plateau the snow-white tents mark the location of the State Camp where the State militia practice soldiery out-doors. Rounding Dunderberg we find Anthony's



ON THE DAY LINE.

STATE MILITARY CAMP.

Nose demanding an equal recognition on the right. The beautiful Iona Island lies near the west shore just opposite, and we look over it into the great amphitheatre of the Bread Tray with its Revolutionary history of bloody conflict.

Turning northward again, Sugar Loaf Mountain appears on the right, its symmetrical pyramid rising from delightfully contrasting

base lines. West Point is now in sight ahead, pushing out from the western shore. The landing is one of the most picturesque along the river. Here we shall leave many of our fellow passengers to roam about this interesting spot for three hours, when the other steamer will stop for them on the return trip.

The channel is narrowest at the Point, and there seems scarcely room to get through. Turning sharply we encounter Storm King



ON THE DAY LINE.

LANDING AT WEST POINT.

reaching skyward 1529 feet above the river. Across the water stands Breakneck Hill only 100 ft. lower. With these two mountains the Highlands are ended and the river is widened as the shore recedes on the west, forming Newburgh Bay.

At Newburgh the remainder of the day excursionists leave the steamer to spend nearly two hours

before the down steamer reaches here, during which time Washington's Headquarters will doubtless be visited.

The next landing is Poughkeepsie, and the country between constitutes a very important part of the Hudson River fruit belt. Vineyards clothe the terraced banks and berry fields spread over the wide plateaus, and in the distance orchards are seen clambering, as it were, up the hillsides. The great bridge at Poughkeepsie arouses interest in a new direction, and spice is added by the meeting here with the down steamer. As the up steamer lands first, it is possible to make this city also the object of a day excursion, but with only a few minutes to wait.

We had a distant glimpse of the Catskills when entering Newburgh Bay; from now on they become more and more in evidence, and a few miles below Kingston, as we round a point on the western shore, the southernmost mountains form a grand array of blue peaks toward the northwest.

The landing at Kingston Point was completed last season, and the landing at Rhinecliff with its ferry corollary was discontinued. At Kingston Point close connection is made with the Ulster and Delaware R. R., a waiting train standing just across the pier. Tourists for the western Catskills leave the steamer here and in a few minutes are being whirled up the cliffs of Rondout on their way to the heights.

For fifteen miles the steamer forges on toward Catskill landing, the moun-

tains growing larger, and displaying their great mass and noble height as we approach nearer, their outlines and pictorial arrangement changing with every mile, and when the landing is made we leave the steamer with regret. At Catskill there is a general disembarking of summer tourists bound for the resorts on the top of the mountain, from the Catskill Mountain house and the Kaaterskill Hotel all the way to Hunter and even Lexington, or to the many "parks" which have done so much to make summer cottage life attractive, and to the wide expanse of country reached by way of Cairo which increases its population by thousands in the summer. But the steamer goes on, for its goal is Albany; the memory of the trip remains, an enduring pleasure, with no drawback; so that the trip by the Day Line has come to mean the acme of comfort and pleasure to the tourist, and this explains the ever-increasing host which chooses this delightful route by water, and by daylight.

NOTE.—For particulars of route to any desired point see chapter on "Routes and Approach." and for rates of fare see chapter on that subject. Time tables at the back of the book.



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CHAPTER IV.

ROUTES OF APPROACH TO THE SUMMER RESORTS OF THE CATSKILLS.

NOTE.—Where two routes, or more, are given, the first mentioned is considered preferable. Through tickets may be had for most of the places mentioned. For Rates of Fare see that chapter. The star (*) is explained at the end of this chapter.

Acra, Greene Co.—To Cairo as directed; thence by stage 3 miles.

*Allaben, Ulster Co.—Day Line steamers to Kingston Point, or West Shore R. R. to Kingston; thence by Ulster and Delaware R. R.

Almeda, Delaware Co.—To South Kortright as directed; thence by private conveyance 1 mile.

Andes, Delaware Co.—To Arkville as directed; thence by stage 12 miles.

Arena, Delaware Co.—To Arkville as directed; thence by stage 8 miles.

*Arkville, Delaware Co.—Day Line steamers to Kingston Point, or West Shore R. R. to Kingston; thence by Ulster and Delaware R. R.

Ashland, Greene Co.—To Hunter as directed; thence by stage 12 miles. Or to Cairo, and thence by stage 21 miles.

Ashton, Ulster Co.—P. O. name at Olive Branch station, which see.

Bates, Schohaire Co.—To Grand Gorge as directed, thence by private conveyance 15 miles.

Beach's Corners, Greene Co.—To Hunter as directed, thence by stage 3 miles.

Bearsville, Ulster Co.—To West Hurley as directed, thence by stage 7 miles.

Beechford, Ulster Co.—P. O. name at Cold Brook station, which see.

Big Hollow, Greene Co.—To Hunter as directed, thence by private conveyance 6 miles.

*Big Indian, Ulster Co.—Day Line steamers to Kingston Point, or West Shore R. R. to Kingston; thence by Ulster and Delaware R. R. direct.

*Bloomville, Delaware Co.—Day Line steamers to Kingston Point, or West Shore R. R. to Kingston; thence by Ulster and Delaware R. R. direct.

*Boiceville, Ulster Co.—Day Line steamers to Kingston Point, or West Shore R. R. to Kingston; thence by Ulster and Delaware R. R.

- Bovina Centre, Delaware Co.—To Bloomville as directed, thence by stage 6 miles.
- *Brodhead's Bridge, Ulster Co.—(Brodhead's P. O.) Day Line steamers to Kingston Point, or West Shore R. R. to Kingston; change to Ulster and Delaware R. R. to Brodhead's Bridge.
- Broome Centre, Schoharie Co.—To Grand Gorge as directed; thence by private conveyance 12 miles.
- Brushland, Delaware Co.—To Arkville as directed; thence by private conveyance 12 miles.
- *Brown's Station, Ulster Co.—Day Line steamers to Kingston Point, or West Shore R. R. to Kingston; change to Ulster and Delaware R. R. to station.
- Bushnellville, Greene Co.—To Shadaken as directed; thence by stage 3 miles.
- Cabin Hill, Delaware Co.—To Arena as directed; thence by private conveyance 7 miles.
- Cairo, Greene Co.—To Catskill as directed; change to Catskill Mountain Railway to Cairo.
- Catskill, Greene Co.—Day Line steamers, or West Shore R. R., or Catskill Night Line of steamers, or New York Central R. R. to Catskill station and thence by ferry.
- Catskill Mountain House, Greene Co.—To Otis Summit as directed; thence by private conveyance 100 yards.
- Chichesters, Ulster Co.—To Phœnicia as directed; change to Stony Clove and C. M. R. R. to station.
- Conesville, Schoharie Co.—To Grand Gorge as directed; thence by private conveyance 9 miles.
- Cooksburgh, Albany Co.—To Cairo as directed; thence by stage 12 miles.
- Cornwallsville, Greene Co.—To Cairo as directed; thence by private conveyance 20 miles.
- Davenport, Delaware Co.—To Stamford as directed; thence by stage 10 miles.
- Davenport Centre, Delaware Co.—To Stamford as directed; thence by stage 14 miles.
- Delhi, Delaware Co.—To Bloomville as directed; thence by stage 8 miles. Or to Arkville, and thence by stage 16 miles.
- Downsville, Delaware Co.—To Arkville as directed; thence by stage 26 miles.
- Dry Brook, Ulster Co.—To Arkville as directed; thence by stage 4 miles.
- Dunraven, Delaware Co.—To Arkville as directed; thence by stage 5 miles.
- Durham, Greene Co.—To Cairo as directed; thence by stage 12 miles.

- East Davenport, Delaware Co.—To Stamford as directed; thence by stage 10 miles.
- East Durham, Greene Co.—To Cairo as directed; thence by stage 7 miles.
- East Jewett, Greene Co.—To Hunter as directed; thence by private conveyance 3 miles.
- East Meredith, Delaware Co.—To Bloomville as directed; thence by private conveyance 10 miles.
- East Windham, Greene Co.—To Cairo as directed; thence by stage 10 miles.
- Edgewood, Greene Co.—To Phœnicia as directed; thence by Stony Clove & C. M. R. R. direct.
- Eminence, Schoharie Co.—To Stamford as directed; thence by private conveyance 10 miles.
- Fergusonville, Delaware Co.—To Stamford as directed; thence by private conveyance 14 miles.
- Freehold, Greene Co.—To Cairo as directed; thence by stage 5 miles.
- *Fleischmann's Delaware Co.—Day Line steamers to Kingston Point, or West Shore R. R. to Kingston; thence by Ulster and Delaware R. R.
- Gayhead, Greene Co.—To Cairo as directed; thence by private conveyance $3\frac{1}{2}$ miles.
- Gilboa, Schoharie Co.—To Grand Gorge as directed; thence by stage $4\frac{1}{2}$ miles.
- Glenford, Ulster Co.—To Olive Branch as directed; thence by private conveyance 2 miles, or to West Hurley and thence by stage 4 miles.
- *Grand Gorge, Delaware Co.—Day Line steamers to Kingston Point, or West Shore R. R. to Kingston; thence by Ulster and Delaware R. R.
- *Grand Hotel, Ulster Co.—Day Line steamers to Kingston Point, or West Shore R. R. to Kingston; thence by Ulster and Delaware R. R. to Grand Hotel station.
- Grants Mills, Delaware Co.—To Arkville as directed; thence by private conveyance 10 miles.
- Greenville, Greene Co.—To Cairo as directed; thence by private conveyance 8 miles.
- Griffin's Corners, Delaware Co.—To Fleischmann's as directed; thence by private conveyance 1 mile.
- Haines's Falls, Greene Co. (or Haines's Corners)—To Catskill as directed; change to Catskill Mtn. Ry. to Otis Junction; thence by Otis Elevating Ry. to Otis Summit; thence by Kaaterskill R. R. direct. May also be reached from Phœnicia (which see) by Stony Clove and C. M. R. R. to Kaaterskill Junction; thence by Kaaterskill R. R. direct.

- Halcott Centre, Greene Co.—To Fleischmann's as directed; thence by private conveyance 4 miles.
- *Halcottville, Delaware Co.—Day Line steamers to Kingston Point, or West Shore R. R. to Kingston; thence by Ulster and Delaware R. R. direct.
- Harpersfield, Delaware Co.—To Stamford as directed; thence by stage $4\frac{1}{2}$ miles.
- Hensonville, Greene Co.—To Hunter as directed; thence by stage 7 miles.
- *Highmount, Ulster Co.—To Grand Hotel station as directed; thence by stage 1 mile.
- *Hobart, Delaware Co.—Day Line steamers to Kingston Point, or West Shore R. R. to Kingston; thence by Ulster and Delaware R. R. direct.
- *Hunter, Greene Co.—Day Line steamers to Kingston Point, or West Shore R. R. to Kingston; thence by Ulster and Delaware R. R. to Phœnicia; thence by Stony Clove and C. M. R. R. direct. Or proceed to Tannersville as directed and thence by Kaaterskill R. R. to Kaaterskill Junction; thence by Stony Clove and C. M. R. R. direct.
- Jefferson, Schoharie Co.—To Stamford as directed; thence by stage 7 miles.
- Jewett Centre, Greene Co.—To Hunter as directed; thence by stage 6 miles.
- Jewett Heights, Greene Co.—To Hunter as directed; thence by stage 9 miles.
- *Kaaterskill, Greene Co.—Day Line steamers or West Shore R. R. to Catskill; change to Catskill Mountain Ry. to Otis Junction; change to Otis Elevating Ry. to Otis Summit; thence by Kaaterskill R. R. direct. Or may be reached from Phœnicia by Stony Clove and C. M. R. R. to Kaaterskill Junction; thence by Kaaterskill R. R. direct.
- Kaaterskill Junction, Greene Co.—To Kaaterskill as directed; thence by Stony Clove and C. M. R. R. direct. Or the Ulster and Delaware R. R. to Phœnicia as directed, and thence by Stony Clove and C. M. R. R. direct.
- *Kelley's Corners, Delaware Co.—Day Line steamers to Kingston Point or West Shore R. R. to Kingston; thence by Ulster and Delaware R. R. direct.
- *Kingston, Ulster Co.—Day Line steamers to Kingston Point, thence by Ulster and Delaware R. R. to Kingston station. Or from Kingston Point by trolley cars. Or by West Shore R. R. direct.

- Kingston Point, Ulster Co.—Day Line steamers direct. Or West Shore R. R. to Kingston, and trolley cars to the Point.
- Kiskatom, Greene Co.—To Lawrenceville as directed; thence by private conveyance 1½ miles.
- Kripple Bush, Ulster Co.—To Brodhead's Bridge as directed; thence by private conveyance 8 miles.
- Krumville, Ulster Co.—To Brodhead's Bridge as directed; thence by private conveyance 8 miles.
- Lake Delaware, Delaware Co.—To Bloomville as directed; thence by private conveyance 8 miles.
- Lake Hill, Ulster Co.—To Mount Pleasant as directed; thence by private conveyance 7 miles.
- Lamontville, Ulster Co.—To Brown's Station as directed; thence by private conveyance 4 miles.
- Lanesville, Greene Co.—To Phœnicia as directed; thence by Stony Clove and C. M. R. R. direct.
- Laurel House, Greene Co.—To Otis Summit as directed; thence by Kaaterskill R. R. direct. Also from Phœnicia by Stony Clove and C. M. R. R. to Kaaterskill Junction, and thence by Kaaterskill R. R.
- Lawrenceville, Greene Co.—To Catskill as directed; thence by Catskill Mtn. Ry.
- Leeds, Greene Co.—To Catskill as directed; thence by Catskill Mtn. Ry. direct.
- Lexington, Greene Co.—To Shandaken as directed; thence by stage 11 miles. Or to Hunter, and thence by stage 9 miles.
- Longyear, Ulster Co.—The P. O. name at Mt Pleasant
- Mackey, Schoharie Co.—To Grand Gorge as directed; thence by private conveyance 10 miles.
- Manor Kill, Schoharie Co.—To Grand Gorge as directed; thence by private conveyance 10 miles.
- Marbletown, Ulster Co.—To West Hurley as directed; thence by private conveyance 4 miles.
- Margaretville, Delaware Co.—To Arkville as directed; thence by stage 2 miles.
- Mink Hollow, Ulster Co.—(P. O. Lake Hill). To Mt. Pleasant as directed; thence by private conveyance 9 miles.
- *Mount Pleasant, Ulster Co.—(P. O. Longyear). Day Line steamers to Kingston Point, or West Shore R. R. to Kingston; thence by Ulster and Delaware R. R. direct. See "the Corner."
- New Kingston, Delaware Co.—To Arkville as directed; thence by private conveyance 9 miles.

- North Blenheim, Schoharie Co.—To Grand Gorge as directed; thence by private conveyance 10 miles.
- North Harpersfield, Delaware Co.—To Stamford as directed; thence by private conveyance 6 miles.
- Norton Hill, Greene Co.—To Cairo as directed; thence by private conveyance 8 miles.
- Oak Hill, Greene Co.—To Cairo as directed; thence by stage 12 miles.
- Olive, Ulster Co.—To Olive Branch as directed; thence by private conveyance 3 miles.
- *Olive Branch, Ulster Co.—Day Line steamers to Kingston Point, or West Shore R. R. to Kingston; thence by Ulster and Delaware R. R. direct. P. O. name, Ashton.
- Olive Bridge, Ulster Co.—To Brodhead's Bridge as directed; thence by private conveyance 2 miles.
- Olive City, Ulster Co.—Local name for Olive Bridge.
- Olivera, Ulster Co.—To Big Indian as directed; thence by stage 2½ miles.
- Otis Summit, Greene Co.—The mountain terminus of the Otis Elevating Ry. Day Line steamers or West Shore R. R. to Catskill; Catskill Mountain Ry. to Otis Junction; thence by Otis Elevating Ry. direct.
- Palenville, Greene Co.—To Catskill as directed; thence by Catskill Mountain Ry. direct.
- *Phœnicia, Ulster Co.—Day Line steamers to Kingston Point, or West Shore R. R. to Kingston; thence by Ulster and Delaware R. R. direct.
- *Pine Hill, Ulster Co.—Day Line steamers to Kingston Point, or West Shore R. R. to Kingston; thence by Ulster and Delaware R. R.
- Prattsville, Greene Co.—To Grand Gorge as directed; thence by stage 5 miles.
- Purling, Greene Co.—To Cairo as directed; thence by private conveyance 2 miles.
- *Roxbury, Delaware Co.—Day Line steamers to Kingston Point, or West Shore R. R. to Kingston; thence by Ulster and Delaware R. R.
- Ruth, Schoharie Co.—To Stamford as directed; thence by private conveyance 8 miles.
- Samsonville, Ulster Co.—To Brodhead's Bridge as directed; thence by private conveyance 6 miles.
- Saxton, Ulster Co.—To Palenville as directed; thence by private conveyance 2 miles.
- Seager, Ulster Co.—To Arkville as directed; thence by private conveyance 8 miles.

- Shady, Ulster Co.—To West Hurley as directed; thence by private conveyance 6 miles.
- *Shandaken, Ulster Co.—Day Line steamers to Kingston Point, or West Shore R. R. to Kingston; thence by Ulster and Delaware R. R. direct.
- Shavertown, Delaware Co.—To Arkville as directed; thence by stage 15 miles.
- Shokan, Ulster Co.—Day Line steamers to Kingston Point, or West Shore R. R. to Kingston; thence by Ulster and Delaware R. R. direct.
- Slide Mountain, Ulster Co.—To Big Indian as directed; thence by stage 5 miles.
- South Cairo, Greene Co.—To Catskill as directed; thence by Catskill Mountain Ry. direct.
- South Durham, Greene Co.—To Cairo as directed; thence by stage 6 miles.
- *South Gilboa, Schoharie Co.—Day Line steamers to Kingston Point, or West Shore R. R. to Kingston; thence by Ulster and Delaware R. R. direct.
- South Jefferson, Schoharie Co.—To Stamford as directed; thence by private conveyance 5 miles.
- *South Kortright, Delaware Co.—Day Line steamers to Kingston Point, or West Shore R. R. to Kingston; thence by Ulster and Delaware R. R. direct.
- Spruceton, Greene Co.—To Shandaken as directed; thence by private conveyance 10 miles.
- Stamford, Delaware Co.—Day Line steamers to Kingston Point, or West Shore R. R. to Kingston; thence by Ulster and Delaware R. R. direct.
- Summit Mountain.—The P. O. name at the New Grand Hotel. See Grand Hotel Station.
- Sunside, Greene Co.—To Cairo as directed; thence by private conveyance 5 miles.
- Tannersville, Greene Co.—To Otis Summit as directed; thence by Kaaterskill R. R. direct. Or to Phœnicia as directed; thence by Stony Clove and C. M. Ry. to Kaaterskill Junction; thence by Kaaterskill R. R. direct.
- The Corner, Ulster Co.—One of the two post-offices at Mount Pleasant, the other being Longyear. Longyear is at the station. The Corner, half a mile away, across the Esopus. See Mount Pleasant.
- Union Grove, Delaware Co.—To Arkville as directed; thence by stage 12 miles.
- Union Society, Greene Co.—To Cairo as directed; thence by stage 13 miles.

- Warnerville, Schoharie Co.—To Stamford as directed; thence by private conveyance 16 miles.
- *West Hurley, Ulster Co.—Day Line steamers to Kingston Point, or West Shore R. R. to Kingston; thence by Ulster and Delaware R. R. direct.
- Westkill, Greene Co.—To Shandaken as directed; thence by stage 7 miles.
- West Shokan, Ulster Co.—P. O. name at Shokan Station, which see.
- Windham, Greene Co.—To Hunter as directed; thence by stage 9 miles. Or to Cairo and thence by stage 16 miles.
- Wittenberg, Ulster Co.—To Cold Brook as directed; thence by private conveyance 4 miles.
- Woodland, Ulster Co.—To Phœnicia as directed; thence by private conveyance 5 miles.
- Woodstock, Ulster Co.—To West Hurley as directed; thence by stage 5 miles.
- Zena, Ulster Co.—To West Hurley as directed; thence by private conveyance 4 miles.



* Stations marked thus may also be reached by the Romer & Tremper Steamboat to Rondout, a night line, or by Steamer Mary Powell, which leaves New York in the afternoon, arriving at Rondout about dark, and remaining over night at a hotel, taking Ulster and Delaware trains at Rondout Station in the morning.



CHAPTER V.

HINTS AND HELPS.

WHERE a part of the journey to any desired resort is to be made by "private conveyance," as will be found noted in Chapter IV, in some cases, it is wise to arrange beforehand for such conveyance, and understand what the charge will be. Many houses away from the stage-lines have their own teams and make no additional charge for the service; but some do not, and depend upon their neighbors' teams, which have to be paid for. A *complete* understanding as to money matters is so important as to make the difference, for some people, between happiness and misery for the whole season. "Be wise in time," as saith the proverb.

Accommodations may be had at the houses mentioned in this book at from \$5 a week to \$4 a day. It should not be expected that the low-priced houses give the same accommodations, or set as varied a table, as the high-priced ones. Those who make the lower prices are farm houses, as a rule, where the business of life is farming, and boarders are taken for the few weeks of the boarding season to help along. The fare at these houses is good, wholesome and abundant. The variety found on the tables of the larger hotels should not be expected, nor should their complete appointments in service and furnishings be looked for. Another class of houses are the larger boarding houses, charging middle rates. These are devoted wholly to entertaining guests, and stand empty and idle nine months of the year. Remembering this the higher rates are not exorbitant. The larger hotels are the equals of any in the world in comfort and elegant furnishings, and in the bill of fare. Their distance from the markets adds much to the cost of all that is served, and the charges are not more than in city hotels who receive their supplies at their doors. The one thing necessary to a happy sojourn in the Catskills is *contentment* and this the visitor must supply. Therefore it is wise to choose your boarding house or hotel, from such a class as will meet your desires, and the advertised price per week is a good guide as to what may be reasonably looked for, for competition is keen and prices have been scaled down close to living rates.

In the matter of clothing, it should be remembered that as a rule the nights are cool among the mountains and light wraps are very desirable soon after sundown. Woolen clothing throughout is the rule of the wise and prudent who believe in prevention rather than cure.

Since it has been decided that it is change from the usual routine as well as change of air that brings rest and refreshing, it would seem to be wise to avoid, so far as possible, the carrying of one's usual occupations into the mountains. Still this is just what many people do. The idea seems to be to get out of the life one usually lives, and into a new and different one for the time being. This should be a part of the planning for the summer vacation. Try to leave all of the old life at home with its cares, and enter fully into the peculiar pleasures of an outdoor life "in close communion with Nature" as saith the poet.

An old farmer and boarding-house keeper said a few days ago, "They tell me that if I should go to the city for a spell and act as my boarders do when they come here that I would be in the 'jug' inside of ten minutes, and I wouldn't blame 'em a mite if I was." One hopes this is an exaggeration for the sake of the good breeding which prevails among city folk at home, and that whatever breach of good

manners may occur is due rather to exuberance of spirits rather than to the fact that the "Golden Rule" has been left at home. *Don't forget it.* Be sure you have it with you, for it is like the enchanter's wand turning all to gold that it touches.



CHAPTER VI.

THE WESTERN CATSKILLS.

THE name "Western Catskills" has been given to the region lying west of the range marked by High Peak opposite the Kaaterskill Hotel at one end and the Westkill Chain at the other. It is of later development than the old Catskill Mountain House region and the section about Cairo and Windham, dating from the time of the opening of the Ulster and Delaware R. R. in 1870. There was some travel here before that by stages, but the region generally was made accessible by this railroad, which is to-day its only thoroughfare, so far as the summer visitor is concerned.

This part of the Catskills is nearer to New York in point of time as well as distance excepting at the more distant points on the railroad. The entrance is by way of Kingston Point, if one makes the trip up the Hudson by the Day Line steamers, which, in itself, is a most delightful experience to add to the summer vacation, with not only a saving in expense of travel, but also a great saving in fatigue for many, and the freedom from the annoyances of dust and noise incident to railway travel.

At Kingston Point the Day Boat lands its passengers on one side of the wharf and the Ulster and Delaware train stands just across on the other side ready to start for the mountains without a moment's loss of time. This arrangement was consummated last season for the first and the great saving in time over the previous plan of landing at Rhinebeck and taking the ferry across was appreciated by all who came this way. It is quite certain, too, that this new attention of the Day Line to the comfort and convenience of its patrons will be well repaid in the increase of travel by its deservedly popular steamers.

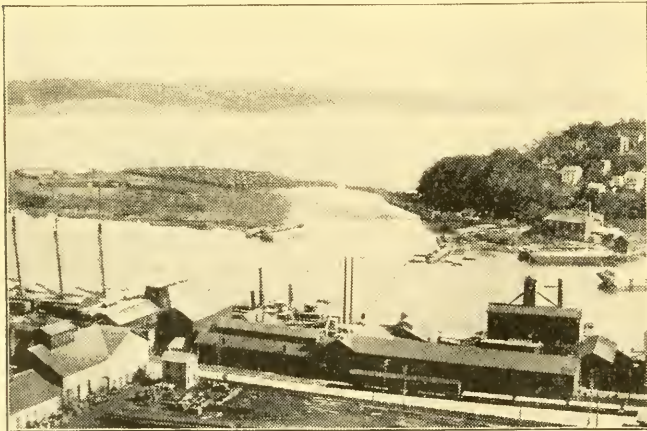
Let us follow the route of the railroad as it leaves the Kingston Point wharf on its way to the mountains. For a short distance we are upon a trestle and soon are alongside of the Rondout Creek

with its great variety of shipping craft, from the needle-like "shell" of the boat club up to the commodious steamers of the Romer and



HUDSON RIVER AND MOUTH OF RONDOUT CREEK. RHINECLIFF IN THE DISTANCE.

Tremper Line; from the bumboat and the ferry man's wherry to the spick and span steam yacht waiting the return of its owner from the mountains. A brief stop is made at the Rondout station for such passengers as may have come over by the ferry from the Rhinebeck station on the New York Central R. R. across the river, and then the train begins a climb up the Rondout cliffs winding this way and that to gain the desired grade. Glimpses of the river and the Rondout Creek, more or less extended, are caught as the train moves onward and upward in its tortuous course. Finally after a series of rocky cuts we come out into the open upland. To the



RONDOUT CREEK AND HUDSON RIVER LOOKING SOUTH, FROM THE CLIFFS AT RONDOUT.

left on an eminence stands the Kingston City Hall, its high tower commanding a wonderful view of the Catskill Mountains, the whole southern façade being in full view far beyond the city. It is easily visited from the Kingston station and any

one who has an hour to wait cannot employ it to better advantage. The trolley cars take you from the station to the entrance of the City Hall in five minutes.

Passing this and the busy factory of the Peckham Car Truck Works we cross the tracks of the West Shore R. R. and come to a stop at Kingston station. Here the Wallkill Valley R. R. has its northern terminus and from this road and the West Shore many passengers are added to our numbers.

It has been thought best to follow the routes of the railroads in this book as most visitors will travel in that way. There are a few who ride through the mountains in private conveyances, and for these there are numberless beautiful views which the railroad traveler never sees. But we are a nation of railroaders, and few of us could stand a fifty-mile or even a thirty-mile drive, and retain the capacity for enjoying the beautiful in Nature.

At each station, therefore, we shall alight and visit each point of interest in the vicinity, with such chat as may make our way the more entertaining. Here and there it will be necessary to diverge considerably to climb a mountain, or to make a day trip, but we shall return again to the railroad station to resume the journey and make it practically continuous for those who do not stop over.

At Kingston there are several objects of interest to those historically inclined, and many visitors to the Catskills arrange to spend a day in this city. Many old stone houses are scattered throughout the western part of the city, dating back to the last century. The one house left untouched at the burning of Kingston in 1777 is still in excellent preservation. The Senate House built in 1676, and in which the first constitution of the State of New York was drawn up and adopted, is now the



OLD SENATE HOUSE, KINGSTON.

property of the State, and has become the treasure-house of a great number of articles of historical interest. The graveyard of the old Dutch Reformed Church is another spot visited by many antiquarians. Its quaint old tomb-stones, some of them grotesquely shaped slabs of blue-stone with Dutch inscriptions, bear records reaching over several generations.

A favorite day trip from Kingston is to Lake Mohonk, which unique resort demands a chapter of its own.



LAKE MOHONK MOUNTAIN HOUSE.

CHAPTER VII.

LAKE MOHONK AND LAKE MINNEWASKA.

LAKE MOHONK with its peculiar attractions lies southwest of Kingston, about eighteen miles distant. It is reached by the Wallkill Valley R. R. to New Paltz station, and thence by stage; or the trip may be made with great enjoyment in a private conveyance, one route lying through Hurley, Marbletown and Stone Ridge. At the last named place is the summer home of Francis H. Leggett of New York City,—an elegant estate.

Lake Mohonk is the only place of its kind, a sort of gathering together in one spot of all that goes to make up the attractively wild in Nature. The phrase "in miniature" has been used in describing its scenery, but there is no feeling of littleness about it. Everything is massive and grand, and while the lake looks small viewed from certain points, it is only from contrast with features which are large. Then, again, no part of this region is out of reach. The heights are accessible to those who are not strong, the chasms and clefts may be traversed without weariness, and yet lose nothing of their impressive character, because they are within the compass of ordinary ability, and do not require the strength and endurance of a giant. And it may be said here that nowhere else is so much brought so close together, and within such easy reach of comfortable enjoyment.

In this brief chapter it is possible only to hint at the multitude of interesting objects at Lake Mohonk. The lake itself, a little more than half a mile in length and perhaps half that in width—guessing at distances across water is not satisfactory,—is fed by springs, and the water is of a deep emerald green, very beautiful when the light is favorable. Its shores are wonderfully picturesque, being mostly of rock, either reaching high up into perpendicular cliffs and crags, or a tumbled confusion of immense fragments, the ruggedness only partially draped with the foliage of such vegetation as can find a living among the crevices. And yet along this wild and savage shore are numerous landing places, some natural, some artificial, all delightfully interesting in detail.

The mountain peak "Sky-top" is the other principal feature of the spot. It rises almost directly from the shore of the lake, cliffs piled upon cliffs into a precipice. From its summit, which stands alone, the view is far reaching in all directions. Toward the north the whole southern façade of the Catskill Mountains is spread out in grand array, distant about twenty-five miles. At the right hand end of the group is North Mountain lying beyond the old Catskill Mountain House and North Lake; then, passing toward the left, is the peak of the Overlook, with its great mountain house half a mile to the left of the summit. Then still further left is Indian Head, and then Twin Mountain, then Mink Mountain (or Sugar Loaf) and then the bold lines of the deep pass of Mink Hollow. Next to the left is Plateau Mountain and then Hunter Mountain, the highest of that group. The next very high peak is Big West Kill Mountain. The more distant peaks are scarcely distinguish-



LOOKING DOWN THE LAKE.

able. Of the group on the left of the wide valley of the Esopus Creek up which we have been looking, High Point at Shokan is the



PROFLE ROCK.

nearest and most prominent, and back of this is the high Wittenberg chain of five peaks, and Panther Mountain to the right in the distance. To the left of High Point are Peakamoose and Table Mountain. The Neversink Mountains carry the eye around still further west to where the Pike County mountains in Pennsylvania usurp the sky-line. Toward the southwest are the Shawangunks with their quaint contrasts of gently sloping woodlands and abrupt rocky cliffs.

Lake Minnewaska, a resort similar in character to Lake Mohonk, lies seven miles away, its large houses in full view.

The other quadrant of our circle of vision is over lowlands covered with farms noted for their rich and generous returns to the farmer's toil. The view depends largely upon the condition of the atmosphere; when clear, reaching the hills of Berkshire County in Massachusetts toward the east, and north of these the Green Mountains of Vermont.

With this superb outlook only half an hour's easy walk from the hotel, the fascinating allurements, which, for the human race, invest every body of water, and doubly so this gem of a lake in a setting of Nature's own repoussé, and natural curiosities in cliffs, gorges, crevices, caves, waterfalls, crags, and all the other peculiar features of mountain and forest, in bewildering profusion,—with all this as one may say, within arm's reach, what wonder that the hotel here has expanded almost into a small village, one house being built

against another until it is over an eighth of a mile long, as picturesque as the Swiss idea can make it.

The house is noted for strict total abstinence, not alone from spirituous liquors, but also from "the noisy nuisance of interminable dancing, bawling and racketing that make our American watering places the disgust of all quiet souls," as one visitor expresses it. These wholesome restrictions determine the standard of character of the guests, as such may be expressed in deportment, and Mr. Smiley, the proprietor, is now reaping the reward of his wisdom in making these rules long ago, in the fact that the guests at Lake Mohonk are of the best people in the land.

With such an environment, animate and inanimate, who could not pass a season of rest peacefully and happily beside this mountain lake?

LAKE MINNEWASKA.

Lake Minnewaska, as before mentioned, is a resort similar in characteristics to Mohonk. It lies on the top of the same range of mountains, seven miles southwest of Mohonk, and is surrounded by very much the same extraordinary scenery. There are two houses here, the Cliff House, on the top of the cliffs at the eastern side of the Lake, 150 feet above the water, and the Wildmere House at the northern end of the Lake perhaps 100 feet lower. The elevation of the Cliff house is 1800 feet above the sea level, commanding magnificent views in all directions, embracing the mountains along the northern border of New Jersey on the south; the Highlands of the Hudson and Newburgh Bay toward the southeast; the Housatonic Mountains of Connecticut toward the east; the Berkshire Hills of Massachusetts and the Green Mountains of Vermont toward the northeast; the Helderbergs toward the north, the Catskills toward the northwest; and the Neversink and Shawangunk Hills toward the west.

Lake Minnewaska is larger than Lake Mohonk, and while similar to it, has its own individual features which are eagerly explored, not only by its own guests, but as well by parties who come over to spend the day, sometimes to the number of forty or fifty on a single day.

The romantic Awasting Falls are about a mile from the Cliff House and well repay a visit at any time, doubly so when the water is high. The Cascades of the Peterskill are very interesting, and clefts, crevices and caves give great variety of interest to the rock formations, natural and accidental. With these may be mentioned the great cliffs of the Millbrook Mountains near at hand with their sheer precipices five hundred feet high, and nearer still the Palmagahalt and its giant hemlocks.

The guests at Lake Minnewaska belong to the same class as those at Mohonk, and here also those of refined and moral tastes may enjoy a peacefully happy rest free from the annoyances experienced at resorts where the restrictions are less stringent.

[NOTE.—It is with great regret that the publisher is obliged to announce that the illustrations to accompany this brief article on Lake Minnewaska did not arrive in time to be used.]



CHAPTER VIII.

LAKE AIOSKAWASTING.

THIS charming lake lies three miles southwest of Lake Minnewaska. It is two miles in length and half a mile wide at the widest part, covering about five hundred acres, or nearly ten times as large as Lake Minnewaska. It is located upwards of 2000 feet above the sea level, and in scenery resembles the other lakes,—Mohonk and Minnewaska,—on this mountain range. This lake, too, has its lofty peak of outlook in High Point, which is several hundred feet higher than “Sky Top,” at Mohonk.

The surrounding woodlands abound with natural curiosities of rocks and waterfalls, caverns and cascades.

There is a house of twelve rooms near the foot of the lake at which family parties are entertained during the season. Address H. D. Darrow, 67 Albany Ave., Kingston, N. Y.

This lake and a large tract of woodland surrounding is now for sale, and as it is practically wild and undeveloped it is hoped that it will fall into the hands of such men as the Messrs. Smiley, of Mohonk and Minnewaska, and be converted to a high class resort like those places.

[NOTE.—See advertisement in back of this book.]



CHAPTER IX.

WEST HURLEY,

GLENFORD, WOODSTOCK, BEARSVILLE, SHADY AND MEAD'S.

RESUMING our journey at the Kingston station, after the day trip to Mohonk, we have a few minutes to look about before the train leaves, while perhaps the through cars from Philadelphia, New York and other points are being switched from the West Shore R. R. tracks to become a part of the Ulster and Delaware train for the mountains.

Obedient to the impulse which has brought us thus far in search of the mountains, we turn our gaze instinctively toward the north, where the great masses of blue reach up into the sky. This view is oblique to the trend of the eastern façade of the mountains and the peaks push out one beyond another until Round Top, opposite Cairo, is reached. The great Overlook Mountain, the southeasternmost corner of the group, is nearest, with its big hotel boastfully upon its shoulder. Just beyond, to the right, is Plattekill Mountain, then, still further east, High Peak, then South Mountain with the great Kaaterskill Hotel perched lightly upon its breast, and just beyond the rolling curve of South Mountain the old Catskill Mountain Hotel, the pioneer hotel of the region. Back of this famous hotel and reaching high above it, is seen North Mountain, and finally Cairo Round Top.

Leaving Kingston station the train descends rapidly to the "Lowlands," a broad and fertile plain stretching on both sides of the Esopus Creek for many miles. Across this level we see again the same array of mountain peaks becoming bluer and bluer in the distance. One by one they disappear behind the precipitous slopes of the Overlook. The Fair Street station at the northern edge of the city is passed, and then a mile brings us to Esopus Creek, whose sluggish current and banks of black mud convey no idea of the brisk and dashing mountain stream which we shall find it when we next see it at Brodhead's Bridge.

Now the actual climb to the heights begins, and we are soon up on the ledges of Stony Hollow looking down upon the blue-stone wagons making their way toilsomely to tide water at Rondout or Wilbur. A mile or two further and we stop at West Hurley station.

The village of West Hurley lies south of the railroad a short quarter of a mile. It is a quiet rural village scattered along on both

sides of one long street. Several stores and churches, two hotels and a few boarding houses are to be found here, and it is also the station for visitors going to Mead's, Woodstock, Glenford, Bearsville and Shady, and one route to Lake Hill, which is usually reached by way of Mt. Pleasant.

Taking the road south from the station we go over to the main street turn the corner to the left and cross the street to Marcus Lane's Hotel. Here are accommodations for fifty. Day rate \$1.50. Special rates by the week or month. A good livery at reasonable rates.

Alfred Bonesteel's is a quarter of a mile further east on this road, which leads to Kingston. Room for ten. Apply.

From the road near this house there is a remarkably fine view of the Wittenberg Chain beyond Shokan. The five peaks are distinct and the right hand peak is the Wittenberg. Next toward the left is Mt. Cornell, then Spruce Top, then Fourth Mountain and the Fifth Mountain. This completes the chain. Slide Mountain looms up between Mt. Cornell and Spruce Top. To the left of this group are Table Mountain and Peekamoose, then alone toward the left is High Point. To the right of the Wittenberg chain is Tysteneyck, then toward the right Little Toinje, Big Toinje, Oleberg away back beyond Lake Hill, Mink Mountain, (or Sugar Loaf) then Twin Mountain, Indian Head and the Overlook on the extreme right. The village lies prettily in the foreground.

A short distance further (toward Kingston) is a road turning to the right, leading across the railroad track to Geo. Rowe's. Room here for fifteen. \$5 a week.

A few rods further on the main road is C. E. Brink's hotel, at the junction with the road to Woodstock. \$1.50 per day.

Returning now to Lane's Hotel we take this same road in the opposite or westerly direction, passing the post-office, within a few steps, and the several stores. The first turn toward the right leads to the Reformed church. A short walk further is the Methodist church, and across the street, close by, is Mrs. N. J. Barton's, with room for ten. Apply for terms.

There is also a Roman Catholic church a long mile down the road toward Stony Hollow.

Now we return to the railroad station for a new start northward toward Woodstock. The view up the track is interesting, the Wittenberg group filling in the background handsomely. A little way out we have a fine view of the mountains again, this time with the head of the great Beaverville swamp for a foreground. Twin Mountain shows from here as a single peak of peculiarly bold outline, the southernmost peak hiding the other. Those who have seen

Mount Colvin, in the Adirondacks, from St. Hubert's Inn, will be struck with the likeness of this view of Twin Mountain.



LOOKING NORTHWARD OVER THE BEAVERKILL SWAMP.

About a mile out toward Woodstock the Glenford road turns off toward the left.

**GLENFORD P. O.,
ULSTER CO., N. Y.**

About a mile and a half farther on this road we come to Mrs. I. H. Moore's. Room for twenty. \$5 to \$7.

A. A. Castle's is next. Room for twenty-five. Apply.

Then comes Walter Lee's, with room for thirty. Apply.

Wm. Yerry's is next. Room for twenty-five. Apply.

This brings us to the post-office, three miles from the West Hurley station. Just beyond is Samuel Brower's with room for thirty. \$5 to \$7.

George Brower's is next. Room for ten. \$5 to \$7.

Then John D. Brower's. Room for fifteen. Apply.

Hiram Austen's is next. He takes ten. \$5 to \$7.

Wallace Lee's is next. Room for twelve. \$5 to \$7.

This road is now rapidly approaching Olive Branch, and as the remaining houses are nearer that station they will be noticed in the next chapter.

From near the Glenford P. O. a road runs northeasterly to the Woodstock road, along the foot of the Beaverkill Mountain. On this road are three boarding houses.

William Moore's is first. Room for fifteen. Apply.

Chas. Burkins's is next, with room for ten. Apply.

Henry Johnson's is third. He takes ten. Apply.

We may follow on this road to Woodstock, but for our purpose it is best to return to the Woodstock road where we diverged to go to Glenford. From this point we go on toward Woodstock for a long half-mile, to Mrs. E. J. Lane's. Room for twenty. Apply.

Nathan Woven's is close by. Room for ten. Apply.

Half a mile further is Eugene Vredenburg's. Room for fifteen. Apply.

This is the last of the West Hurley houses, and we are now approaching Woodstock. The Overlook Mountain becomes larger as we approach it, and the big hotel becomes more and more distinct, and the Lookout Tower on top of the mountain is plainly in view. The eastern slope of this mountain is peculiarly bold and rugged owing to several perpendicular cliffs. Mead's Mountain House too is visible, apparently on a spur of the Overlook directly under Mink Mountain. The Beaverkill Mountain is on the left, its wild ledges affording a foothold for many pines. On the right the fields show a good many red cedars, their russet pyramids showing rich among the tamer pines and hemlocks, and giving a fine balsamic spice to the air.

Rounding a curve in the road and rising a slight hill we come into view of Woodstock, situated in a beautiful valley, protected on the north by the towering Overlook Mountain which seems higher than ever. Now we begin to descend, and soon have a view down the valley toward the west. The fine peak near by on the left is Tysteneyck; Mount Tobias is on the right and at the end closing the
WOODSTOCK P. O. outlook, is Samuels' Point beyond Boiceville.
ULSTER CO., N. Y. Just before entering the village a pretty stream is crossed where there is a waterfall, making a most pleasing picture as one looks up stream.

The large and comfortable house close by on the right is A. N. Riseley's, four miles and a half from the West Hurley station. Here is room for seventy-five boarders. Apply for terms.

The stream over which we came is the Sawkill, which supplies the city of Kingston with water. The reservoirs are a mile below Woodstock. The road leading down past Riseley's is a shorter way to Kingston than the one we have come.

Half a mile down this road is Alvah Lasher's. Room for ten. Apply.

Going toward the village the next house is Jas. Lasher's, with room for fifteen. Apply.

Just beyond, a road turns in to a large stone house standing back from the road. This is C. J. Hogan's. Room for twenty-five. Apply.

A short distance further is the Lutheran Church on the left, a pretty, modern building.

The hotel is across the street a little further on, kept by Wm. F. Van Natten. Transients, \$2 a day. By the week, \$7 to \$10. Accommodations for seventy.

The road to Mead's, McDaniel's and the Overlook turns off just alongside of the hotel. A superb white birch tree, of an uncommon species may be seen in a yard on the right as we go on to Mead's. The way is interesting. The fields begin to show outcropping ledges and many little brooks tumbling down over them in miniature cascades. Mead's is nearly 1500 feet above Woodstock, and the road is steep and zig-zag. But the views are fine, and the "thank-ye-marms" are numerous, and give one a chance to look about. Nearly a mile up, the road swings toward the west and a fine view of Woodstock is enjoyed. The cemetery is in full view, looking more populous than the village, a fact explained by the numerous interments of persons who, having seen and loved the pretty village in life, have turned toward it with longing for its peaceful quiet when the end came. Far away toward the south just visible, to the left of the Beaverkill Mountain are blue hills, and some one says, "Oh, there is Mohonk! See, Sky Top and Eagle Cliff, and the notch where the lake is, etc., etc." But it isn't, although it looks so very like it. This is one of those strange mimicries previously mentioned. As we get up higher we shall see Mohonk lying to the right of its peculiar "double" now in view.

For another mile the road climbs higher and higher, but at last the summit is reached and Mead's is there, as it has been for 32 years, when its visitors came to Rondout by the Day Boats and were brought out here the rest of the way by stage, reaching the house ten or eleven o'clock at night. In those days, Mr. Mead says, people were glad to get away from railroads and were content with mail three times a week; now they want a railroad station right in front of the house, mail every hour and a telegraph within reach of the bed. He deplores the "pace" at which the present generation lives, and loves to talk of the "old times." There is room here for seventy-five. Terms \$7 to \$10. Address, George Mead, Woodstock, N. Y.

Just in front of Mead's house the road to the Overlook turns up the mountain for two miles more. The hotel will probably not be opened this season, but many visitors will go up for the marvelous view, considered by many to be unequalled.

The road passing Mead's leads down into Bristol valley, turning soon toward the west. Just after leaving Mead's the scenery is of the grandest. We are close by the rugged slopes of Twin Mountain and Indian Head. The foreground is wild and in keeping, and the scene is full of interest. As the road turns toward the left, westward—a handsome valley view is presented.

Half a mile down from Mead's is Nat. McDaniels'. This house has been much changed since last season and now accommodates sixty. Apply.

We may continue down this valley to Shady, two miles away, but a traveller bound for Shady would not have come up to Mead's, so let us return to Woodstock and take the road in that valley running westward.

Starting from Van Natten's hotel we note the Reformed church close by, standing opposite the road from West Hurley, and blocking a direct way, so we travel due south for a short distance, passing the ruins of Dr. Smith's well-known house, burned the past winter. This house will be sadly missed by many who have come to it for years for their vacation. Soon we turn again toward the west; but the southerly bound roads leads on to another house.



LOOKING TOWARD BEARVILLE FROM THE WOODSTOCK ROAD.

E. T. Neher's is up against the Beaverkill Mountain on this road. Room for fifteen. Apply.

Returning to the main road we go on to Bearsville, through a pretty country,—a distance of two miles. Here **BEARVILLE P. O.,** is a "meeting of waters," where the trout **ULSTER CO., N. Y.** brooks join, and there is some material for the artists' pencil as well.

Mrs. J. F. Miller's is the only house here taking boarders. Room for ten. Apply.

Two miles further, on the Lake Hill road, **SHADY P. O.,** which turns off to the right just over the bridge, **ULSTER CO., N. Y.** is Shady, a little village in a narrow winding valley with a rushing stream, which supplies power for several small saw-mills at intervals along its route.

Here is E. L. Simpson's house, with room for twenty. \$6 to \$8.

A mile beyond Shady is Lake Hill, ten miles from West Hurley; but as this place is usually reached from Mount Pleasant, it will be described in that chapter. Cooper's Lake lies between Shady and Lake Hill, and in times of drought the lake is tapped and an additional supply of water for Kingston goes tumbling over the rocks down through Shady and into the Sawkill, doubling its volume.

MARBLETOWN P. O.,
ULSTER CO., N. Y.

From West Hurley southward lies Marbletown at a distance of four miles. At that place Aaron Krom has accommodations for forty. Apply.

There are many pleasant rides from both West Hurley and Woodstock. The roads are good average country roads, and the horses quite satisfactory.



CHAPTER X.

OLIVE BRANCH.

THE three miles between West Hurley and Olive Branch are quickly passed over. Some pretty views are had across the Beaverkill Swamp which lies to the right of the track with occasional open water, and glimpses of the mountains ahead excite the interest of a traveler bound for the heights. The Beaverkill Mountain with its craggy terraces soon shuts out the Overlook group, and gradually gains height and mass culminating in the peak called Big Toinje. At Olive Branch station we are opposite this peak which presents its broad side to us. After we reach Shokan we shall see it edgewise with a very different outline. Little Toinje lies toward the west looking quite insignificant, a mere hill.

From this point Tystenevck seems to stand back of the Toinje ridge, and perhaps it is this that dwarfs its noble height of 2600 feet. But to those tourists who are afflicted with that disordered imagination which delights in finding the distorted form of an elephant, or crocodile, floating as a cloud in the sky, and sees all sorts of horrid menagerie beasts, birds and reptiles, ancient and modern, in rock and tree and mountain outline, Tystenevck from here is "so interesting, you know," because it is supposed to resemble a recumbent tiger who lies with his head between his forepaws,—in wait, let us hope, for these same misguided people, to devour once and for all their peculiar mental affliction.

A feature of this locality is Temple Pond, covering about one hundred acres and affording most enjoyable recreation in boating and fishing. It lies at the foot of Big Toinje and nearly 100 feet higher than the village.

ASHTON P. O.
ULSTER CO., N. Y.

The post office name here is Ashton, located in the store just across the road from the station. Eastward this road leads to West Hurley and Kingston; westward to Olive and Shokan.

Near the station on the Kingston road is D. Ballard's. Room for fifteen. Apply.

Alex. Bogart's is half a mile down this road. Room for ten. \$6.

Frank Kubeschta's is on a branch road to the south. Room for thirty. \$6 to \$8.

Returning to the station we take the Shokan road. At a short quarter of a mile we find two houses. Cyrus Van Hoevenbergh's is on the left. Room for ten. Apply.

Joseph Moylan's is on the right; room for twenty-five. Apply.

At the corner of Moylan's lot the road turns to the right to Temple Pond, which is a mile from this corner. A short distance out is the Methodist Church.

A. Simmons's is close by. Room for fifteen. Apply.

C. H. Russell's is at the corner, where the road to Glenford and Woodstock crosses; the right to Woodstock, the left to Shokan. Room for ten. Apply.

A. B. Terwilliger's is across the road. Room for twelve. Apply.

Half a mile beyond is B. Buley's. Room for twenty. Apply.

C. H. Warren's is a mile further, and on the way we pass Temple Pond at its lower end, getting a pretty view of High Point with reflections in the water. Room for thirty. Apply.

Returning to the Glenford road we find John Lennox's half a mile from the corner, with accommodations for twenty. Apply.

Joseph Boice's is close by. Room for eight. Apply.

A short distance beyond is J. G. Baker's. Room for twenty. Apply.

From here the houses at Glenford come along one after another, so close that there is practically no natural dividing line between the two places.

Returning to the Shokan road at Moylan's, we may go on westward toward Olive P. O. which is about two miles from this corner.

S. Phillips's is the first house, close by on the right. Room for twenty. \$7 and \$8.

D. J. Elmendorf's is a few rods further. Room for twenty. \$6.

Wm. Dingman's is next, about half a mile from the station. Room for twenty-five. Apply.

OLIVE P. O. The next houses on this road are at Olive
ULSTER CO. N. Y. nearly two miles away. On the way we pass
 a branch road toward the right which leads to
 L. Eckert's. Room for fifteen.

M. Bishop's is next. Room for fifteen. Apply.

S. Keogan's is next, about a quarter of a mile from the post office. Room for twenty. Apply.

E. H. Bogart's is on a branch road leading northward. Room thirty. Apply.

A. C. Davis's is next to the post office building. Room for twenty-five. Apply.

A short mile from the post office toward Shokan, the "Hog's Back" is reached, a high ridge from which fine views may be enjoyed. The "Old School" Baptist church occupies a site on the summit of this ridge. By this road Shokan is distant two miles and it is about the same to Brown's Station.



CHAPTER XI.

BROWN'S STATION.

FROM Olive Branch to Brown's station the railroad traverses the lower end of the extensive Beaverkill swamp, which lies diagonally across the line of the railroad. This "swamp" is a fresh water marsh kept wet by multitudinous springs, and is very rich in variety of wild plants, especially certain rare species of lilies. It is always interesting, even from the car windows, on account of its wealth of wild flowers. For more than two miles the rails are as straight as the proverbial bee-line and the train makes its top speed on this stretch.

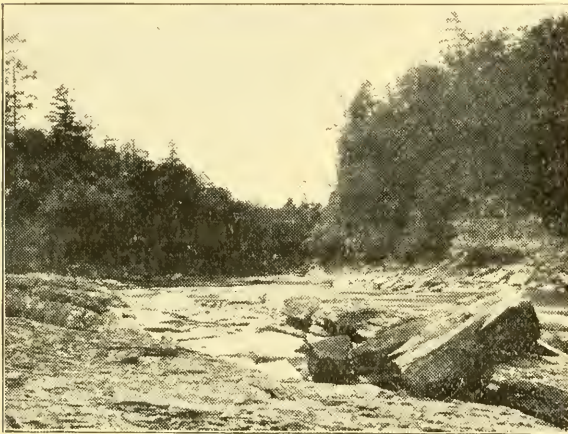
A mile before Brown's station is reached, the track curves to the left as if for a fair start, and then begins to swing to the right on a grand curve nearly four miles long, changing its direction from a few points west of south to nearly due north at Shokan.



BROWN'S STATION. HIGH POINT IN THE DISTANCE.

Rising from the level of the "swamp," a fine rolling plateau is reached and the trainman calls out "This Station is Brown's—Brown's Station." The scenery here is fine, with a peculiarity of its own. High Point and the more distant Wittenberg range, or Bushkill Mountains, as they are often called, form an effective background of blue distance, against which the picturesque foreground cuts warm and strong with no visible middle distance. This toward the west and northwest. Tysteneyck stands in the north looking five hundred feet higher than at Olive Branch. To the northeast is the Overlook Mountain with Indian Head and Twin Mountain to the left.

The long famous Winchell's Falls is a mile and a half away toward the south, now the site of the Hudson River Pulp Works,



THE GRAND GORGE OF THE ESOPUS.

where is made a certain kind of wood pulp to be used exclusively in the production of dynamite. A fine dam has been built across the stream, which while not as picturesque as Nature's handiwork, has not ruined the fall by any means. Below the mill about half a mile, the stream runs through a deep rocky gorge which may be entered

and traversed in the summer when the water is low. This is one of the sights of the region, and is visited by many people from all the country near.

Brown's Station has been "discovered," and already two residents of the Greater New York have built tasteful cottages here, and three more are planned for this season. The freedom of cottage life in the mountains is becoming more and more appreciated, and those who can make an extended stay are gradually getting into their own homes and making room in the boarding houses for the ever-increasing pilgrim band in search of rest and change. It may be well to remark just here, that it was not of the Catskills that the disappointed traveller said that in his experience the waiters got the "change," and the landlord, the "rest."

At Brown's Station one finds the post office, station and general store all under one roof.

The nearest house is Mrs. H. M. Schryver's which is soonest reached by keeping on up the track, if one is wary, to the first road crossing, and there you are. Room for sixteen. \$5 and \$6. This house may be reached, with more propriety, by taking the road in the rear of the store and going west, toward High Point, to the school house on the corner of the road to Shokan; thence to the right to the railroad.

Turning to the left at the school house we pass the new Methodist church, then a pretty and snug private cottage, and then to Brown's Farm House on the bank of the Beaverkill. Here Albert Brown has room for twenty-five. \$6 and \$7.

Crossing the Beaverkill, a romantic stream with an old mill accessory, we climb a decided hill through a wood full of chipmunks and evergreens for half a mile to Edwin Burhans's with room for fifteen. Apply.

We have now reached the highest land between the Beaverkill and the Esopus, and this height commands a



BROWN'S FARM HOUSE.

remarkable view in all directions but the north. This is a favorite lookout for visitors in this neighborhood, and the sunsets seen from here are worthy of special mention.

Down the hill we go, toward Winchell's Falls, a quarter of a mile to Philip Lasher's. Room for twenty. \$7.

Another quarter of a mile brings us to the falls and the Pulp Works. Turning to the left and following down the stream the "Grand Gorge" of the Esopus is reached.

Returning to the station for a new start, we take the road northward which leads to Olive, and thence to Woodstock by way of Glenford, or to Kingston by the right hand road at the fork.

Thos. Carson's is on a branch of this road half a mile away. Room for twenty-five. \$6 and \$7.

On the Shokan road are several houses. Crossing the railroad at Mrs. Schryver's and going northward we find at the distance of half a mile, Wm. Winn's. Room for thirty-five. Apply.

Mrs. S. Steenburgh's is a little further. Room for fifteen. Apply.

Close by the station, which is also the post office, are two houses

**BRODHEAD'S BRIDGE
P. O., ULSTER CO. N. Y.**

taking boarders, both just across the track toward the west.

Miss Rachel Brodhead takes twelve. \$7.

Edwin P. James has room for fifty. Apply.

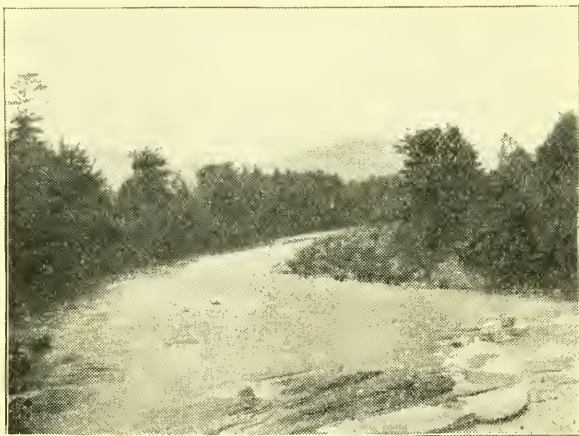
On the road to Shokan which crosses the track at the station, at the distance of a long quarter of a mile, is H. Delamater's. Room for ten. Apply.

The road following down the Esopus leads to Olive City (Olive Bridge P. O.), Tongore, Marbletown, Stone Ridge and so on to Lake Mohonk, which is a fine day trip from here, and many parties are made up during the summer to visit that noted resort.

Just after leaving the station a road turns in to the right leading between Miss Brodhead's barn and the James house. About a mile

on this road brings us to the crest of a knoll on which is James MacMillan's. Room for ten. Apply.

Passing down toward Olive City the store of Mr. D. W. Hover is found near by, and just beyond is his house with room for one hundred. \$7.



BRODHEAD'S BRIDGE. LOOKING NORTH FROM THE BRIDGE.

Sherman Allen's is next, on a branch road turning to the right at the school house. This house is one mile from the station. Room for ten. \$5.

William Haver's is next, not far beyond the school house. Room for twenty. Apply.

**OLIVE BRIDGE P. O.,
ULSTER CO., N. Y.**

Olive Bridge P. O. is now at hand, one and one-fourth miles from the station at Brodhead's Bridge. Olive City is the name of

the settlement. The post-office is in Locke's general store, at the corner where the Samsonville road turns off westward. By this road also, one may reach Krumville by turning to the south after passing Hollister's.

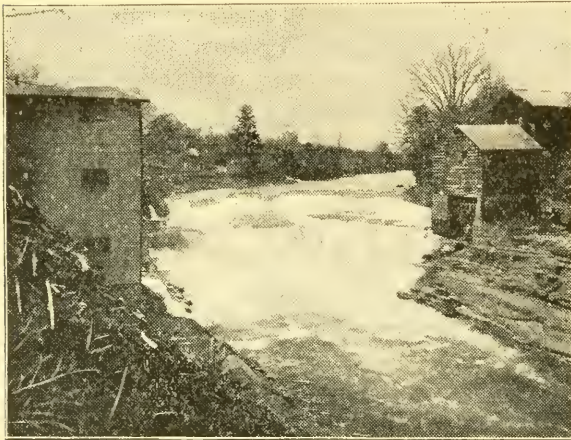
Close by the store, on this road, is Hugh Locke's. Room for ten. Apply.

Lewis N. Hollister's is a mile out on this road. Room for twelve. Apply.

At Krumville, four miles away, are the houses of Elisha Merrihew, with room for ten, and Benjamin Merrihew, with room for fifteen. Write them for terms, etc., to Krumville P. O., Ulster Co., N. Y.

On the main road again, diagonally across from the store is Virgil Bishop's. Room for ten. Apply.

On towards the falls, and at the foot of the hill up which goes the Tongore road, is C. Winne's. Room for eight. \$6.



BISHOP'S FALLS, OLIVE BRIDGE.

The road going down along the brook and thence along the creek leads past the mills to the bridge from which a fine view of the falls may be had. At high water in the Spring or after a heavy rain, Bishop's Falls, as it is called, is very fine, and, except in a very dry season, when the mills are using all the water, it is always worth a visit.

Taking the Tongore road up the hill from Winne's, we must pause at the top to enjoy the grand view northward, which includes the falls and a long stretch of the creek above them.

Just over the top of the hill is De Forest Bishop's, two miles from the station at Brodhead's Bridge. Room for twenty. Apply.

N. K. Davis's is nearly half a mile further, passing the Methodist Church on the way. Room for twelve. Apply.

Jefferson Roosa's is next. Room for fifteen. \$5.

Jacob V. Merrihew's is next. Room for ten.

Here a road turns off to the right leading to three more houses.

Willis Davis takes ten. \$5 and \$6.

T. W. Cornish takes ten. Apply.

Walter North takes fifteen. \$6.

All this Tongore country is high and commands fine views from many points of outlook.

Five miles beyond is Mrs. T. W. Roosa's at Kripple Bush P. O. Room for eight. \$7.



Z. P. BOICE'S MILL YARD,—WEST SHOKAN BEYOND. BUSHKILL MOUNTAINS IN THE BACKGROUND.

CHAPTER XIII.

SHOKAN.

LEAVING Brodhead's Bridge, the train starts on the last half-mile of the great curve which began four miles away, beyond Brown's station, and now swings fairly round among the mountains. High Point, which has been directly ahead for so many miles, is now on the left, looming up in magnificent proportions, graceful as well as massive, against the western sky. This great mountain covers an area of over twelve square miles and its top is 3,098 feet above the sea level. The view from its summit is grand; esteemed by some climbers above that from the Overlook. What may be seen is recounted in the following chapter. The trail is not difficult and many visitors make a special trip to Shokan every Summer to make the ascent.

The majestic dome of Tystenyck has been rounded and it is now east of us instead of north as at Brown's Station. Though not often visited there is a fine view to be had from its summit, 2600 above tide. It may be reached easiest by riding up into the pass between Toinje Hook and Tystenyck and following up a wood road which goes nearly to the top. The view toward the Overlook, In-

dian Head and Twin Mountain is very impressive, the mountains seeming very near and very high. Woodstock lies at one's feet, and



THE END OF THE GREAT CURVE IN THE CUT THROUGH THE OLD SAND-BAR--ENTERING SHOKAN. MT. PLEASANT MTN. IN THE DISTANCE.

the whole Woodstock Valley is spread out in full view.

Just ahead of the train, as it speeds across the meadows between Brodhead's and Shokan, is a singular plateau, nearly level, and fifty feet or more above the meadow extending across the valley from east to west. This is known locally as the Dickonberg, doubtless a name given in derision, "berg" sig-

nifying mountain, but the origin of the name has been wholly lost and as the pronunciation of berg was broad and flat,—almost "bar-rack," which is now reduced to "back,"—Dickonback,—a story is now offered which fits well the new, and doesn't explain at all the old name. This "berg" is probably a great sand bar,—a relic of the mighty river which doubtless rolled out upon the plains of Shokan from this great watershed of six hundred square miles in the days when the Catskill glaciers melted before the rays of the newly unclouded sun;—the river whose deepest channel is now marked by the mettlesome Esopus which still gathers its waters from Peak-amoose and Slide Mountain, from Big Indian and Belle Ayr, from the great West Kill chain and the southern slopes of Hunter, from Stony Clove, Mink Hollow and the Overlook group, not to mention the nearer and more obvious sources.

Through this old sandbar the railroad cuts its way, and, passing it, the peculiar beauty of the scenery of Shokan is spread before us. Nowhere else in the Catskills does the peaceful level of wide meadow lands combine so delightfully with the uplifted slopes of high mountains, which dispose themselves in chains, peaks and passes around three-fourths of the sky line. It is no wonder that hundreds of city folk come here year after year for the season of rest. It is safe to prophesy that this Shokan country will some day be filled with private cottages for which there are sites innumerable. The purest of mountain air and water are here in abundance and the scenery is unexcelled.

The handsome new station finished last fall has added much to the attractiveness of the place, the old building having been demolished, and the grounds nicely graded. The station is at West Shokan village, a mile west of Shokan proper,—or “old Shokan” as it is often called.



NEW STATION AT SHOKAN. MT. PLEASANT MTN. IN THE DISTANCE TO THE RIGHT, SAMUEL'S POINT TO THE LEFT OF THE BUILDING.

The post-office is at the store of Mathews and North close by the station; the largest general store for many miles, in a large and handsome building.

WEST SHOKAN P. O.
ULSTER CO., N. Y.

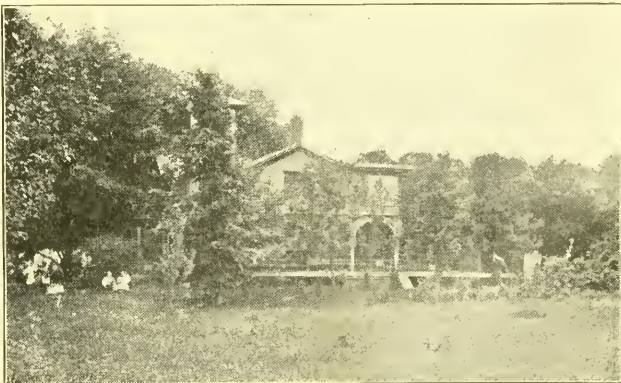
Taking this section first, being the nearest, let us go westward from the station up the main street. There are several houses close at hand with a welcome for all comers till filled,—and afterward “at a pinch.”

Mrs. O. A. Phillips is the nearest. Room for twelve. \$6 to \$8.

Next door is the residence of Dr. Van Gaasbeek, the village physician.

Mrs. J. Hoyt is across the street. Room for six. Apply.

E. R. Mathews's well-known Mountain Gate House is next, accommodating twenty. This popular stopping place is completely surrounded with fruit trees, which afford grateful shade and provide sturdy branches, swinging low for the hammocks. Fresh vegetables and



MOUNTAIN GATE HOUSE. E. R. MATHEWS.

fruit, milk, butter and eggs and other country dainties are produced on the place under the watchful eye of Mr. Mathews, whose generous propensities find agreeable occupation in making his guests comfortable and happy. Terms \$6 to \$8

Watson Bishop's is 100 yards further on at the corner. Room for ten. \$6 and \$7.

The main street ends here in a road running nearly north and south,—northward to Watson Hollow and Peakamoose; southward to Brodhead's Bridge, etc

Turning to the left,—toward Brodhead's,—a branch road also turning to the left, leads to John Ennist's "Silver Brook House," not far from the railroad, Silver Brook, a favorite trout stream.



A VIEW FROM WEST RIDGE.

Tysteneyck at the Left, Little Toinje and Big Toinje Next, Then Beaverkill Mtn. West Shokan in the Middle Distance. Hesley's House in the Trees at the Right.

running through the door-yard, on its way to Happy Valley. This house may be reached much more directly by following the railroad track down, if one is on foot. Room for twenty. \$6 and \$7.

A quarter of a mile further on the Brodhead's Bridge road, where it crosses the railroad, is Ira F. Davis's with room for fifteen. \$7. This house may also be reached by the track at a saving of considerable distance.

Returning to the end of the main street at Watson Bishop's we may resume our journey northward toward Watson Hollow,

Close by is L. Roosa's. Room for ten. \$6.

A few rods beyond is the Baptist Church whose square white tower is a landmark visible from almost any lookout in the vicinity. Here the road leading up on to West Ridge turns off. It also leads to and through the fine old maple grove of Martin H. Crispell, a favorite picnic ground and the scene of weekly "hops" during the season. Thence on along a charming bit of picturesque country road, and up the hill.

At the fork take the left hand road to A. S. Lyons's, half a mile away. Room for ten. Apply.

Russell Eckert's is just beyond Lyons's. Room for ten. \$6.

The right hand road at the fork leads to J. J. Hesley's Fair View House, on West Ridge which is a bench, or narrow plateau, extending along the eastern slopes of South Mountain and High Point for three miles or more, five hundred feet above the village. "Fair



THE WITTENBERG.

SAMUELS' POINT.

NORMAN CRISPELL'S HOUSE.

View" occupies a commanding spot on this ridge. From the verandah the broad Shokan plain is in full view, the village of West Shokan spread across it among the trees. Beyond, rising from the lowland near West Hurley we see the Beaverkill Mountain on the extreme right. Next, passing toward the left, is Big Toinje and Little Toinje then Tystenevck, Mink Mountain, Mt. Tobias (at Lake Hill) Plateau Mountain, Hunter Mountain, Mt. Tremper, Oak Mountain, Mt. Pleasant Mountain, Samuels's Point, Cross Mountain, the Wittenberg, Mt. Cornell. The slopes of South Mountain cut off a further view in that direction. Toward the south and southeast the view extends over a vast rolling plain dotted with farm houses and bounded in the distance by the Berkshire Hills of Massachusetts, forty miles away. This is a noble pan-

orama ever presenting new beauties as the play of light and shade varies.

"Fair View House" is new and affords shelter for ten guests whose comfort is carefully looked after by motherly Mrs. Hesley. Apply for terms.

Returning to the Baptist Church, we take the road toward Watson Hollow again.

Norman Crispell's is a few rods up the road on the left, pleasantly situated among tall maple trees near the roadside, and boasting of a pond for rowing familiarly called "The Lake." Here too are swings and a croquet ground, a trout brook in the back yard and



THE BURGHER HOUSE.

various other attractions,—altogether a popular house, surrounded all summer long with groups of happy children. The house accommodates forty guests and Mrs. Crispell and her corps of helpers labor early and late to make the sojourn here a pleasant one. \$6 to \$7.

A short quarter of a mile beyond, a road turns to the right leading across to the bridge over the Bushkill at Weidner's and Schmidt's. Beyond this corner a short half-mile is a road turning to the left to Thompson Eckert's who has room for twenty-five. \$6 and \$7.

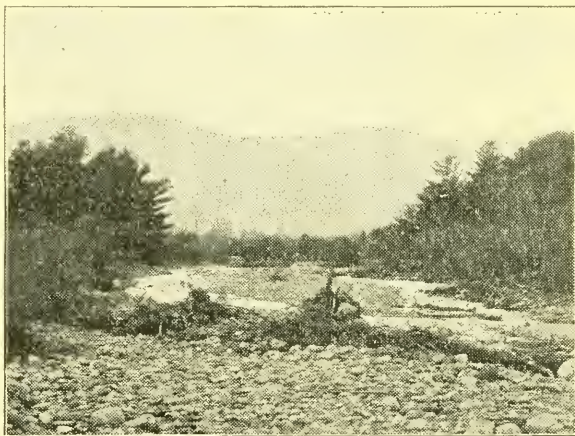
The Burgher House is a mile beyond, near the entrance to Watson Hollow with its noted trout-stream. We are now two miles from the station and well within the circle of great mountains which head

the valley here. The scenery is wild and majestic all around, the Burgher farm disputing title with the forest and holding its own only through persistent occupancy. There are two houses, sheltering fifty guests. The farm and dairy supply the freshest and sweetest of country edibles in abundance, and a well-appointed livery contributes its share to the enjoyments of the season. Two mails daily are received and two despatched from this house. Stages meet all trains. Terms \$6 to \$10. Address J. M. and M. Burgher, Shokan, N. Y.

Eli Burgher's is near by. Room for fifteen. Apply.

This is the last boarding house on this road, which now winds into the beautiful Watson Hollow, a famous resort for fishermen for many years. For

two miles we follow beside the rushing brook, South Mountain on the left and the gentler slopes of Hanover Mountain on the right. We get a glimpse of High Point up Kenape Hollow, and then begin to climb up the steeps of Mombaccus Mountain. The road is not only steep but stony, but so much better



THE BUSHKILL, NEAR BURGHER'S.

than it used to be that only those who have never travelled it think of grumbling at its present "improved" condition. Just after making the turn to the right after crossing the bridge on the Kenape Hollow stream, a momentary glimpse is caught, looking down through Watson Hollow and over Yankeetown, showing Overlook, Indian Head, Mink Mountain and the Hollow, and Plateau Mountain with Mt. Tobias nearer,—from twenty to twenty-five miles distant. A short distance further we turn sharply to the left and enter "The Gulf." This is a deep valley with mountains on either side so steep as to be precipitous. Indeed much of their slopes are vertical ledges and cliffs. It is one of the wildest spots in the region.

For about two miles we traverse a forest unbroken except by the road. Huge rocks, detached from the cliffs a thousand feet up above us, lie all about where they rolled when they came down. Imagina-



THE GULF IN WINTER.

first, but gradually gaining, until here and there are little cupfuls of water. The remarkable display of moss attracts one's attention. The splintered, sharp-edged rocks are covered with a thick bossed mantle of the most beauteous green. It spreads over everything near by, running far up on old logs and tree trunks, and leaving only little basins of water in which the reflection is scarcely to be distinguished from



PEAKAMOOSE LAKE.

tion fails to realize the awful crash as one of these tremendous blocks weighing hundreds of tons breaks loose with a roar and plunges down into the depths below, mowing down great trees as if they were grass, and grinding to powder the rocks in its path.

Down in the bottom of this gorge is a brook, scarcely more than a moistness at

the real. This continues until we reach Peakamoose Lake, a long narrow lakelet with forest setting. At the lower end a few acres of land have been partially cleared and among the trees have been built the club house and cottages of the Peakamoose Fishing Club. From the heights of Peakamoose Mountain the Rondout Creek comes

down just back of the club house, through one of the most beautiful glens in the world. Nothing else in the Catskills approaches it in its peculiar type. For a mile it is a succession of impressive pictures with cascades and waterfalls innumerable, living pictures of living water.

From the crag which stands behind the houses a fine view of the lake is had, and a grand vista down the clove of the Rondout, looking toward the famous Neversink country. A more charming spot for a summer rest could not be found.

Returning to the railroad station for a new start we may take the road running northward,—up the track,—on which at a distance of a quarter of a mile we pass Henry Schmidt's, a favorite resort for German people. Room for one hundred. Apply.

Here is a bridge to cross, over the Bushkill, and we come to C. H. Weidner's in a fine grove on a plateau to the left. Room for twenty-five. \$7 and \$8.



C. H. WEIDNER'S, WEST SHOKAN, N. Y.

A little beyond there is a branch road turning up the hillside toward the left, leading to Capt. House's, half a mile from this point. This place has a fine pond fed by a trout brook. Room for sixteen. Apply.

A quarter of a mile further on the main road—one mile from the station,—is Isaac Davis's. Room for fifteen. \$6 and \$7.

Half a mile further,—and the longest half,—is Lewis Boice's. Room for ten. Apply.

A quarter of a mile beyond is E. E. Bedell's on a bluff to the left. Room for twelve. \$6.

From here can be seen the houses at Boiceville, half a mile away.

Again returning to the station we take the main street eastward toward Shokan.

Just across the track is the Hamilton House, the village hotel. C. E. Miller is the present proprietor. Accommodations for fifty. Transients, \$1.50 a day. Special rates for a longer stay. Good livery. Herman Bell's is 100 yards away. Room for ten. \$6.

Across the street from Herman Bell's is Pythian Hall, with the



CAPT. HOUSE'S.

Samuel's Point in the background.

lodge rooms above and a convenient dining-room and kitchen beneath. The hall seats three hundred, has a stage with theatrical fixings, scenery, &c., and is often in use during the season.

Back of Pythian Hall is Zadoc P. Boice's

mill for manufacturing barrel-heads, and incidently turning timber into various grades and kinds of lumber. His large yard is a sight when full of logs,—a prostrate forest.

A. Van Benschoten's is on a branch road running north, and half a mile from the station. This house is located out in the open meadow-land commanding fine views in all directions, but sheltered by an orchard of vigorous apple trees, whose wide-spread branches invite to "lolling" on the grass beneath. It is said by those who should know that at this house "solid comfort" is dispensed "in chunks." Room for fifteen. \$6 to \$8.

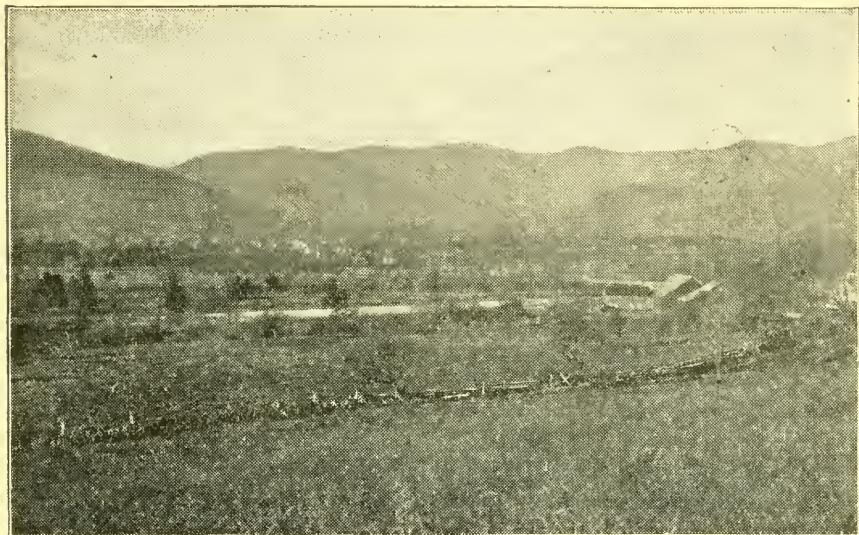
Just beyond, on the main road, is the long bridge over the Esopus and at this end of it a road turning to the right, following the Creek leads to Brodhead's Bridge, Olive City and Bishop's Falls. On this road 300 yards down is Mrs. Susan Phraner's. Room for twelve. Apply.

Crossing the bridge we are in Shokan proper. The road winding to the right leads to the post-office, and the village; the left road to Boiceville, Cold Brook, Mt. Pleasant and Phœnicia,—a delightful drive. On this road are two houses belonging to Shokan.

Henry Boice's is nearly a mile from the bridge. He has room for twenty. \$6 to \$9.

C. E. Krom's house is next, standing back from the road and nearly hidden by the orchard. Room for twenty. \$6 to \$10.

Returning now to the bridge we take the right hand road to the village around the hill on which the churches stand, the Reformed church first on the left, with a pointed steeple, the Methodist church



VIEW OF SHOKAN FROM HILL NEAR EVERY'S

The Bushkill Mts., or Wittenberg Chain, in the background; the Wittenberg on the extreme right, partially cut off by border line. South Mtn. on the left. Watson Hollow leading to the left around South Mtn. The Esopus Creek in the foreground.

next with a square tower. On the right, in the hollow, is Mayer's Tannery, a lonely relic of bygone days when the mountains hereabouts were prolific of the necessary bark.

Turning to the left up the shady street between the churches, we come first to L. Boice's. Room for ten. Apply.

D. C. Davis's is next, across the road. Room for twenty. \$6 to \$8.

Next is Mrs. Cobbe's at the top of the "Sand Hill," with room for ten. \$6 to \$8.

From here to the station is a good mile, and just a few rods beyond is Mrs. Susan Eichler's. Room for sixty. \$7 and \$8.

Keeping on up the hills for half a mile more we reach Mrs. F. Dunnagan's. Room for twenty. \$6 and \$7.

A hundred yards further is Ogden Dunnagan's with room for fifteen. \$6.

These two houses and Mrs. Eichler's are up on the slopes of Toinje Hook (Hoek is the old Dutch spelling) and there are several

clearings up above them, reaching nearly to the summit, from which grand views are obtained. High Point is best seen from here and West Shokan is in full view spread across the valley in most charming rural beauty.

Returning to the churches we have only to cross the main street to Winchell's store to find the post-office. The main street leads to Olive Branch and thence to Woodstock by one road, or to Kingston by another.

On the westerly side of the store building a road crosses a short bridge over Butternut Brook and winds up the hill and over it toward Brown's Station and Winchell's Falls.

The first house on this road is W. D. Every's. Room for twelve. Apply.

Richard Cole's is half a mile further on this road. Room for fifteen. \$6 to \$7.

Between Every's and Cole's the road climbs over a hill from the top of which we get a very fine view of West Shokan with the Bushkill Mountains in the background, in magnificent array.

Half a mile beyond Cole's is Oliver Davis's. Room for twenty. \$7. Address Brodhead's Bridge P. O.

John Rainey's is close by. Room for twenty. \$5 to \$7. Address Brodhead's Bridge P. O.

Returning now to the Shokan P. O. we may take the main street toward Kingston, a picturesque country road winding up the valley beside the pretty Butternut Brook, the houses lying principally on the left, but here and there one across the brook, with a neat bridge over the ravine; altogether a homelike and delightful village where many visitors enjoy a peaceful rest every season.

The first house from the post-office, about two hundred yards distant is Jonathan Ennist's. Room for thirty. Apply.

Next door is G. M. Everett's. Room for ten. \$5 to \$7.

A few rods further is C. A. Davis's. Room for twelve. \$6 and \$7.

Just beyond here a road turns off to the left leading to John D. Ennist's. Room for twenty. Apply.

Next is John DuBois's, a mile from the station. Room for ten. Apply.

Then comes Jas. M. Eckert's with room for ten. \$5 and \$7.

Mrs. A. M. Harlow's is next. Room for fifteen. \$5 and \$7.

Mrs. John Windrum's is next, a mile and a half from the station. Room for twenty. \$5 and \$6.

Mrs. F. Britt's is a quarter of a mile farther up the hill. Room for twenty. Apply.

Keeping on up this road the summit is reached at half a mile,—the "Hog's Back" mentioned under Olive Branch.

The roads about Shokan and West Shokan are usually good and driving in any direction is rewarded with fine views of mountain scenery not excelled by any in the Catskill region. The greatest variety is found, from the peacefully rural of old Shokan to the majestic wildness of the "Gulf." The trip to Lake Mohonk may be made in one day with an early start.

Many delightful walks are within the powers of the most delicate. Happy Valley, a favorite picnic place, a charming meadow with groups of trees and traversed by three brooks; the Bridal Veil Falls on the Buckabone; the great cleft or crevice on the "toe" of High Point, five hundred feet deep, and many others. For the sturdier trampers, there are the mountains. The Wittenberg and even Slide Mountain can be made in a day's tramp. High Point may be made with buckboard, or saddle horses, nearly to the top. Samuel's Point and Tysteneyck offer other desirable views and Mount Tremper at Mount Pleasant is not too much for one day.



CHAPTER XIV.

HIGH POINT.

ASCENT IN WINTER.

UP came the sun this March morning as into a sphere of purest crystal. Not a breath of vapor from the horizon to the zenith tarnished the pale gold rays, which cut out, with microscopic sharpness, each rock and stub and plume of evergreen upon the slopes which buttress the giant crests about the Shokan plains. Clear and serene, High Point seemed to invite to its wonderful outlook, and the thought was scarcely outlined before the decision followed,—to go, and at once,—for the snow-crust would not be hard many hours, and except upon the crust the trip would be impossible. Breakfast was not to be thought of, so a handful of biscuit was hastily thrust into each pocket and we are off.

The way up High Point is no longer a trail. Hundreds make the ascent every summer and it is now a well marked road passable for buckboards for more than half the way. At this season it may be traced from the plain as a fine continuous white line among the bare forest trees, starting in on the slope of South Mountain, and running up the side at an angle of about thirty degrees, to the

height of land near the head of Kenape Hollow where it is no longer visible.

The night has been cold and the mercury stands at twenty degrees, with not so much as a whisper of a breeze. It is one of the "mountain days" of the year,—dry, absolutely clear and the going above criticism; such a day as only mountain climbers know how to appreciate and enjoy to the full.

We take a bee-line for the foot of the trail over the crusted fields. There is a peculiar exhilaration in walking upon a stout crust of snow, the usual roughness of a cross-country path all smoothed away, the meadow brooks gurgling along unseen under a bridge of ice, and here and there a little stony hummock clad in bronzed wintergreen, bright with scarlet berries. There is a mile of this, and then the



HIGH POINT FROM THE SHOKAN PLAINS.

The Great Cleft is seen at the left. West Ridge in sight back of large Cottage.

climb of two miles begins. The creepers are snapped on, for an icy, thirty-degree grade is not to be done without them. Here in the forest the snow is deeper, a matter of no moment unless a soft spot is trod upon, when three crusts give way successively and we find the depth to be nearly three feet.

How different are these woods from their familiar summer habit! No moss, nor rocks, nor ferns; all the undergrowth invisible and the whole groundwork one smooth, shining, sparkling sweep of sleeted snow; the edges of every ledge and crag softened into folds, and the deep gray tree trunks in sharpest contrast with the glistening white. Scarcely noticeable is the tracery of shadow from the branches above, and where in summer hung broad masses of shade, dark and cool, all now is a blaze of whitest light in which even shadows are pale. It is a beauty unlike any other.

Up, and up, and still up. The work begins to tell now and the perspiration starts from the brow to be frozen at once into crystal beads. Now and again comes a brief halt for breath, and deep draughts of the "purest air in the world" persuade one that in truth it is good enough to eat. The forsaken breakfast is never missed, and the biscuits are ignored.

Soon the top of this grade is reached, and there is a nearly level stretch of a quarter of a mile along the top of the narrow ridge which runs from South Mountain across the head of Kenape Hollow to High Point. As we walk along we look down through this hollow into Watson Hollow, famous among fishermen for its trout brooks. On the farther side of Watson Hollow rise the buttresses of Breath Hill, which would be a "mountain" but for its towering neighbors. Just back of this is Little Balsam Mountain, and capping the massive cluster is Big Balsam or Peakamoose Mountain, 3,875 feet above tide water. The highest peak of the Catskill group is only 350 feet higher than this giant. This is toward the right. Toward the left of the ridge we look down upon the great Shokan plains, with the village of West Shokan spread out across it. It is this wide plain that gives the Shokan country its peculiar beauty. Old Shokan is seen beyond, clustering along the road which winds up over a spur of Toinje Hook on its way to the City of Kingston, eighteen miles away, and quite distinctly visible to the unaided eye. Over the city and far beyond the Hudson the horizon is bounded by the summit of the Berkshire Hills, a clean, sharp outline of the daintiest blue against a sky also blue, and yet so pale as only to be described as "invisible" blue. The notable peak rising above the general level is Mount Everett, the southern end of the Berkshires in Massachusetts.

Time is called and on we go, passing the old log cabin built by George H. Lewis, at one time our State Printer, and occupied by him for many summers. From the door-step of this cabin there is an unbroken outlook toward the east for forty miles and one can but faintly imagine the glories of a fine sunrise viewed from this spot.

Now the grade grows steep again and more rugged than before, in spite of the mantle of snow. Great chips and blocks from the crags above lie about in wild confusion on every side. The pauses for breath come oftener, and the air is keen with an edge that the genial sun, now well up, fails to remove. Collars are turned up and coats snugly buttoned and away we go again, over the unbroken crust. Some signs of life arouse interest. In the icy sheet the tracks of a panther made yesterday, while the snow was soft, are plainly apparent, and there is a feeling of genuine satisfaction that his time-table and ours differ a few hours. Crossing the trail in several places is the track of a wild cat, perhaps more than one,—

but one at a time is plenty,—and in one spot a convention of six or eight partridges have left a huddle of claw marks. A faint croak overhead calls attention to a flock of crows flying northward and so high as to be scarcely visible.

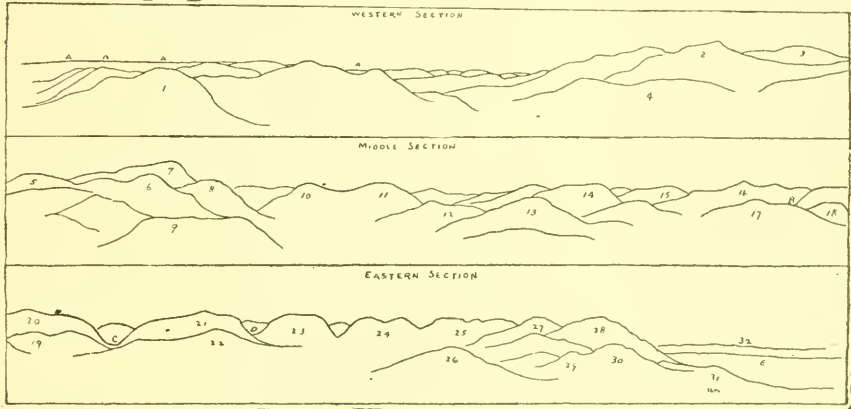
All mundane things come to an end, and the last furlong is passed over and the summit gained. At first the view wanders over the immense expanse of lowland toward the east, south and southwest one great field of snow spotted with bits of vagrant forest. High Point is the southernmost peak of the Catskill group, so that the view in this direction is limited only by the possible reach of human vision. One is impressed with the thought of the millions of happy and self supporting homes which might be established over this vast territory in sight, with its widely scattered population, to the great relief of the congestion of humanity in the Greater New York. Here is a chance for the most humane kind of a benevolent society.

A glimmer of water catches the eye far to the southeast. It is a bit of the Hudson at the lower end of Newburgh Bay, and this is the only view we get of the open river. On the hitherward side of this bright gleam is the isolated mountain pile on which are the well known summer resorts Lake Mohonk and Lake Minnewaska, and the much larger and higher Lake Aioskawasting, a wild spot of rare beauty, still awaiting development. West of this group is the low range of the Shawangunk Mountains,—in the vernacular the “Shongums,” and still further west we see the land gradually rising to the plateaus of Sullivan Co., in the region of Monticello. Here and there all through the plains at our feet winds the Esopus, a roaring torrent whose voice we cannot hear from these heights but the sight of the masses of white foam which mark its course tell the story. The summer visitor who delights in its peaceful murmur cannot realize its fierceness when the spring rains swell it until it bursts its cloak of ice, perhaps sixteen inches thick, into millions of immense fragments and goes tearing down toward the sea.

Toward the north the scene is wholly different. From the precipitous outline of the Overlook Mountain in the northeast, all the way round to Mombaccus Mountain in the southwest, is a succession of high mountain summits from 3000 to 4200 feet high, each with a noble outline peculiarly its own,—an array that defies description. We must leave it to the artist to give what can be only the faintest idea of this view,—a suggestion only of its extent, for the outlook from this mountain is recognized by tourists who have seen the world as one of its grand views.

After a brief halt, during which the artist makes his sketch, and the remainder of the party shiver, the descent is begun. The

creepers are removed, and sliding attempted with great success. A treacherous place in the crust gives way now and then, or the branch of a stubby tree whirls one of the sliders around, and various unexpected positions are assumed; but the grand slide continues without regard to position, or dignity, and an excited and breathless group comes to a halt at the log cabin, luckily with no accidents to report.



MOUNTAIN OUTLINE FROM HIGH POINT, FROM THE WEST AROUND BY THE NORTH TO THE EASTERN END OF THE GROUP, SKETCHED BY THE AUTHOR, MARCH 11, 1897.

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| A A A A | Plateau of Sullivan Co. | B | Diamond Notch. |
| 1, 1 | Mombaccus Mountain. | 18 | Timothy Berg. |
| 2 | Peakamoose. | 19 | Karlberg. |
| 3 | Table Mountain. | 20 | Hunter Mountain. |
| 4 | Breath Hill. | C | Stony Clove. |
| 5 | Fifth Mountain. | 21 | Plateau Mountain. |
| 6 | Fourth Mountain. | 22 | Mt. Tobias. |
| 7 | Slide Mountain. | D | Miuk Hollow. |
| 8 | Spruce Top. | 23 | Miuk Mountain. |
| 9 | Hanover Mountain. | 24 | Twin Mountain. |
| 10 | Mt. Cornell. | 25 | Indian Head. |
| 11 | The Wittenberg. | 26 | Tysteneyck. |
| 12 | Cross Mountain. | 27 | Plattekill Mountain. |
| 13 | Samuels' Point. | 28 | Overlook Mountain. |
| | Panther Mountain just above 13. | 29 | Little Toinje. |
| 14 | Mt. Pleasant. | 30 | Big Toinje. |
| 15 | North Dome. | 31 | Beaverkill Mountain. |
| 16 | Big Westkill Mountain. | 32 | Green Mountains, Vt. |
| 17 | Mt. Tremper. | E | The Hudson River Valley. |

From here the level must be traversed and the snow having softened somewhat, the crust no longer bears, so after struggling along over our knees in snow thirty inches deep, it is proposed that we try "all fours *a la* bear." This proves practicable and the tracks left are doubtless the puzzle of the day to the wild creatures who have run across them.

Upon reaching the top of the slope on South Mountain, we again assume the upright posture, and resume the slide, which, from the

wider trail is less exciting and more enjoyable. The descent of a mile is made in ten minutes. The tramp back across the fields seems tame after this unique experience, but we arrive at home in time for a ten o'clock breakfast, three hours and a half from the start, with an appetite which yields reluctantly to the persuasions of buckwheat cakes and new maple syrup.

We are surprised to find that not even a hunter will confess to having been on High Point in winter since 1892, and our trip is the subject of interested comment. From its ease of access it offers a pleasant recreation out of the usual line to the clubs of mountain climbers, who cannot fail to find it novel as well as enjoyable.



CHAPTER XV.

BOICEVILLE.

LEAVING Shokan station, we cross the Bushkill within half a mile and the traveller with the geological turn of mind will note another "sand-bank" on the left, extending almost without a break for two miles, and eventually butting against Samuels'



M. H. DAVIS'S AT BOICEVILLE.

Oak Mountain in the background Esopus Creek in the foreground.

Point, which rises above Boiceville on the west. A glance at the mountains will show the curves which produced the slack water where this sand bank is, and favored its formation.

Traver Hollow lies between Samuels' Point and Mt. Pleasant Mountain, and if one could look through Cross Mountain across the head of this hollow, it would be into Woodland Valley which opens toward the north a mile beyond Phoenicia.

Nearing Boiceville we find the valley much narrower than at Shokan and the scenery wholly changed. We cross the Esopus, here a wide



APPROACHING BOICEVILLE.

stretch of raging flood, or a bed of dry rock and stones, according to the season and the previous weather, and come quickly to a halt at the station. There is a large excelsior mill here with its conventional rows of employés cottages, and immense piles of wood waiting to be shredded in the machines which run night and day from Monday morning to Saturday evening.

BOICEVILLE P. O., At this station there are not many board-
ULSTER CO., N. Y. ing houses. Within a stone's throw of the station toward the east is J. L. Patchin's.

Room for twenty-five. \$6 and \$7.

Across the road—which leads south to Shokan and north to Mount Pleasant,—is R. D. Patchin's with room for twenty. \$6 and \$7.

Up the railroad track is a curious looking high stone bridge over which passes the road from the mill to connect with the Shokan road previously mentioned.

Near the eastern end of this bridge is the road leading up the hill to A. L. Snyder's. Room for twenty. \$6.

M. H. Davis's is the large white house to the left of the track seen from the high bridge. The usual way of approach for those on foot is up the track, across the railroad bridge and then a sharp turn to the left at the end of the bridge,—about a quarter of a mile from the station. Room for forty. \$6.



HIGH BRIDGE AT BOICEVILLE.

Levi Bell's is a short distance beyond Davis's. Room for ten. Apply.

Several points on the hills about here command fine views northward and southward. The place is a favorite resort for fisherman as there are several good trout streams.



CHAPTER XVI.

COLD BROOK.

ABOUT a mile beyond Boiceville is Cold Brook station at the western end of the new iron bridge recently built across the Esopus at this place. At the eastern end of this bridge is the road running from Shokan to Mt. Pleasant on the easterly side of the creek, and the other road from Shokan which passes Schmidt's, Weidner's, Isaac Davis's, etc., and M. H. Davis's at Boiceville, comes out here at the station.

From the bridge are fine views up and down the stream and the country about is wild and pretty. Turning to the left as we go off the bridge, toward Mt. Pleasant, the first house on the left is Mrs. Emma Winchell's. Room for ten. Apply.

Next is Mrs. J. L. Hasbrouck's about a quarter of a mile from the station. Room for twenty. Apply.

A short distance further up the road is the post-office,—Beechford,—in the house of Mrs. Robt. Winne. Room for twenty-five. \$6 and \$7.

Wm. S. Winne has room for fifteen. \$7 and \$8.

Within the two miles from here to Mt. Pleasant are several houses which are usually reached from the next station. Davis Winne's is not half a mile from the Beechford P. O. (See Mt. Pleasant for particulars of his house.)

C. H. Cutler's is three miles away in the Yankeetown valley which has its head at Bearsville and opens here into the Esopus valley. A fine dashing trout stream traverses it, emptying here. The P. O. at Cutler's is Wittenberg. Room for ten. Apply.



CHAPTER XVII.

MOUNT PLEASANT.

THE CORNER, AND LAKE HILL.

FROM Cold Brook station northward, the railroad follows the Esopus for a mile or more, at the foot of Mount Pleasant (mountain). The fact that both the mountain and the station bear the same name makes it necessary to distinguish them in this cumbersome way. The views toward the east are very pleasing,—the Esopus being in the immediate foreground with meadows beyond, an orchard here and there on the foothills and Mt. Tobias and Mt. Tremper prominent in the background, the other mountains which bound De Vall Hollow affording pleasant lines and shades of blue to complete the picturesque effect. Up on the ledges of Mt. Pleasant (mountain) above our heads are several quarries whence come



FROM MT. PLEASANT STATION NORTHWARD TOWARD PHŒNICIA.

occasional puffs of smoke, followed by reverberating reports which echo and re-echo across the valley.

Suddenly the creek takes a wide bend toward the east, and, the railroad going straight on, we part company with the liveliest feature of the landscape. The De Vall Hollow opening toward the east gives a more and more distant view till when nearly to the station we see Twin Mountain with part of Indian Head on the right of it, and part of Mink Mountain on the left. Oleberg stands broadside to us on the left of Mink Mountain; then Karlberg, then Timothy Berg and Mt. Tremper on the extreme left. To the right of distant Indian Head is Mt. Tobias with the Dunkerberg nearer.

The train pauses to permit us to resume careful exploration. We find that "Mt. Pleasant" is a sort of general name covering the region about the station and also the larger settlement half a mile away, beyond the Creek. The post-office name **LONGYEAR P. O.,** at the station is Longyear, and the office is at **ULSTER CO., N. Y.** one end of the station.

Just across the road is the Cockburn House in a grove of trees which approach so close to the track that tourists may easily imagine that the train is a part of the dooryard attractions designed by Mr. Cockburn. In this spacious house is room for one hundred and twenty guests. Terms \$10 to \$12. Van B. Cockburn, proprietor.

Mrs. J. B. Winne's is opposite the Cockburn House, across the track, on a handsome terrace. Room for twenty. Apply.



MRS. J. B. WINNE'S COTTAGE.

Mrs. A. E. Cockburn's is on the road which runs up this side of the Creek to Phoenicia, just where it crosses the track, about a quarter of a mile from the station. Room for fifteen. Apply.

Henry Short's is a mile beyond Mrs. Cockburn's. Room for twenty-five. Apply.

The road to "The Corner" as the larger village at Mount Pleasant is called, runs eastward along the end of the Cockburn House and grounds, then crossing a little bridge over a mill-pond in which is a diminutive island (at high

water) with a barbed wire fence around it. At first sight this seems a needless protection unless against bull-frogs and "sich,"—but as the water recedes an isthmus appears offering a highway to the sportive cow who might devour the whole island and its contents.

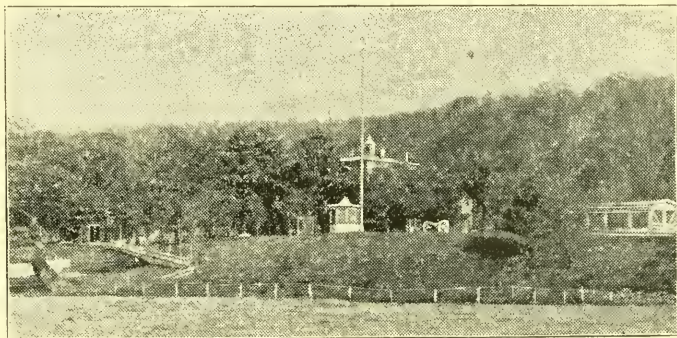
There is a short stretch to a bit of pine woods at the further end of which is Miss Ackerly's "Pine Grove House." Room for

THE CORNER P. O., twenty. Apply.
ULSTER CO., N. Y.

Thence around a curve to the left and across the Esopus by another bridge, and we enter the Shokan road opposite the Reformed church. On this road toward the right is the post-office close by.

H. B. Hudler's is nearly a mile below the P. O. toward Shokan. Room for fifty. Apply.

Davis Winne's is half a mile further, with room for fifty. 88.



DAVIS WINNE'S, NEAR MT. PLEASANT

Returning to the church mentioned we go northward to "the corners." Here are four roads,—one to Woodstock, ten miles; one to Lake Hill, six miles; one to Phœnicia, four miles; and the one mentioned to Shokan, six miles.

On the corner between the Lake Hill road and the Woodstock road is C. M. Lamson's house accommodating forty. \$7 to \$10.

Next to this house, on the Woodstock road, is the Baptist Church, and about a mile further is S. L. Saterlee's. Room for fifteen. Apply.

Jacob Eichler's is on the corner between the Woodstock and Shokan roads.

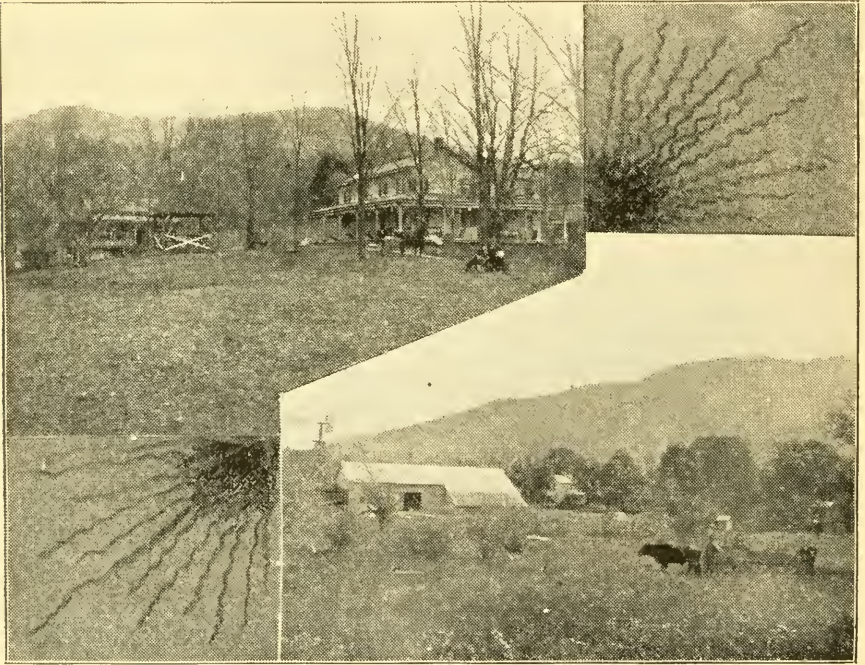
Elmer E. Lockwood's is opposite Eichler's. Room for six. Apply.

On the corner between the Shokan and Phœnicia roads is the factory and mill of the Hudson River Reed Furniture Co., where a large variety of fancy wicker work furniture is made. Passing this mill we cross the bridge over the Shandaken Beaverkill. It is unfortunate that there are so many streams called Beaverkill among the

mountains that it seems necessary to prefix the name of the town as is done in this case. As this brook comes from Mink Hollow, about eleven miles away, it would aid in the geographical grasp of the region if this stream could have been named after its source. Just beyond the bridge a branch road turns sharply to the right leading to two houses.

Dr. H. B. Watson's is the first. Room for thirty. Apply. This was formerly the Lake House.

Curtis North, a few rods further, has room for eight. S7.



WM. SCHUMACHERS, AT MOUNT PLEASANT.

THE CORNER P. O.

Returning to the main road again at the bridge, we go on toward Phoenicia. Near at hand are Wm. Schumacher's two houses, with accommodations for forty. Apply.

Henry Hoffman's is on this road half a mile further. Room for twenty-five. S6.

This is the last house on this road till Phoenicia is reached.

On the Lake Hill road are several houses, scattered all the way to and beyond the Lake Hill post-office. From Lamson's at the corner the road runs along the foot of the Dunkerberg or Dipper Mountain.

S. S. Randall's is the first house about a quarter of a mile from Lamson's, three-quarters of a mile to the station. Room for twenty. Apply.

Sherman Lockwood's is a quarter of a mile further. Room for twenty. Apply.

Half a mile further is Jas. T. De Vall's. Room for six. Apply.

But a short distance beyond we cross the lively little stream called the Droghkill, which comes down between Mt. Tremper,—formerly called the Droghkill Mountain,—and Timothy Berg, a stream noted for its purity and coldness, and so liked by trout that it is “alive with them.” The property about this stream has been purchased lately by F. D. Storey, Esq., of New York, who is developing it. A dam has been built across the Droghkill making a fine pond of several acres which will be devoted to trout culture, and incidentally to the pleasures of boating. A handsome summer cottage will be erected this season to be followed, doubtless, by many others in this beautiful valley.

M. A. De Vall's is the next house, two miles from the station. Room for ten. Apply.

Edwin A. De Vall's is half a mile further around a beautiful curve in the stream. Room for twenty. Apply.

From here on the valley is quite narrow and the road runs beside the Beaverkill all the way, crossing it several times. It is a picturesque and dashing stream full of great rocks and overhung by large trees affording many delightful bits for the artist and photographer. For half a mile more we make our way up the “hollow,” the ground rising gradually but constantly, and then, rounding a hill on the right, we come out unexpectedly into a broad, oblong valley surrounded on all sides with mountains of striking outline and massive proportions. Directly ahead the Overlook stands high and great, with the hotel in plain sight showing its broad western side. Plattekill Mountain is next toward the left, then Indian Head, Twin Mountain and then Oleberg putting out like a promontory into the valley and hiding Mink Mountain and the Mink Hollow notch. The peaked spur which Oleberg throws off toward the west is called Little Rocky, and its name seems peculiarly appropriate so far as the rocky is concerned. As the Karlberg is sometimes called the Big Rocky, the comparison is obvious.

This fine oval valley is called the Little Shandaken Valley. At the end nearest, there is quite a settlement called West Woodstock. We take the left hand road at the first fork, to reach it. There are two churches here, Methodist and Wesleyan Methodist.

Mrs. B. Broadie's is on the hillside just as we come into the valley. Room for six. Apply.

Mrs. B. W. Hoyt's is up on the side of the Karlberg commanding a fine view, about half a mile from the churches, five miles from the station at Mount Pleasant. Room for twenty-five. Apply.

The road running up the valley between Mrs. Hoyt's and Little Rocky leads over into Edgewood in the Stony Clove, about four miles. It is not always in good condition. This little branch valley goes by the name of Silver Hollow. It lies on the southwesterly side of Oleberg and just over this mountain, on the northeasterly side lies Mink Hollow.

Returning to the churches we keep on around the northerly side of the valley as the houses taking boarders are on this road.

Annie Short's is half a mile from the Wesleyan Church. Room for twenty. Apply.

J. B. Eighmy's is half a mile further. Room for ten. \$5 and \$6.

As we continue around Oleberg toward the entrance to Mink Hollow we find that this mountain has a sharp knife-edge, or like a wide chisel. From the side it looks flat with a top almost level; from the end it is sharp as if conical.

A little further we come to the Lake Hill P. O. The road up the Mink Hollow is a short distance further on, but a cross-cut over the fields in front of the post-office reduces the distance considerably. A quarter of a mile up the Mink Hollow road brings us to the Mink Hollow stream, famous for its trout.

The first boarding house on this road is S. G. Wilber's, half a mile from the post-office, six miles and a half from Mt. Pleasant station. Room for thirty. \$5 and \$6.

Walter Traub's is a quarter of a mile farther. Room for five. Apply.

Perry Mosher's is next, just over the bridge. Room for twenty. \$5 to \$7.

The scenery along this valley,—Mink Hollow,—is wildly beautiful, of the type peculiar to high mountain valleys partially subdued to the needs of a scanty farming population. The clearings reach up the steep slopes into the forests and bits of the original woods still hold stony or unpromising knolls and ravines. It is a delightful combination of opposites. Not far from Mosher's is the summer home of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Sully, in the midst of attractive scenic surroundings.

The Wilber House is at the head of the hollow eight miles from Mt. Pleasant station. From the house one looks up at Mink Mountain (or Sugar Loaf as called by some) with its peculiar castle-like, turreted spur thrown out toward the south. The deep Mink Hollow Notch seems deeper than ever from here, and we are almost high

enough to see through it into the Tannersville country just beyond. It is but four miles from this house to Elka Park. The road is passable, but more cannot be said of it unless repairs have been made since this was written.

The Wilber House (R. R. Wilber, Proprietor) accommodates seventy-five. \$7 to \$8.

Returning to the post-office at Lake Hill we may continue eastward,—toward Woodstock.

Egbert Howland's is near by. Room for twenty. \$5 and \$6.

A short half-mile away is Cooper's Lake, from which the post-office takes its name.

M. Sagendorf's is at the lake. Room for twenty. Apply.

This road goes on two miles to Shady, in the Bristol Valley; and at this point we are but five miles from Mead's by that route. See Chapter IX.

Returning to Mt. Pleasant, before resuming the railroad journey northward, a few words as to the ascent of Mount Tremper and what can be seen from the summit may be of interest to mountain climbers. The way up is begun at the northern end of the bridge at Ecker's mill, passing Dr. Watson's and Curtis North's and keeping on up this road to the blacksmith's shop. Turn up the hill between the house and the shop and cross the fence at the top of the rise; go through the grove of oaks, keeping in the rather indistinct path until you come to the wood road. Then follow that to a fork. Take the right-hand road here,—this doesn't seem to be right, but the left goes only to the foot of the mountain, to a quarry. From here on it is only a matter of keeping on the road (which is badly grown up with small brush) to the end of it,—in a sort of pocket among big trees up on the easterly side of the mountain. Fine views may be caught here and there, especially of the Little Shandaken valley. From the point where the road ends there is no well marked trail and a ten minutes struggle through the brush will bring one to the top of the spur reaching toward The Corner. Going around to the "front" of this,—that is, toward the west,—a grand view is obtained down the Esopus valley. At one's feet is the settlement at The Corner embowered in large trees, the Beaverkill winding through it, a silvery streak dashed with foamy white. The Esopus stretches out as a long, twisted ribbon until lost in the distance. Boiceville and West Shokan are in the middle distance, in plain sight, and the scattered farm houses dot with human interest the whole valley as far as the eye can distinguish. High Point looks grand in proportions, as it is, on the right of the valley and Tysteneyck is a dignified boundary on the left. Beyond these the broken and rolling plains spread out in the gray distance losing color gradually till they merge into the blue

of the Shawangunks; but beyond these are still more landscape lines fainter and fainter until lost in haze. From High Point westward the view is of mountain peaks with Slide Mountain atop of all. To the east from Tysteneyck, Tobias fills in the foreground view and hides the country beyond. The peak, or summit, of Tremper is still above us toward the north and so overgrown as not to be worth going to for the view is concealed by the foliage. But the spur which reaches out westward is worth a visit. Like a balcony it comes out into the valley giving a fine view both ways. The view down has been briefly described although from this point it is somewhat different in detail. Up the valley we look down into Phœnicia and over toward Panther Mountain, and also into a part of the Stony Clove. No visitor to Mt. Pleasant should omit to climb Mt. Tremper. The trail is easy enough for ladies with stout clothing.



CHAPTER XVIII.

PHÆNICIA,

AND WOODLAND VALLEY.

AFTER leaving Mount Pleasant the valley becomes rapidly narrower as the mountains crowd closer. What little cultivable land remains in the bottom is in many places kept with great difficulty out of the grasp of the Esopus which here and there claims the entire width of half a mile,—and gets it in the Spring,—leaving a waste of water-worn stones which are not large enough to be picturesque. On both sides of the valley the mountains are too steep for cultivation, and a few farms occupy all the bottom land available, subject to foreclosure by the Creek without notice.

On the right Mt. Tremper swings in a great curve so as to stand directly in front of us. On the left Mt. Pleasant soon gives place to Mt. Romer, a slight depression or pass marking the separation. Our course here is due north. After rounding Mt. Romer,—as we must, the course will be southwest for a stretch. The station is on this curve at the farther end.

As the train comes into the yard we notice the narrow guage trucks and the lifting apparatus by which the bodies of the cars can be lifted off the standard trucks and the narrow trucks put under them. This is necessary in order that they may be run on the Stony Clove R. R., which has its lower terminus here, and is built on the



PHŒNICIA FROM THE RESERVOIR.

The Tremper House at the right of the village ; the Europa House at the left
Panther Mountain in the background.

narrow guage. Passengers for stations in the Stony Clove and on top of the mountain from Hunter to Otis Summit are obliged to change cars here. There has been some talk of making the Stony Clove R. R. a standard guage road. If this is done it will certainly be a great improvement, and a greater convenience to travellers by that line.

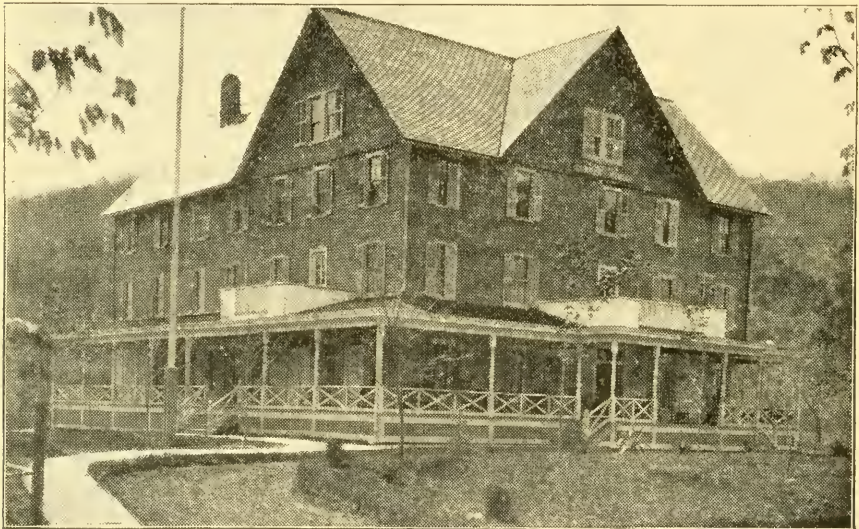
The scenery about Phœnicia is the wildest on the line of the railroad. The place is completely surrounded by mountains with steep slopes, and so high as to carry the sky-line far up into space. The level land upon which the town is built is but a few acres scarcely five hundred, and seems to be left only through great condensation on the part of the mountains. The Esopus froths along in a rocky bed over against Mt. Romer taking a free and easy twist as it leaves the village as if to emphasize its claim to all the lowland in sight. The Stony Clove stream comes down its narrow valley with a large volume of water and cuts the town in two. A short mile above the town, the Woodland Valley stream comes in draining another large territory. Here is a favorite spot for fishermen with three large and fine streams and many smaller tributaries near by.

Alighting for a short survey of accommodations, we cross the space at the end of the station, pausing a few minutes, perhaps, to watch the transfer of baggage and express from the U. & D. cars to those of the Stony Clove R. R., which stand just the other side of the station building, with its locomotive humming with the pent up power to be used in climbing up the steepes of the famous Clove.

Opposite the station is the post-office and next door to it is W. B. Martin's hotel. \$2 per day. Special rate by the week or month.

PHŒNICIA P. O.,
ULSTER CO., N. Y. Turning to the left up the street a few rods, we reach the large iron bridge across the Esopus passing on the way the curving bridge of the Stony Clove R. R.

Directly through the bridge, as if framed by the trusses, appears the Tremper House a quarter of a mile from the station, in a stately position upon a fine natural terrace. The street leads directly to the gates of the spacious grounds which contain not only the large hotel and its accessory buildings, but also several detached cottages for



THE EUROPA HOUSE. J. F. VOSS, PROPRIETOR.

the greater convenience of family parties who desire a measure of privacy with the advantages of a large hotel. At this writing it is not decided who will run the hotel this season so no name can be given. Address the Tremper House, Phœnicia, N. Y. Room for two hundred and fifty guests. Terms, usually, \$3 per day. \$15 per week.

Turning up the street toward the left we cross the track of the Stony Clove road up which the train has gone hissing and throbbing with a vim not unlike a mettled horse.

Mrs. Mary E. Winter's house is just beyond the track. Room for ten. \$7 and \$8.

A few steps further is a small hotel, the Phœnicia House, C. C. Winne, Proprietor. Room for twenty. Apply.

A short distance from here is the wagon road up the Stony Clove,—at the bridge. Turning here we find James Kinkaid's a quarter of a mile from the bridge. Room for twenty-five. Apply.

Newton J. Knapp's is close by. Room for twenty. Apply.

The next houses on this road are at Chichester's. See chapter on the Stony Clove.

Returning to the main street at the bridge over the Stony Clove stream, we cross the bridge to the newer part of the town.

The second house on the right is the residence of Dr. Krom, the village physician.

Mrs. Jas. A. Simpson's is next. Room for six. Apply.

R. Breithoupt's is next door. Room for twenty-five. \$5 to \$7.

Across the street is a large three-story building with a large extension running back. This is the Europa House, Julius F. Voss, Proprietor. This is the second house in size in the town and new from top to bottom, open for its first season. The grounds have been tastefully laid out and a rustic pavilion built. Inside, the rooms both public and private are bright and pleasant, and furnished for comfort as well as appearance. The kitchen and laundry are models of completeness, and, all in all, Mr. Voss is to be congratulated in the possession of an up-to-date house. Accommodations for one hundred. Apply for terms giving full particulars as to wants, and every effort will be made to assure satisfaction. Address Europa House, Phœnicia, N. Y.

A short distance around the bend of the road is J. H. Simpson's, half a mile from the station. Room for twenty-five. \$7.

This road leads to Shandaken, six miles away, and, by a branch to the left half a mile beyond Simpson's into Woodland Valley.

In Woodland Valley there are three houses distant about five miles from the station at Phœnicia, which is their post-office also.

Miss D. W. Beach takes thirty. Apply.

J. A. Lord takes twenty. Apply.

Mrs. A. Jansen takes twelve. Apply.

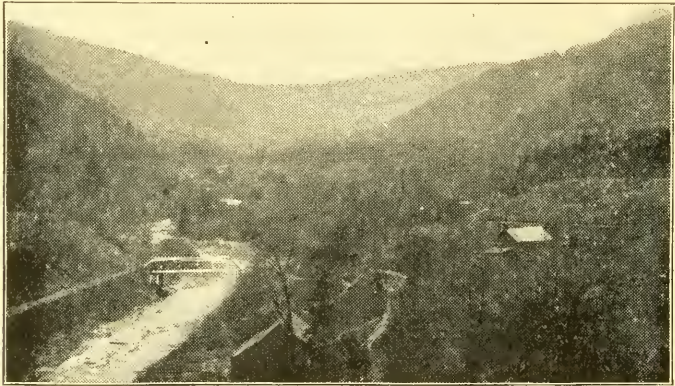


J. H. SIMPSON'S HOUSE.

The beauties of Woodland Valley (formerly Snyder Hollow) have been told again and again, by pen and pencil,—to say nothing of the fish stories which have been manufactured with a basis of more or less raw material on the way “home” from the famous “Snyder Hollow Stream.” It is now the regular resort of artists who find endless suggestion in its charming natural composition.

On the Shandaken road, about a mile beyond the turn to Woodland Valley is “The Wittenberg,” to be run this year by A. Tobias RISELEY’S P. O., to whom Mr. Whitney, the owner, has leased ULSTER CO., N. Y. it. Room for seventy-five. Apply.

A new post-office has been established here, and is located in the store just beyond The Wittenberg. It is called “Riseley’s.”



WOODLAND VALLEY LOOKING SOUTH.

Mrs. E. Jakeway’s is opposite the post-office. This house has been doubled in size since last season and will now accommodate forty. Apply.

There are many interesting views to be enjoyed about Phœnicia. The prettiest view of the village and surrounding scenery is to be had from a knoll near the reservoir, a cow-pasture owned by Romeyn Longyear, who denies to visitors the privilege of enjoying it, so that the view from the reservoir itself must be taken as the best available. The entrance to this point is through the two red gates by the tall pine tree on the road toward Mt. Pleasant about half a mile from the Europa House. Smith’s quarry is also reached by this road and from there a fine view is to be had. To go to the quarry take the left hand road at the fork; the right hand road leads to the reservoir. Another pretty view is had from the quarries back of the Tremper House. The Grand View Rock is at Simpson’s quarry, entrance to which is nearly opposite the Europa House. This is about half an

hour's climb, well repaid however. Other fine views may be enjoyed about the entrance to Woodland Valley from several points of vantage. One quarry near the railroad bridge, but some 300 feet higher gives a very pleasing outlook.

One other house remains to be noticed, that of Madison Longyear. This is reached by crossing the U. & D. R. R. track just above the station and going a long mile toward Mt. Pleasant on that side of the Esopus. Room for fifteen. Apply.



CHAPTER XIX.

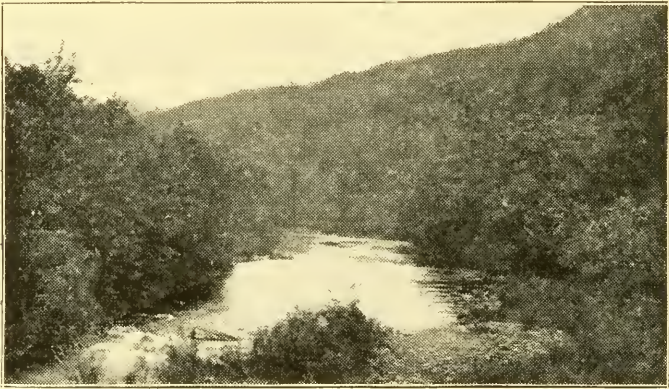
ALLABEN

AND THE SHANDAKEN VALLEY.

AS WE leave Phœnicia station we catch an attractive view of the Tremper House, and back of it the lower end of the Stony Clove with a spur of Mt. Sheridan on the left and the steep slopes of Mt. Tremper on the right. The high rounded peak which seems to shut in the clove is the summit of the Ox Clove Mountain lying on the farther side of that clove; beyond it lies Broad Street Hollow, or, by its more recent christening, Forest Valley. The railroad track lies close beside the creek, and, as we pass, a little whirlwind, often seen at this point because of the conformation of the mountains, seizes a bit of the water from the rapids and throws it high into the air, a pretty pillar of spray.

Across the creek the ragged cliffs with their black fissures reach up into a precipice scarred with quarries and littered with their *debris* of stone chips and broken flags. At the top is Grand View Rock referred to near the close of the chapter preceding. A glance ahead shows a succession of mountain spurs plunging down into the narrow valley. This is the wildest bit of scenery along the line of the railroad, and there are quick surprises as the train seems to leap to one side to avoid the creek and the other to escape a mountain, hastening away from the tumultuous roar of the one and the metallic racket of the other. With a quick curve to the right we cross the iron bridge over Woodland Creek, and get a glimpse toward the left of the entrance to Woodland Valley. After crossing this stream the diminished size of the Esopus is quite noticeable, it having lost also the volume contributed by the Stony Clove stream.

To the right, looking up the Esopus Creek is a fine vista, with four mountain peaks in the distance,—Rose Mountain at Shandaken occupying the left, then Broad Street Mountain with the peaked summit, then North Dome, and on the right Big Westkill Mountain just showing above the pines on Mt. Sheridan. Half a mile of tortuous winding and turning, in close fellowship with the Esopus, and we pass Mrs. De Mott's large Excelsior Mill, occupying a flat of a few acres. Then with a sweep we enter the beautiful Shandaken Valley. An entire change of scene greets the interested traveller. The mountains on either side seem to have drawn away, and the pastoral spirit reigns over broad meadows dotted with cattle, gently sloping foothills crowned with orchards, and farm houses of thrifty appearance nestled here and there in clumps of fruit-bearing trees. The



IN THE SHANDAKEN VALLEY.

train hugs the foot of Mt. Garfield on the westerly side of the valley, while the creek runs far over toward the easterly side for nearly a mile and then comes back to make a charming foreground for a pretty picture near Riseley's, the new post-office between Phœnicia and Shandaken.

Half a mile farther on is the crusher which is breaking up the spare rocks of Mt. Garfield to supply ballast for the Ulster and Delaware R. R.—up in an old quarry to the left. Another half-mile and Mt. Sheridan is passed and Broad Street Hollow (Forest Valley) opens to the right, disclosing in the distance the clove between North Dome on the left and Big Westkill Mountain on the right. The latter is 3900 feet high, one of the highest in that region, and its outline in this view is marked by noble convex curves. Through this notch one may reach Spruceton, of which more anon,—in the next chapter,—but only on foot.

Here the Esopus looses the volume of the Broad Street brook, and from this point the valley contracts sensibly, and the pastures and orchard lots climb up higher and higher on the mountain sides to get living room, pushing around the outcropping ledges and crowding against the forest, so that one may see a giant ash and a Baldwin apple almost touching one another over a barbed-wire fence and wrestling underground for such sustenance as the soil will grant. And all over the mountain sides are roads in spots which seem inaccessible to the observer from below, down which come the supplies of basswood and poplar (or "popple" in the vernacular) for the Excelsior Mills, and birch, beech and maple for the large chair factory of Hiram Whitney visible just ahead, beside the huge piles of blue-stone flagging and curbing which fill the yards at Allaben, at which station we now make a halt.

ALLABEN.

This is a busy little place for considerable shipping is done, but there is a pleasant welcome ready for the careworn visitor in search of good air, pure water and rest. Across the
 ALLABEN P. O.,
 ULSTER CO., N. Y. bridge, within a stone's throw of the station are the two Riseley cottages. G. B. Riseley has room for twenty. Apply.

Mrs. Rose Griffin, in the other Riseley house, has room for fifteen. Apply.

Geo. H. Gulnick, 100 yards along on the road to Shandaken, has room for fifteen. Apply.

Robert Fox, a short distance further on this road takes twelve. Apply.

Taking this road in the other direction, toward Phœnicia,—nearly a mile below is Broad Street Hollow, the road turning up the hollow toward the left and leading to two houses about a mile from this turn.

H. J. Newell has room for twenty. Apply.

Geo. Ennist has room for sixteen. Apply.

Following down the main road toward Phœnicia, half a mile below, is Jacob Whitney's. Room for fifteen. \$7.

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R. FERRIS, ARTIST PHOTOGRAPHER,

West Shokan, N. Y.

CHAPTER XX.

SHANDAKEN.

BUSHNELLVILLE, WESTKILL, SPRUCETON, AND LEXINGTON.

FROM Allaben to Shandaken is said to be a mile. It reminds one of a "mile" in the Adirondacks, where they always throw in a bit extra because the soil is so poor. No one who travels this mile to Shandaken will ever dispute the length of it, with a view to asking for good measure. Just after leaving the station Peck Hollow opens on the right giving a distant view of North Dome. A good trout stream comes down into the Creek from up in there.

A little farther and the beautiful Fox Hollow opens on the left, an immense amphitheatre with the westerly,—and lower,—peak of Panther Mountain at the further side. From this Hollow flows another noted trout stream.

About three-quarters of a mile above Allaben we pass the extensive chair factory of Hiram Whitney. A specialty of this factory is a line of caned chairs and rockers for export. **SHANDAKEN P. O.,** The mountains all about have furnished maple, **ULSTER CO., N. Y.** beech and birch, ash and walnut, to the saws of this factory for some years, and now the mountains of the Westkill chain are being drawn upon, with no danger of scarcity for many years to come.

A short half-mile farther under the shadow of mossy ledges dripping with numerous springs, and we reach the Shandaken station.

The view from the station onward toward Big Indian is most attractive as one looks about. The mountain spurs seem to dove-tail and at the end of the view is Balsam Mountain showing plainly its great height.

Close by the station, the track running almost through the doorway, is The Clarendon, M. C. Wait, Proprietor. \$2 a day.

Around the corner to the left,—toward Big Indian and on the road to that place is C. B. Votee's. Room for fifteen. \$7 and \$8.

Turning to the right after leaving the station we reach the principal house of the town, the Palace Hotel, about three minutes walk, crossing the bridge on the way.

The Palace Hotel stands upon a fine natural terrace above the roadway. It is a family resort as well as for transient guests, and is the summer home of many who come early and remain late in the season, to whom special rates are generously made by the proprietor.

The accommodations are first-class in every respect; and with its recent renovation and refurnishing this house has now all the improvements of a first-class hotel. It is lighted with gas, heated by steam, fitted with electric bells and has modern bath and toilet rooms. Two hundred guests can be entertained at one time. Post-office, telegraph and express offices in the hotel. Local amusements are bowling, tennis and croquet, billiards and pool, and music every evening. Dancing at appointed times. Out-door recreations are walking, riding and driving for which good livery and saddle horses



THE PALACE HOTEL, HIRAM WHITNEY, PROPRIETOR.

are on hand. Guests who bring their own horses will have them well cared for and may expect to see their horses benefitted by a change of air as well as themselves. Terms,—transient guests \$3 per day; single rooms \$10 to \$15 per week, double rooms for two, \$18 to \$24, depending upon location. Hiram Whitney, Proprietor. F. X. Nufer, Manager.

Shandaken is a paradise for fishermen. The Bushnellville stream is a famous one and runs down in front of the Palace Hotel. The Esopus is close by, and half a mile away are the Peck Hollow and Fox Hollow streams, to say nothing of a dozen small tributaries.

In the rear of the Palace Hotel there is a fine outlook up the Bushnellville Clove on one side and over the Shandaken Valley on the other, from the top of a low hill which is appropriately named Windy Brow because of the constant breeze found there. It is a favorite resort for the guests of the hotel. From the ledges across



THE BUSHNELLVILLE CLOVE FROM THE LEDGES.

Palace Hotel at the Right, Nearly Hidden Among the Trees.

in an angle between the Bushnellville road on the left and the road to Phœnicia on the right,—as one faces the building. On the Phœnicia road are several houses taking boarders.

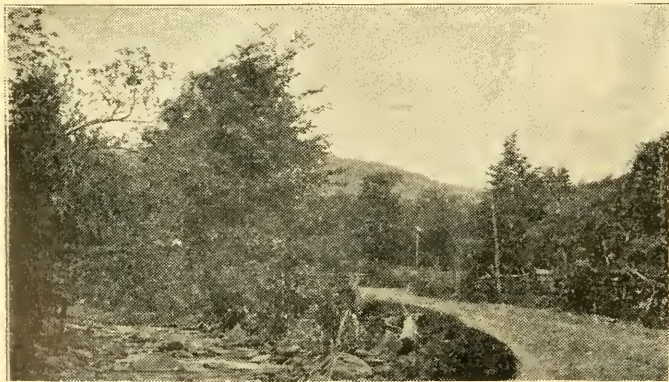
J. S. Whitney's hotel, The Whitney House, is open to transients only. \$2 per day.

C. E. Wood's is a short distance further down the road. Room for ten. \$7 to \$9.

Henry Griffith's is about half a mile from the station. Room for twenty-five. Apply.

On the Bushnellville road, half a mile from the station, is Chas. Van Valkenberg's. Room for thirty. Apply.

Bushnellville is three miles from the station on the stage-road leading to Westkill and Lexington. There is a peculiar charm in the



IN THE BUSHNELLVILLE CLOVE.

the track from the station, easily reached in fifteen minutes' walk, there is a very fine view of the clove, also of the country toward Big Indian. The Bushnellville Clove, too, is a succession of delightful scenes.

The Palace Hotel stands

in the scenery of the clove in which this road lies. One naturally composed picture follows another the entire distance to the lake in Echo Notch, three miles beyond Bushnellville, a continuous

panorama full of ready-made studies for the artist and photographer. The life of the landscape is the hurrying brook, the Swift Bushkill as it is called, which has a fall of over three hundred feet in the three miles. Just after leaving the Palace Hotel there is a pretty "bowstring" bridge, and just beyond it an artificial waterfall at the roadside where a small grist mill is located, with a very pretty long and narrow mill-pond. The road winds back and forth, crossing and recrossing the stream, with each turn presenting new beauties in scenery. Special mention should be made of the October effects in this valley when the leaves have changed color. They are exceptionally rich.



MRS. W. WRIGHT'S, BUSHNELLVILLE, N. Y.

Mrs. W. Wright's is the first house reached in Bushnellville,—The Mountain Brook House. The Swift Bushkill runs through the "back yard." Room for forty. Apply.

J. B. Rider's is near by. Room for twenty. Apply.

The Dorothy House is a few rods farther on. This house is under new management this year and guests will be properly and comfortably cared for, and every effort put forth to restore the pleasant associations which have made its name a "household word" in years past.

Mr. Eli D. Jenkins, the owner of the house, is now in personal control. Room for thirty. Apply.

From here onward toward Westkill, the valley winds more and more and the level bottom lands become narrower as the



THE DOROTHY HOUSE, BUSHNELLVILLE.

ELI D. JENKINS, PROPRIETOR.

hills close in. Finally there is just the road and the brook and a long strip of sweet mountain grass scarcely twenty feet in width with ledges overhanging it in a delightfully picturesque fashion. Then comes a spot where the grass is no more and the road and stream are in a heap, the road above and the stream under the bridge. Hence the road is cut into the side of the ravine leaving the brook to tumble along in the cleft below. A mile further and we reach Echo Lake a long, narrow level of water, vibrant with reflections of vivid greens. It is broken half way down its length by the *debris* of a landside and some decaying logs which ought to be cleared away, and the whole sweep of water be free. This pretty lakelet is a favorite spot for visitors to Shandaken.

Beyond the lake the road climbs still higher for another half-mile and then begins the long descent to Westkill, which being



VIEW IN WESTKILL VILLAGE.

shorter in distance than the Bushnellville side is also steeper. Echo Notch, or Deep Notch, as it was formerly called, is very deep as compared with the mountain heights above it, but high up when compared with the settlements on either side. The

ride through it is one of interest. The magnificent original forest is on the one hand, and the great ledges on the other, draped with mosses of every shade of bronzy purples and greens and rich browns, and fantastically decorated with patches of pale gray-green and gray-pink lichens.

G. D. Baldwin's Echo Notch House is the first we come to, seven miles from the station at Shandaken. Room for thirty. \$6 to \$8.

WESTKILL P. O., GREENE CO., N. Y. Just beyond this is the Westkill Hotel, W. B. Whitney, Proprietor. This was formerly the Deyo House. Room for fifty. \$1.50 per day. \$6 to \$9 per week.

A few rods further is the post-office facing down the main street. The road passing it goes on to Lexington. On this road about a mile out is E. A. Chamberlain's. Room for twenty. Apply.

Near by is C. Humphrey's. Room for thirty. Apply.

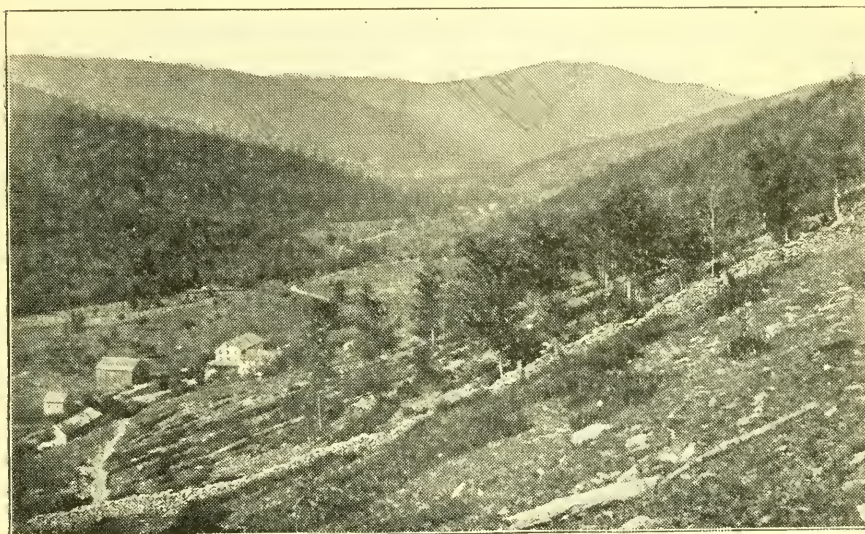
Two miles from the post-office is S. C. Chamberlain's. Room for fifty. Apply. (See under Lexington.)

Returning to the main street which leads on to Spruceton, we find near the corner Sherwood Deyo's. Room for twenty-five. \$7.

Miss Alice M. Ford's is across the street. Room for fifteen. Apply.

W. P. Simmons takes fifteen. Apply.

Lorenzo Deyo's is a quarter of a mile farther on. Room for twenty-five. Apply.



BIG INDIAN VALLEY FROM PARKER'S HILLSIDE PASTURE.*

James W. Dutcher's house at the left. Balsam Mountain in the distance.

Chris. Reilly's is nearly two miles from the post-office, on the same road,—to Spruceton. Room forty. Apply.

Continuing on this road a long mile further we reach Spruceton, a small village located at the foot of the western slopes of Hunter Mountain, 4052 feet high, with Big Westkill Mountain, 3900 feet, on the south, and Van Valkenburgh Peak on the north, 3800 feet high. This group of giants gives a grandeur of character to the surrounding scenery.

The Maple Grove House, Geo. A. Van Valkenburgh, Proprietor, has room for forty. \$6 to \$8.

W. C. Van Valkenburgh takes twenty. \$6 to \$8.

* (Very fine photographs, 11 by 14 in., of this view. See back cover page.)

The stage line to Lexington from Shandaken passes over the road described through Bushnellville and Westkill and beyond this latter town four miles, but as the larger number of passengers go by way of Hunter the description of Lexington has been placed in that chapter.

From Westkill there is a road over the mountain to Halcott Centre (see Fleischmann's). It is mentioned here to speak only of the superb view from one of its highest reaches. It is a difficult road because of its steep grades, which, in several places, are suited rather to a goat than to a horse. But the roadway is good, and a climber on foot will be well repaid for the effort.



CHAPTER XXI.

BIG INDIAN,

OLIVEREA AND SLIDE MOUNTAIN.

FROM Shandaken to Big Indian is three miles measured on the level and one hundred and fifty feet measured vertically. The spurs of Panther Mountain on the left and Rose Mountain on the right crowd one another in a dovetailing fashion and force the Esopus to wind across and back in the narrow valley, and the railroad follows the stream. There is a small bit of level bottom



VIEW AT WADE'S BRIDGE.

land about a mile out from Shandaken, and here Jas. Donahue has planted his "Forest Home" visible from the car windows on the right. Soon after passing his place we get a charming view up the Creek from a bend at the track, the bridge from Wade's mill in the foreground, and the

falls at Wade's dam being in sight far up the stream. The Belle Ayr Mountain fills in the distance.

A mile further the station is reached. This is a busy spot. Here the extra locomotive waits to help the train up the steep grades of Pine Hill, and Wm. Atkins's stages stand waiting for passengers to Olivera, Slide Mountain post-office, Winnisook Lodge and so on to Claryville in Sullivan Co., by way of the beautiful and wild Neversink country. Taken altogether this stage line traverses about the wildest country in the Catskills on any regular route. The Big Indian valley is very wild, resembling the Adirondacks rather than the average Catskills.

At the station the wagon road crosses the track at right angles, the road toward the right, or northward, leading across the Big Indian stream and the Esopus,—two bridges,—to the highway between

**BIG INDIAN P. O.,
ULSTER CO., N. Y.**
Shandaken and Pine Hill.

W. Marsh's house is on this road, the first from the station. Room for twenty-five. Apply.

On the Shandaken road just below the junction is D. C. Dutcher's. Room for twenty. \$5 to \$7.

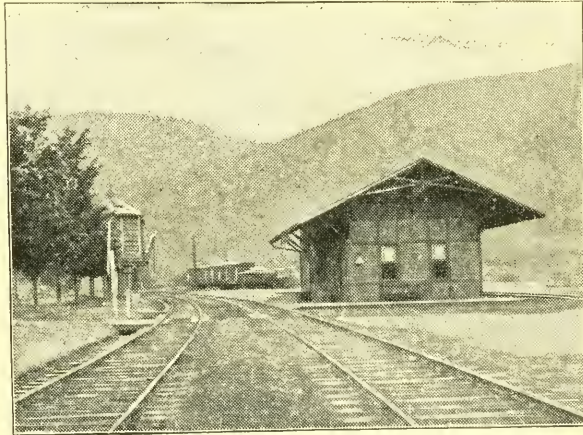
Jas. Donahue's "Forest Home" is reached by this road, a long mile from this corner. Room for fifty. Apply.

D. C. Myers's is a few rods below Donahue's entrance. Room for ten. Apply.

On the road toward Pine Hill, turning to the left at the junction with the cross road to the station, Andres Cole's is first, a long quarter-mile from the railroad. Room for twenty. Apply.

On a branch road leading to the left at Cole's, is Wm. E. Garrison's with room for twenty-five. \$5 to \$8.

Half a mile farther on this road, toward the Pine Hill, is W. C. Misner's, which will be described under that chapter as Mr. Misner gets his mail at the Pine Hill P. O., but his guests usually come by way of Big Indian, as it is so much nearer.



AT BIG INDIAN STATION.

Balsam Mountain on the left, Pine Hill on the right in the background.



WM E. GARRISON'S.

Belle Ayr Mountain in the Background.

The next house is Mrs. G. W. Misner's. Room for forty. Apply.

Isaac Smith's is close by. Room for thirty. Apply.

Returning now to the station we go southward, with a short turn toward the west along the track for a few rods. G. W. Lament's hotel is just across the track. Room for thirty. Apply.

O. J. Molyneux's is a few rods farther on between the road and the railroad. Room for fifteen. Apply.

Again the road turns south, into the Big Indian Valley. After a quarter of a mile a bridge carries a road toward the right, leading up into the Lost Clove.

Mrs. C. J. Griffin's is half a mile up in this beautiful clove, one of the handsomest in the region. Room for forty. Apply.

On the main road again at the distance of a long mile from the station is James Cruickshank's. Room for six. Apply.

About a mile further is Jonathan Barnum's. Room for thirty. Apply. This brings us to another post-office, Oliverrea, to which Mr.

OLIVERREA, P. O. Barnum's mail should be addressed.

ULSTER CO., N. Y. Near by is E. D. Dutcher's. Room for fifteen. Apply.

Norman Rikert has room for ten. Apply.

Van Wyck Knight has room for eight. Apply.

This brings us to the store and post-office. Just beyond it is the hotel, Silas Burton, proprietor, with room for twenty-five at \$1 per day.

A few rods up the road a bridge takes us across to several houses clustered about the church.

Geo. E. Jocelyn has room for sixty. \$7 to \$10.

Edgar Haynes takes thirty. \$6.

Willis R. Robinson takes twenty-five. \$5 to \$7.

This road leads on up into Jocelyn Hollow, half a mile, to Geo. W. Dutcher's. Room for twenty. Apply.

Returning now to the main road we go on southward up the

valley. Rounding a spur on the left we come out on a point which commands a very fine view, across the meadow lands, some thirty feet below us, to the slopes of Big Indian Mountain. Scarcely a quarter of a mile away is Byron Dutcher's, the roof of the house showing above the trees which surround it, and a few minutes brings us to the "Slide Mountain House" as it is called. Room here for seventy-five. Apply.



LOOKING UP THE LOST CLOVE, TOWARD MRS. GRIFFIN'S.

Opposite Byron Dutcher's there is a road leading across into Burnham Hollow.

John Burnham takes twenty. \$7.

Farther on up the Hollow is Martin Maben's. Room for twenty. \$6.

From Davis's hill, across from Burnham's, there is a splendid view up the valley for nearly three miles, all the houses being in sight up to the top of the hill at Miles Parker's, and the immense masses of Panther Mountain on the left and Big Indian Mountain on the right show to great advantage. There is also a pretty view up Burnham Hollow and a fine outlook down the valley, which seems rather tame after the others which are so wild.

Returning to the main road again at Byron Dutcher's we go on up the valley for half a mile to F. A. Brimer's. With the late additions to this house there are now accommodations for sixty. \$6 and \$7.

Nearly a mile further, and four miles from the Big Indian station, is Warren Johnson's. Room for thirty. \$6 to \$8.



LOOKING DOWN THE VALLEY FROM MILES PARKER'S HOUSE
Slide Mtn. P. O. on the Right. Balsam Mtn. in the Distance.

About a mile farther on is the pretty Episcopal chapel and just beyond it on the slope of Panther Mountain, up which the road climbs out of the valley, is Jas. W. Dutcher's and in this house is the Slide Mountain P. O. ULSTER CO., N. Y.



JAMES W. DUTCHER'S.
Slide Mountain P. O.

this house and the Slide Mountain House, two miles below should be borne in mind, as the similarity in names is sometimes perplexing. Byron Dutcher's Slide Mountain House is near Oliveira. James Dutcher's Panther Mountain House and the Slide Mountain P. O. is two miles farther up the valley. Room for fifty. \$6.

George Dutcher's house was destroyed by fire last fall. Whether it will be rebuilt in time for guests this year is uncertain.

Miles Parker's Falls House is the last on this road, a few rods beyond Jas. Dutcher's. Room for forty. \$7 to \$10.

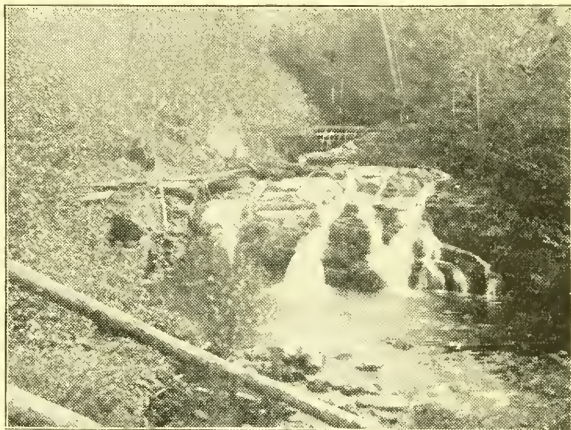


MILES PARKER'S HOUSE.

Opposite Parker's is a pasture up which winds a steep and stony road, but ten minutes climbing, including halts for breath, takes one to a point from which one of the finest views in the region may be enjoyed. Still higher one may gain a view of Slide Mountain, a near by view, for this highest of the Catskills is not far from here. Indeed the ascent is usually made from

here either on foot for the whole six miles, or three miles of it may be made with a "team" of some sort. In either case the stage road is followed to a fork near the Winnisook Lodge. Then leaving the stage road, the left hand road is taken, crossing the bridge

and just a few yards beyond is the trail turning off toward the left. The view from Slide Mountain has been described too often to be repeated here. A panoramic engraving of the view can be had at the Slide Mountain post-office, and with one of these, the sixty-seven peaks in view can be correctly located and the enjoyment of the trip be much enhanced.



FALLS AT MILES PARKER'S MILLS.

There are several pretty falls about this wildwood post-office which are visited by hundreds every season, the one at Parker's mill being the largest. Gem Falls, farther up the stream, is very pretty.



CHAPTER XXII.

PINE HILL.

LEAVING Big Indian station the railroad keeps a westerly course until it crosses the Big Indian stream and then swings around on to the slope of Pine Hill, a part of Belle Ayr Mountain, and begins the steepest climb so far encountered. Within three miles an ascent of four hundred and fifty feet is made. In the summer, when the trains are heavy, an extra locomotive is attached at Big Indian and even with this the progress is slow. The desirable position for a traveler in this climb is at the rear door of the rear car. The views down the "hill" are very fine. Something can be caught from the windows next the valley, and they are second choice,



PINE HILL VILLAGE FROM THE RAILROAD.

Monka Hill in the distance,—Grand Hotel at the left; Townsend Hollow to the right, with valley of Birch Creek leading up to it.

for all cannot stand at the door. About a mile up we begin to see the houses in the lower end of the village of Pine Hill, the Rip Van Winkle House, an odd structure covered with olive-gray shingles being first. Next to it is the Mountain Inn in a grove of trees. This house was formerly the noted Guigou House. Then there is a little vacant space, then A. P. Dunn's cottage on a hill across the road, then the Cornish House on the nearer side with its many gables and little towers, the white Alpine next and then the village becomes too dense to describe definitely. The train passes the village and halts just beyond it where there is a chance to get a road down on an easy grade. If Pine Hill were the objective point the entrance could have been easier for the locomotive and more convenient for the sojourners and dwellers in the village, but the Summit is to be surmounted and the height gained reserved against the climb that is left.

There are so many boarding houses in Pine Hill that it is hardly possible to make their locations plain to a stranger, and after the writer has done his best it will still be wise for an unacquainted visitor to ask for more definite directions upon crossing the bridge at the upper end of the village.

From the station are two roads, one leading up the valley, away from the main village, and one down into the main village. Taking the first one mentioned we find several houses in the vicinity of the reservoir.

PINE HILL P. O.,
ULSTER CO., N. Y.



MAIN STREET, PINE HILL.

Hotel Ulster on the left. Sentinel Office next. Grounds of the Brewerton on the right.
Hill's store at the sunny spot below, on that side.

H. Robinson takes eight. Apply.

Henry J. Myers, at the Elm Tree House, takes thirty-five.
\$7 to \$9.

J. E. Snedeker has room for twenty-five. \$7 to \$9.

The Bonnie View House accommodates forty. Apply.

On the road, down the hill at the first bridge is Mrs. E. C. Castle's. Room for twenty. \$7.

Close by is E. C. Follett's. Room for fifteen. Apply.

O. M. Follett's is here also. Room for twenty. Apply.

A few rods further is the second bridge, and a road running around the hill to the left, on which is Geo. H. Gavett's "Victoria Cottage." Room for twenty. \$7 to \$9. This road leads up to the Summit and The Grand Hotel, also to Griffin's Corners, and by a cross-road into Townsend Hollow.

Returning to the bridge at the head of the main street (Main Street) the Hotel Ulster is on the left; H. F. Baker, Proprietor. Accommodations for one hundred and twenty-five guests. \$2.50 per day. \$7 to \$10 per week.

The Brewerton, W. M. Brewer, Proprietor, is directly opposite. Room for one hundred. \$2.50 per day. Special rates by the week. Apply.

A few steps beyond the Brewerton is the Central Hotel, Clinton Johnson, Proprietor. \$2 per day.

Hill's store and hall comes next and then Geo. Cole's Pine Hill Hotel all on the same (southerly) side of the street. \$1.50 per day.

Nearly opposite is the Avon Inn, F. W. LaMent, Proprietor. \$2 per day day. \$9 per week.

Next door is Mrs. A. P. Noel's. Room for twenty-five. Apply.

Across the street a road runs up on the hillside, between Cole's Hotel and Hill's store, to Mrs. T. S. LaMent's Mountain View House. Room for fifty. Apply.

Next to Mrs. Noel's, on that side of the street is H. Crosby's. Room for fifteen. \$7. Mr. Crosby also conducts a livery.



THE CORNISH HOUSE, PINE HILL, N. Y.

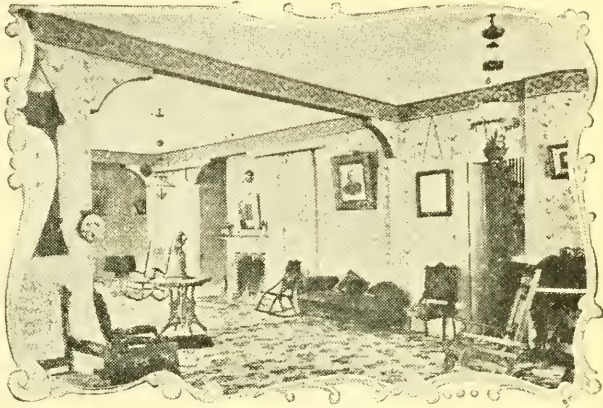
Next door is the Orchard Park House, conducted by D. J. Hunt. Room for forty. Apply.

Across the street next to the church (Methodist) is Mrs. B. F. Cornish's. Room for twelve. Apply.

Next door is The Alpine, A. B. Smith, Proprietor. Accommodations for one hundred. \$2 per day. \$8 per week.

Next to the Alpine is the well-known Cornish House, so well-known that one no sooner hears of Pine Hill than he thinks of the Cornish House. This much-to-be-desired result from an advertiser's point of view, has been achieved by Mr. Cornish through an admirable system of advertising for many years, and no one will begrudge him the practical returns which are now his.

The Cornish House is built upon one of the natural terraces of Belle Ayr Mountain, and the grounds are much larger than those about any other house in the village. Mr. Cornish's taste for beauty in landscape gardening is shown in the way the grounds have been laid out, and also in the way they are cared for, all under his personal direction. The fine bit of terrace work about the tennis court, with its faultless curves, is evidence of his superior ability and skill. This tennis court, by the way, is probably the finest in the Catskills,—none better, at all events.



PARLORS OF THE CORNISH HOUSE.

The house has been recently enlarged and now accommodates one hundred guests. Added room has been given to the kitchen department, which with the newest of modern appliances is very complete. The little private balconies attached to many of the rooms are a delightful addition to the means of enjoyment. The sanitary arrangements are up-to-date, and as faultless as combined skill and energy can secure. As might be expected the Cornish House is first-class and receives the most desirable of guests. Terms \$8 to \$15 per week, \$2 to \$2.50 per day. Address Jas. C. Cornish, Pine Hill, N. Y.

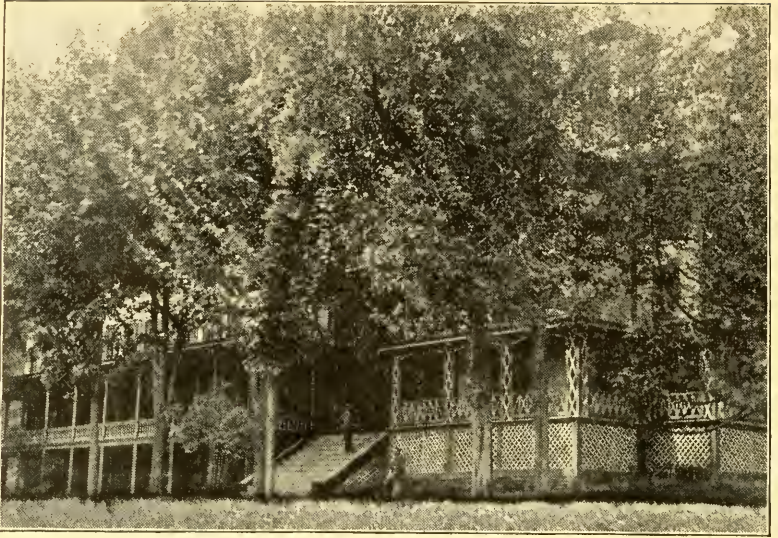
Below the Cornish House and back from the street is Mrs. John M. Smith's. Room for thirty. \$6 to \$11.

Opposite the Cornish House is Mrs. John Barry's. Room for twenty. Apply.

A. P. Dunn's is on a little hill a few miles farther down the valley. Room for forty. Apply.



DINING-ROOM AT THE CORNISH HOUSE.



THE MOUNTAIN INN. THOS. R. MOORE.

The Mountain Inn is next and a quarter of a mile below. As the "Guigou House" it has had a long and prosperous existence, which it will not lose with its old name now practically meaningless. Thos. R. Moore is the present proprietor. Accommodations for two hundred. Terms from \$10 upward per week.

Just below is the Rip Van Winkle House, S. P. Van Loan, Proprietor. Accommodations for one hundred. \$10 to \$25 per week. \$3 per day.

W. C. Misner's is a mile down the valley, reached more easily from Big Indian station. Mr. Misner was formerly proprietor of the "Belle Ayr" at Highmount, now occupied as a summer school for boys. At the present location there are accommodations for twenty. Apply for terms. Address to Pine Hill P. O.



SHADY LANE. W. C. MISNER'S.

Returning now up Main Street to the first cross street open-

ing toward the north, opposite the Central Hotel. This is called Elm Street, and on the corner is the office of the *Pine Hill Sentinel*, U. S. Grant Cure, Editor and Proprietor. The Sentinel has quite a large out of town subscription list among regular visitors and owners of cottages who like to keep posted as to Pine Hill's doings in their absence.

Following Elm Street we cross the bridge to the "Zephyr," a novelty, souvenir and refreshment store, largely patronized by young people in search of Huyler's candy and similar edibles.

The Winterton, D. T. Winter, Proprietor, is next. Room for fifty. Apply.

Continuing, we cross a bridge over Birch Creek to "The Watson," S. H. Lee, Proprietor. Room for thirty-five. \$7 to \$10.

Toward the right the road leads down past the handsome Church of the Transfiguration.

Edgar Mill's house is a little farther down, beyond the church. Room for ten. Apply.

Returning to the bridge near "The Watson," we turn to the left up Birch Creek.

H. Whipple's Green Valley House, is the first, a long half a mile from the station. Room for twenty. Apply.

H. A. Goldman's is next. Room for twenty-five. \$7 and \$8.

De Forest Bishop is next, in the house formerly Hezekiah Gossoo's. Room for forty. \$7 to \$9.

Across the street is Egbert Johnson's. Room for thirty-five. \$7 to \$9.

Opposite Johnson's is the summer cottage of Pres. Morton, of Stevens Institute, and along up the valley are several cottages,—Chancellor MacCracken's, Mrs. J. C. Maben's, Wm. Monroe's, Mr. Henderson's, Mrs. Penrose's, and several others which are rented for this season. Prof. Arthur Wisner, of New York, has both the Dougherty and Crosby cottages this year.

Farther on, beyond all these, is A. S. Gossoo's, with accommodations for thirty-five. \$7 to \$10.

Half a mile further up, and around the head of Townsend Hollow, we reach the Townsend houses, three of them.

Warren Townsend has room for fifty. Apply.

James Townsend takes twenty-five. Apply.

Isaac Townsend takes twelve. Apply.

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The guests for these houses usually go to the Grand Hotel station, which is a short mile away, during the summer season, but all mail is addressed to Pine Hill P. O.



WARREN TOWNSEND'S HOUSE.

A cross road leads from near these houses, or nearer to Gossoo's, where there are four corners, back over the mountain to Bushnellville, about three miles. It is a pleasant tramp with many enjoyable views from time to time. The other three roads at the corners lead one to Pine Hill by way of Birch Creek, one to Highmount and the Grand Hotel station, and the other to the Townsend houses, and beyond them, northward to Halcott Centre three miles; southwesterly to Griffin's Corners three miles.



CHAPTER XXIII.

GRAND HOTEL STATION.

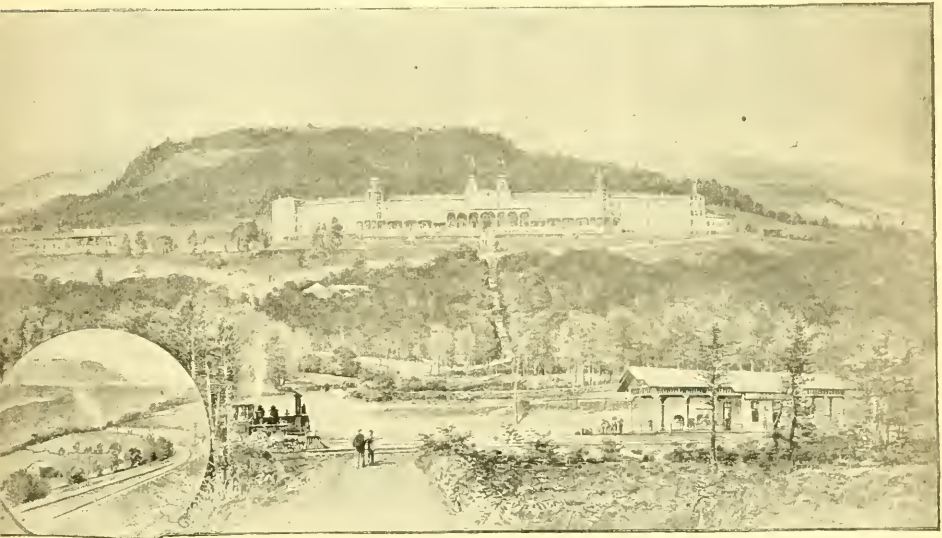
HIGHMOUNT.

FROM the Pine Hill Station to the Grand Hotel station is a short half mile by foot power,—by rail it is nearer two miles, disposed in the form of a double horse-shoe curve to gain the two hundred feet and more required to overcome the summit of the pass, which is 1886 feet above the sea-level. The view down the Pine Hill valley as the train rounds the curve is one never to be forgotten.

The station is named for the New Grand Hotel built upon the divide on a plateau, or bench of Monka Hill on the north side of the railroad. It is said to be on the county line, half in Ulster County and half in Delaware County. From its broad verandahs at either end are views wide in extent but of very different characters. The Ulster County view is wild and majestic, the Delaware County is mild

and pastoral. For those who have a little spare energy the view from Monka Hill is recommended as it covers more territory and is distinctly finer, giving, eastward, a fine view down the Birch Creek valley and including much of the village of Pine Hill, enlivening the foreground. Many visitors from Pine Hill and Griffin's Corners come up here to this lookout.

The New Grand Hotel is a large and imposing building with a frontage of nearly seven hundred feet,—over an eighth of a mile. Post-office and telegraph office in the house. The name of the post-



THE NEW GRAND HOTEL.

Summit Station in the foreground,—Monka Hill back of hotel.

office is Summit Mountain. Accommodations for five hundred guests. Transient rates \$4.50 per day. Special rates by the week and month.

The country about here, especially toward Pine Hill has been built up with handsome summer residences and is acquiring a

HIGHMOUNT P. O. park-like appearance with closely cut lawns
ULSTER CO., N. Y. and specimen shrubbery. Dr. Butler, of
 Brooklyn, owns several of these cottages,

which are rented from year to year.

Ira Olmstead's is the nearest boarding house to the station about 200 yards away down the track toward Griffin's Corners. Room for twelve. \$8.

The Grampian is over toward the Belle Ayr Mountain, south from the station about half a mile. Mrs. H. Hausmann, Proprietress. Accommodations for sixty. \$3 per day. \$10 to \$15 per week.



VIEW INTO HIGHMOUNT FROM NEW GRAND HOTEL.
Belle Ayr Mtn. in the Background.

The Rossmore is half a mile on the road toward Pine Hill. S. Hoffman, Proprietor. Room for sixty. \$8 to \$15.

The Hoffman House is south of the track on a loop road which joins Pine Hill road below. Mrs. John F. Hill is proprietress. Room for thirty. Apply.

Mrs. S. Tompkins's is next on the same road. Room for thirty. \$6 to \$10.

From the railroad station it is about a mile around to the Townsend houses in what is called Townsend Hollow, really about on the same level, the "hollow" heading here and running down to Griffin's Corners, back of Monka Hill. At this station also, during the summer months the guests for A. S. Gossoo's usually alight. See Pine Hill for particulars of these houses.



CHAPTER XXIV.

FLEISCHMANN'S,

GRIFFIN'S CORNERS AND HALCOTT CENTRE.

THE train leaves the summit station and starts down into Delaware County with a sense of relaxed effort; for the travellers feel the energy put forth in climbing up Pine Hill. Now the brakes are put on and we roll gently along on the down grade. For a short distance the scenic peculiarities of Ulster County seem to lap



VILLAGE OF GRIFFIN'S CORNERS FROM THE RAILROAD.

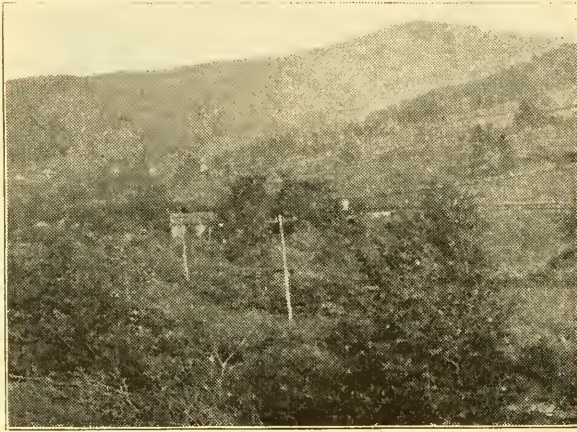
over into "Delaware," and bits of rugged ledge, a few boulders and steeped evergreens carry the feeling of the wilderness over the divide. But even here and there between them is caught a far off view of cultivated hillsides which tell the story of a coming change, and scarce a half-mile is passed before the new country is before us. Fence rows marked by straggling rows of trees reach away up the mountain slopes, and sometimes go over them, flanked by broad meadows on either side. This is the land of milk and honey, devoted to the Alderney cow and the busy bee, and incidentally to the summer boarder. The cottager has also "planted his foot" upon this



THE LAST BIT OF WILDERNESS.

fair and fertile region, and there are hundreds of happy and handsome homes all through this region.

The mountains are still with us but their lines are less pronounced and distinctive than in Ulster County. Their slopes, too, are gentler and admit of meadows nearly to their summits on which generally speaking, there is a crest of trees. But even the trees show a marked difference being deciduous, instead of evergreen. Large forests of sugar maples are here and scattered all through them are sap-houses whence issue the familiar "bricks" of maple sugar, now, unfortunately, too often so mingled with cheap beet, or cane, sugar as to have lost nearly all the flavor of the maple. But there are many honest sugar makers, and it is possible to get absolutely pure maple sugar of fine quality if one knows "beans"



THE FLEISCHMANN'S HILLSIDE.

Looking back from Clovesville, Belle Ayr Mountain in the background.

well enough to refuse the adulterated. Taste before you buy.

Griffin's Corners comes into view as we round a hillside about a mile below the summit, snuggled together beside the little stream which is the east branch of the Delaware River. The "corners" are produced by the Halcott road which enters the village at its centre. We pass by the village nearly a mile before the train stops at Fleischmann's station, so named because of the extensive settlement of several members of this family and their friends, who have converted the whole hillside south of the station into a park of rare beauty, a charming setting for their elegant summer cottages. From the station northward also are many handsome dwellings, and others still across the valley.

The nearest boarding houses are at Griffin's Corners, nearly a mile from the station.

GRIFFIN'S CORNERS P. O.,
DELAWARE CO., N. Y.

The first is the Hotel Fleischmann,
E. C. Lasher, Proprietor. \$1.50 per day.

A few rods up the street on the right is Mrs. Augusta Scott's handsome cottage. Room for thirty. Apply.

Directly opposite is Mrs. W. H. Crandall's. Room for ten. Apply.

A few steps further is Jacob Beihler's. Room for thirty. Apply.

Just below this house the Red Kill road turns off to the left,—northward. On this road, three-fourths of a mile out, is Jerry Munson's. Room for twenty. Apply.

At the village "square,"—which is a triangle,—the Halcott Road turns off up the hill toward the left. At this angle is G. H. Lasher's Hotel. \$1.50 per day.

T. C. Banker's cottage is the first on the Halcott Road. Accommodations for sixty. \$10 to \$15.

Just beyond Banker's is a road leading up the hill to the left, to D. H. Boughton's. Room for fifty. \$7.

The Switzerland, Rapp & Brownold, Proprietors, is on our right as we go up to Boughton's, on the left as we go up the Halcott Road, in the angle between the two. Accommodations for eighty. \$10 to \$15.

Opposite the Switzerland is Martha J. Griffin's. Room for sixteen. Apply.

Across the Halcott stream, up on the hillside, is a new house going up. It will hardly be ready for this season's occupancy. It is owned by Ralph Todd, who has another house two miles out on the Halcott road.

Louis Metzger's is the next cottage on the road to Halcott. Room for forty. Apply.

Hiram Reynolds is next. Room for twenty. Apply. This house is a mile and a quarter from Fleischmann's station.

W. D. Ballard's house is next, two miles from the station. Room for thirty. Apply.

Alec Morrison's is a quarter of a mile further. This house has been doubled in size since last season and now accommodates eighty. \$8 to \$10.

De Witt Morrison's cottage is just beyond and across the road. Room for fifteen. Apply.

Over the bridge is M. Garrison's. Room for thirty-five. \$6 to \$10.

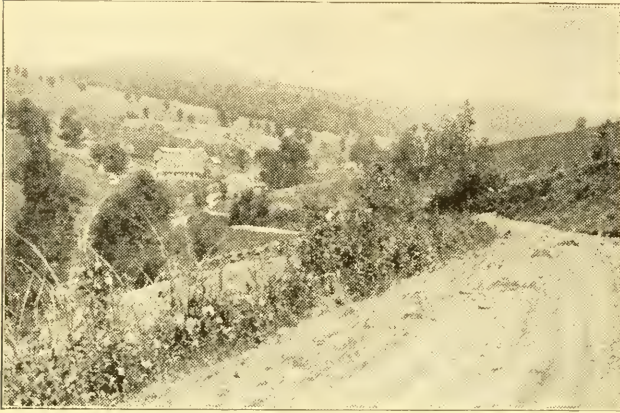
Ralph Todd's is on a branch road to the left, half a mile from Garrison's. Room for twenty. \$6.

We are here so near to Halcott Centre that we will glance at the houses there before returning to that section of Griffin's Corners east of the "square."

HALCOTT CENTRE P. O.
GREENE CO., N. Y.

Half a mile from Garrison's is the Halcott Centre P. O. and J. M. Moseman's store and boarding house. Room for thirty-five. \$6 to \$10.

To the left of the store a road runs up into a hollow. The first branch road to the right leading up quite a steep hill goes to Avery



A VIEW AT HALCOTT CENTRE.

Boughton's, three and a half miles from the station at Fleischmann's. Room for fifty. Apply.

Lorenzo Van Valkenburgh's is a quarter of a mile from where Boughton's road turns off.

Keeping on along this road half a mile we

reach the school house. Here are three roads; the left hand one turning sharply up the hill to C. Carman's. Room for fifty. \$5 and \$6.

Arthur Wileman's is on the middle road. Room for eighty. Apply.

Robt. Van Valkenbergh's is on the right hand road leading past the school house into the valley. Room for eighteen. Apply.

Returning now to the store we continue up the main valley, half a mile to Geo. Moseman's. Room for thirty. Apply.

A. A. Van Valkenberg's is opposite,—just across the bridge. Room for sixty. Apply.

The road which turns off toward the right, going up the mountain, leads to Jonathan Whitney's. Room for twenty. Apply.

Half a mile farther on, a road turns toward the right leading over the Westkill Mountain to Westkill. On this road is Jefferson Mead's. Room for twelve. Apply.

On the left hand road going on up the Little West Kill is A. B. Jenkins. Room for ten. Apply.

Returning now to Griffin's Corners at the "square," we take the street easterly,—toward Highmount.

GRIFFIN'S CORNERS P. O. We cross the bridge at the *Herald*
ULSTER CO., N. Y. office. This weekly paper keeps the residents of both Griffin's Corners and Fleischmann's well informed of the doings of the town and has a large yearly subscription list among the summer residents and cottagers.

Opposite the *Herald* office is Mrs. E. Fisk's. Room for twelve. Apply.

M. J. Ballard's is a few rods farther on. Room for thirty. Apply.

Still further is W. H. Lasher's. Room for twenty.

W. H. O'Conner's is next. Room for thirty-five. Apply. Mr. O'Conner also conducts an extensive laundry business. His building is fitted up with the newest implements and steam machinery and his collection and delivery wagons go to Big Indian and Pine Hill, Highmount, Halcott Centre, Arkville, Margaretville, Kelly's Corners, Roxbury, Grand Gorge and Gilboa, during the boarding season, to the great accommodation of the summer visitors. The laundry employs twelve hands and turns out work in excellent style.

A little farther the Townsend Hollow road turns off toward the left. On this road is John W. Lasher's. Room for twenty-five. Apply.

Nathan B. Furman's is close by. Room for fifteen. Apply.

Mrs. C. Hatfield's is half a mile further. Room for thirty. Apply.

Griffin's Corners is a progressive town, being imbued with the enterprise of cottage owners. The streets are sprinkled during dry weather, and lighted at night. There is a good water supply from mountain springs and an air of neatness pervades the place. There has been erected this season a grand stand on the ball ground which has also a race track. The national game is fostered by the Fleischmann residents as well as those at the Corners and a gay crowd is always on hand to witness the triumphs and tribulations of the diamond.



CHAPTER XXV.

ARKVILLE;

DRY BROOK; MARGARETVILLE, ANDES AND DELHI; ARENA, UNION GROVE,
SHAVERTOWN AND DOWNSVILLE.

FROM Fleischmann's station to Arkville is about five miles, down hill nearly all the way but on a gentler grade. About a mile below Fleischmann's is a little village, Clovesville by name, where the Red Kill comes into the valley. The country about is sparsely settled and the cleared land is in the smaller proportion. At



ARKVILLE FROM THE NORTHWEST.

The road at the right leads to Margaretville around the hill to the right.
Pakataghan Mountain in the background.

Arkville three valleys open upon a broad plain of rich bottom land. From the east comes the Griffin's Corners stream; from the north the East Branch of the Delaware River; from the south Dry Brook. With this added volume the Delaware River, East Branch, becomes quite a stream as it flows down through Margaretville.

Arkville is being rapidly built up, scores of new cottages having been added within a few years. It is the resort of a number of artists in landscape who find inspiration in the
ARKVILLE P. O., in landscape who find inspiration in the
DELAWARE CO., N. Y. scenery.

The nearest boarding house to the station is R. H. Molyneux's, but a few rods away. Room for thirty.

D. B. Cole keeps the village hotel. Room for thirty. Apply.

E. Kelly has a large house on the road toward Griffin's Corners,



APPROACHING ARKVILLE FROM GRIFFIN'S CORNERS.
Meeting of the Delaware River and Dry Brook.

half a mile from the station. Room for one hundred and fifty. Apply.

Henry Deamer's is a little further on the same road. Room for eight. Apply.

Embrey Scudder's is a mile beyond at the mill. Room for twenty. Apply.

On the road to Roxbury, which turns up the East Delaware valley at Molyneux's, Eugene G. Morse has room for ten. Apply.

C. E. Swart is on the cross road leading over from Margaretville to the Roxbury road. Room for ten. Apply.

Across the bridge at Arkville we find the Hoffman House, P. F. Hoffman, Proprietor, near the western end of the bridge up on a natural terrace and commanding fine views. Accommodations for



DRY BROOK VALLEY LOOKING SOUTH.

one hundred and fifty. \$2 per day. \$7 to \$10 per week.

To the left after crossing the bridge the Dry Brook road leads to several houses.

C. A. Flower's is first, half a mile from the station. Room for twenty. Apply.

John F. Street's is close by. Room for twenty.

H. N. George's is half a mile farther on. Room for ten. Apply.

Four miles up the Dry Brook Valley is the Dry Brook post-office.

DRY BROOK P. O., Here is a boarding-house kept by D. & O.
ULSTER CO., N. Y. Todd. Room for fifty. \$6.

William Todd takes fifteen. \$8 to \$10.

R. H. George has room for twenty. Apply.

Two miles farther up the valley the road turns to the right to Furlough Lake, the mountain resting place of Mr. George Gould.

Nearly two miles further is Seager P. O. and here is Seager
SEAGER P. O., Lodge, Seager & Fairbairn, Proprietors. Room
ULSTER CO., N. Y. for thirty. \$1.50 per day. \$7 per week. This house is about eight miles from Arkville station.

Margaretville is a brisk and bright little town lying about a mile south of Arkville,—a mile and a half from the station. It is the

MARGARETVILLE P. O., DELAWARE CO., N. Y. market town for a large section of adjacent country. It has a bank, several business blocks with good stores, a number of churches and hotels and is a favorite summer resort, the side streets and cross streets being typical of the ideal country village.



IN MARGARETVILLE.

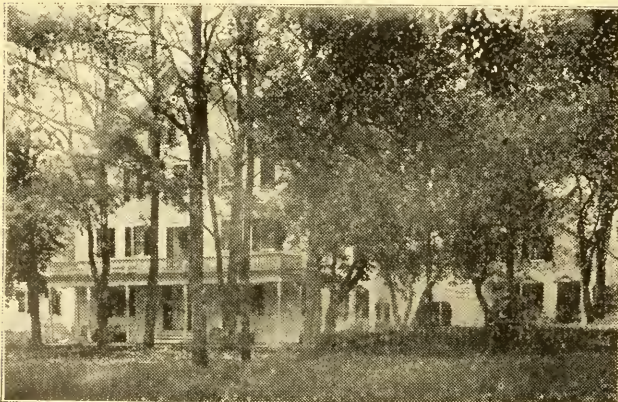
side House in the village. Room for fifty. \$7 to \$10.

E. Keeney's is a short distance farther down. Room for thirty. Apply.

P. Dimmick's is half a mile further, nearly three miles from the station. Room for forty. Apply.

S. S. Myers is two miles farther, at Huckleberry Hill. Room for twenty. Apply.

Returning to the bridge we cross over into the town. The Ack-erly House is within a block. Accommodations for one hundred and fifty. \$3 per day. \$8 to \$15 per week.



E. KELLY'S, AT ARKVILLE.

On the road across from Arkville is Mrs. M. E. Mead's. Room for ten. Apply.

Before crossing the bridge into the town we may glance at the houses along the east bank of the river.

S. F. Scott's is a quarter of a mile down opposite the River-

The Riverside House is a quarter of a mile down the river. Room for forty. Apply.

On the cross streets and connecting streets are several houses.

Aug. Boice takes ten. Apply.

Albert A. Halpern takes fifteen. Apply.

Mrs. Janet Gill takes fifteen. Apply.

Wm. Ackerly takes ten. Apply.

W. N. Allaben takes twenty. Apply.

Mrs J. McMurray's is on the Roxbury road about a mile out.

Room for twenty. Apply.

S. P. Ives's is also on this road. Room for thirty. Apply.

A. J. Benedict and Mrs D. Hull have houses up in the hills about five miles from Margaretville. Each takes fifteen Write for terms.

From Arkville two long stage lines reach out into the country. Stages run daily except Sunday. One runs down the river to Downs-ville, a distance of twenty-six miles On the way are several board- ing-houses at the villages which the stage passes through. Arena is eight miles down stream.

ARENA P. O., J. B. McNaughton has the largest house.
DELAWARE CO., N. Y. Room for forty. Apply.

E. H. Carpenter takes thirty. \$6 to \$8.

W. H. Dickson takes ten. Apply.

Elizabeth Hadden takes ten. \$7.

Union Grove is the next post-office, three miles below Arena.

UNION GROVE P. O., R. E. Hitt takes twenty. \$5.

DELAWARE CO., N. Y. James Van Keuren takes twenty. \$5.

Mrs. Emma Dawson takes fifteen. \$5.

Shavertown is three miles below Union Grove. Here is the Riverside Cottage on the bank of the river, Mrs Edwin Shafer, Proprietress Room for thirty. \$5 to \$8 Address Shavertown P. O., Delaware Co.

The stage passes through Pepacton where there are no boarding houses and finally reaches Downs-ville. Here are several houses open to summer visitors.

DOWNSVILLE P. O., Thos. E. White's Riverside House accom-
DELAWARE CO., N. Y. modates twenty-five. \$1.50 per day. \$5 to \$7 per week.

A. H. St John takes twenty. Apply

Mrs. A. G St. John takes six. \$5.

A. E. Peck takes ten \$6 to \$8.

On the other stage line which zig-zags off in a westerly direction we reach Andes at a distance of twelve miles. This village is nearly as large as Margaretville, and the centre of an extensive dairy country. It is an old and well-liked summer resort, dating back to the

ANDES P. O.,
DELAWARE CO., N. Y. time of the stage lines before the Ulster and Delaware R. R. was built. There are usually about two hundred summer visitors here in the season.

J H. Washburn takes ten. Apply.

Mrs. E H Stevenson takes ten. \$6 to \$10.

Adolphus Frisbee takes twenty. Apply.

John Dickson takes twenty. Apply

James Dickson takes ten. Apply

Mrs Sarah McCabe takes twenty. \$5 and \$6.

Isaac Samuels takes twenty. Apply.

William Doig has room for fifteen. Apply.

Mrs H A Kaufman has room for twenty. Apply.

Martin Coulter takes fifteen. Apply.

Pratt Chamberlain takes twenty Apply.

Peter Crispell runs the hotel. Room for thirty. Apply.

Delhi is at the end of this stage line, twenty-six miles from Arkville, but it is more easily reached from Bloomville as the ride from there is only eight miles. See Bloomville.

Other points reached from Arkville have houses open in the summer to guests.

DUNRAVEN P. O.,

DELAWARE CO., N. Y.

Dunraven is six miles from the station.

R. W Sanford keeps the Dunraven

House. Room for thirty. \$6 to \$9.

Olney Smith takes twenty. Apply.

New Kingston is eight long miles, nearer nine,—back of Halcottville, from which station also it may be reached by going over the mountain.

NEW KINGSTON P. O.,

DELAWARE CO., N. Y.

Amos Dumond keeps the Valley House.

Room for twenty. \$5 and \$6.

F. M. Ingles has room for fifteen. Apply.

A W. & J M. De Silva have a house accommodating fifty at Grant's Mills, three miles from Arena, eleven miles from Arkville. Terms \$6 to \$9. Address to Grant's Mills P O, Delaware Co.

Miss E. More at Cabin Hill, ten miles from Arena, eighteen miles from Arkville, has room for ten. Apply. Cabin Hill, P. O., Delaware Co.

M. Dickson's Maple Grove House accommodates ten at Brushland P. O., Delaware Co., ten miles from Arkville. Apply.

As might be surmised from the conformation of the country, Arkville is an excellent stopping place for sporting fisherman. Beside the three streams which unite here to form the East Delaware River, there are half a dozen other streams near by among which may be mentioned the Plattekill and its tributary Weaver Hollow Creek and the Batavia Kill. The latter runs through a fine farming country and entertainment can be had at several farmers' houses, where boarders are not taken as a rule. The two stage lines reach a score of good streams less fished than some and therefore offering heavier basketfuls.

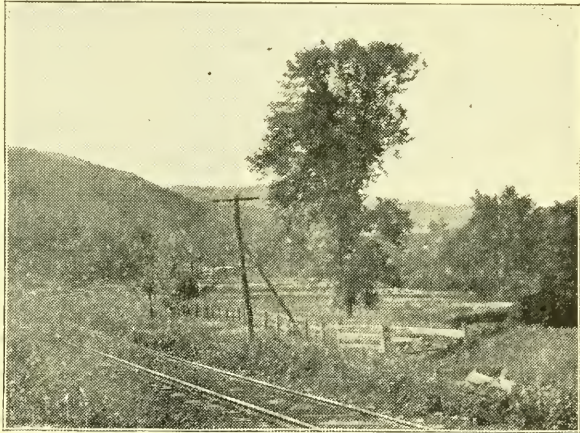
CHAPTER XXVI.

KELLY'S CORNERS AND HALCOTTVILLE.

WHILE these two places have separate stations on the railroad they are but two miles apart and may be grouped in the same chapter, being closely similar in character of scenery.

At Arkville the railroad makes a sharp angle to turn northward into the Upper East Delaware valley. The country changes distinctly, or it may be described as modified from the Arkville scenery. It lies flatter for one thing. The stream doesn't hurry. It loiters

along in a reluctant sort of way as if it had acquired the habit of idling in the placid ponds above. Life seems to be quiet here and even the milk-train which goes hustling through the Ulster County region with breathless haste, here puffs along carelessly, stopping at every group of milk cans. But even the locomotive



APPROACHING KELLY'S CORNERS FROM THE NORTH.

seems an anomaly here. We wish it wouldn't puff and scream.

At Kelly's Corners, L. D. Kelly has room for thirty. Apply.

George Tompkins is on the road toward Halcottville across the Batavia Kill, about half a mile from the station. Room for fifteen. Apply.

KELLY'S CORNERS P. O., DELAWARE CO., N. Y. Nelson Beardsley's is on the other side of the valley, across the river, up on the hillside. Room for twenty. Apply.

Halcottville is about two miles above here and the same peaceful scenery lies between. The first entrance into the village is sudden. The road winds up a slight hill and around a bend to the right when, —presto!—we are in a street lined with smart, neat cottages newly painted and "as bright as a button." This extends a quarter of a

HALCOTTVILLE P. O.,
DELAWARE CO., N. Y. mile to Kelly's Mill, and the stores. The station is across the bridge and there we make our start.

The Union Hotel, H. E. Ganung, Proprietor, is close by the station. Room for twenty-five. Apply.

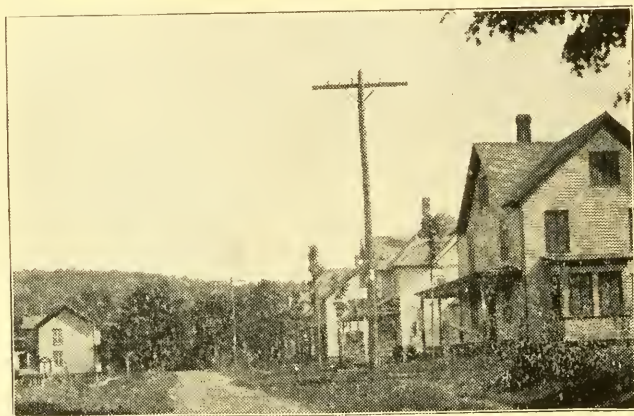
C. Slauson's is next above the hotel, the Bragg Hollow road passing between. Room for fifteen. Apply.

Up the Bragg Hollow road are several houses

R. Sandford's is first. Room for six. Apply.

Chas. Polley's is next. Room for fifteen. Apply.

D. W. Hubbell takes twenty. Apply.



MAIN STREET IN HALCOTTVILLE.

The other road between Slauson's and the station goes to Roxbury, running beside the mill pond which is over a fourth of a mile in length and half that in width. Beyond this the water is backed up in the brook so as to add three-quarters of a mile more of excellent rowing ground. Half a mile and more from the station is J. B. Hinkley's. Room for twenty-five. Apply.

J. W. Scudder is up on the hill, about two miles from the station. Room for fifteen. Apply.

W. Hewitt takes ten. Apply.

Returning now to the station we cross the bridge at the mill over into the main street.

G. R. Sliter's house is nearest. Room for ten. Apply.

Geo. W. Hubbell's is next. Room for ten. \$7.

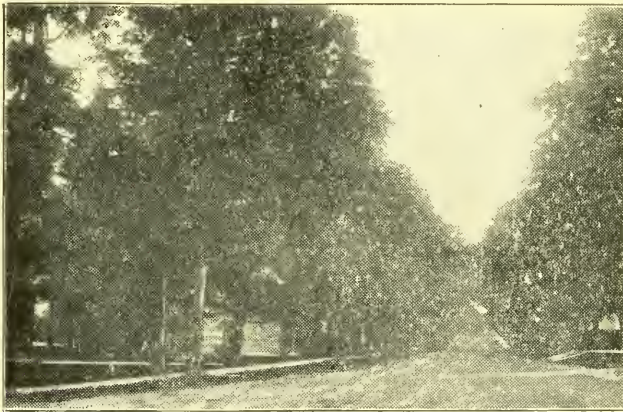
J. C. Miller's is a little farther on. Room for ten. \$6.

The roads are good in this vicinity and driving is greatly enjoyed. Bicyclists will find the country through this region well adapted to pleasureable wheeling.

CHAPTER XXVII.

ROXBURY.

THE six miles from Halcottville to Roxbury are soon passed over and without exciting views. As we near Roxbury there is a peculiar formation of hill forms which once seen will always locate the spot again. The expression "Roxbury is just behind that hill" is often heard on both train and wagon road. There are no high mountains about Roxbury and its elevation being about 1,500 feet above sea-level the high lands are apparently reduced by that much leaving them to appear as hills.



IN ROXBURY, LOOKING NORTH.

Mrs. Lauren's grounds at the left in the foreground.

The village is incorporated and is laid out along both sides of a main street about a mile in length. This street has wide sidewalks

ROXBURY P. O.,
DELAWARE CO., N. Y.

and street lamps. There is a good water-works, a high school, several churches and good stores. There is also a circulating

library and reading room.

Not many boarders go here for the summer, but many visitors go to see the Gould Memorial Church, a handsome piece of architectural work. Beside this church (Reformed) there are also Baptist and Methodist churches.

The Delaware Valley House is the only hotel at present. P. H. Mitchell, Proprietor. It is a short quarter-mile from the station. \$2 per day.

Mrs. G. W. Lauren's is close by. Room for forty. \$10 to \$15.

J. B. Scudder's is next door. Room for fifteen. Apply

A. Cronk's is a quarter of a mile down the street opposite the Gould church. Room for fifteen. Apply.

Close by on a branch road is Mrs. Harvey White's with room for twenty. Apply.

F. Richtmyer's is here also. Room for thirty. Apply.

M. D. Parsons's is on a second branch road. Room for twenty.

Up the railroad at the settlement called Hubbell's Corners are two houses

Geo. Van Valkenbergh takes fifteen \$6 and \$7.



KEATOR'S POND AT ROXBURY.

The town lies just beyond the trees seen over the end of the pond.

I. H. Tyler takes twenty-five. Apply.

Two miles down the river from Roxbury is a fine fall of some sixty feet known as Stratton's Falls. About half the distance is Keator's Creamery with a pretty pond

Chas. L. Hicks's house is on the hill at the head of the falls. Room for fifty. Apply.

Over in the West Settlement about three miles west of the village is Thos S. Smith's. Room for twenty-five. Apply.

R. S. Smith's is near by. Room for ten.

The town clock is in the high-school tower and strikes the hours and half hours on one of the sweetest toned bells ever heard. At night when all is still its voice sings out with gentle complaint that another day has flown, and wistful query as to how it has been spent. In this bell the Roxbury folk have a treasure, if they appreciate it.

CHAPTER XXVIII.

GRAND GORGE AND SOUTH GILBOA ;

PRATTSVILLE, GILBOA, CONESVILLE, MANORKILL, MACKEY'S,
BROOME CENTRE.

FOR two miles beyond Roxbury the scenery is of the same quiet character as about that pleasant town, and at this distance is the settlement of Hubbell's Corners. This has a pretty location at the junction of three hollows. Montgomery Hollow comes in from the east, and Pleasant valley from the west, with the upper



GRAND GORGE LOOKING BACK FROM THE ROAD TO GILBOA.

East Delaware Valley,—what remains of it,—from the north. Each brings two roads, so there is a *raison d'etre* for the name as to the "Corners" part of it. Just above here the scenery changes rapidly. The mountains seem to grow, and crowd together, as we look at them, and when the track carries us around the last curve into the gorge, the situation is one of grandeur. High up on the right is Irish Mountain, and Bald Mountain looms up on the left, with steep sides plunging down to the gorge through which the stream dashes along. Passing through this defile we come out again into open hillside farming country, devoted to dairy pursuits.

The station is a short mile from the old town of Moresville which was renamed Grand Gorge. On entering the village one finds an irregular "square" where the several roads come to-

GRAND GORGE, P. O.,
DELAWARE CO., N. Y.

gether. The hotel is on the west side of the square. G. L. Shaffer, Proprietor. \$1.50 per day. Special rates by the week.

J. M. Cronk's is on the south side of the square. Room for thirty-five. \$6 to \$10.

F. V. Riley's is on the road to Prattsville about one mile out from the square. Room for ten. Apply.

S. E. Fowler's is next on the same road. Room for twenty-five. \$6 to \$8.

J. H. Chatfield & Son have a house nearly to Prattsville on this road. Room for forty. \$7 to \$10.

On the road to Stamford about a mile away is O. B. Simonson's. Room for twenty-five. \$7 to \$8.

E. De Silva is on a branch road to the left about a mile beyond Simonson's. This road leads over the mountain to Hobart and also to Roxbury, but it is not usually in good condition. Room for thirty. Apply.

Mrs. T. H. Dent's is up in a hollow toward the south, about a mile away from the square. Room for ten. Apply.

The village of Prattsville is five miles southeast of Grand Gorge, —from the station,—just over the county line. **PRATTSVILLE,**
GREENE CO., N. Y. It has an air of restful peace about it which is most grateful to the weary worker. A regular stage runs summer and winter to Grand Gorge station, but several of the houses have their own conveyances for guests.

The scenery along the way is entertaining in its variety and peculiar features even when viewed from the stage. The Schoharie Creek is in sight the last two miles of the drive; here a wide and placid stretch of open water with grassy banks and overhanging trees, contrasting powerfully with the tumultuous roar of the cataract at Devasego Falls just below.

We cross the fine iron bridge over the Schoharie upon entering the village. Down the creek on the village side goes the road to Devasego Falls and Manorkill Falls, and on to Gilboa.

The Devasego House is at the Falls about a mile and a half below the bridge. Room for forty. \$7 and \$8. The falls are very fine, horseshoe in form and about fifty feet high. Safe stairs have been built so that one may climb from one outlook to another, and go down into the gorge below. It is a place of great interest and visited by hundreds from every direction, who come in stage loads and picnic in the extensive grounds of the House.

The Manorkill Falls are about two miles below, on the Manorkill which comes tumbling down into the Schoharie over a broken ledge of over three hundred feet. The bridge carrying the road crosses the Kill about half way up the falls giving a near view of

the upper part. For the lower part one must go down to the rocks below, which can be reached easily by a road just below the bridge.

On the way to these falls one will notice the peculiar conical sand hills about half a mile before reaching the bridge. There is a cluster of these, some large and others smaller, resembling immense ant hills. They stand in a curve of the high ledge over which the Manorkill falls and suggest a mighty windstorm which may have eddied about when the sand was dry and heaped it up. Now they are covered with grass and native shrubbery.

Returning now to the bridge where we entered Prattsville we take the road into the village.

The Fowler House is close at hand on the left. \$2 a day; \$7 to \$10 by the week. Accommodations for seventy.

In front of this house is a large and ancient elm covering about 10,000 square feet with its heavy shade. Some branches are so long and heavy that they have to be propped up.

Mrs. George Sach's is a few rods further on the same side, next to the Reformed Church. Room for seventy-five (in three houses). Apply.

Passing on a little way we come to several houses close together in the heart of the village.

Mrs. W. Randolph takes fifteen. Apply.

J. H. Gibson, opposite, takes twenty. Apply.

Mrs. C. K. Bush takes fifteen. Apply.

Mrs. Thos. B. Myers has room for fifteen. Apply.

A little further on we come to the post-office in the front of the building occupied by the village newspaper, *The Prattsville News*, M. G. Marsh, editor and Proprietor, and the Postmaster also.

The Prattsville House, D. Miller, Proprietor, is nearly opposite the post-office. \$2 a day. Special rates by the week or month.

A. Lutz's is just above the post-office. Room for fifteen. Apply.

C. K. Benham takes fifteen. Apply.

W. X. Graham has room for fifty. \$8 to \$10.

W. J. McWilliams takes thirty. \$7 to \$10.

D. S. Fowler, just above the Methodist Church, takes ten. Apply.

James Richtmyer's is opposite the Episcopal Church. Room for sixty. \$7 upward.

A. Newcombe's is out on the Windham Road half a mile. Room for twenty-five. Apply.

O. G. Beckwith's Glenwood House is nearly half way to Lexington at the end of the great cliff along the creek. Room for twenty. Apply.

H. A. Wilbur's is up on the hill about four miles away. Room for fifteen. Apply.

W. C. Maben's is five miles distant. Room for fifteen. Apply.

Pratt's Rocks constitute one of the curiosities of Prattsville. They are perhaps half a mile from the village toward Lexington. A high cliff comes out boldly on the left, and on the face of it are sculptured in *alto relievo* several busts and designs, at the instance of Col. Pratt who had a large tannery here many years ago

The drives about Prattsville are very delightful, the roads excellent and the scenery of a highly interesting character.

GILBOA P. O.,
SCHOHARIE CO., N. Y. Gilboa is reached by another stage line from Grand Gorge. The road is short,—only four miles,—but extremely rough and hilly, passing over out-cropping ledges and rocks. The country is fair to look upon, and near Gilboa becomes wilder. The Schoharie is encountered just before entering the village and crossed by a pretty iron bowstring bridge. This style of bridge is common in the Catskills and being light and graceful is always an addition to the landscape. Two hundred yards below the bridge there is a fine falls, thirty feet high, across the entire width of the stream.

Crossing the bridge into the town we find the Gilboa House, Chas. Tuttle, Proprietor. \$2 a day. \$7 to \$10 by the week.

Charles Zelig's is a few steps above the post-office. Room for fifteen. Apply.

Daniel Darling takes fifteen. Apply.

E. E. Howe takes twenty. Apply.

George A. Hartwell takes twelve. Apply.

L. S. and C. O'Brien have a house in the village, also a farm a few miles out. They can accommodate twenty-five. Apply.

Solomon Sellick's is at the upper end of the village. Room for ten. Apply.

Albert Clark's is at Manorkill Falls, about half a mile on the road to Prattsville.

D. W. Southard's is up on the hills a mile from the village. Room for twenty. Apply.

N. C. Wyckoff's is near Southard's. Room for thirty. Apply.

O. Cain's is on the Grand Gorge road about a mile and a half from Gilboa post-office. Room for thirty. Apply.

Taking the road up the Manorkill valley we shall find some villages with houses open to summer guests.

At West Conesville post-office, three miles from Gilboa, Mrs. Mary E. Myers has room for twelve. \$5.

Three miles distant is Conesville post-office, and here Geo. H. Bloodgood has room for ten. \$5.

Manorkill post-office is two miles further and here are two houses.

S. N. Hubbard takes twenty. \$5 to \$10.

Mrs. M. D. Hammond takes twelve. \$5.

Following down the Schoharie Creek about seven miles from Gilboa we reach North Blenheim Post Office. M. C. Wright has a house here with room for twenty. Apply.

Taking the road up the Plattenkill valley about seven miles we find D. M. Leonard's at Broome Centre P. O. Room for forty. \$6 to \$8.

A little more than a mile east of Broome Centre is Mackey's P. O. Here is W. M. Sellick's house with room for twelve. \$5.

From Grand Gorge the railroad curves sharply toward the west and soon reaches the height of land in this pass between the west branch of the Delaware River and the Bearkill, which is a tributary of the Schoharie. The elevation reached by the railroad is 1845 feet above tide. Here we stop at the South Gilboa station.

SOUTH GILBOA.

The village of South Gilboa lies up in the hills about two miles northeast from the station. Near the station is Mayham's Pond, or Lake, as it is now called, a pretty sheet of water covering about twenty acres. B. S. Mayham has a house here with room for twelve. Apply.

E. A. Sowles's is a mile from the station. Room for ten. \$6 and \$7.

Stephen Conrow's is half a mile farther. Room for ten. \$8.

H. L. Stevens's is close by Conrow's. Room for ten. \$6.

D. Mayham's is half a mile farther. Room for ten. Apply.



CHAPTER XXIX.

STAMFORD;

JEFFERSON, DAVENPORT, HARPERSFIELD, ETC.

WITHOUT transcendent natural advantages, Stamford has achieved eminence as a summer resort through rightly directed enterprise and well developed push. It is a village of moderate dimensions, built upon a hillside, a near-by lake on the one side, and a not very high mountain on the other. It has "elevation," being 1800 feet above the sea-level. With this "outfit"

the good people of Stamford, with Dr. Churchill in the van, have proceeded to create a cabinet-finished town whose very breath is of tasteful elegance. The buildings are of handsome designs, and "neat as wax" with frequent painting and staining; and they stand well back from the street lines with the smoothest of velvety lawns about them, gay with many flowers. Electric lamps light the walks at night, and a well-ordered waterworks brings the best of water from mountain springs into the houses. Underground a scientific system of sewerage removes the waste products of civilized life.

Five churches, of as many different denominations, uphold the distinctive differences of the faiths of our fathers in lines Roman



THE BUSINESS CENTRE OF STAMEORD.

The Delaware House on the extreme right. The cupola of the Hamilton House above the trees in the distance.

Catholic, Episcopal, Baptist, Methodist Episcopal and Presbyterian. The watchful eye of the American Eagle keeps tab upon the National Bank; the Public Library holds aloft the mellow-rayed lamp of the classics in one hand and the vivid blaze of modern literature in the other; the Union Free School and Seminary radiates throughout the surrounding country the intelligence and wisdom of the end of the century. What more could one ask? And yet the half has not been told,—cannot be. And if our keener-eyed friends, the philosophers, are to be believed as to their declaration that a place is not a location but a "condition of thought," we have still to reckon with the mental atmosphere of Stamford;—its finest, subtlest influence to take into account, and this is not to be wantonly attempted with a pen none too familiar with its life.

Besides its settled inhabitants Stamford has a large summer contingent of cottage owners whose pretty houses are scattered all about the town nucleus. Some of these are models in the line of summer country-seats; all give evidence of refinement and comfort.

There are many boarding-houses and hotels in Stamford with an aggregate capacity of twelve hundred guests.

D. C. Hoagland's is nearest the station, but a few rods down the track toward Hobart. Room for twenty-five. Apply.

Approaching the heart of the town from the station we come to the Hamilton House on the corner of Main St. A. E. Tallmadge is the proprietor, and there are accommodations for one hundred. \$2 to \$3 per day. \$8 to \$20 per week.

Turning up Main St., northward,—to the left,—the next house is Churchill Hall, three large buildings connected by covered corridors. These are known as East Hall, West Hall and Central Hall. Together they accommodate three hundred guests. In the rear of Central Hall on one corner is a large round tower with conical roof and a balcony at the top commanding a fine view in all directions. \$3.50 per day. \$12 to \$20 per week. Dr. S. E. Churchill, Proprietor.

Opposite Churchill Hall is the post-office and next to it is the house of Mrs. Lyman Goodenough. Room for twenty. \$10 to \$12.

Next to Mrs. Goodenough's on the side street is C. C. Canfield's cottage. Room for thirty-five. \$7 to \$10

Next to Canfield's is Benj. McKillip's Mountain View House. Room for sixty. Apply.

E. G. Covel's "Ingleside" is next. Room for thirty-five. \$8 to \$15.

Simpson terrace is at the top of this hill,—Seminary Hill,—Mrs. R. C. Simpson, Proprietress. Room for seventy-five. Apply.

Returning now to the post-office we find Greycourt Inn across the street next to Churchill Hall. S. I. Brown is the proprietor and accommodates seventy-five. \$2.50 per day. \$10 upward per week.

Going over the hill and down toward the west end of the town we come to Harpers St. leading off to the left. H. C. Lawrence's is out this way near the Catholic Church. Room for twenty-five. \$7 to \$10.

G. H. Bancroft's is a short distance beyond. Room for seventy-five. Apply.

Returning to Main st. we keep on a few rods to Mrs. H. S. Preston's pretty "Westholm." Room for forty. \$8 to \$15.

The New Grant House is a few rods farther and across the street. Room for one hundred. \$12 to \$25.

Farther on almost to the top of the rise of the hill is Wm. D. Atchison's. Room for forty. \$8 to \$10.

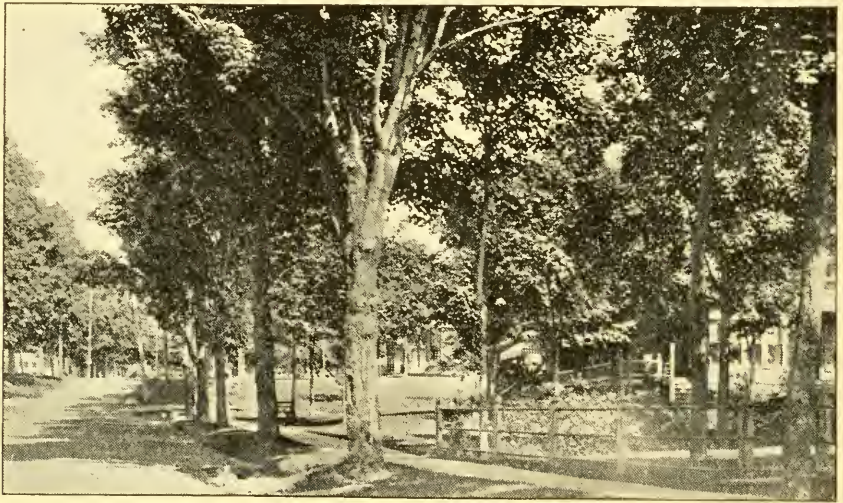
Following on into Lake st., about half a mile away is A. C. Van Dyke's "Granthurst" with room for fifty. Apply.

A mile further at the Lake (Utsayantho) is Mrs. H. Stanley's. Room for twenty-five. Apply.

Hugh Govern's "Cedarhurst" shelters twenty. \$7.

Returning to the corner at the Hamilton House and going on eastward, passing the block of stores we reach Dr. H. P. Hubbell's. Room for twelve. Apply.

The Delaware House is on the next corner. F. M. Tingley is the proprietor. Rates \$2 to \$3 per day. \$8 to \$14 per week.



THE "WEST END" OF STAMFORD.

Westholm on the right. New Grant House in the distance at the extreme left.

At the next corner on the right, the road leading down the east side of the river to Hobart turns off. On this road is G. W. Kendall's new house, with accommodations for sixty. Apply.

On this road also is Mrs. G. H. Leonard's. Room for sixteen. \$6 and \$7.

And further on, about a mile from the station is John Fuller's. Room for thirty. Apply.

Returning to the corner we go farther eastward one block to E. E. Van Dyke's "Greenhurst." Room for twenty. \$7 to \$10.

Farther on is A. W. Parsons. Room for ten. Apply.

A. L. Churchill's "Cold Spring House" is next, half a mile from the station. Room here for seventy-five. \$7 to \$10.

J. W. Maynard's is next. Room for thirty. Apply.

A. G. McLean's is still farther out. Room for ten. Apply.

A short distance further on this road, which leads to Grand Gorge, is a toll-gate which seems wholly out of place in the vicinity of such a modern village as Stamford. It is a little surprising that it has been permitted to remain there so long, a relic of the Middle Ages.

Mrs. S. L. Cotton's is on the hill back of the Seminary. Room for twelve. Apply.

Beside these houses there are about thirty-five others accommodating from ten to twenty in the village and at varying distances outside. □ A brief mention is made of them here and their exact location is best learned by an inquiry at the station.

Geo. Willert has room for ten. Apply.

Banks Cornell takes fifteen. Apply.

Mrs. Stephen Mabey takes ten. Apply.

S. T. Wheeler has room for twenty-five. Apply.

A. J. Gregory has room for eight. Apply.

C. A. Crowell takes ten. Apply.

Mrs. V. Z. Wyckoff has room for ten. \$7 to \$10.

John D. Minor takes twelve. Apply.

G. C. Harleff has room for twenty-five. Apply.

D. P. McLaury takes twelve. \$5 to \$7.

Lucius H. Hinman has room for twenty. Apply.

Most of the above-mentioned houses are in the town not over half a mile from the station. Those about one mile away are in this list :

A. F. Judson has room for twenty. Apply.

John Chichester has room for ten. Apply.

Daniel Craft takes thirty. \$7 and \$8.

H. C. Cook takes ten. \$7.

Geo. H. Ruff takes twenty. \$7.

Jno. W. Stewart has room for fifteen. Apply.

Geo. A. Boggs has room for twenty. \$6 to \$8.

Mrs. E. Wheeler (Rosemont) takes twenty. \$10 to \$15.

From two to three miles distant from the railroad station are these :

Wm. W. Simons takes fifteen. Apply.

D. B. Hillis has room for twenty. Apply.

R. V. Powell has room for ten. Apply.

Frank Warner has room for fifteen. Apply.

S. M. Van Loan takes twelve. \$6.

M. B. Govern takes twenty. \$6.

Mrs. Fred Grant has room for twelve. \$6.

A. S. Grant has room for fifteen. Apply.

I. C. Gregory takes fifteen. Apply.

E. G. Brockway takes twenty. Apply.

While these lists do not exhaust the possible accommodations the writer believes that they cover accurately the principal houses. If any house has been omitted it has not been through lack of careful inquiry and subsequent investigation.

Special mention should be made of the Tower House on the summit of Mt. Utsyantho south of the village. At this house persons wishing to remain over night to witness the sunrise, are accommodated. The views from this point, 3365 feet above tide water are always fine and it is a popular place of resort for visitors who may enjoy the grand outlook without the labor of a mountain climb, for a well-kept road winds all the way up to the top. An observatory,—the “tower,”—fifty feet high, reaches up above the tree-tops and gives an unobstructed view in all directions and on the top board of the protecting railing the line of sight to each prominent mountain-peak is marked, with notes as to its height and distance. It is said that the view from here on a clear day covers over ten thousand square miles, embracing parts of three states.

The roads are excellent all about Stamford and driving is a favorite pastime. The bicyclist will find his wheel available for continual and enjoyable use.

Stamford is the railroad station for several other resorts. Two regular lines of stages leave here daily, excepting Sunday, throughout the year; one to Oneonta, 27 miles, and the other to Richmondville, 18 miles. The first goes out Harpers street westward, through Harpersfield at a distance of four miles. Here there are a few houses open to boarders.

HARPERSFIELD P. O., H. Jocelyn keeps the Globe Hotel. Accommodations for fifty. \$1.50 per day. \$8
DELAWARE CO., N. Y. per week.

C. W. Phinckle takes ten. \$5 and \$6.

Abram Yonson takes twelve. \$6.

Three miles north of here is North Harpersfield P. O., where Mrs. H. O. Nichols has a house with room for ten. \$6 to \$8.

Three miles beyond Harpersfield the stage passes through North Kortright and seven miles farther on reaches Davenport, fourteen miles from Stamford. Here are several houses, and within a short walk is Smith's Lake, a considerable body of water affording pleasures of boating and swimming.

DAVENPORT P. O.,
DELAWARE CO., N. Y. E. C. Sheldon has room for fifteen.
Apply.

Jno. K. Sexsmith has room for twenty. Apply.



ENTERING PRATTSVILLE.

Fowler House on the left. Mrs. Sach's house next above. See page 118.

James Van Buren has room for fifteen. Apply.

P. M. Hummell, two miles from town, has room for twelve. \$6.

Fergusonville P. O. is two miles from Davenport and here are two houses.

Mrs. J. H. Wilber takes eight. \$6.

S. C. Lockwood takes ten. Apply.

Four miles beyond Davenport is Davenport Centre P. O. and here J. M. Hebbard and R. L. Hebbard each take fifteen. Apply for terms.

Nine miles more remain to complete the journey to Oneonta. At Davenport one may take a train for Cooperstown and Otsego Lake, distant twenty-five miles.

JEFFERSON P. O.,
 SCHOHARIE CO., N. Y. The other stage line runs north from Stamford, passing through Jefferson at seven miles.

Here are several houses taking summer boarders.

Isaac M. Hubbard's Pleasant Valley House takes thirty-five. \$6 and \$8.

H. M. Clark takes twenty. \$6.

David Y. Reed takes twenty-five. \$6.

M. S. Wilcox takes ten. \$6.

Will Hubbard takes thirty. \$6.

Miss B. Tyler has rooms for twelve. \$6.

W. D. Gault has rooms for ten. Apply.

B. E. Davenport has rooms for fifteen. Apply.

S. E. Coon has room for twenty. \$6 to \$8.

From Jefferson the stage goes on seven miles farther to Summit and four miles still farther to Richmondville.

Other resorts are reached by private conveyance from the Stamford station. There are houses with accommodations for boarders at South Jefferson five miles distant.

C. A. Goodenough takes twenty. \$5 to \$6.

Geo. W. Franklin takes ten. \$5.

Also others at Ruth, eight miles; East Davenport, ten miles; Fergusonville, ten miles, Warnerville, fifteen miles. A line to the postmaster at any of these post-offices will bring the names of persons desiring guests.



CHAPTER XXX.

HOBART.

HOBART is but four miles from Stamford down the valley of the Delaware River, west Branch. It is a pleasant ride by rail, —much more so by either of the two roads which go down,



VIEW OF STAMFORD LOOKING BACK FROM THE WESTERLY ROAD TO HOBART.

The Tower of Churchill Hall left of centre. Simpson Terrace in the centre over roof of Churchill Hall Mrs. Cotton's on the hill at the left.



HOBART FROM THE STAMFORD ROAD.

one on each side of the stream. The view of Stamford looking back from the westerly road is very striking, the tower of Churchill Hall being a marked feature.

Hobart is an old town with a history, but it has also a determination not to be left as a monument of by-gone days, and goes on with the procession of to-day, with such courtly demand for a seat in the band wagon as may not cast a shadow upon the dignity of the honorable past. Which explains in part the constantly increasing throng of summer visitors within its borders.

The Barrett House, Wm. Barrett, Proprietor, is up in the main street, to the right as we enter it from the station. \$1.50 per day. Special rates by the week.

Turning to the left we go down the street and up the little hill on the road running toward Alameda along that side of the river.

A. J. Van Dyke's is the first house. Room for twelve. Apply.

Jno. C. McMurdy's is next. Room for twenty. Apply.

O. B. Foote's is the first farm house beyond the village, half a mile from the station. Room for twelve. Apply.

Returning now to the bridge we cross into the other section of the town. The road running directly from the bridge goes to Stamford and on it are several houses.

F. A. Lamb's is close by, on the left. Room for twenty. Apply.

J. S. Hanford's is opposite the church. Room for twenty-five. \$7 to \$10.

C. W. Ives's is next beyond the church. Room for twenty-five. \$6 to \$8.

Mrs. Faulkner's is just back of Ives's. Room for ten. Apply.

Near by is Jas. Reynolds. Room for fifteen.

A quarter of a mile farther out is Mrs. Alice Gilmore's. Room for ten. Apply.

R. V. Powell's is nearly half way to Stamford on this road. Room for ten. Apply.

D. B. Grant's is next to Powell's. Room for fifteen. Apply.

Returning now to the bridge we may take the road to Almeda on this side of the stream,—the southern.

John H. Hoagland's is the first. Room for ten. Apply.

E. Barlow's is nearly a quarter of a mile further,—half a mile from the station. Room for twenty. \$6 to \$8.

T. M. Griffin's is just beyond the bridge on this road. Room for twenty. \$6 to \$7.

Geo. M. Moore takes twelve. Apply.

W. H. McClelland's is over a mile from the station. Room for ten. Apply.

On the Gilmore road is Homer Butler's, two miles from the station. Room for twelve. \$5.

The roads about Hobart are excellent and the scenery very pretty. The attractions of Stamford are within easy reach, by rail or team, and many people find a most enjoyable rest in this old village.



CHAPTER XXXI.

SOUTH KORTRIGHT (ALMEDA P. O.) AND BLOOMVILLE.

SOUTH KORTRIGHT is what the railroad people call out when the station at Almeda is reached. It is a small village with a large creamery where 12,000 quarts of milk are handled daily. This means that about 1200 cows are engaged in steady work in this vicinity. There are some fine buildings, a United Presbyterian Church and two handsome estates. One of them is the summer residence of Mr. Jas. McLean of the firm of Phelps, Dodge & Co. Across the river S. W. Andrews, Esq., is laying out an elegant place about a new and handsome mansion. Over on that side of the river are two houses on the road to Bloomville.

W. S. Nesbitt takes twenty. \$5 and \$6.

Mrs. J. MacDonald takes ten. Apply.

On the road to Hobart on the south side of the river is D. C. Sharpe's, a short mile from the station. Room for fifteen. \$7 to \$10.

Taking the road up the hill opposite Sharp's we find G. H. Pol-



ALMEDA FROM D. C. SHARPE'S.

ley's distant a mile and a half from this corner. Room for fifteen. \$5 to \$8.

A. T. Ryer's is on a cross road. Room for fifteen. Apply.

The drive "around the block" is a favorite one from Almeda,—that is going up one side of the river to Hobart and down on the other. The scenery is that of a thrifty farming section, good buildings with pleasant grounds, great herds of good cattle and well kept farms. The extraordinary size of the barns is quite noticeable. The roads are shaded by large overhanging trees making the ride delightful even upon a hot day.

BLOOMVILLE, DELHI AND BOVINA.

Bloomville is the terminus of the Ulster and Delaware R. R. at present, but it seems quite probable that it will be extended to Delhi, the county seat, within the near future. It is a pleasant village three times as large as Almeda, but not yet much of a summer resort.

G. A. Evans's is close by the station. Room for ten. \$5.

M. F. Allison's has room for five. Apply.

D. H. Kimball has room for ten. Apply.

J. D. Lawrence's is a quarter of a mile away. Room for ten. Apply.

J. E. Powell takes four. Apply.



THE LAKE IN THE STONY CLOVE, LOOKING NORTH—TOWARD HUNTER.

The railroad runs on the bench up on the right.

off Plateau Mountain from Hunter Mountain, leaving the sharp bottom of the cleft to be partially filled with great chunks and chips loosened at the time, or by the action of frost and water afterward. This explanation is suggested by the "matching" of the ledges on both sides of the cleft. They are exactly opposite and of the same extent, in altitude as well as longitudinally.

Whatever the cause the result is most interesting and without counterpart in the region. At the "height of land" in the notch the elevation is 2,071 feet above the sea-level, Hunter Mountain being 4,052 feet; and Plateau Mountain only 200 feet lower. With nearly



STONE IN THE STONY CLOVE.

all of this difference in elevation in view from the clove the effect may be imagined, but not described.

The Stony Clove and Catskill Mountain R. R. makes use of this notch for a short cut into the Tannersville and Hunter Region, starting at Phoenicia. This road is built on the narrow gauge, so passengers transfer at Phoenicia to the Stony Clove trains, which stand just across the platform. The track first crosses the Esopus Creek on a curving bridge, dashes across the main street of the town and close beside the Tremper House, climbing up with every rod of advance. For a mile or so the country is rugged and not much to see. Then the Ox Clove, a beautiful hollow, opens on the left in delightful concave lines. The train halts and "Chichester's" is called. From the station the road leads down the hill to the old Stony Clove stage road which is probably in better condition to-day than when passengers were all taken through in wagons and stages. A few rods to the left on this road from the junction is William Almy's Public House. Room for twenty. \$1.50 per day.

P. Chichester's is across the bridge, to the right as you reach the stage road,—at the foot of Ox Clove. Room for twelve. Apply.

Mrs. J. A. Flynn's is a mile and a half up the Stony Clove toward Lanesville, about midway between the two places. Room for twelve. \$5 and \$6.

Just beyond Chichester's,—a village wholly devoted to the running of the large chair and cabinet work factory,—on the right comes in the Warner Kill from Warner Hollow. This hollow is not well seen from the R. R. but is very beautiful from the highway. Timothy-berg and Karlberg are seen in reverse from their positions from the De Vall Hollow at Mount Pleasant. The Warner Kill is a trout-stream of deserved reputation. At the foot of



NEAR CHICHESTER'S.

this hollow the railroad crosses the Stony Clove stream and comes over to the westerly side of the clove. For half a mile it runs side by side with the highway and then the brook comes over on that

side too, to join them, and crowds so close that the railroad jumps it and goes back to stay on the other side. From here the valley widens a little and there is quite a little rich level bottom land which is tillable, so there is a larger settlement here.

This station is Lanesville, and there are several houses here open to summer boarders.

LANESVILLE P. O.,
GREENE CO., N. Y.

John Jansen's is close by the station, a few steps down the track. Room for twenty-

five. Apply.

Taking the road from the station down to the stage road we may go first to the left,—down the clove. Crossing the bridge the first house is F. A. Barber's about a quarter of a mile from the station. Room for twenty-five. \$7 to \$8.

The Methodist Church is next and just below that is Chas. R. Lane's. Room for twenty-five. Apply.

Harry D. Lane's is next. Room for thirty. \$8 to \$10.

Returning to the bridge and the road from the station we turn to the right. A few rods away the Diamond Notch road turns off to the left. Up this

road a short distance is Frank Harrington's. Room for twenty. Apply.

The Diamond Notch House, Asa Crosby, Proprietor, is on the main road a few rods further,—about half a mile from the station; and here also is the post-office and a store. \$1.50 per day. \$6 to \$8 per week.



THE DIAMOND NOTCH FROM LANESVILLE.

David Crosby's "Echo Cottage" is next, on the left. Room for twenty-five. Apply.

Mrs. Jane Smith's "Sunnyside" is next. Room for twelve. Apply.

Back of these two houses rises a sharp peak in the angle between the Diamond Notch and the Stony Clove. It is Steeple Mountain; and the massive rounded crest next above it is Burnt Knob, which shows still the old fire scars in its rugged form. From near this point the view down the clove is grand. But Stony Clove is zig-zag from here on and we now make a turn almost at right angles, as we go puffing up the hill toward Edgewood. Beyond Burnt Knob is an-

other sharp and jagged peak,—the South Sentinel—standing on the south side of a narrow and deep Hollow. Across from it is the North Sentinel, large and less ragged in form. This view impresses one with the grandeur of the wilderness which here shows no mark of the hand of man and bears many eloquent tracings of desolation wrought by the elements.

Just before reaching Edgewood station we look down upon the little village from our perch up on the mountain side. Prominent among the others is "Rock Acre," the mountain home of F. M. Blake of Elizabeth, N. J., a little wild farm with good buildings and a handsome bit of landscape garden just around the house.

The train stops at the farther end of the settlement, at the entrance of the great cleft which makes the pass through the mountain range. We go down the hill into the valley and then turn and go back to the village.

John Martin's is close at hand, just over the bridge. Room for twenty. Apply.

N. A. Peet's is next, just below the Blake property. Room for fifteen. Apply.

A. J. Connelly's "Edgewood House" is next. Accommodations for thirty. \$6 to \$8.

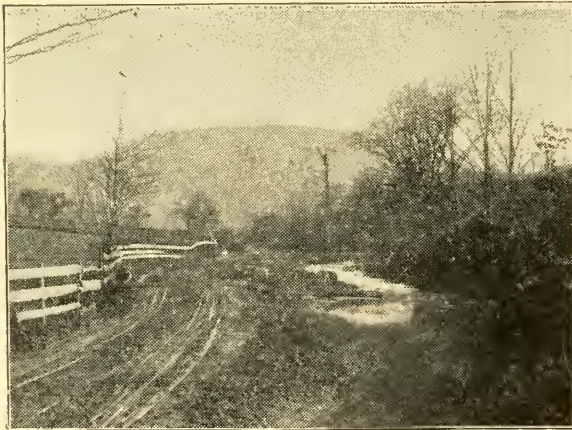
Wm. Tracey's is opposite the church. Room for twenty. Apply.

Chas. K. Neal's is next below Tracey's. Room for fifteen. Apply.

"The Lotowana," J. V. Neal and Sons, is at the end of the village, about three-quarters of a mile from the station. Room for twenty. \$6 to \$8.

All about Edgewood are serious evidences of the great fire which raged here in May of last year. The Edgewood Mountain is badly

burned over. Plateau Mountain has scarcely a tree left upon its summit. Hunter Mountain and the Sentinels are marked in a most regrettable way. At one time during the fire it was thought the village would have to burn too, and one house was actually in flames from flying sparks while the heat and



NEAR EDGEWOOD LOOKING SOUTH.

smoke made it almost impossible for any one to remain in the town.

Beyond Edgewood we traverse a pretty little open farm and then climb up into the pass. The way grows narrower, the old stage road coming closer and closer, until it crosses the railroad at the height of land. Just before this meeting of the ways we get a glimpse of the pretty lakelet lying down below us to the left. Across the lake in the crevices of Hunter Mountain, ice may be found all summer. The air in the pass has a chill which is so suddenly encountered in the train as to be objectionable. Coming into it slowly by the wagon road it is most refreshing on a hot day.

As the train goes over the divide the view back is very charming, and the most beautiful of all the Stone Clove scenery, while very wild and picturesque.

The half-tone but faintly suggests it. It is impossible to do it justice in a small picture. The narrow pass is quickly traversed and we come out into the Hunter country, as different as one can well imagine from the other side. Farms lie



IN THE STONY CLOVE NOTCH, LOOKING BACK TOWARD THE LAKE.

all about, spread up on the hills, and the wilderness, while still with us, is tamed by the enterprise of the agriculturist. A run of a mile or two brings us to the little station in the woods,—Kaaterskill Junction. Here the Kaaterskill R. R. makes connection with the Stony Clove Railroad, taking passengers for Tannersville, Haines's Corners, the Laurel House and the Kaaterskill Hotel.

There are several houses near by, all in the village of Hunter, the post-office being nearly three miles from here. It is about the

HUNTER P. O., same distance to Tannersville post-office,
 GREENE CO., N. Y. but the road lying between the two places is
 built up, principally with boarding houses,
 for the whole six miles; with a good sprinkling of private cottages.

J. Rouff's is nearest, but a few rods from the station taking the road to the left passing under the railroad. Room for eighteen. Apply.

Z. Ingraham's is on the Hunter-Tannersville road directly opposite the road leading from the station. Room for sixteen. Apply.

Sidney Haines's is on the same road up on the hill. Turn to the left,—toward Hunter—at Ingraham's. Room for twelve. Apply.

John J. Haines's is toward the right,—toward Tannersville—about a mile from the station. Room for twenty. \$8 and \$10.

There are several other houses near by in both directions, which are noted under headings of Hunter and Tannersville respectively.



CHAPTER XXXIII.

THE GREAT CATSKILL PLATEAU.

THE EASTERN CATSKILLS.

THE Catskill Mountain group is somewhat circular in form. High mountain peaks bound it on the south, the east and the north, rising abruptly from the lowlands. When the region about Hunter is reached, as described in the preceding chapter, we recognize a different make-up from anything seen along the line of the Ulster and Delaware R. R., unless it be in the neighborhood of Stamford, and then only on a small scale. These are the Eastern Catskills.

At Hunter we are in an elevated valley 1600 feet above the sea-level, and the streams running west. Eastward is the Tannersville country, 260 feet higher, and still farther eastward is the Catskill Mountain House 2150 feet above tide. This edge of the uplift then is the higher, and as we take this point for a general view, we find two great upland valleys, the Hunter Valley, and the Windham Valley, (or basin,) lying north of it, the latter being a little lower than the former. The high range of mountains beginning with Black Head on the east, and continuing with Black Dome and Thomas Cole, and so on down through Tower Mountain, separates these two valleys. The Hunter Valley is narrower than the other, and is subdivided by the East Kill Mountain range which cuts off the East Jewett and Jewett Heights valley from it on the north. This latter valley joins the other near Lexington.

The Windham valley is rather a broad oval basin, some six miles across and fifteen miles long, heading at East Windham at the foot of Windham High Peak. Hensonville is near the upper end of

this basin and Big Hollow still farther up, Elm Ridge separating the latter from the main Windham basin. Prattsville lies at the lower or westerly end, 1160 feet above tide. East Windham, at the head of it, is 1880 feet high. There is a narrow connection between these two valleys in the road from Lexington, (1320 feet elevation,) to Prattsville, following the Schoharie Creek.

If these facts are borne in mind it will make the comprehending of the location of these upland villages much easier. Generally speaking we may regard the whole top of the uplift as a great plateau about 1200 to 1800 feet above the level of the sea, crossed by mountain ranges running from east to west, and the eastern edge about six hundred feet higher than the western.

Hunter is the R. R. centre for this upland region, which will be taken up in detail in the next chapter. The entrance from the lowlands through the Stony Clove has already been described.

The other entrances are by way of the Plaaterkill Clove Road from West Saugerties to Tannersville; by the Kaaterskill Clove from Palenville to Haines Corners; by the Otis Elevating Railway from Otis Junction, on the Catskill Mountain Railway, to Otis Summit near the old Mountain House; by the Mountain House stage road; by the East Windham stage road from Cairo; or by the Durham and East Durham stage road;—these entrances are on the east and northeast, rising directly from the lowland country. From the south one may enter from Shandaken by way of the Echo Notch into Lexington at the lower side of the plateau, or from Grand Gorge by way of Prattsville and so on up the valley, either to Hunter or Windham,—having first journeyed to Shandaken and Grand Gorge.

Mention should also be made of the Westkill and Spruceton valley, from 1500 to 2000 feet high, a branch of the Hunter plateau opening from Lexington. A chain of very high mountains separates it from the Hunter valley at the upper end, but the outer range of mountains known as the Westkill Chain is the real boundary of the great plateau. For convenience in travelling directions, Westkill and Spruceton were included in the chapter on Shandaken, but belong to the eastern group.

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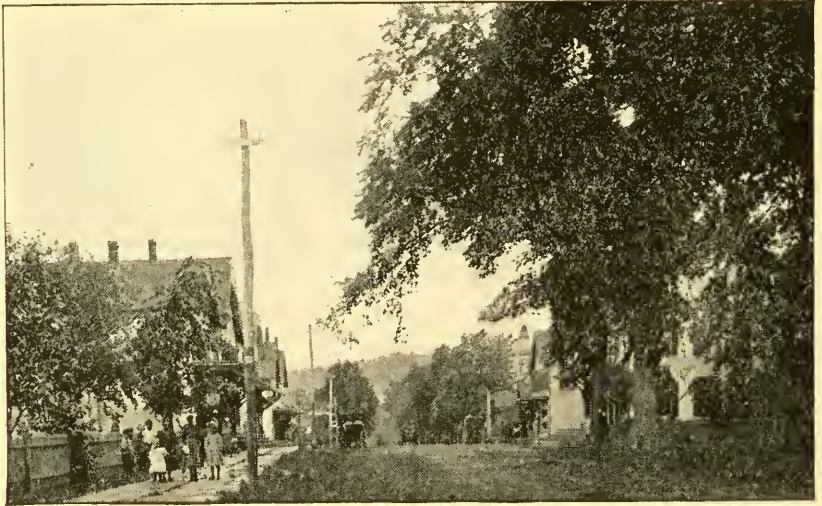
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CHAPTER XXXIV.

HUNTER,

HENSONVILLE AND WINDHAM; UNION SOCIETY AND EAST WINDHAM;
 JEWETT AND LEXINGTON; EAST JEWETT, BIG HOLLOW,
 JEWETT HEIGHTS, ASHLAND.

HUNTER is the present mountain terminus of the Stony Clove and C. M. R. R. With Lexington and Prattsville lower down the valley, and Windham around the corner, it is safe to prophesy that some day the iron horse will find a new bit of his peculiar kind of road before him when he reaches Hunter; and "No.



THE "WEST END" OF HUNTER.

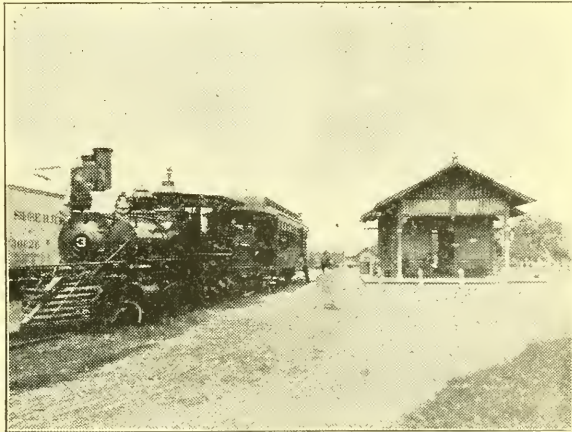
Post-office at the right behind the elms. The tower of the West End Hotel at the right among the trees, a little way down the street.

3" will wake new echoes of its mellow cow-bell as it ding-dangs cheerily around the end of Tower Mountain and into the peaceful shades of Windham.

The village of Hunter has a most picturesque location. It lies along the Schoharie Creek on both banks, and spreads up on both hillsides, for the valley lacks breadth. Hunter Mountain, 4052 feet above the sea-level, displays its immense buttresses south of the village, and two of these with peculiarly bold slopes, push out

toward the north almost into the town and receive the name of the Colonel's Chair from their resemblance to the arms of a huge easy chair. There is a good trail up the "Chair" and thence to Hunter Mountain and the views are wonderfully fine, and within such easy reach that no one able to make the ascent should fail to do so. It will not be necessary to urge this upon any one who has once stood upon a mountain top, for the sensation is one which is always sought again. Your real mountain climber delights to go up, and deploras the necessity of leaving the serene heights to take up again the thread of humanity's life below.

This mountain village will charm any one with a liking for the rural. The main street for most of its length is arched over by great elms which meet overhead. The buildings are neat and comfortable, some of them ornate and handsome, and there is no crowding,—abundant grounds for all. The westernmost arm of the Colonel's Chair is peculiarly bold in outline and impressive in mass as it raises itself high above the village and so close as to seem within arm's length. It is the characteristic scenic line at Hunter. But Hunter Mountain, of which the chair is but a spur, is very grand,—a fact not readily appreciated unless one climbs up the hills north of the village far enough to gain a view of its noble peak. Every one who has seen the famous painting of this mountain by Sanford Gifford will wish to get this view, and at twilight as he painted it,—the peak yet glowing with the lingering sunset hues, while the valley below is already filling with the cool shadows of evening,—a masterly rendition of one of Nature's noblest effects in color. There is a fine view of the village from its eastern end, on the hill back of the Hunter Mountain Prospect House. Another fine view may be had from the slopes of the Colonel's Chair, at the western end. And another noble view of the range from Platterkill Mountain to Fly Mountain, nearly thirty miles, from the heights back of the West End Hotel.



STONY CLOVE TRAIN AT HUNTER STATION.

The railroad is on the south side of the Schoharie and passes the village stopping at its western end.
HUNTER P. O., Near the station, within three minutes walk
GREENE CO., N. Y. are several houses open to boarders in the summer which can be pointed out from the station.

F. Beach has room for fifteen. Apply.

P. H. Conerty has room for twenty-five. Apply.

Frank Conerty has room for twenty. Apply.

Peter Hummel takes twenty-five. \$7 to \$10.

Crossing over the bridge into the main street we turn to the left to the West End Hotel, with accommodations for one hundred. \$2.50 per day. \$12 to \$18 per week.

Taking the road at the side of the West End Hotel we find D. W. Bullock's house just beyond. Room for fifteen. Apply.

L. M. Cole's is next. Room for twenty. \$7 to \$9.

Mrs. C. L. Higgins is further on. Room for forty. \$6 to \$8.

Turning the other way at the corner from the station we pass up the street, the post-office being close by on the left. At the first road turning north (to the left) "Lovers' Lane" by name, we may turn off to C. L. Schermerhorn's Glen Farm House. Room for forty. \$7 to \$10.

Here also is E. C. Fromer's Fernside Cottage, with room for thirty. \$8 to \$12.

Across the brook is Geo. Scholderer's. Room for ten. Apply.



IN HUNTER, LOOKING WESTWARD.

"The Kaatsberg" on the left.

A short distance further, a quarter of a mile from the station, is the Hunter House, M. C. Van Pelt, Proprietor. Accommodations for two hundred and fifty. \$2 to \$3 per day. \$10 to \$17 per week.

Next above the Hunter House is Mrs. A. Atwater's. Room for fifteen. \$7 to \$8.

Mrs. Abram Wilcox's is next. Room for twelve.

Willis Baldwin's is close by. Room for eight. \$6 to \$8.

Mr. Robert Elliott's fine house, The Kaatsberg, is across the street. The Schoharie Creek runs through the grounds, which are spacious and well cared for, and a bathing house has been erected for the use of guests. Centrally located both as to Hunter and to points of general interest in the Catskills, the Kaatsberg presents special claims as a summer home. Room for one hundred. \$2 per day. \$8 upward per week.

The fine building on the left as we pass on is the Public School of which the residents of Hunter have the best right to be proud. It is one of the best graded schools in the entire region.

Mrs. Wm. F. Greene's is just beyond the school. Room for twenty-five. \$7 to \$8.

Wm. A. Douglass's is next, half a mile from the station. Room for thirty. \$7 to \$10.

Mrs. N. Winchell's is next. Room for eighteen. \$8.

Miss Grace Rundell takes eight. \$7 to \$10.

E. R. Myers takes thirty. \$7 to \$10.

The Central House and cottages are next. Accommodations for one hundred and seventy-five. \$2 to \$3 per day. \$10 to \$15 per week. A. P. Reynolds, Proprietor.

The "Ripley" is next, L. A. Woodworth, Proprietor. Accommodations for fifty. \$10 to \$16.

Across the street is A. J. Woodworth's. Room for fifteen. Apply.

The Arlington is next on the same (southerly) side of the street. Accommodates seventy-five. \$10 to \$12. G. W. Shoemaker, Proprietor.

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On the corner of the road leading to the upper bridge is Jas. H. Ford's, one mile from the station. Room for thirty. \$8 to \$10.

We turn off at this point and cross the bridge taking the right hand road at the railroad to the Alpien Cottage. A. A. Barber, Proprietor. Room for thirty-five. Apply. This cottage is also reached by a suspension foot bridge lower down the stream.

Taking the left hand road at the railroad crossing we go to M. Graham's, about half a mile from the bridge. Room for twenty. Apply.

S. Epstein's Grand View House is next. Room for one hundred. \$12 to \$16.

Returning to the main street at Ford's we go on easterly,— toward Tannersville.

The Hotel St. Charles (formerly the Breeze Lawn House) has a bold location on the hillside toward the left, its dark red color harmonizing richly with the bright greens of the higher hills beyond it, a part of the distinct and characteristic "Ford's Hill." J. H. Burtis, Jr., is the proprietor of the St. Charles, and accommodates two hundred and fifty guests. Apply for terms.

Next beyond is the Hunter Mountain Prospect House, J. M. Camane, Proprietor. Accommodations for two hundred. \$2.50 per day. \$10 to \$18 per week.

The road turning toward the left beyond the grounds of the Prospect House leads to East Jewett and thence to Big Hollow. We shall return to make a flying trip to those places. For the present we go on toward Tannersville.

Passing the "Columbia" which is one of those combined bowling-alleys, refreshment saloons and souvenir depots, so common throughout the mountains, we reach next Sylvester Greene's house, "Fairview." Room for twenty-five. \$7 to \$10.

The next house is Samuel Brown's. Here is room for twenty. Apply.

Charles Quick's comes next. Room for twenty. Apply.

Then John F. Hylan's Shady Brook Cottage, beside the brook, which, a few rods below forms the pretty Shady Brook Falls, to the right of the road. Room for twenty. Apply.

The other two houses on this road, Sidney T. Haines's and Z. Ingraham's were noticed under Kaaterskill Junction. Their post-office address is Hunter. Beyond Ingraham's the residents go to Tannersville, post-office and their houses will therefore be noticed under that title.

Returning now to the East Jewett road let us take a trip over into that town, three miles away. It is quite a climb over the height

**EAST JEWETT P. O.,
GREENE CO., N. Y.**

of land between Ford's Hill and East Kill Mountain, but the road is good and the scenery pleasing. About half a mile up the rise

is the country seat of Mrs. Agnes Tracy of New York City, nearly hidden behind a high stone wall, with a wicket gate and many other interesting features bringing strongly to mind some pictures of bits in Old England. As we gain the height and begin the descent into East Jewett there is a fine view spread before us. Across the deep and wide valley stand Thos. Cole, Black Dome and Black Head Mountains, a superb trio nearly 4000 feet high, clad in forests to their tops. A little further we get a view down the valley of distant mountains with Vinegar Hill and Vly Mountain at Lexington prominent.

C. D. Simpkins's is the only house taking boarders in this place and it is two miles up the valley, near the foot of Black Head. Room for twenty-five. \$6.

Turning down the valley we take the first road leading north for Big Hollow which is three miles further. Here is another divide

**BIG HOLLOW P. O.,
GREENE CO., N. Y.**

to be climbed. The view back toward East Jewett is pretty, and the scenery along the road interesting. In some places the road lies

upon solid rock almost as smooth and level as a floor, and in the fields at the roadside great ledges push up out of the meadow grass,

with some wild-wood shrubbery about them, making pretty pictures. One overhanging rock at the side of the road makes a natural shelter for two wagons, a harrow and some other farm implements, and room to spare.



LOOKING TOWARD HENSONVILLE FROM THE EAST JEWETT ROAD.

The upper end of the Windham Basin in the middle distance.
Mt. Richmond at the right in the distance.

As we go down into Big Hollow a very fine view is caught over-

looking Hensonville and Windham and the upper portion of the Windham basin. Mt. Pisgah, Mt. Richmond and the other peaks in that range stand in fine outline in the distance.

Big Hollow is a pretty little village with a larger proportion of churches than one will find in many a journey. There is a Methodist church, a free Methodist church and a Presbyterian church, and all within the limit of a short quarter of a mile, and so far as the village is concerned, that is about one church to each ten houses.



VILLAGE OF BIG HOLLOW.

Just what is gained by thus magnifying differences in doctrine which are becoming every day of less and less importance, and whose manifest destiny is to disappear entirely as the brotherhood of man becomes a reality and not a theory, it is most difficult to imagine. One strong church in which each might be called upon to

sacrifice some personal peculiar ideas would serve to far greater advantage the cause which each is striving to advance.

Wm. Crandall's is next to the Methodist church. Room for ten. \$5 to \$7.

Geo. W. Powell's is a few rods farther up the street. Room for ten. \$7 to \$10.

Austin B. Hitchcock's is half a mile out of the village up the hollow. Room for fifteen. \$5.

Geo. W. McGlashan's is half a mile further. Room for twenty-five. Apply.

Wm. Crandall, Jr., has room for twelve at "Glenwood." \$8.

A new road is being vigorously pushed from the head of this hollow through a low notch at the foot of Black Head and so down by an easy grade to Purling. This will shorten the distance to Big Hollow by five miles, and to Hensonville and Windham by three miles, over the present stage road, and in reducing the distance will also reduce the fare and abolish the toll-gate on the East Windham road. There is absolutely no reason in maintaining toll-gates on the thoroughfares of the Catskills. The small percentage of the money paid by summer boarders and tourists, needed to keep the roads in repair, ought to be cheerfully expended by the public, and the Legis-

ature should be invoked to wipe out every such gate in this great pleasure region.

Hensonville is but two miles distant from Big Hollow, but is usually reached by the stage road from the lower end of Hunter



LOOKING BACK TOWARD HUNTER FROM THE HENSONVILLE ROAD
Colonel's Chair Mountain over the nearer telegraph pole; Plateau Mountain over the farther pole.

village. A stage runs daily except Sunday to Hensonville from Hunter, and so on to Windham, and many teams belonging to the different houses are out every day during the summer, to meet the various trains. The stage road goes up the hill and over the divide to the valley of the East

Kill. Fine views are enjoyed from many points of outlook.

Four miles away from Hunter we cross the highway coming down from East Jewett to Lexington, and here is a post-office named **BEACH'S CORNERS,** Beach's Corners and a few boarding houses.

GREENE CO., N. Y. B. F. Barkley at the Summit House has room for fifty. \$6 to \$8.

Romeyn Butts takes twenty. Apply.

J. G. Beers has room for fifty. Apply.

H. A. Towner has room for ten. Apply.

Chas. Frere has room for twelve. Apply.

Jewett Heights may be reached from here by driving four miles down the valley, but the usual approach is by way of the Lexington road, turning off up the hill when near

JEWETT HEIGHTS P. O., Jewett. The several houses at Jewett
GREENE CO., N. Y. Heights may be mentioned here.

Emmons Pond at the Tower Mountain House accommodates ninety. \$2 per day. \$7 to \$12 per week.

George H. Chase has room for fifty. \$7 to \$10.

O. T. Bailey has room for forty. \$7 to \$10.

From Beach's Corners we go on three miles over the divide and down again to Hensonville. Many pretty summer cottages are

HENSONVILLE P. O., scattered along the road and upon the nearer
GREENE CO., N. Y. hillsides, and there is abundant room for many
 more. One can select a hundred admirable
 sites without leaving the conveyance, each with a little brooklet that
 tells of a cooling spring hidden in some mossy nook.

Hensonville is a flourishing town in spite of its proximity to the
 much larger town of Windham. It has an independent life of its
 own, and its scenery is quite distinct from that of the other, because
 of the nearness of the high mountains about the Big Hollow basin.
 It is a favorite resort with many people who come here year after
 year.

Lafayette Mallory's is the first boarding house we pass as we
 enter from the Hunter road, close by the school-house. Room for
 twenty. \$6 and \$7.

E. Barker also takes twenty. \$6 to \$8.

C. E. Bloodgood has room for twenty-five. \$7.

L. W. Bloodgood takes thirty-five. \$6 to \$8.

This brings us to the main street at the corner by the post-office.
 Turning to the right, a little jog on the left brings us to the road to
 Union Society, and so on to East Windham.

O. S. Griffin's is on this corner. Room for thirty-five. Apply.

Going on up the main street and crossing the bridge over the
 Kill there are two houses. Opposite the bridge is A. G. Holcomb's
 Central House. Room for twenty-five. Apply.

George C. Seeley's is down the stream a few rods. Room for
 sixty. \$7 to \$10. The Kill is dammed here and makes a pretty pond
 for rowing, overhung by large trees on both banks.

Returning now to the post-office we go westward on the main
 street,—toward Windham.

Linus Peck's is in the meadow near the Kill; entrance just be-
 yond the church. Room for thirty. \$6 to \$8.

Dr. S. L. Ford's is opposite to and just below the church (Metho-
 dist). Room for twenty. Apply.

G. H. Loughran's is a quarter of a mile farther on toward Wind-
 ham. Room for twenty-five. Apply.

Going back now to the East Windham road at O. S. Griffin's
 corner let us make our way toward that breezy spot. A mile out
 from Hensonville we reach Union Society postoffice,—an odd name
 to those not familiar with it. It was given originally because of a
 Union Church established here many years ago, supported by a so-
 ciety of church members of different denominations. There are
 some popular houses here.

**UNION SOCIETY P. O.,
GREENE CO., N. Y.**

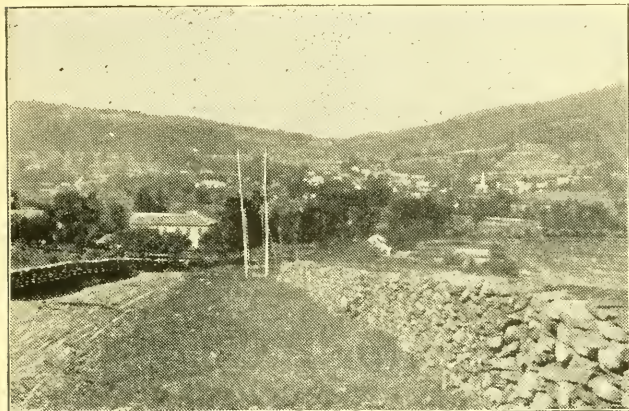
George A. Newcomb's is the first we come to. Room for sixty. \$7 to \$8.

David Davis's is a little farther on.

The post-office is at this house. Room for one hundred. \$7 to \$8.

E. Keirus is a short distance further. Room for ten. Apply.

The roads are excellent here and the ride of four miles from Union Society over to East Windham is most delightful. For a good part of the way there is a double row of elms and maples between which the road lies, a



HENSONVILLE FROM UNION SOCIETY.

On the East Windham road, looking south—toward Hunter.

filagree of sunshine and shadow.

On the right, across the valley, is Elm Ridge, culminating in Windham High Peak, 3500 feet high, at East Windham. About a mile before the hotels on the front of the mountain are reached, a road turns to the left crossing the valley and up on the side of High Peak. Here is M. E. Sherman's High Peak House. Room for forty. \$6 to \$9.

**EAST WINDHAM P. O.,
GREENE CO., N. Y.**

Ira France takes thirty. \$6.

Mrs. Mary Butts takes twenty-five. \$6 to \$8.

Elias Mattier takes twenty. \$6 and \$7.

Frank Folger takes fifteen. \$6.

There is a toll-gate just as we reach the mountain edge. The stage road to Cairo goes down the hill toward the left and the other sweeps around on the face of the mountain, two thousand feet above the vast plain which stretches away for miles and miles until lost in haze, and one cannot tell where earth ends and sky begins. This is one of the grandest views in the region, and the surprise, as one rides suddenly upon it, is complete. From a foreground filled with near-by objects, a view suddenly presents itself wholly of distance, and the eye is momentarily puzzled and sees nothing for a little until the new conditions are comprehended. Then the wonderful scene begins to clear up. The village directly below us is Cornwallville;

Oak Hill, three or four miles beyond it; East Durham off to the right; Durham away to the left; the vast mosaic of ten thousand square miles gradually taking form and position.

Upon an absolutely clear day the Capitol at Albany can be located with a glass, the outlines of the Adirondacks discerned and all intermediate objects come out distinctly in relief,—a magnificent scene.

There are three houses on this bluff road.

The first from the toll-gate is A. Lamoreau's Summit House once more in charge of its former proprietor. Accommodations for one hundred and twenty-five. \$2 per day. \$8 to \$12 per week.

The Butts House, I. C. Butts, Proprietor, stands next to the Summit House commanding the same grand view. Accommodates one hundred. \$2 per day. \$7 to \$10 per week.

The Grand View House is reached by a road leading up on to a commanding knoll which projects out from the face of the mountain giving an extension of the view in an easterly direction as well as northward. An observatory here offers still greater vantage. Accommodations for fifty. \$10 to \$15.

There are several other houses on the roads below the summit. Geo. H. Sanford takes twenty-five. \$6 to \$8.

George Bullivant takes twelve. \$6.

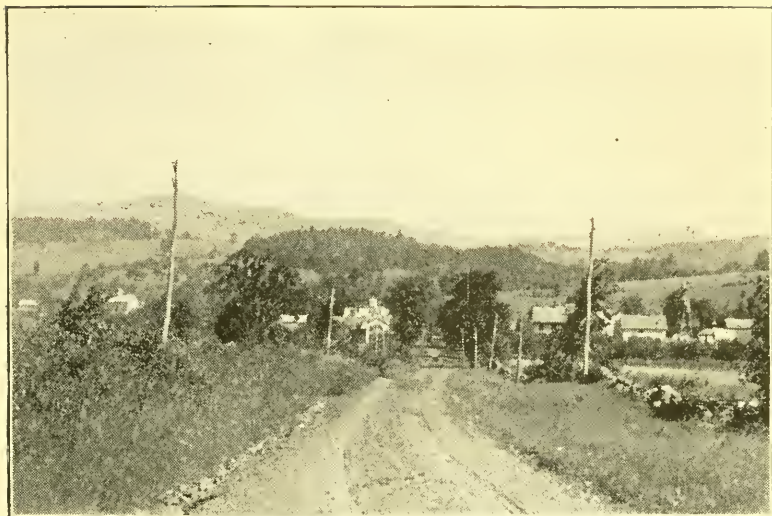
W. S. Smith takes thirty. \$8.

Ostrander V. Goff takes ten. \$6 and \$7.

From East Windham to Cairo R. R. station is ten miles, and many visitors come that way on account of the lower fare and the shorter stage ride. Many go through here on stages and private conveyances to Hensonville and Windham. To these places the stage ride is longer than from Hunter. The stage to Windham takes the road at the top of the hill at Union Society running down past W. H. Dewell's large house, a mile or more out from Windham. Room for one hundred. \$6 to \$8.

Returning now to Hensonville for a new start we take the stage road down to Windham. Hensonville is 1650 feet above the sea-level, Windham 1500 feet. This is a ride very enjoyable in the surrounding scenery, and over an excellent road. Indeed, all the roads about Windham are very good, a fact well appreciated by visitors who do a great deal of riding.

About a mile out of Windham we reach the very attractive suburb, Brooklyn. Here are several tasteful houses surrounded with wide and handsome lawns looking more like a row of private residences than boarding houses,—and that much more enjoyable to their inmates, one feels sure.



BROOKLYN, APPROACHING WYNDHAM.

Mt. Richmond back of the telegraph pole at the left; Mt. Pisgan to the right of the pole at the right.

Elbert Osborn and Son have three houses on adjoining lots. Accommodations for one hundred. \$7 to \$10.

Monroe Mallory's is next. Room for twenty-five. \$7 to \$9.

Ira Thompson's large house is across the way. Room for sixty. Apply.

The Soper Place is next,—two houses belonging to J. Soper and Son. Accommodations for seventy-five. Apply.

Samuel Pelham takes twenty-five. Apply.

Mrs. John M. Cole's is over the bridge and a little way up the hill. Room for forty. \$6 to \$8.

Coming into the village of Windham at the upper end we come first to D. C. Tibbals at the corner of the road turning to the right at Mitchell Hollow. Room for fifteen. Apply.

J. B. France's Windham Park Place is next, as we go up the Hollow. Room for thirty. \$6 to \$7.

Thos. E. Cryne's is next. Room for twenty. \$6.

Then C. Hidecker's. Room for fifty. \$6.

John Carr takes twenty-five. Apply.

Thos. Hayden, Jr., takes twenty-five. Apply.

H. B. Maben takes twenty. Apply.

O. Chittenden's is the last boarding house in the Hollow, nearly two miles out. Room for twenty. Apply.

Returning to the main street we go down the hill into the village. Mill Street turns off here.

Jefferson Mead's is next above the mill. Room for fifteen. Apply.

Mrs. A. E. West's Glen House is on Mill Street. Room for forty. Apply.

Mrs. L. J. Smalling's also. Room for twenty.

Mrs. M. McClean's is also on Mill Street. Room for fifteen. Apply.

M. Carr's is on the main street again. Room for eight. Apply.

H. Bagley's is near the bridge in the centre of the village. Room for twenty. \$6.

L. W. Mott's is next the drug store, just over the bridge. Room for eight. Apply.

G. P. Townsend's is a little farther down the street. Room for thirty. Apply.

Dr. P. I. Stanley's is opposite the school building. Room for twenty. \$7.



LOOKING BACK TOWARD WINDHAM.

Wm. Delamater's in the centre of the picture; W. H. Benjamin's at the left.

Jacob Turk's is on the corner below. Room for twenty-five. Apply.

The road leading to the left goes up to S. L. Munson's on South Street. He has three houses and accommodates one hundred and twenty-five. \$7 to \$10.

O. R. Coe's Mountain Home is on the next corner. Room for one hundred. \$5 to \$8. Transient rates \$2 per day.

Mrs. G. M. Thorpe's is opposite the post-office. Room for twenty. \$6.

Clark Diston's is next the post-office. Room for ten. Apply.

F. W. Riggs is next. Room for fifteen. Apply.

William Fuller farther down the street,—about a quarter of a mile from the post-office,—takes ten. Apply.

D. B. Steele's is a quarter of a mile farther on. Room for fifteen. Apply.

Wm. De La Mater's is opposite Steele's. Room for thirty. Apply.

W. H. Benjamin's is a stone's throw beyond. Room for fifteen. Apply.

From a turn in the road near this house a charming landscape is seen looking back toward Windham,—eastward. The rich bottom land is full of a lot of wild "stuff" which would delight an artist with its variety of form and color, and the creek running down through it with a wide sweep and a little rift over a low dam gives the foreground life and action. The trees beyond are artistically disposed and the entire natural composition altogether delightful and picturesque.

E. Munger's is a few rods beyond Benjamin's. Accommodations for seventy. \$7 to \$9.

A. P. Brewer's is a little further. Room for fifteen. Apply.

Frank E. Bump's is next. Room for twenty. \$6 and \$7.

Just below this house the road to North Settlement turns up the hill. At this place, which is about six miles from Windham, there are several houses taking boarders.

Arlington Frayer takes twenty. Apply.

S. J. Osborn takes ten. Apply.

Oscar Bronson takes forty. \$5 to \$7.

Mrs. D. Richmond takes twenty. \$5 to \$6.

B. Bronson takes fifteen. Apply.

On the Javett road Addison Steele has a house with spare room for thirty. Apply.

Orrin Doolittle's is up on the shoulder of Mount Pisgah, six miles away. Room for fifteen. \$1 per day. \$6 per week.

Which reminds me that a word or two as to Mount Pisgah should not be omitted. It is a favorite and deservedly popular goal for riding parties because of the wonderful view it commands. Mount Pisgah is not a high mountain, but little over 2800 feet, but it stands in an isolated position on the edge of the great plateau with an unobstructed view toward the north over the plain as seen from



MAIN STREET IN WINDHAM.

Coe's Hotel in the vista under the trees ; Turk's next on the left.

East Windham. Toward the southeast and south are the high peaks of Thos. Cole, Black Dome and Black Head reaching far up above Elm Ridge with Windham High Peak nearer. Farther away are Kaaterskill High Peak, Plateau and Hunter Mountain, Big Westkill and a lot of others. These are in sight over a wide and broken foreground which adds to the view. Far to the northeast are the Green Mountains of Vermont, the White Mountains of New Hampshire and the Berkshire Hills of Massachusetts. This grand view may be enjoyed without personal exertion, other than riding over a fair road to the very summit of the mountain. There are many other pleasant drives all about Windham. East Windham is six miles. Red Falls, nine miles, down the Kill through the delightful Pleasant Valley and quaint Ashland. Prattsville with the famous carved rocks, eleven miles. Devasego Falls two miles farther. The Kaaterskill region is within twenty miles, a pleasant day trip. Stony Clove, twelve miles.

Ashland is five miles below Windham on the Kill, which is called Batavia Kill on some maps but is known locally as the Big Red Kill. Inasmuch as the Batavia Kill is in Delaware County emptying into the East Branch of the Delaware at Kelly's Corners, the name Big Red Kill is more desirable and has the force of a local name, still further emphasized at Red Falls, three miles below Ashland.

ASHLAND P. O.,
GREENE CO., N. Y.

Ashland is a quaint little town, neat in appearance, and at the lower end of a turn in the valley which has received the local name of Pleasant Valley. It is indeed a "pleasant" valley and charming in scenery, and has a faithful following of regular boarders which is steadily increasing in numbers as it becomes better known.

J. O. Brezee keeps the hotel. \$1 per day. \$6 to \$7 per week. Room for thirty.

Wollaston Ferris takes twenty-five. Apply.

T. W. Deming takes twenty-five. \$6.

Arthur Martin takes twenty. Apply.

James Campbell takes twenty. Apply.

Mrs. Watson Richmond takes ten. Apply.

Returning now to Hunter let us take the road down the Schcharie Creek to Lexington,—a fine and enjoyable drive at any time. The road runs down on the north side of the creek, and across it is a succession of high mountain peaks beginning with the Colonel's Chair, 3200 feet, which looks much higher being so near,—then Evergreen Mountain, 3800 feet, Van Valkenburgh Peak, 3900 feet, and lastly the high mountain between Lexington and Westkill village for which there seems to be no name though it is distinct in form and important in position, and much higher than some others which have been named.

Approaching the village we reach the first boarding house half



MONROE HOUSE, LEXINGTON.



THE BRIDGE AT LEXINGTON.

Kipp's Store on the left. George Moore's across the bridge on the hillside.

LEXINGTON P. O., a mile on the hither side, the Smith House.
GREENE CO., N. Y. Room here for thirty. Apply.

A quarter of a mile nearer the village is the large house of B. O'Hara, well known for many years. Accommodations for one hundred and twenty-five. \$8 to \$15.

A little farther we pass the neat little Roman Catholic chapel erected largely through the generosity of Mr. O'Hara and his boarders who are mainly of that denomination. Religious services are held daily at such times in the season as a clergyman is here.

A few rods further on is the Baptist Church.

Mrs. R. M. Douglass's is next. Room for fifty. \$7 to \$9.

Clarence Thompson's is on the cemetery road. Room for thirty. \$6 to \$8.

H. Kipp's is opposite the bridge. Room for sixty-five. Apply.

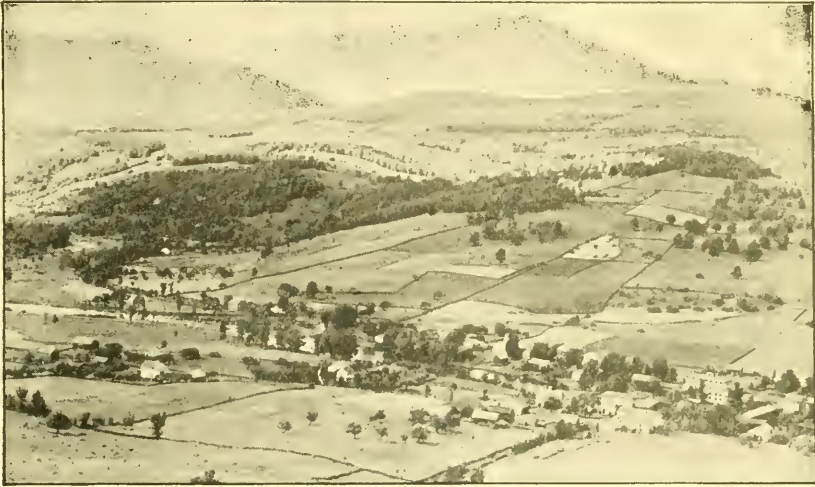
The Monroe House is just below the bridge on the bank of the Creek. Room for sixty. Apply. J. M. Valkenburgh and Son, Proprietors.

C. L. Kipp's Crystal Lake House is a few steps further down the street. Room for thirty. Apply.

Lament's Elm Tree House is nearly a mile below, near the school house on the road to Prattsville. Room for sixty. Apply.

Returning now to the bridge we cross over into that part of the village on the southerly side of the Creek.

George Moore's faces the bridge on that side. Room for forty-five. Apply.



THE LOWER PORTION OF THE VILLAGE OF LEXINGTON,
From the hills opposite. Tower Mountain in the distance.

The Lexington House, kept by S. A. Van Valkenburgh is just below the bridge on the bank of the Creek,—opposite the Monroe House on the other bank. Accommodations for fifty. \$7 to \$10.

W. M. Orr's is a quarter of a mile down on this road. Room for twenty. Apply.

A. J. Pettit's is half a mile further just off the main road to the left. Room for twenty-five. \$6 to \$8.

This road is the stage road to Shandaken from which station many visitors come to Lexington. The ride is a little longer than from Hunter but is very interesting, passing through the beautiful Bushnellville Clove and the Echo Notch. The fare, too, by this route is somewhat lower.

Welcome Van Valkenburgh's is a short distance beyond Pettitt's. Room for twenty. Apply.

George H. Hastings is next. Room for ten. Apply.

S. C. Chamberlain's is a mile further on the Shandaken road, half way between Westkill and Lexington. Room for sixty. \$7.

J. H. Rorabeck and Son have a large house a mile from Chamberlain's, up on Beech Ridge. Room for fifty. \$7 to \$9.

Lexington is a very popular summer resort and is gay with young people from early in the season till quite late. The Lake, formed by a low dam across the creek at the lower end of the village,



CRYSTAL LAKE FROM THE BRIDGE.

Looking west.

is a source of much pleasure. Boating is an amusement one never tires of, and the little expense necessary to secure it ought to be forthcoming at every place of resort in the mountains. There is scarcely any locality where a little well directed enterprise backed by engineering could not produce an artificial pond at an expense which would be trifling when considered beside the added pleasure to summer guests.

A descriptive sketch of Lexington is not complete without some reference to Vly Mountain, over 3800 feet high, which stands about three miles below, and west of, the village. It is one of the scenic features of the locality. Vinegar Hill spreads its rounded top in between. As to its peculiar name, the reader is referred to a Lexingtonian for the story.



CHAPTER XXXV.

TANNERSVILLE.

ELKA PARK; SCHOHARIE MANOR; ONTEORA PARK.

AS was noted in the preceding chapter, there is no distinct separation between Hunter and Tannersville. The two places have grown toward each other along the connecting road until they blend into one continuous village. But the choice as to post-office draws a line which must be adopted in this book.

The fact that most of the visitors to this point come by way of Catskill and the Otis Elevating Railway would throw this chapter farther toward the back of the book, but its location would seem to demand that it be considered here.

At Tannersville the plateau, discussed in Chapter XXXIII, is in evidence, the level, or approximately level, land being about four miles in width,—from Elka Park on the south to Onteora Park on the north. This is at the head of the Plaaterkill Clove, the Kaaterskill Clove also having an influence here, but beginning its bolder plunge at Haines Corners, the division between the two being marked just here by Clum Hill, which is an outpost of the Kaaterskill High Peak.

The Schoharie Creek marks the lowest line in the plateau, and Tannersville lies on the rising land north of it, some farming country and bits of woods lying between. The site is rolling, and the main street, which is macadamized, goes up hill and down dale, 2000 feet above the sea, plus or minus, in very pleasant fashion.

The Kaaterskill R. R. runs through the town on its way from TANNERSVILLE P. O., GREENE CO., N. Y., Kaaterskill Junction to Otis Summit or return, and brings visitors from both directions;—from the Junction those who come by way of Kingston and Phœnicia; from Otis Summit those who come by way of Catskill and the Otis Elevating Railway.

The station is conveniently near the centre of the town. Making our way over to the main thoroughfare we pass Frank Eggleston's Mountain Retreat with room for fifty. \$8 to \$12.



G. N. EGGLESTON'S CASCADE HOUSE.

Nelson Campbell's is next. Room for one hundred. Apply.

Reaching the main street, the Hotel Sohmer is directly opposite. This was formerly the old Roggen's Mountain Hotel. Mr. Henry Sohmer is now the proprietor. Room for two hundred. Apply. Open the year round.

Turning to the left,—toward Hunter, we come immediately to G. N. Eggleston's Cascade House on the left,—the southerly side of the street, up on a little terrace. Just beyond in the rear are the spacious barns where the horses of guests are cared for. The house has accommodations for seventy, and is under the critical personal supervision of Mr. Eggleston. Terms \$2 per day. \$8 to \$10 per week.

Henry Eggleston's Mountain Zephyr comes next on the same side of the street. Room for fifty. \$8 to \$10.

Roumanow's Bakery is a landmark among cottages on both sides.

Mrs. James Brown's Maple Grove House is next, on the north side. Room for fifty. Apply.

Next is the Waverly, M. Kandel, Proprietor. \$2.50 per day. \$12 to \$18 per week. Accommodations for one hundred and fifty.

Chas. L. Ford's Pleasant View House is next, also on the north side. Room for one hundred and twenty-five. \$2 per day. \$10 per week.

Miss Kate Brown's cottage is next. Room for twenty. \$8 to \$10.

The Elka View House is next, on the crest of this rise. Accommodates one hundred. Apply for terms to Eisenberg and Kromfield, Proprietors.

John J. Haines's Mountain View House is next. Room for twenty-five. Apply.

Morris Chester's Oriental House is next. Room for sixty. \$8 to \$16.

The Fabian House, at the corner, has not been leased and may not be open this season.

Returning now to the street from the station, opposite the Hotel Sohmer, let us take our journey eastward,—toward Haines's Falls.

Burgess Howard's Souvenir Store is a few rods up the street. Here there is a dam and a pretty pond which gives Mr. Howard the power needed for his lathes and saws and for a printing press also. As Mr. Howard turns out a superior quality of fancy woodwork, and finishes with more than usual care, his salesroom is a busy place. And, being a manufacturer, his stock doesn't get exhausted in variety. If you wish an unusually pretty souvenir to take home, remember the name,—Burgess Howard,—and the place,—next building to the Hotel Sohmer grounds, on the east.

The Tannersville Mansion House is a few steps beyond, and across the street,—on the south side,—on a little private knoll. The



TANNERSVILLE MANSION HOUSE.

Geo. Campbell, Proprietor.

broad verandahs are the delight of a goodly company who come early and stay late, for this house is one of the most popular in the place. Accommodations for one hundred and fifty. \$2 per day. \$9 to \$12 per week. Geo. Campbell, Proprietor.

Now comes a little open space opposite the stores, among which the fine new building of John F. Gray deserves special mention.



JOHN F. GRAY'S STORE AND LIVERY.

Within there is a very large and well selected stock of the widest variety. Mr. Gray also conducts a well-appointed and extensive livery.

A road across to Elka Park and Schöharie Manor now leaves the main road. On this branch road are some large houses.

Jacobsen's has room for one hundred. Apply.

Blythewood accommodates one hundred. Apply.

Just beyond this branch road is H. Levy's Grand Central House, on the south side of the street. Room for one hundred. Apply.

Opposite, and at the corner above, the road leading northward up to the hills, is the Hotel Welden, Daniel Fromer, Proprietor. Room for fifty. \$1.50 per day. \$8 to \$10 per week.

Turning off on the branch road we find Geo. Bachman's "La Vela." Room for sixty. Apply.

Next to Bachman's is L. A. Boens's "La Touraine." Room for fifty. \$2 per day. \$8 to \$12 per week.

Next is M. E. Francis's cottage. Room for twenty-five. Apply.

Farther up on this road are a number of houses.

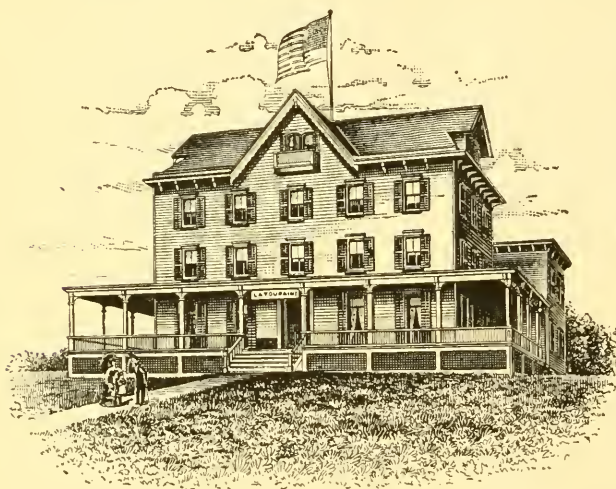
James Flannagan takes twenty-five. Apply.

Roe's Cottage accommodates twenty-five. \$7 to \$9.

Matt. Moran takes twenty-five. \$8.

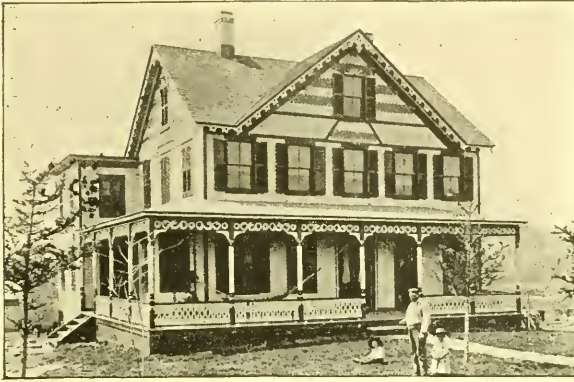
Christian Ott's Washington Park is away up on the hillside a mile from the corner on the main road at Hotel Welden. Room for seventy. \$7 and \$8.

O. O. Flanagan's "The Knoll" is a quarter of a mile further. Room for twenty-five. Apply.



LA TOURAINE. L. A. BOENS, PROPRIETOR.

Returning now to the main road and continuing eastward toward Haines Fall we climb a sudden rise to John M. Fromer's Grand View. Room for twenty. \$8 to \$10.



M. E. FRANCIS'S COTTAGE.

Still higher up is C. Wiltse's house "The American," frequented by guests of refined and quiet tastes for whom Mr. Wiltse makes an enjoyable summer home. A boarding

and livery stable is an adjunct to the establishment from which carriages are furnished for church attendance to the guests on Sundays. Room for fifty. \$7 to \$10.



THE AMERICAN. C. A. WILTSE, Proprietor.

L. L. Woodard's "Woodard House" is next beyond Mr. Wiltse's. The engraving does not give a fair idea of the house which extends back to give comfortable accommodations for forty. \$7 to \$10.

A little farther on, across the street, is Wm. Mulford's "Clover Cottage." Room for twenty. Apply.

Mrs. S. S. Mulford's Mountain Summit House is on the crest of this hill. Accommodations for two hundred. Apply. This house is a long half mile from the station.



L. L. WOODARD'S HOUSE.

On the other side is E. H. Layman's "Maplewood." Room for thirty-five. Apply.

Next is Mrs. H. A. Layman's. Room for fifty. Apply.

From here on there is a fine bit of woodland road about a quarter of a mile before we come to the first house in the Haines Falls section. Many small houses have been necessarily omitted for want of space, and these are equally as desirable to some visitors as the larger ones. A brief list follows so that they may be addressed by mail by those who prefer to be in a smaller company than will be found at the larger boarding houses and hotels.

Near the station are

Ezra's B. Howards; room for twenty. Apply.

Dr. George Haner's; room for twenty-five. Apply.

A. S. Haines's; room for twenty-five. \$7 and \$8.

Menzo Sharpe's; room for ten. Apply.

C. G. Wagner's; room for ten. Apply.

Farther away, from a quarter to half a mile will be found

Wm. Worden's; room for thirty; \$7 to \$10.

Isaac Showers's; room for eight. Apply.

Rufus Showers has room for fifteen. Apply.

Mrs. E. Shewmaker takes thirty. Apply.

F. C. Post takes twenty-five. \$8 to \$10.

Wm. Grimm takes fifteen. \$7.

Thos. Dunbar takes twenty. Apply.

A. M. Wiltse takes twenty. \$8 to \$10.

Still farther away,—from half a mile to a mile from the station are these:

Miss Lucy Craig takes eighteen. Apply.

E. M. Haines takes twenty. Apply.

Daniel Shevlin takes fifteen. Apply.

Mrs. J. F. Rogers takes ten. Apply.

M. O'Hara takes twenty-five. 88.

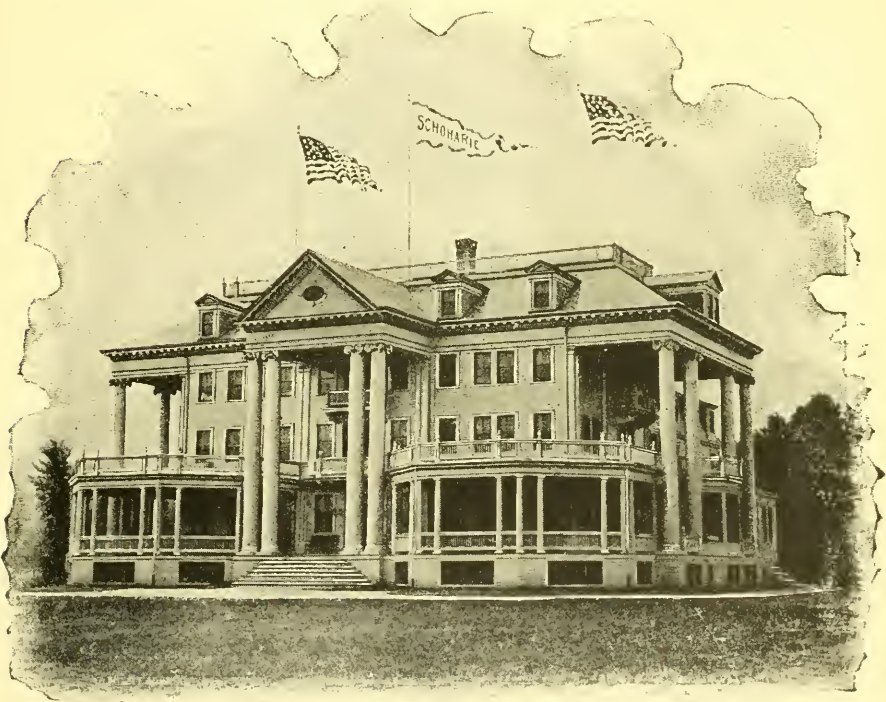
Mrs. Hiram Roe takes twenty. Apply.

George Showers takes twelve. Apply.

C. H. Legg's "Upland" is up on the hill north of the Mountain Summit House, two miles from the station. Room for forty. Apply.

Let us glance now at the parks over on the southern slopes.

Elka Park, the older of the two, has now upwards of twenty cottages scattered over the roomy tract belonging to the Association, near enough together for all social pleasures and yet with abundant grounds to secure all the comforts of a separate and private estate. The Association is formed principally by members of the Liederkrantz of New York, from whose name the two letters L K were taken to give the park its striking and expressive name.

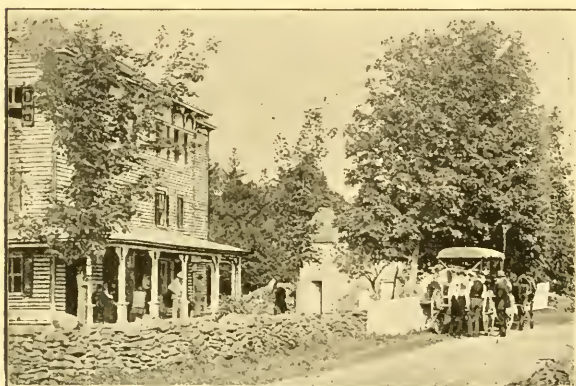


SCHOHARIE MANSION.

The marked success of Elka Park led to the starting of a new one, Schoharie Manor, a few years ago, by Mr. Paul Goepel, of New York, the originator of the former. Schoharie Manor is a Cottage Club which owns five hundred acres of land adjacent to Elka Park, elegantly located on the gentler slopes of "Spruce-Top," a turreted spur of Plateau Mountain reaching out into the valley so as to com-

mand superb views in all directions. The Association has built a splendid Club House called Schoharie Mansion, which is acknowledged to be the finest specimen of modern Colonial Architecture in the State, and is up-to-date with its sanitary sewerage, electric bells and gas-lighting. Cottage sites are being sold to members of the Association only, in order to control the tract, and keep it confined to a limited number of refined families. The elevation of the tract,—2200 feet above the sea,—and its location on a slope toward the north, ensures the best of atmospheric conditions, and next year will doubtless see many roofs lifted up among the handsome tree-tops. From Tannersville the stately roof of the Mansion is a conspicuous object with its three flags flying against the dark background of the forest-clad dome of Mink Mountain.

Journeying eastward over the height of land in Platterkill Clove



THOS. SEIFFERT'S HOUSE.

we reach Thomas Seiffert's house, three miles from the Tannersville station. Room for fifty.

Three miles further on is the Platterkill Falls House, H. V. Leaycraft, Room for sixty. \$7 to \$10 per week.

The other park at Tannersville is Onteora Park over on the hills north of the

town. The grounds comprise a tract which spreads over the Onteora Mountain, an elevation some three hundred feet above the Tannersville Plateau and commanding a grand view of the entire range of peaks from Platterkill Mountain on the east to the Colonel's Chair at Hunter, with the nearer local mountains. The Club House bears the olden-time title of "The Bear and Fox Inn," and there are many pretty cottages owned by persons of wealth and refinement scattered about the domain.

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R. FERRIS, ARTIST PHOTOGRAPHER.

CHAPTER XXXVI.

HAINES' CORNERS.

This old-time summer resort has put on so many modern appearances that it would hardly be recognized by a visitor who had not seen it for ten or twelve years. But the grand clove is there as of old untouched by the hand of man and we look down through the ranks of forest covered slopes to the lowlands, and away out over them to the Hudson, and far beyond the Hudson to where the Berkshire Hills mark out a horizon line against the sky. There isn't any other clove in all the mountains approaching the old Kaaterskill Clove in beauty. Something it has which is absent in others, so that Haines' Corners has become a perennial resort. People have not been content to visit and view its loveliness but have desired to live within its influences, and hence have sprung several cottage associations, Twilight Park, Santa Crus Park, Sunset Park, and private cottages beside. Here we are at the edge of the great plateau, 2000 feet above the sea, at the head of the world-famous Haines' Falls a plunge of 160 feet, with a further fall of about 1200 feet in four miles before reaching Palenville at the foot of the Clove, so that there are cascades and rapids, each one beautiful, all the way down. Nearly two miles down the Kaaterskill Creek enters from the noted Kaaterskill Falls, at the Laurel House. The Parks are on the southerly side of the Clove and reach up on the slopes and ledges of Round Top, commanding delightful views. The post office name here is Haines'

HAINES' FALLS P. O., Falls, the railroad name Haines' Corners.
GREENE CO., N. Y. Visitors reach the locality from both directions but usually from Catskill by the Catskill Mountain Railway and the Otis Elevating Railway and finally the Kaaterskill R. R. The Kaaterskill trains also bring many who have come by way of Kingston and the Ulster and Delaware R. R. and the Stony Clove R. R.

Close by the station is the Hallenbeck House at the angle of the road from Tannersville and the road to the Laurel House. Three streams unite just above the bridge forming a fine pond, and a pretty cascade is formed by the overflow. This house is central to one of the most interesting localities in the Catskill region, within walking distance of most of the noted scenic attractions and the great hotels. The rooms are large and airy, and every effort used to secure comfort to guests. Accommodations for forty-five. This house is open



THE HALLENBECK HOUSE.

the year round and provided with steam heat when the weather makes it desirable. A good livery is an adjunct, very useful to the guests. W. I. Hallenbeck, Proprietor. Apply for terms.

Taking the road at the side of the Hallenbeck, up along the pond, we may turn to the left at the school-house corner, a few rods down to Mrs. John O'Hara's Shady Grove. Room for forty. Apply.

On the Tannersville road a quarter of a mile from Hallenbeck's is the Mascotte, a new house. Room for forty. Apply.

Crossing the bridge, to the right, at the school house, we take the first road to the left to Owen Glennon's Glen Park House. Room for one hundred. \$8 to \$12.

Keeping on the main road easterly, a few rods away is "The Antlers," E. M. Butler, Proprietor. Accommodations for one hundred and fifty. Apply for booklet and terms.

A quarter of a mile further is J. E. Haines'. Room for twenty. Apply.

Half a mile farther on is the "Gem of the Catskills," kept for so many seasons by Nelson T. Scribner. Mrs. E. Pfendler is in charge this year. Room for fifty. \$10 per week.

A few rods further a road branching to the right (southerly) leads to the Laurel House Station, and the Laurel House. See next chapter. Half a mile further another road turns to the south leading to Scribner's, and thence to the Hotel Kaaterskill, also noticed in next chapter.

Returning now to the corner at the Hallenbeck House, there is the Central House, Geo. W. Reed, Proprietor, almost opposite. Room for sixty-five. Apply.

S. P. Scott's is a little way over the track, past the station. Room for fifty. \$8 to \$10.

A few rods further is Loxhurst, S. E. Rusk, Proprietor. Room for sixty. \$10.

E. E. Pelham's "Kenwood" is a little way beyond, half a mile from the station. Room for fifty. \$8 to \$12.

The Haines' Falls House is next, on the bluff at the head of the falls. Accommodations for ninety. \$8 to \$10.

At Twilight Park are the Twilight Club House, Ledge End Inn and Squirrel Inn, all under the management of Chas. F. Wingate. About four hundred guests may be accommodated. \$10 to \$15 per week.

At Santa Cruz Park is the Santa Cruz Lodge. Room for fifty. Apply.

Other houses at or near Haines Falls are in this list :

Mrs. M. J. Haines takes twenty-five. Apply.

Samuel S. Haines takes twenty-five. Apply.

Peter Haines takes twenty. \$8 to \$10.

Mrs. James Haines takes twelve. Apply.

D. Edwards takes fifteen. Apply.

Richard Haines takes twenty. Apply.

E. Adams, near the Laurel House, takes eight. Apply.



CHAPTER XXXVII.

THE MOUNTAIN HOUSES.

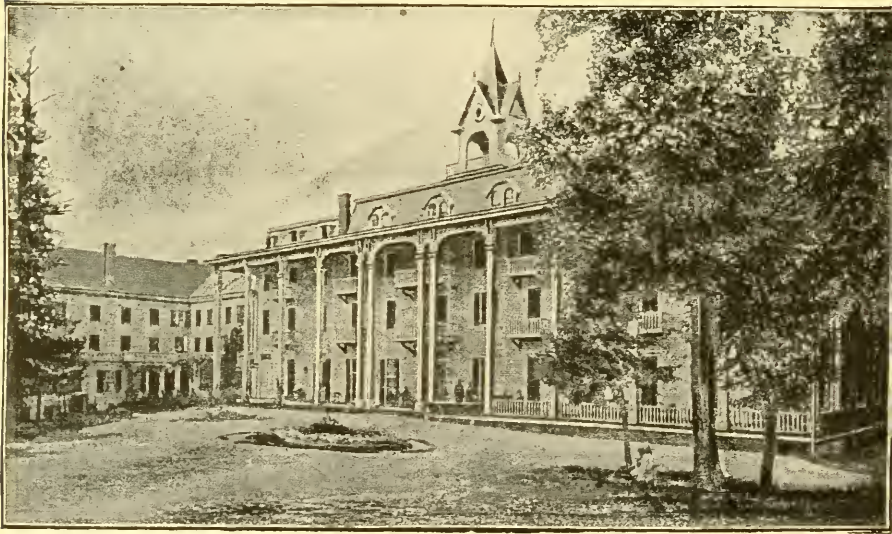
CATSKILL MOUNTAIN HOUSE, LAUREL HOUSE, HOTEL KAATERSKILL.

The Catskill Mountain House is the oldest hotel in the region, having entered upon its prosperous career in 1823, so that this is its seventy-fourth year. Of course, the present stately building is not the one originally erected. The site of the "Old Mountain House," as it is often called, is still the favorite with a multitude of visitors, and it has its peculiar charm. Its approach from the rear, bringing

the wide and far-reaching lowland view suddenly before the spectator adds to its wonderful attractiveness, and for these reasons it will never lose its power to draw thousands to stand in silent admiration of a world-famed panorama. But the site of the house is not the only outlook. The cliffs and ledges of both North and South Mountains lying respectively north and south of the hotel afford other and very remarkable views to those who visit them. The beautiful lakes covering 26 and 33 acres respectively are within ten minutes walk of the hotel and in themselves are natural curiosities lying over 2000 feet above the sea-level. In the mountains also are concealed glens, springs, cascades (in seasons not too dry) and many odd formations of rock and tree, which make the locality a treasure house of the wild and grand.

The Catskill Mountain Mountain House accommodates four hundred guests. Terms \$14 to \$21 per week. Post-office address is Catskill, N. Y.

The Laurel House was started but a few years later than the old Mountain House, in a location as different as it were possible to select. In an unbroken bit of forest, at the head of the beautiful



THE LAUREL HOUSE.

Kaaterskill Falls, the inspiration of poets and painters for half a century and more, with an outlook into a great woodland amphitheatre with trees in endless ranks and tiers and no distant view except the sky by day and the stars by night; this lovely spot has too its distinctive charm, and no one has ever spent a day there but

his heart will leap at the mention of its name alone,—The Laurel House.

The Kaaterskill is the outlet of the North and South Lakes, and receives beside some other waters. In the spring when water is plenty, it is a lusty stream and leaps grandly off from the rocky slide down into the shallow pool at the foot of the plunge one hundred and eighty feet. Here in the wide basin it gathers its spray into liquid again and jumps once more into the pile of great rocks eighty feet below. During the summer when the volume of the brook is much reduced, provision is made to dam up a large supply of water, which is let loose in sufficient quantity from time to time, so that the visitor in the dry season may enjoy the sight as well as in that season when brooks are gladdest and merriest. A favorite spot from which to view the falls is Prospect Rock about 500 yards away on the opposite side of the ravine. Safe stairs and steps are built down to the foot of the falls so that the magnificent plunge can be witnessed from below. It is possible also to pass back of the upper fall, and a path leads down the ravine into the Kaaterskill Clove about a mile below Haines Fall at the head of that Clove. Sunset Rock is another point of great interest, a short mile from the hotel. It is the top of a precipice high above the bottom of the ravine, and commands a majestic view of the mountains opposite from base to summit, an unbroken spread of forest. Toward the west the view opens over Haines Falls country and so onward to the horizon. When the sunset glow lights the sky and plays over the nearer mountains, and the deep blue shadows of evening gather in the abyss of the Clove at one's feet, the effect is sublime beyond description.

The Laurel House accommodates two hundred and fifty. For terms apply to A. Christian, Haines Falls P. O., N. Y.

The third hotel in this locality is the Hotel Kaaterskill, the largest mountain hotel in the world. This is a newer house than either of the others, and twice as large as the other two combined. It stands grandly on the crest of Kaaterskill Mountain which joins South Mountain on the south, a monument to the energy and enterprise of Geo. Harding, Esq., of Philadelphia. The story of its building reads like a fairy tale. "In September, 1880, the site of this mammoth building was a forest of scrubby trees fighting with the rocky top of the mountain for bare existence. Seven hundred men were set at work, and all through the winter, intensely bitter at that altitude, they wrestled with the wildest of Nature's works in her wildest and savagest moods, conquering every obstacle, so that in the following July the immense building was open to guests, surrounded by a handsome park in a magnificent estate of over 12,000 acres of land, throughout which drives and walks had been laid out, farms

established to supply dairy and garden products and fresh fruit, and the whole perfected under the personal supervision of Mr. Harding. It is quite within the bounds of truth to say that this feat has never been equalled, the world around. The scenic attractions at the Hotel Kaaterskill are too numerous to mention,—as the boy said about the legs of the centipede. The grand view is different from that at the Old Mountain House, not quite so extended toward the south, being cut off by the slope of Kaaterskill High Peak, which in itself is a grand feature, reaching 4000 feet into the air and clad with a superb forest. It is hard to choose between the views,—and quite unnecessary, for the Mountain House is but fifteen minutes walk distant, so that both may be enjoyed without fatigue. The Laurel House and the Kaaterskill Falls are only a mile away, and the Kaaterskill Clove with its many and varied natural beauties is within two miles, usually visited with the aid of a team, but well within the powers of the enthusiastic. South Lake has been rechristened Kaaterskill Lake, and the fascinations of boating are added to other out-door enjoyments.

The Hotel Kaaterskill accommodates twelve hundred guests. Terms \$21 per week and upwards. Post-office address, Kaaterskill, Greene Co., N. Y.



CHAPTER XXXVIII.

THE CATSKILL LOWLANDS,

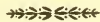
THE CATSKILL MOUNTAIN RAILWAY AND THE OTIS ELEVATING RAILWAY.

UNDER this title we may group the many summer resorts in the territory lying between the Hudson River and the Catskill Mountains. It is a rolling plain with ridges running north and south and from eight miles to twenty in width from the river back to the slopes of the mountains. Speaking generally, it rises gradually from a few feet above the river to 600 or 700 feet above it near the mountains, so that none of it can be called high. But there are thousands upon thousands of visitors all over this tract every season, who reap great benefit from their brief stay; and, as before remarked, this should be evidence enough to confirm the statement that elevation need not be considered as an important factor in seeking refreshing in the Catskills.

This section is reached through the village of Catskill as a landing place for the various river boats and a station on the West Shore R. R. Thence the Catskill Mountain Railway carries many passengers to the various points of interest and resort, although the stage lines still find plenty of customers.

Following our plan of using the railroads we shall go from point to point as may be reached most expeditiously from the several stations. The region is extremely interesting not only for its own natural beauties, but the great mountains which are always in grand review from any point, add a fascinating background. The roads are good, in the main, and driving is a favorite form of amusement. The many brooks, ponds, cascades and picturesque buildings make beautiful landscape pictures which never tire those fond of rural scenes.

The Catskill Mountain Railway is a narrow gauge road, the main line running from Catskill to Palenville, and a branch from Cairo Junction to Cairo. At Otis Junction, between Lawrenceville and Palenville it connects with the Otis Elevating Railway, an incline seven thousand feet long by which a height of sixteen hundred feet is overcome; the time required for the trip being only ten minutes,—a saving of over an hour by the former stage line. The Otis road was not planned by an artist, so it is not pretty to look at, and many impatient words are spoken over the scar it makes on the sublime slopes by those who feel the marring of former beauty. But it "gets there," and that seems to be the main idea in these latter days of hustle. The sensation as one rises from the plain is very peculiar. The distant landscape seems to rise as we go up, the horizon line extending farther and farther as the point of view is raised. It is doubtless easier on the horses, but the pleasure part of the ride up the mountain is missing. And whether one looks up or down the thing it is an eyesore, and a serious blot upon the famous view from the old Mountain House.



CHAPTER XXXIX.

CATSKILL, PALENVILLE AND CAIRO

AND ADJACENT RESORTS.

THE village of Catskill has become very important as a point of transfer, a large contingent of summer travel passing through it by rail and from the steamers. The Day Line connects with the trains on the Catskill Mountain Railway for points on the low-

lands and also on the top of the mountain. There is also a night line of steamers from New York to Catskill whose passengers take the early trains, or stages, to various points. This is the most economical in money, but consumes more time. The West Shore Railroad runs through the village, also bringing many of the visitors.

Catskill village has also become a resort, being pleasantly located with interesting scenery about and amid handsome views.

CATSKILL P. O.,
GREENE CO., N. Y. The Rappelyea House (C. C. Rappelyea) has room for fifty; within 100 yards of the station. \$2 per day. \$8 per week.

Close by is the Smith House. Accommodations for seventy-five. \$2.50 per day. \$8 upward per week. W. M. Smith, Proprietor.

J. L. Yates's is a quarter of a mile away. Room for fifteen. Apply.

Frank Olmstead takes twenty. \$6.

The Hotel Irving accommodates one hundred. \$2 to \$3 per day. Special rates by the week. George H. Anderson, Proprietor.

J. H. Van Gelder's Cherry Hill House has room for thirty-five. \$6 to \$8.

S. Holcomb, at the Jefferson House, has room for forty.

The Grant House, half a mile away, on Jefferson Heights, accommodates three hundred. \$3 per day. \$10 to \$20 per week. Grant & Cornell, Proprietors. Geo D. Sears, Manager.

The Prospect Park Hotel, a well known landmark to those who travel on the River will re-open the first of June under the management of J. S. Briggs. Room for three hundred and fifty. Apply for terms.

The Summit Hill House, a mile away, accommodates three hundred. \$1.50 per day. \$7 to \$10 per week.

Gay's Hotel accommodates seventy-five. \$7 to \$12. Gay & Sons, Proprietors.

Jefferson Cottage (Wm. Prindle), takes twenty-five. \$5 and \$6.

Grove House (J. L. Goltermann), takes thirty. \$5 to \$7.

John E. Overbaugh takes seventy-five. \$6 to \$10.

D. D. Van Valkenburgh takes twenty-five. \$6 to \$9.

Mrs. Horace Barker takes twenty. \$6.

Ralph P. Barker takes thirty. \$6 to \$10.

Frank Van Dyke takes fifteen. \$6 to \$8.

L. E. Tuttle takes thirty-five. \$6.

Geo. W. Goetchius takes twenty. \$6.

Mrs. Douglas Van Dyke takes twenty. \$8 to \$10.

Mrs. Philip Plusch takes one hundred at the "Swiss Home," a mile and a half from the station. \$7 to \$12.

Andrew Parsons takes fifty. \$7 to \$12.

Wm. H. Jackson takes thirty. Apply.

M. Lauria has room for one hundred at the "Salisbury House." \$6 to \$8.

C. E. Covell, at Pleasant View Farm, three miles out, takes thirty. \$6.

The Glenwood Hotel, five miles away from the station is a favorite resort with many. Accommodations for two hundred. \$8 to \$10. V. Bramson, Proprietor.

Kiskatom is about seven miles from Catskill toward Palenville, and being so much nearer the mountains commands more impressive views of them. It is reached by conveyances from Catskill Landings or West Shore station, also from Lawrenceville station on the Catskill Mountain Railway, about two miles away. The country about is pretty, and it is a favorite place for spending a vacation.

**KISKATOM P. O.,
GREENE CO., N. Y.**

David Bloom takes seventy. \$7 to \$10.

Frederick Saxe takes forty. \$7 to \$8.

Mrs. G. W. Fisher takes forty. \$6 to \$8.

M. E. Lasher takes thirty. \$6.

Herbert Lasher takes thirty. \$6.

Peter N. Mower takes thirty. \$6.

Geo. W. Winans takes thirty. \$6 and \$7.

J. C. Rider takes fifty. \$10.

L. Overbaugh takes twenty. \$6.

Leeds is four miles from Catskill on the Catskill Mountain Railway, but is as often reached by private stages from the several houses, most of them making no charge for this service. An inquiry when writing, as to this matter will make it plain. Some make no charge for conveyance to the house, but only when returning. A regular stage runs daily except Sunday. Fare 50 cents.

**LEEDS P. O.,
GREENE CO., N. Y.**

M. A. Vedder takes forty. \$6 and \$7.

Uriah Harris takes twenty. \$5 and \$6.

J. M. Day takes sixty at the Green Lake House. \$6 to \$8.

J. Sterritt at Green Lake Farm takes twenty-five. \$6.

Jacob Phister takes sixty at the Bethel Ridge House. \$6.

George Bedeau takes seventy. \$6.

Mrs. L. M. Bloom takes twenty. \$6.

Joseph McGiffert & Sons accommodate one hundred and twenty at Green Lake Homestead, on the shore of Green Lake, which is a handsome lakelet one mile long, and affording delightful boating. \$6 to \$8.

H. M. Hankinson takes twenty-five. \$6 to \$7.

Wm. Cunningham takes twenty. \$6.

J. W. Cunningham takes fifteen. \$8 to \$10.

W. G. Wolcott takes twenty. Apply.

J. P. Stewart takes fifteen. Apply.

Some houses whose post-office is Leeds, are nearer the Cairo Junction station.

A. M. Stewart takes twenty-five. \$6.

Frank Winans takes twenty. Apply.

Mrs. Chas. A. Vedder takes twenty-five. \$8 to \$10.

PALENVILLE.

The next station on the C. M. Ry., reserving South Cairo for the present, is Lawrenceville, four miles from Palenville, but the few
PALENVILLE P. O., houses there get their mail at Palenville
GREENE COUNTY, N. Y. post-office so they may all be noticed under
 the one section. These houses will be
 found nearer to the Lawrenceville station :

F. W. Brandow's is just across the road from the station. Room for twenty. Apply.

W. H. Bogardus, a few rods away, has room for twenty. Apply.

D. L. Winter takes twenty-five. Apply.

G. H. Austin takes twenty. Apply.

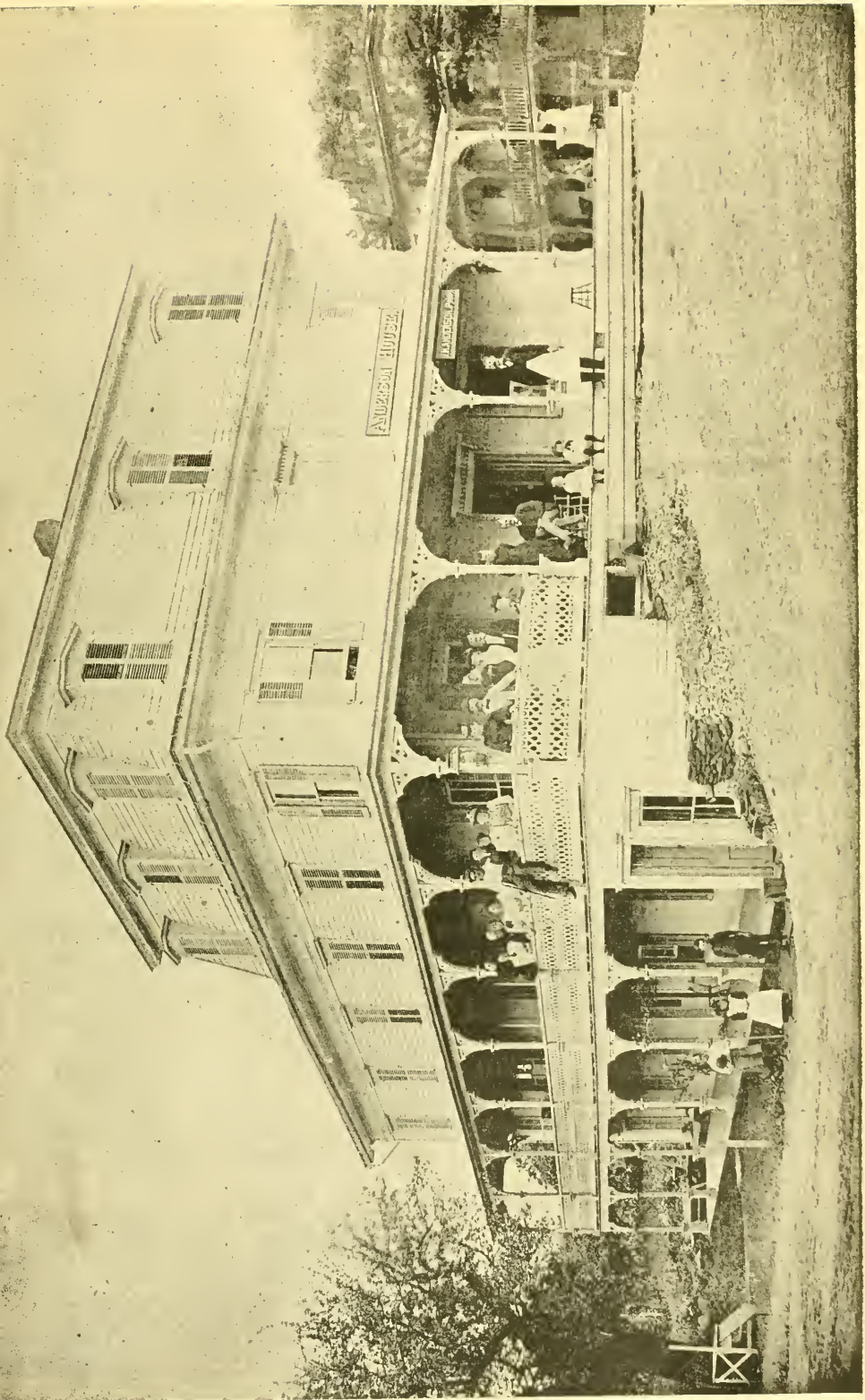
Edward Peters takes fifteen. Apply

From Lawrenceville the train makes a rapid run to the station on the outskirts of Palenville. The Otis Junction is reached a short mile before we get to Palenville. The old Mountain House is in full view most of the distance, and one never grows weary of looking up at it serenely perched on the very edge of the cliffs

Palenville occupies a delightful location at the foot of the Kaaterskill Clove, down which there is a movement of air which is very refreshing on a hot day. The Clove itself is full of points of interest in the way of cliffs and chasms, cascades and waterfalls, places of outlook, etc. It has been for years the resort of famous artists who have created a school of American art by their faithful rendering of American scenery and the scenery of the Catskills, has become widely known through their works, not alone in this country, but in Europe also. This fact is mentioned to show the scenic advantages of Palenville which have been thus endorsed by these men best fitted to appreciate its beauties. More than a thousand people come to this little village each year to spend their summer vacation.

"The Winchelsea" (A. J. Teale) is the nearest to the station, five minutes walk. There are two houses here, accommodating sixty. Apply.

Opposite the next corner is the post-office, then next to that the



ANDERSON HOUSE, FURLING, N. Y. (SEE PURLING.)

Hotel Richmond with room for one hundred and fifty. H. W. Gordon, Proprietor.

C. Goodwin's Central House is opposite the Hotel Richmond, a long quarter of a mile from the station. Room for forty-five. \$7 to \$10.

Cornelius DuBois's Pine Grove House is next above the Richmond on the bank of the Kaaterskill. Room for seventy-five. \$10 to \$12.

The road turning north just here goes to Cairo and Purling by way of Pelham's Corners, where the Mountain House road crosses it, and through Lawrenceville. The distance is about ten miles,—good measure.

Mrs. Anna Hill's cottage is near this corner. Room for fifteen. \$8 to \$10.

Nelson Garrison's is further on up the Clove. Room for thirty-five. \$7 to 8.

P. H. Scribner's "Sunny Slope" is a long quarter mile farther up; a mile from the station. Room for fifty. \$7 to \$12.

Mrs. E. Burger's is a quarter of a mile beyond Scribner's across the bridge. Room for fifteen. Apply.

Following down the other side of the stream we come to E. E. Goodwin's, half a mile nearer the station. Room for forty. Apply.

Charles A. Stewart's Centennial Cottage is just opposite. Room for thirty. \$6 and \$7.

Isaac Manning's is here also. Room for forty. Apply.

W. A. Goodwin takes twenty. Apply.

Farther down the street is the Arlington, with accommodations for seventy. \$7 to \$10. A. Timmerman, Proprietor.

Returning now to the station we take the "Turnpike" toward Catskill. The first road to the left leads to Cairo, and on this road just beyond the school-house, is Philo Peck's Maple Grove House with its spacious grounds and beautiful trees. Room for one hundred. \$8 to \$10.

George Wynkoop's is just around the turn, facing the bridge. Room for seventy-five. Apply.

The road leading to the right from the corner on the turnpike goes to Saugerties, West Saugerties, or Woodstock, as one may choose.

Dr. C. H. Chubb's "Ingleside" is a few yards down this road. Room for twenty-five guests. \$7 to \$10 per week.

H. M. Dederick's "Drummond's Falls House" is a quarter of a mile beyond, near these fine falls (on the Kaaterskill). Room for seventy-five. \$7 to \$12.

Eugene Abeel's Etna Cottage is here also. Room for twenty-five. Apply.

Returning to the turnpike where we left it at the corners, we find D. T. Lennon's a little way on toward Catskill. Room for twenty-five. \$8 to \$12.

W. E. Haines's is half a mile further. Room for twenty. \$6 to \$8.

Mrs. M. Kraus's is opposite Haines's. Room for fifty. \$8 to \$10.
The village of Saxton is two miles from Palenville station on the
SAXTON P. O., road to Saugerties about a mile beyond Drum-
ULSTER CO., N. Y. mond's Falls. There are a few houses here
receiving boarders in summer.

Mrs. J. E. O'Bryan takes twenty. \$6.

Myer Cohen takes thirty-five. Apply.

H. Van Gaasbeck has room for fifty at the "Westmoreland."
\$6 to \$8.

West Saugerties is making steady progress as a summer resort. It is pleasantly located at the foot of the Plaaterkill Clove which is
WEST SAUGERTIES P. O., a very fine ravine, only less interesting
ULSTER CO., N. Y. than the Kaaterskill Clove. Schoharie
Manor is but four miles from West Saugerties up the Clove, and Saugerties is about seven miles away. This short route to the Tannersville country will certainly be made use of within a short time, and the little village now so quiet will be gay with passing teams. There are some fine natural features in this clove, and the landscape views are grand.

Fred. Mott takes twenty. Apply.

Mrs. C. Connell takes twenty-five. Apply.

John Yeager takes twenty. Apply.

John Schuchs takes twenty. Apply.

We may now take South Cairo, passed over in speaking of Cairo Junction. The railroad trains stop a good half-mile from the village and swing around to a right angle to go to Palenville. The village is a pretty one in a vale through which runs the Catskill Creek, and it is well liked by a large number of people who go there regularly year after year.

As we enter the village from the station we come first to Watson
SOUTH CAIRO P. O., Jump's Scotch Rock House. Room for thirty.
GREENE CO., N. Y. Apply.

The post-office is next door, and opposite
is Mrs. C. L. Bassett's. Room for forty. \$6 to \$8.

George Duncan's is next door to Mrs. Bassett's. Room for seventy. \$6 to \$8.



CATSKILL CREEK HOUSE, SOUTH CAIRO.

A. P. White, Proprietor

Across the street is the hotel, the Malaeska House. Accommodations for one hundred. \$1.50 per day. \$6 and \$7 a week. G. B. Holcomb, Proprietor.

The Catskill Creek House is at the other end of the village near the bridge, and the grounds extend along the bank of the Catskill Creek. It is one mile from the station, from which guests are brought free of charge in the carriages belonging to the hotel,—with which a livery is connected. There is a large and well shaded lawn with summer houses and swings, and croquet and tennis grounds, and the table is generously supplied with the best of fruit, vegetables and milk. Accommodations for fifty. \$5 to \$7 a week. A. P. White, Proprietor.

O. A. Barlow's is next above White's. Room for sixty. \$6.

Mrs. E. Winne takes forty-five. Apply.

Ira D. Vail's is a mile farther on. Room for thirty. Apply.

Mrs. Wm. Earle's is out on the Gayhead road two miles from the station. Room for twenty-five. \$5 to \$7.

Ira Finch is next to Mrs. Earle's. Room for thirty. Apply.

M. F. Losee's is a mile further out toward Gayhead. Room for thirty. \$5 and \$6.

Phil Haines' Indian Ridge House is over on the Indian Ridge across the Creek, about five miles from the station. Room for forty-five. \$5 to \$7.

South Cairo is seven miles from Catskill and is reached by stage or private conveyances, as well as by rail.

Cairo is three miles farther by stage, over five miles by rail, and may be reached either way from Catskill.

CAIRO.

Cairo is a thrifty-looking village spread over quite a little territory and yet compactly built for a country town. It is about twelve miles directly west of Athens and some 600 feet above the sea-level. There are not many boarders taken in the village, but at Purling (The Forge) a mile away, a great multitude goes every season. But Cairo is a distributing point and the depot yard is a mass of conveyances about train time waiting to carry the throng by hundreds. Stages run from here to various points which will be noticed in their order.



WALTERS'S HOTEL, CAIRO. N. Y.

From the station we enter the main street in Cairo at Walters's Hotel, A. L. & F. G. Walters, Proprietors. This rural hostelry stands near to, and yet a little back from the main street, its broad piazza decorated with drapery of drooping vines, a pretty and attractive exterior. Its homelike roof shelters over one hundred guests on demand, and it is often taxed to the uttermost to make all com-

fortable. Rates \$2 per day. \$6 to \$10 per week. The engraving was made three years ago and does not give an idea of the vines as they are at present.

Turning to the right on the main street past the hotel we go northward to a fork, the left hand road leading to Acra, South Durham, East Windham and so on to Windham, the right road leading to Gayhead, Freehold and Greenville.

On the latter road we reach H. B. Hoose's first, scarcely out of the village. Room for thirty. \$5.

A little way beyond, the Freehold road turns off over the "White Bridge," so called because painted white. Keeping on the Gayhead road we come shortly to A. Klütz's "German Retreat." Room for forty. \$6 to \$8.

Next beyond is Alec. Jerome's. Room for thirty. \$6 to \$8.

Benj. Iliffe's is a mile away on the Sandy Plains road. Room for twenty. Apply.

Returning now to the fork we take the Windham road. Crossing the bridge we come quickly to Chichester's Hotel, and Livery across the street. Accommodations for sixty. Apply.

G. A. Mudge's is opposite the Fair Grounds, a little way up the hill. Room for twenty-five. \$6.

Mrs. A. White's is opposite the entrance to the Fair Grounds. Room for fifteen. Apply.

Mrs. S. McMann's is a little farther, on the crest of the hill commanding a fine view. Room for twenty. Apply.

G. M. Rivenberg's Grand View Cottage is just beyond. Room for twenty. \$6 to \$8.

Mrs. MacDonough's Mountain View Cottage is a mile further. Room for eight. Apply.

Returning to Walter's Hotel we may go the other way,—southeasterly,—down the main street. D. W. Jennings' Hotel is a few steps away. Room for one hundred. \$2 per day. \$7 to \$10 a week.

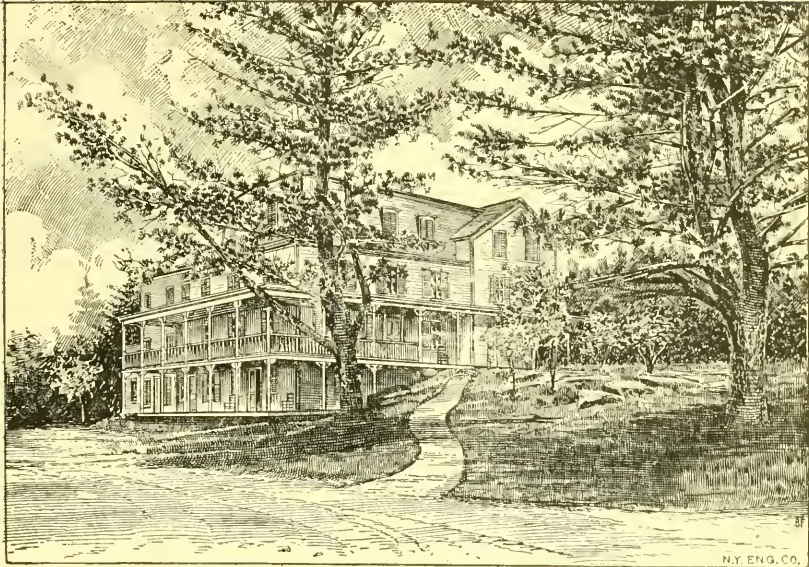
On the street which leads away from Jennings, and just opposite is S. H. Hine's. Room for one hundred. \$7 to \$10.

Following the main street out of the village it becomes the Catskill turnpike, and just before reaching the R. R. crossing we come to John A. Mower's. Room for forty. \$6 to \$7.

A. S. Rouse's is just beyond the crossing. Room for fifteen. Apply.

Taking the road to Purling, which turns to the right just below
PURLING P. O., the Jennings Hotel, we come to St. Elmo Park
GREENE CO., N. Y. a little more than half a mile away. Room for
 one hundred. \$7 to \$10. Thos. Low, Proprietor.

Here there is a fork in the road; the left hand leads to Palenville,



BECKWITH HOUSE, PURLING.

the right hand on to Purling. Most of the houses here get their mail now at this new office, but some still send to Cairo, and these will be noted as they are mentioned.

Entering Purling we come first upon George Dederick's Evergreen Grove House. Room for one hundred. \$7 and \$8.

Chas. Dederick's Central View is next, the grounds being all open between and the whole expanse given over to guests. Room for fifty. \$7 and \$8.

Chas. Paddock's is across the street. Room for fifteen. \$6 and \$7.

Warren D. Smith at the Arlington has room for twenty-five. Apply.

The Anderson House is at the next corner. It is a new house, this being its sixth season. It is located on high ground at the centre of the village with streets on three sides of it so that all rooms are front rooms. Broad piazzas run around the building. The house is intended for families and others seeking a homelike resting place. The table is generously supplied with all the delicacies of the season, and pure mountain spring water only is used. A livery is run in connection with the house. Terms \$6 to \$8. Children under eight years, half price. Accommodations for fifty. Address J. H. Anderson, Purling, N. Y.

Z. Beckwith's is next to and across the Palenville road from the Anderson House. It is built on a little bluff, with spacious grounds

about and a grove of pines in the rear, and commands a fine view of the range of the Catskills for many miles. Spring water is provided on every floor. Accommodations for sixty. Apply for terms.

J. H. Stoddard's is a little way further on toward the bridge over the Shinglekill. Room for seventy-five. \$7 to \$9.

Crossing the bridge we come to the largest souvenir works in the region. Eight skilled turners are constantly employed designing and turning native woods into tasteful forms to be carried home by visitors as souvenirs of their tarrying awhile in this mountain forest. C. Whitcomb, who keeps the store and post-office a few steps farther up the street is the proprietor.

Fred. Goodwin's is opposite Whitcomb's store. Room for forty. \$6 to \$8.

C. C. Lock's Round Top View House is down the Palenville road half a mile from the Anderson House. It is near the Cairo Round Top, a pyramidal mountain detached from the range and standing three miles from the others out in the lowlands. It is not high as compared with the main group, but conspicuous from its isolated position. Room for forty. \$6 to \$8. Cairo P. O.

Mrs. W. Salisbury takes ten. \$6.

G. P. Acker, at the falls, takes thirty. \$7.

Half a mile out from the village is J. P. Dean, with room for fifteen at his farm house. \$6.

A mile out are these:—

Columbia Hotel (H. K. Lyon). Room for one hundred and fifty. \$8 to \$10.

Adelbert Lennon takes sixty. \$8.

Wm. J. Lennon takes twenty. \$6 to \$8.

S. Merritt Jones takes sixty at the Round Top Farm House. \$6 to \$10. Cairo P. O.

A. W. Craw takes fifty. \$6 and \$7. Cairo P. O.

Mrs. L. J. Chatterdon takes twenty. \$6.

H. C. Story takes forty. \$5 to \$8. Cairo P. O.

Harrison Jones takes sixty. \$6 to \$8. Cairo P. O.

Charles S. Johnson takes sixty. \$6. Cairo P. O.

Several houses are two miles distant.

F. E. Miller takes forty. \$6 to \$8.

C. M. Lennon takes forty. \$6.

Mrs. W. S. Lennon takes twenty. \$6.

Joseph Richards takes thirty-five. \$6 to \$8. Cairo P. O.

J. S. Cochrane takes twenty-five. \$5 to \$7.

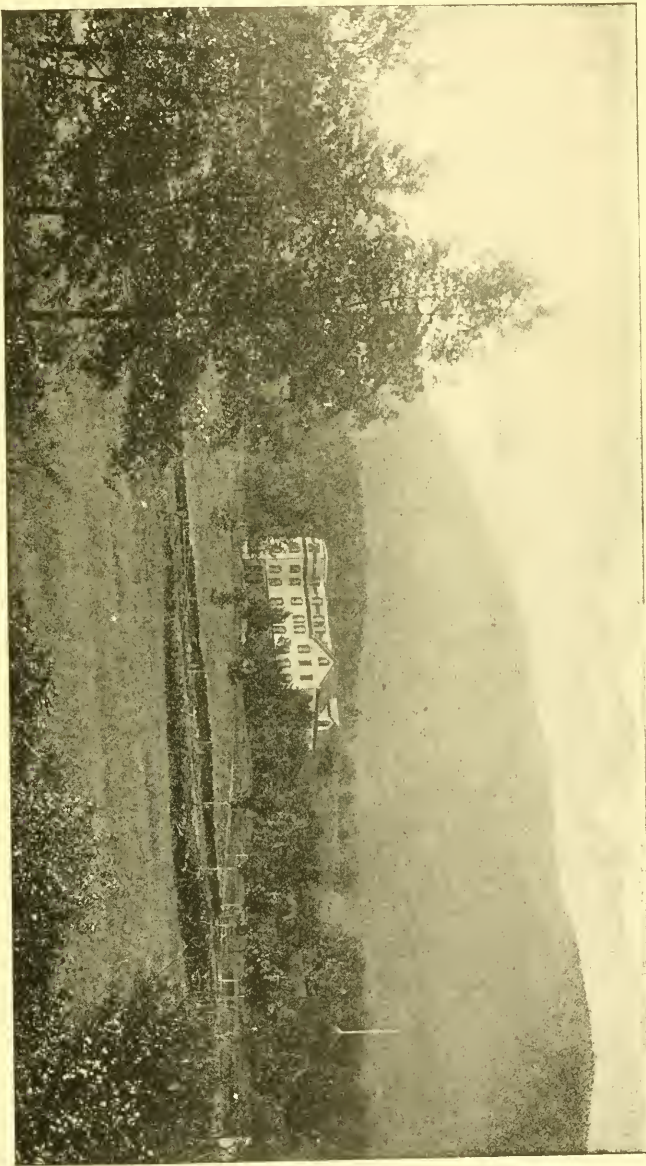
J. B. Edgerly takes thirty. \$5 to \$7. Cairo P. O.

J. B. Richards takes twenty. \$5 and \$6.

John H. Titus takes twenty-five. Apply.

L. H. Garrison takes fifty. \$6 to \$8.

A. J. Lock, at the Maple Lawn House on the foot-hills, four miles from Cairo station, has two cottages beside the main house. Room



WINTER CLOVE HOUSE.
H. B. WHITCOMB, Purting, N. Y.

for one hundred and fifty. \$6 to \$10. Cairo P. O.

John Boice has room for thirty. \$6. Cairo P. O.

Shubal Finch takes twenty-five. \$6. Cairo P. O.

H. B. Whitcomb's Winter Clove House is four miles from Purling on a plateau where the Winter Clove comes down. Here an elevation of nearly 1300 feet is secured and the views are fine and far reaching. The grounds are extensive and the mountains close by with many pleasant rambles amid the trees and ledges. This locality is peculiarly free from dews owing to its position. The purest of mountain-spring water is conducted to the house and the table is abundantly supplied from the home farm. Rates \$2 to \$2.50 per day. \$8 to \$12 a week. Special rates for June and September. References required from persons not known to the proprietor. Accommodations for one hundred and twenty-five.

Mrs. J. P. Warner's is five miles from Cairo station on the mountain side. Room for twenty-five. \$6. Cairo P. O.

Returning now to Cairo let us look at some of the more distant resorts reached by the stage lines.

One line runs to Prattsville, 25 miles away, passing through several villages. For Acra, three miles away, there are three stages daily during the season, excepting on Sunday. Fare 50 cents.

At this place are several houses taking boarders. Elevation about 750 feet

N. B. Shaw takes twenty-five. \$6.

Mrs. M. W. Fiero takes fifteen. Apply.

Mrs. A. Costello takes forty. \$6.

O. S. Allen takes thirty. \$5 to \$7.

James Taylor takes twenty. \$5 and \$6.

J. P. Lennon takes twenty-five. \$6.

A. Schermerhorn takes twenty. \$6.

John Stead takes thirty-five. \$6.

G. W. Cartwright takes forty. Apply.

Orvin Carman takes twenty. \$6.

George Meddagh takes twenty-five. \$6.

N. H. Noble takes ten. Apply.

Next beyond Acra is South Durham three miles further. In this distance we climb about two hundred feet higher reaching an elevation of 950 feet. Stage fare 75 cents.

T. F. Wagner keeps the Cold Spring Hotel. Room for thirty-five. \$1.50 per day. \$6 to \$9 per week.

Henry Bogardus keeps the Maple Grove House. Room for twenty. \$6.

L. H. Stone keeps the Grove Side Cottage. Room for seventy-five. \$6.

G. A. Sanford takes twenty-five. \$6.

George L. Chenele takes eighty at "Shannondale." \$6 to \$8.

J. V. Hulse takes sixty. \$5 to \$8.

J. E. Francis takes twenty. \$6.

From South Durham the stage climbs the mountain to East Windham four miles away and from there three miles farther to Union Society; one mile farther to Hensonville; two miles more to Windham; five miles more to Ashland; four miles farther to Prattsville. See Chapters XXVII and XXXIV.

Another stage goes to Preston Hollow, seventeen miles away, passing through Freehold, which has some boarding houses, five miles out from Cairo.

FREEHOLD P. O. P. J. Curtis keeps the Clinton Farm House.
GREENE CO. N. Y. Room for twenty. \$5 and \$6.

Mrs. Isabella Feeny takes twenty. \$7 to \$8.

M. H. Becker takes fifty. \$6 to \$8.

Joseph Earl takes fifty. \$7 to \$10.

J. B. Simmons takes twenty-five. \$6.

C. E. Van Norman keeps the hotel,—Lacy Hall. Accommodations for seventy-five. \$2 per day. \$10 per week.

John A. Parks takes thirty-five. \$6 to \$8.

Frank Woodard takes fifteen. \$6.

Levi Seabridge takes thirty. \$5 and \$6.

J. E. Vincent takes thirty. \$6 to \$8.

T. J. Slater takes forty. \$5 to \$7.

C. L. Smith takes twenty. \$5 and \$6.

Van Buren Powell takes fifteen. \$5 and \$6.

Mrs. E. J. Smith takes twenty. \$5 and \$6.

Albertus Becker takes twenty-five. \$6.

Mrs. C. Antus takes twenty. \$5.

De Alanson Haight takes twenty-five. \$5 and \$6.

V. R. Russell takes twenty. \$5.

The stage, two miles farther, passes through East Durham, also a well known summer resort.

Mrs. Geo. Osterhoudt, at Edgewood Falls, has room for sixty.
 \$6 and \$7.

EAST DURHAM P. O., M. E. Glover takes twenty at Locust
GREENE CO., N. Y.

Dell Farm. \$6 and \$7.

William A. Winans takes twenty. \$6.

M. Paddock takes thirty. \$6.

C. A. Schermerhorn takes twenty. \$5 and \$6.

A. Van Tassell takes thirty at The Villa. \$7.

O. J. Murta takes fifteen. \$6 and \$7.

Mrs. F. C. Pennie takes fifteen. \$6.

C. H. Furry takes twenty. \$6.

Mrs. John W. Brooks takes sixty at Forest Echo. \$6 and \$7.

A. I. Mackey takes twenty at Mt. Airy Farm. \$6.

D. H. Mackey takes twelve. \$5.

George Hedges takes thirty-five at his farm. \$6.

Henry C. Mace takes twenty. \$6.

S. M. Hough takes thirty at Maple Shade. \$6.

E. E. Nelson takes twenty. \$6.

Wm. C. White takes seventy at Locust Shade. \$6 and \$7.

Mrs. J. M. Fanning has room for twenty. \$6 and \$7.

Mrs. E. L. Woodruff takes twenty-five. \$5 and \$6.

John Steele takes ten at Zephyr Falls. Apply.

Five miles beyond East Durham the stage passes through Oak Hill, another resort.

OAK HILL P. O., Chas. Wright takes ten at Locust Shade.
GREENE CO., N. Y. \$5 and \$6.

W. H. Mulberry takes thirty. \$6 and \$7.

Niles Gifford takes twenty-five \$5 to \$7.

Mrs. L. White takes thirty. \$5 to \$7.

B. C. De Witt takes twenty-five. \$7 to \$10.

Mrs. Delia Graham takes twenty-five. \$7.

Two miles from Oak Hill we reach Durham, fourteen miles from Cairo. Here are a few boarding-houses.

DURHAM P. O., Horace Mabey takes twenty. \$6.

GREENE CO., N. Y. J. H. Burhans takes thirty. \$6.

Mrs. F. J. Hurlburt takes fifty. \$6.

George Pratt takes ten at Sugar Grove Mountain House. \$6.

Sidney Crandall takes forty. \$6 to \$8.

E. D. Elliott takes sixty at Shady Glen. \$6 to \$8.

Mrs. M. Byboom takes twenty. \$5 to \$8.

From here the stage goes on to Cooksburgh, Potters Hollow and Preston Hollow. Board can be obtained at these places though there are no houses where the matter of summer boarding is taken up as a business.

At Cornwallville, three miles beyond South Durham, are several houses which should not be overlooked.

CORNWALLVILLE P. O., S. Brown & Son take forty at the
GREENE CO., N. Y. Meadow Brook House. \$6.

Parks Bros. takes forty. \$5 to \$7.

Mrs. John Smith takes twenty-five. \$7.

Rachel Setford takes twenty. \$5.

L. H. Setford takes twenty. \$5.

J. W. Proper takes twenty. \$5.

C. Wetmore has room for twenty. \$6.

Mrs. O. W. Austin has room for twenty. \$5.

Platt Hill takes twenty-five. \$5 and \$6.

Wm. V. Snyder takes fifteen. \$6.
 Mrs. P. E. Strong takes ten. \$5.
 Arthur Drace takes ten at Brookside. \$5.
 Ellsworth Strong takes fifteen. \$6.
 Mrs. J. M. Lawrence takes ten. \$6.

At Gayhead, which is four miles north of Cairo and the same distance east of Freehold, there are a number of boarding-houses,—some large ones.

GAYHEAD P. O., Jas. H. Travis takes twenty-five. \$5.
GREENE CO., N. Y. J. H. Wilber takes thirty. \$6 to \$8.
 W. H. Lake takes ten. \$6.

R. W. Allerton takes twenty-five. \$5.
 Mrs. J. B. Hallock takes twenty-five. \$5 and \$6.
 C. H. Wilkins takes forty. \$5 and \$6.
 Cyrus S. Powell takes ten. \$6.
 Lester Hallock takes twenty-five at The Ethel. \$6.
 Daniel Feeney keeps the Pine Grove House. Room for one hundred. \$6 to \$8.
 Mrs. J. Hallenbeck takes twenty. \$5.

There are a few houses open to summer boarders at Greenville, three miles beyond Gayhead, seven miles from Cairo.
GREENVILLE P. O., Mrs. S. E. Whitford takes fifteen. \$6.
GREENE CO., N. Y.

V. R. Powell takes fifteen. \$6 to \$7.
 Griffin Shaw takes fifty at Mountain View. \$6 to \$8.
 Mrs. Wm. Irving takes thirty at Shady Lawn. \$5.
 Norton Hill is another resort in this section, about three miles westerly from Greenville, nine miles from Cairo.

NORTON HILL P. O., Wm. Cowan takes twenty at Grand
GREENE CO., N. Y. View. \$6.
 J. W. Gardner takes eight at Sunnyside.
 \$5 and 6.

A. Moore takes twenty at Mercedes Farm. Apply.
 John Yeomans takes twenty-five. \$5 and \$6.
 G. A. Cunningham takes twenty at Cherry Hill. \$5.
 David Griffin takes twelve at Mountain View. \$5.
 G. A. Morrison takes twenty. \$6 and \$7.
 M. Cameron takes twenty-five at Maple Grove. \$5.
 Sunside is two miles northerly from Acra and two miles easterly from South Durham.
SUNSIDE P. O., Geo. C. Mott takes fifteen \$7.
GREENE CO., N. Y. Wm. Kennicutt takes fifteen. \$6.

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