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THE STROUDSBURG-DELAWARE VALLEY REGION,

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STROUDSBURG, EAST STROUDSBURG, HIGHLAND DELL, ANALOMINK,
PARKSIDE, MARSHALL'S CREEK, COOLBAUGH AND BUSHKILL,

by PROF. E. L. KEMP.

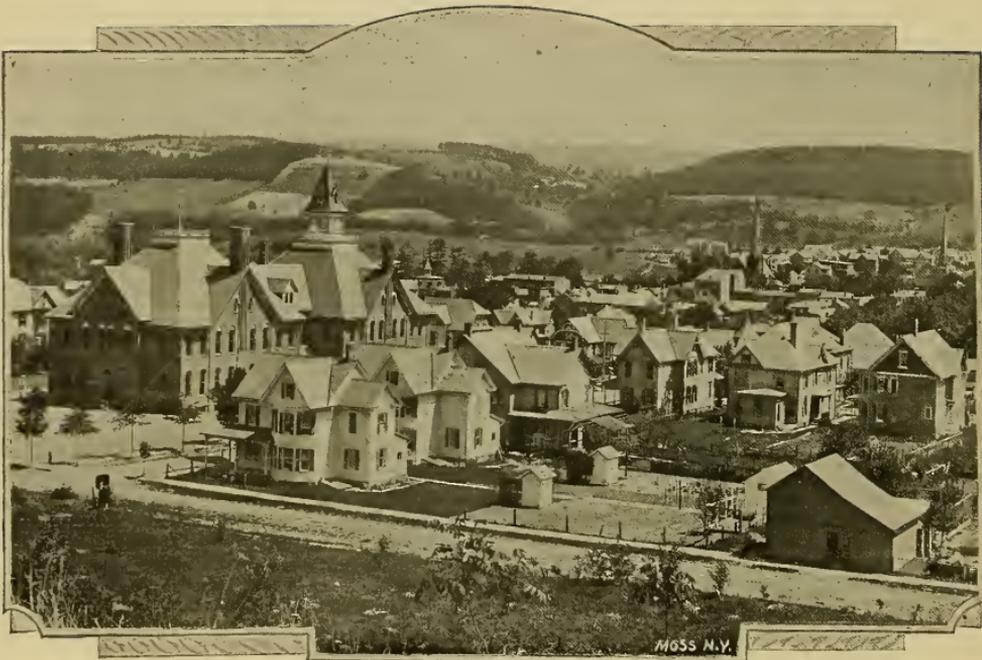
THE Stroudsburg boroughs are two—Stroudsburg and East Stroudsburg. They are a pair of jewels set side by side in everlasting hills. They are enribboned with streams of clear, fresh-flowing water from the mountains. The Analomink, or Brodhead's creek, separates Stroudsburg from its sister borough; McMichael's creek separates the main part of it from a southern addition; and Pocono creek, a tributary of McMichael's, does the same for a western addition.

Above the hills that environ the towns rise the Pocono mountains in the north and the Blue mountains in the south. Many a field and many a forest lies between, and the summer breezes that blow over them are laden deep with the balsam of health and vigor, deep with the scent of the forest and the perfume of grasses and flowers.

Stroudsburg is the county seat of Monroe county. A handsome stone court house with a miniature park in front of it ornaments the town and does credit to the county.

The Delaware, Lackawanna and Western R. R. passes through East Stroudsburg, the New York, Susquehanna and Western R. R. with its extension, the Wilkesbarre and Eastern, passes through Stroudsburg. These roads and the abundant water supply give the towns exceptional industrial advantages. They are utilizing these with wonderful thrift and enterprise. Because of it, one manufacturing establishment after another has been located in them, and smoke wreaths of industrial glory hover over them.

Both towns have fine public school buildings, and well organized corps of intelligent and thoroughly trained teachers. East Stroudsburg is the site of the State Normal School of the fourth Pennsylvania district. It is the noblest monument of the grit and energy of the people. The school was erected on a large campus wrested from rocks, brush and swamp and converted into a thing of beauty. For convenience of access, picturesqueness and healthfulness of location the Normal School



STROUDSBURG AND HIGHLAND DELL RIDGE FROM CROWLEY'S HEIGHTS.

is second to none, and it has been remarkably successful.

A street railway operated with a dummy engine furnishes transit between the boroughs. Electric cars will soon be used upon it, and the line will be extended to the Normal School and the northern limit of East Stroudsburg. A gas plant still supplies light for the people who prefer it, but all public illumination is electric. The water supply of both towns is excellent. The East Stroudsburg reservoirs are hidden away in a dense forest. Just above the lower one is a beautiful fall. The water leaps over a rocky wall thirty feet in height into a dark pool, darker because of the hemlocks that cluster about it.

The older portion of Main street in Stroudsburg is one of the finest streets to be found in towns of its size anywhere in the state. It is unusually wide and lined with stately trees. Fine, large business houses are located on it, and residences palatial in elegance if not in size. Washington street, its East Stroudsburg extension, is also very handsome.

The post-glacial terraces characteristic of this section of the country furnish superb sites for private residences. In both towns they have been utilized with excellent taste. Along them everywhere, surrounded with beautiful lawns and beds of flowers, are to be found homes costly and charming.

In the heat of summer the large and well-managed hotels of Stroudsburg are thronged with visitors from the cities. East Stroudsburg has a number of special summer boarding houses. Though in town, the grounds around them are so ample and they are so embowered in forest trees that they offer the beauty, freshness and retirement of country residences.

South of the Stroudsburgs, extending east and west parallel with the Blue, or Kittatinny, Mountains, is Godfrey's Ridge. The road to Stormsville through South Stroudsburg winds over it into the Cherry Valley. A short drive westward along the summit of the ridge branches off from it. This never loses its charm even for the local inhabitants, who live within

easy reach of the numerous scenes of beauty and grandeur in eastern Monroe.

The top of the ridge is narrow and its sides are steep and covered with timber. At its base on the south is Cherry Valley, beautiful with the clear waters of Cherry creek winding in and out through rich meadows and fields of grain, rimmed with the rugged forest of the mountains beyond. Its base on the north is washed by McMichael's creek. Beyond this are Stroudsburg and East Stroudsburg, and wonderfully beautiful they look as you gaze down upon them. Around and beyond them stretches a panorama of hill and mountain, forest, farm, and stream of surpassing magnificence.

The road passes a number of boarding houses and private residences and through beautiful groves of oak and maple between. The houses have broad verandas, and creeping vines shut out the glare of the sun with a veil of green. The end of the road is in Highland Dell, one of the rarest spots to be found anywhere. The Dell is an amphitheatre open to the north. The bosom of the hilltop is opened to receive the cool breezes wafted down over many a pleasant hill and valley from the mountains northward.

From the high ground back of the Dell there are fine views of the valley and mountain from the Wind Gap on the west to the Delaware Water Gap on the east. Just opposite you may look into Wolf's Glen, the wildest in all this section, sombre with pines and hemlocks, and rugged with rocks, deep down among which gurgles and sings a little stream.

To the left of the Dell are strangely abrupt and irregular peaks and ridges covered with forests or checkered with fields and patches of timber. In front, along McMichael's creek on the other side, spreads out the magnificent estate of Col. Norton with its stone-built mansion, reminding you of other lands and other times. Far beyond, over fertile fields and wooded heights, Pocono Knob raises its massive front high in the air.

To drink in the balm of the atmosphere there, to feast the eye with scenes like these, that is rest. Business cares are forgotten; the blood courses more vigorously through the veins; the heart sings.

THE Analomink starts as a mountain stream and retains that character throughout its course. There is a fascination in the vigor and dash of its downward rush to the great river. It issues from the wooded highlands at Spragueville, and flows to its passage between the Stroudsburgs through a picturesquely broken valley.

There are special charms about many points in its course, and commodious summer boarding houses with spacious and beautiful grounds are near all of them.

The special centres of interest above Stroudsburg are Analomink and Parkside. The stations for these are Spragueville and Henryville on the D. L. & W. R. R. That is the country of hills and glens and swift-running streams. Laurel and rhododendron, oaks, maples, pines, and hemlocks cover it everywhere. Under their shade the cool waters swirl and gurgle among great boulders, kiss the mosses as they glide, or scatter spray over leaf and blossom from numberless rapids and cascades. From moist and shady glens the notes of the wood thrush ring bell-like in their clearness, and on the hillsides the whippoorwills make the evenings weirdly musical with their melancholy melody. The streams swarm with trout and the woods abound in game. Wild nature here reigns supreme. Her robes in summer are sumptuous, and they are royal in their autumn splendor.

THE Stroudsburgs furnish the stations for visitors to places along the Milford road to Bushkill and beyond. The country along this road is a much frequented summer region, and well deserves its patronage. Board is to be had almost anywhere in this region. Nearly all the farmers take

boarders and feed them well. Large and handsome houses' elegantly furnished and specially erected for the accommodation of city visitors to the country, are located at Marshall's Creek and vicinity, Frutchey's, Coolbaughs, Bushkill, points between, and on sheltered hillsides and in retired nooks to the right or left of the road.

In a country so uniformly charming it seems almost wrong to select scenes for special mention, and yet there are some whose claims for admiration are particularly potent.

Near the village of Marshall's Creek are Marshall's Falls. They are not large, only a vest-pocket edition as it were, but remarkably beautiful. They are great falls in miniature. You never tire of them. Back in the woods the stream whirls in a curve by a great boulder, carried there by the ice in the forgotten long ago, hurries down a steeply shelving rock, and takes a great jump with a roar and splash into a deep, dark, rocky chasm. It issues forth into what looks like the fragments of a great rock-roofed amphitheatre, is checked a little by a dam that makes boating possible, and then goes on its way rejoicing.

A few miles further on is Echo lake. This is also small, fifty acres in area, but is fringed with trees and its waters are clear as crystal. It is one of the most beautiful of all the beautiful lakes in northeastern Pennsylvania. It teems with fish.

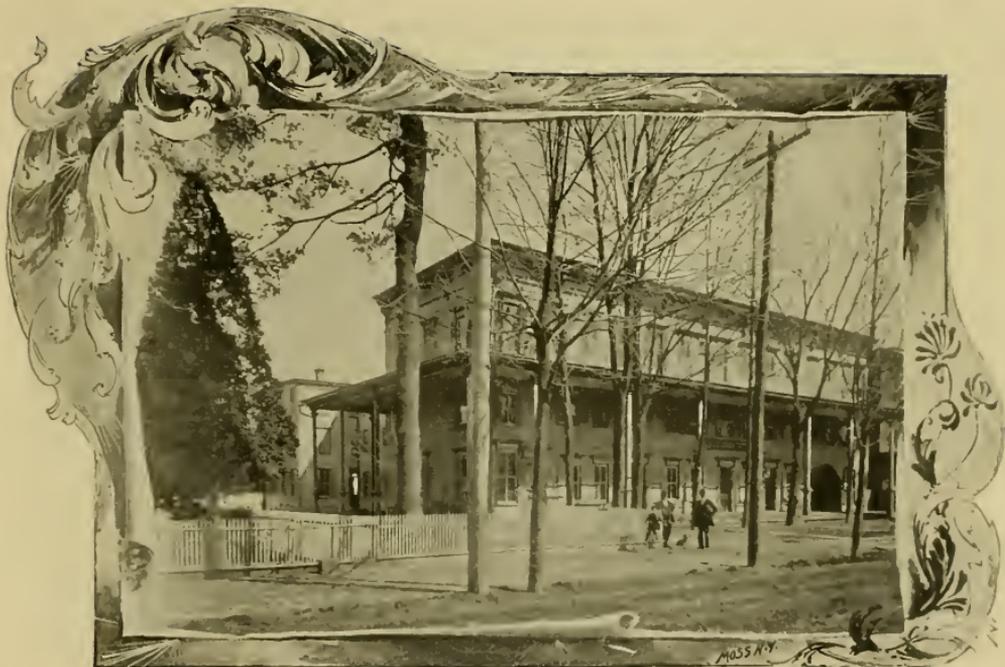
Bushkill with the falls near it forms a sort of climax to this region. The boarding houses at Bushkill are among the finest. Bass fishing in the Delaware and trout fishing in the Bushkills are excellent. The hunting in the hills is of the best. The scenery is grand and refreshing. Not far away the Bushkill creek has the grandest fall in this region of water falls. The stream plunges over an almost perpendicular wall ninety feet in height down into a deep dark ravine. The sides of it frown with gigantic rocks and are sombered by dark-hued hemlocks. Through this the waters leap from ledge to ledge until they find rest in the level lands below.



DELAWARE, LACKAWANNA & WESTERN STATION, STROUDSBURG, PA.



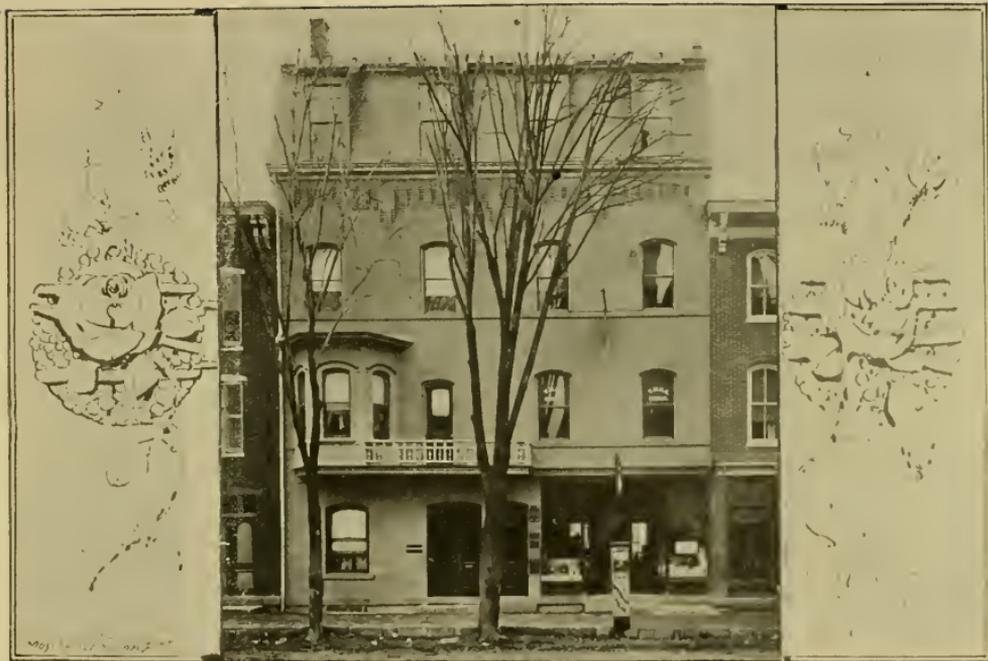
ALONG THE POCONO NEAR STROUDSBURG, PA.



THE INDIAN QUEEN HOTEL, STROUDSBURG, PA.,
W. S. SHAFER, PROP'R.



THE BURNETT HOUSE, JOSEPH OLLDORF, PROP'R,
STROUDSBURG, PA.



OFFICE AND RESIDENCE OF N. C. MILLER, M. D.,
STROUDSBURG, PA.



THE WASHINGTON HOUSE, EDWIN SHAFER, PROP'R,
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McMICHAEL'S FALLS, STROUDSBURG, PA.



RESIDENCE OF THOMAS KITSON, STROUDSBURG, PA.



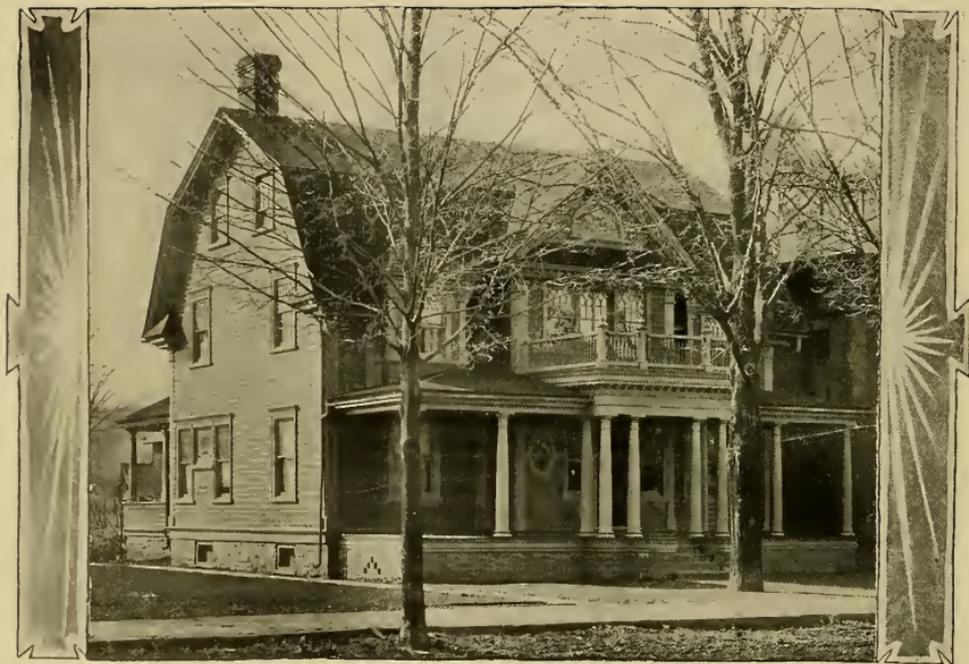
COURT HOUSE SQUARE, STROUDSBURG, PA.



RESIDENCE OF AMZI B. WYCKOFF,
STROUDSBURG, PA.



RESIDENCE OF CICERO GEARHART, ESQ.,
STROUDSBURG, PA.



RESIDENCE OF CHARLES B. STAPLES, ESQ.,
STROUDSBURG, PA.



ALONG THE POCONO, NEAR RESIDENCE OF T. DUNKIN PARET,
STROUDSBURG, PA.



THE HIGHLAND DELL HOUSE, HIGHLAND DELL, JOSEPH FOULKE, PROP'R,
STROUDSBURG, PA.



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BLUE RIDGE MOUNTAINS AND CHERRY VALLEY,
FROM HIGHLAND DELL RIDGE.



HIGHLAND INN, FORMERLY HIGHLAND COTTAGE, HIGHLAND DELL,
C. H. PALMER, PROP'R, STROUDSBURG, PA.



DELAWARE WATER GAP AND CHERRY VALLEY,
FROM HIGHLAND DELL RIDGE.



THE LACKAWANNA HOUSE. FRANK A. SHAW, PROP'R,
EAST STROUDSBURG, PA.



RESIDENCE OF CHARLES H. CROWE,
EAST STROUDSBURG, PA.



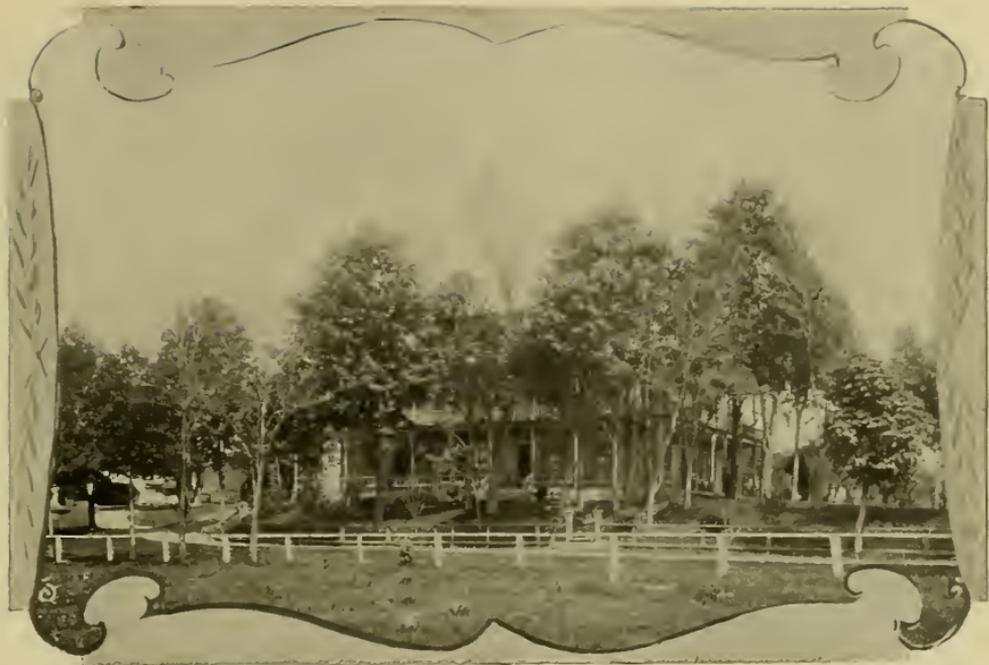
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GEO. P. BIBLE, A. M., PRINCIPAL.



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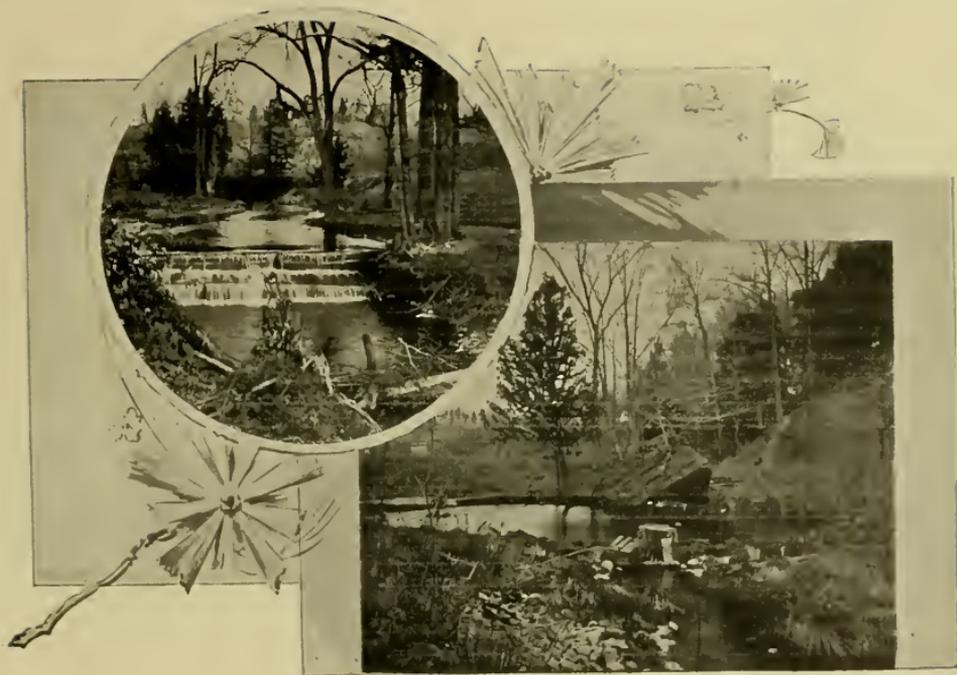
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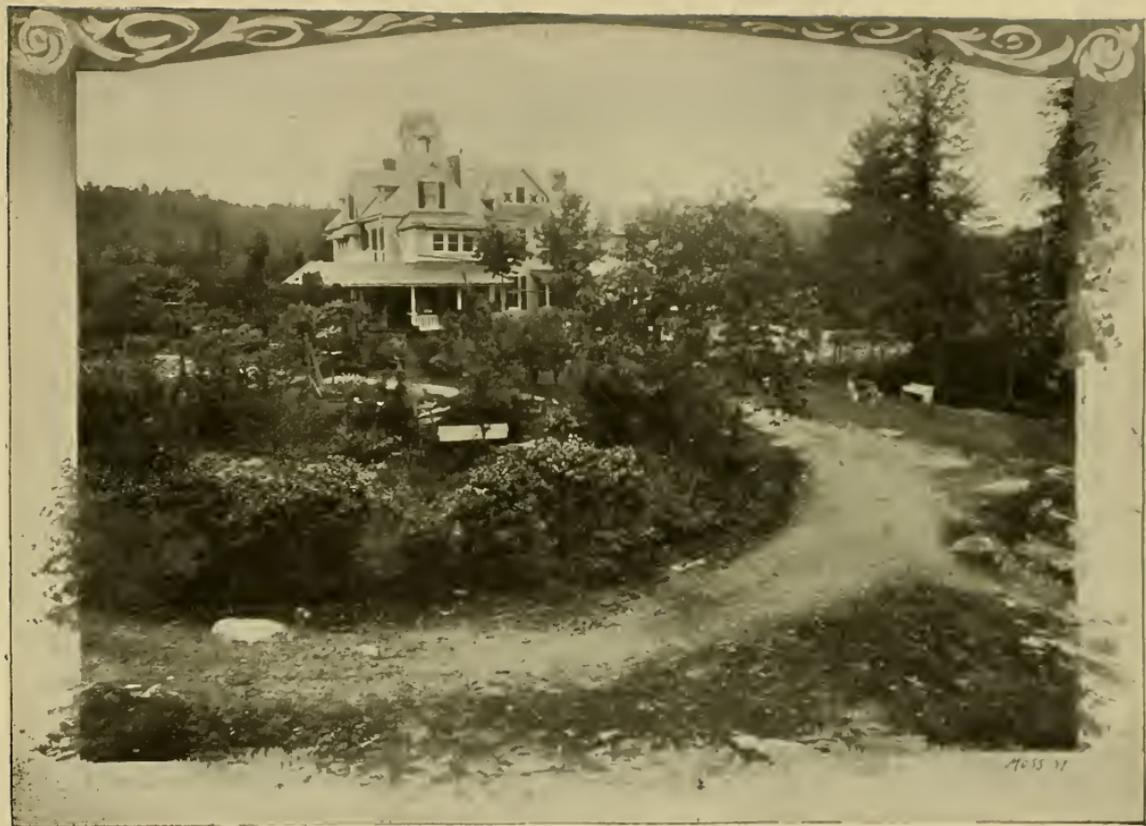


ALONG THE SAMBO, NEAR EAST STROUDSBURG, PA.



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SPRAGUEVILLE, PA.

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ANALOMINK, PA.



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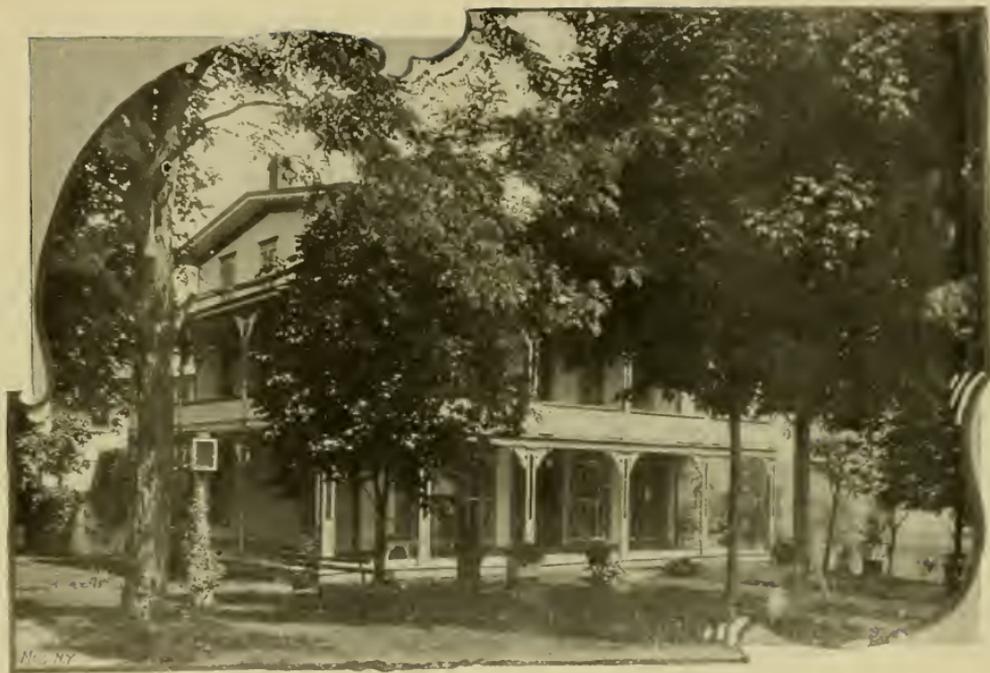
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MARSHALL'S CREEK, PA.



MARSHALL'S FALLS, NEAR MARSHALL'S CREEK P. O., PA.



OAK GROVE COTTAGE, C. V. SMITH, PROP'R,
MARSHALL'S CREEK, PA.



RIDGE VIEW HOUSE. M. D. TURN, PROP'R,
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ECHO LAKE HOUSE, REV. DR. C. E. VAN ALLEN, PROP'R,
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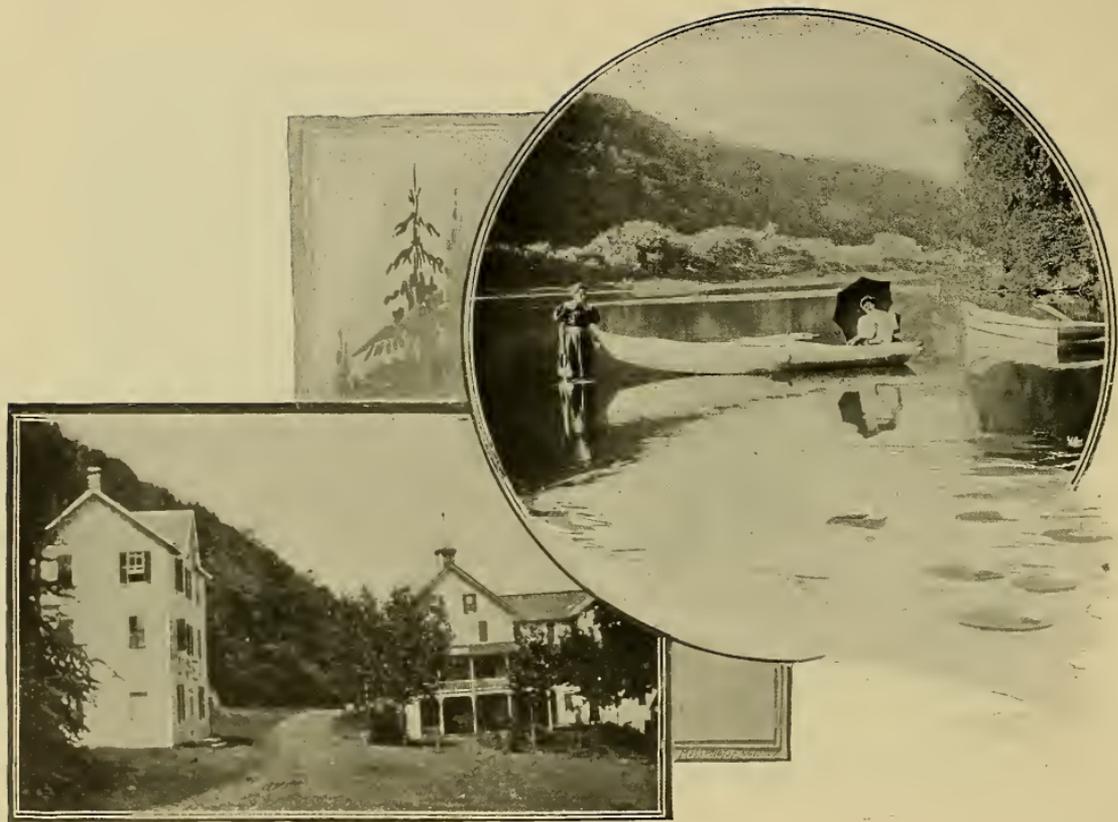
ECHO LAKE, NEAR ECHO LAKE HOUSE,
COOLBAUGH, PA.



BUSHKILL FALLS, BUSHKILL, PA.



THE PETERS HOUSE, MRS. E. E. PETERS, PROPRIETRESS.
BUSHKILL, PA.



RIVERSIDE HOTEL, M. L. BACH, PROP'R, BUSHKILL, PA.

THE DELAWARE WATER GAP REGION,

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DELAWARE WATER GAP, MINSI AND SHAWNEE.

by PROF. E. L. KEMP.

IF YOU should draw a line a mile and a half long westward from the Delaware Water Gap along the crest of the Blue Mountain: from the ends, two more three miles in length, one along the crest of the New Jersey extension of the mountain, the other parallel with it; then another joining the loose ends of these,—you would enclose more scenic beauty, greater possibilities of comfort combined with recreation and sport, than can be found in any other equal scope of country along the Delaware from its source to its mouth. A person standing on Mosier's Knob can take in most of this magnificent panorama with a sweep of the eye, and he can find a number of places on the mountain near the Gap where it is presented in its entirety or in its details as a never-failing source of admiration and delight.

Above it and below it and to the side of it, too, from both the knob and the summit of the mountain, the eye can range over such combinations of mountain, forest, river, farm and village as are not to be met with everywhere.

At many vantage places on the mountain you may sit on the brow of a ridge and look down into the river below with the rock-faced rift in the mountain to your right. When you turn to the left, you take in much of the village of Water Gap and the opening of Cherry Valley. The latter is not wide, but fertile farms are in it. They gladden your eye. Cherry Creek with limpid waters meanders through it. As it glides along, it

murmurs of the coolness and trout and orchards and daisies of the days of your dream life. Godfrey's Ridge frames the valley on the north. Its extension northward and eastward keeps facing the mountain, and they two enclose the valley of the Delaware. It is not so high as the mountain, but here bold breaks and abrupt projections make it picturesque. Brodhead's Creek hurries through one of its most romantic gaps just in front of you, and through another close by Marshall's Creek more leisurely comes to join it before it reaches the river. Here is Minsi

Far up, almost at the end of the picture, through another break in the ridge, through fields that in their season are rich in produce and beauty, another mountain stream comes purling down. There, grouped at the foot of the hills and in the entrance of the valley is the village of Shawnee. It is enwrapped in the emerald garb of the hills and cooled by the waters of rill and river.

Here and there farms group at the base of the hill, or ambitiously climb its side and the greater side of the mountain, but more generally forests of pine and hemlock, of chestnut, oak and maple crown and cover both.

Through the midst of it all the river comes winding majestically down, washing the base of the mountain on one side, fields and groves on the other. It gracefully enfolds islands of wonderful fertility, and islands covered with rocks and birches

and willows. It dashes underneath the airy spans of a railroad bridge, and finally moves in stately curves more slowly through the Gap. It lingers in the shade of the mountains.

The grandest part of all is the Gap itself. Mountain, road, railway, river; river, road, railway, mountain—so you see it. Thirteen hundred and fifty feet of mountain with a little slope on one side of the river, fourteen hundred feet with no slope on the other—that is the Gap. Slope and trees and rocks are the mountain on one side, rock upon rock lifted high in the air and a forest crown are the mountain on the other, with the rock fragments of ages heaped at its base to support it. So with modified height and form it prolongs itself a considerable distance up the river; the wooded slope on the Pennsylvania side, and the sheer rocky wall with its layers and folds and ribbons on the other, interrupted by mountain glens and valleys.

Many of the charms of mountain scenery are crowded together near the Gap, especially on the Pennsylvania side.—Here and there are cliffs to which are open enchanting views of field and forest, stretches of river, and mountain heights and glens and gorges. Between the Kittatinny and the Water Gap House a beautiful lakelet mirrors trees and rocks, and catches the glint of the stars and the moonlight.

Not far away a mountail rill, Eureka creek, leaps down through a wild glen from rock to rock in miniature cascades, or tarries in little pools and reaches among rhododendrons and hemlocks where the sunlight penetrates only in straggling gleams. Mr. Childs in his thoughtfully generous way built a beautiful rustic arbor by the roadside at the entrance of the glen, and fitted the pathway along its side with rustic rails and bridges.

Possibly the most beautiful place of all is Caldano Falls. In a recess of the mountain there is a basin partly rimmed with a wall of rocks. Stately trees overhang it. Mosses en-

velvet and festoon the rocks. The crystal waters of a little stream after gliding swiftly down the steep mossy slope of Table Rock, leap merrily into the basin, or steal slowly down its broken sides caressing the mosses as they go. If there were nymphs and fairies as the people of old believed, here is where they would love to linger, in the shade of the trees and the sprinkled coolness of the spray.

MINSI is a mile above the Gap. There is not a foot of it that is not romantically beautiful. As you approach it from below, one road turns to the right across the Analomink, the other keeps on by its side through an arcade of birches, sycamores and elms. High hills overhang it on both sides.—At one place a picturesque paper mill is crowded between it and the creek on one side, an old stone mansion between it and the railroad on the other. Finally it crosses the creek near the railroad bridge, and there is beauty if anywhere.

After leaving the breast of a dam above, the waters rush down a steep rocky bed from under the shade of hemlocks past the sides of a tree-covered island. Water tumbling over the chute of a race on the left adds volume to the boisterous music of its flow.

On that side, too, a high hill with precipitous side extends to the edge of the water. A projection of rock, regular in its formation as the wall of a castle, stands boldly forth on its front. A dense growth of hemlocks and laurel mainly cover all the rest of the hill. On its top seats have been built under the trees, and the views of the Gap and Cherry Valley and the country northward are superb.

More of the village is along the road to the right, the road to Shawnee. To see it at its best, you must approach it from above. You come to it over a high river terrace. As you descend the steep slope of this, you enter the shade of the trees and the cooling influence of Marshall's creek. Rhododen-



DELAWARE, LACKAWANNA AND WESTERN STATION, DELAWARE WATER GAP, PA.



DELAWARE WATER GAP, PA.

drons grow by the roadside. They border a steep hill on the left. Its rounded mass was piled up ages ago by the play of waters in a chasm of the great glacier. A forest covers it, and a white-walled Lutheran chapel poetically crowns its top. To the right, through a break in a steep-sided hill also green with the garments of trees, the creek hastens down with ripples and eddies and murmurs on its way to the Analomink. By its side are a grist mill and saw mill and the houses of the village. There is a charm in the combination.

Above the paper mill the road to Stroudsburg passes near the Water Gap Sanitarium with its attractive buildings and grounds. The road to the right past these, brings the sight-seer to the foot of Buttermilk falls. On the way, near the Sanitarium, he passes the grounds of the Water Gap Camp Meeting Association. A fine growth of oaks and chestnuts cover them. Among these nestle a little chapel and a school house. The falls, too, are a feast for the eyes. Marshall's creek rolls from ledge to ledge over the rounded, sloping sides of a great rock, and the murmur of the trees mingles with the voices of the waters. Just below, the creek takes another leap over the rocks and then glides gently into the bosom of Silver Lake, just back of Minsi.

To come to it wearied, to drink in the beauty of the wooded hills which are around it everywhere but at its lower end, where meadows and fields, grazing cattle, a mill and houses, add a homelike attractiveness to the scene, to angle its bass and pickerel, to float on its bosom when stars shine in it, to listen there to the whippoorwill's serenade to the moonlight, is to say—"Here let me rest."

SHAWNEE is within easy reach of all, and majestically beautiful in itself. The most magnificent drive in Monroe county is from Shawnee to Water Gap by the river road. The beauty of the landscape and the fertility of the soil in the

valley and on lowlands and islands of the river attracted to Shawnee some of the first settlers in Pennsylvania. One of the early forts for defence against the Indians was here.

Back of the village is Mosier's Knob. Opposite on the mountain in New Jersey is Mr. Worthington's park. Many hundred acres of forest land are enclosed and farms are included. Wild deer come out of the timber into the fields to graze. On the top of the mountain, too, there is a beautiful lake in a wild and desolate spot. It teems with bass and perch.

To the pure water, healthful air, and romantic beauty of this region are added the fascination of sport. Pheasants, rabbits, and squirrels abound, and quail at times are fairly plentiful. There is a successful shad fishery in the Gap, and another at Shawnee. Of late years bass fishing has been excellent all along this part of the Delaware, and occasionally wonderful catches of rock fish are made. The Analomink and Marshall's Creek both have trout. Besides this, not far away are some of the finest hunting and fishing grounds still left in the eastern part of the country.

Another interesting feature of the region is its accessibility. The main line of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western railroad passes through it, bringing it within two hours and a half of New York and three of Philadelphia. There is a station at Water Gap. The Belvidere division of the Pennsylvania road connects it with Philadelphia, meeting the D. L. & W. road at Manunka Chunk. The New York, Susquehanna and Western with its Wilkes-Barre and Eastern extension also passes through it, and has a station at the Gap and at Minsi.

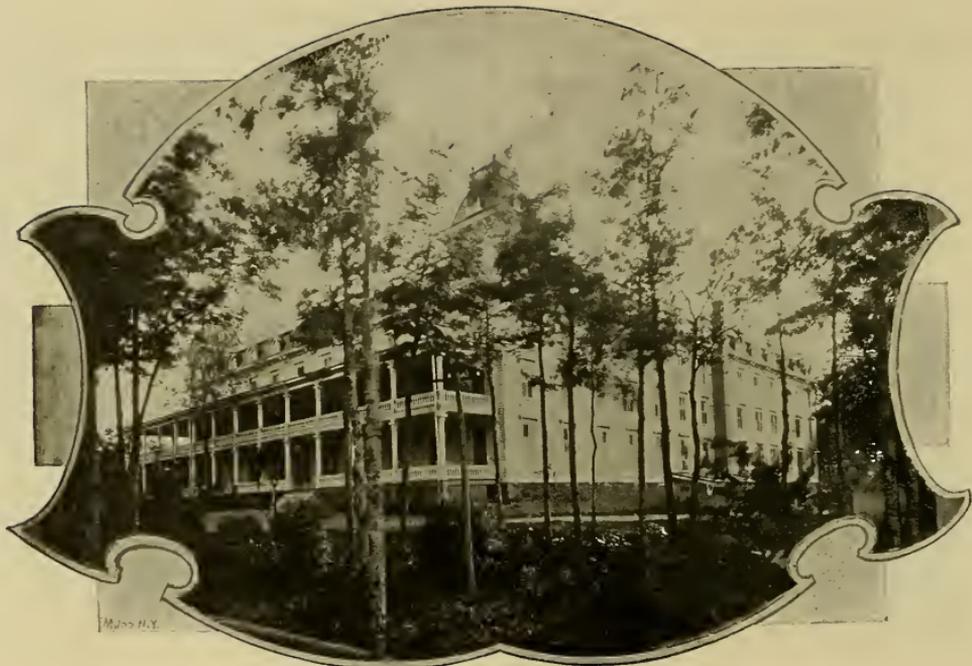
At the Water Gap and other villages and along the roads connecting them are well equipped hotels and boarding houses enough to accommodate a large number of visitors. Good rooms and good board can be had as low as a dollar a day, and at five dollars a day the visitor may enjoy all the luxuries of modern life.



THE KITTATINNY, DELAWARE WATER GAP, PA.,
W. A. BRODHEAD'S SONS, PROP'RS.



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WATER GAP HOUSE, DELAWARE WATER GAP, PA.,
L. W. BRODHEAD, PROP'R.



WEST PORTICO, WATER GAP HOUSE,
DELAWARE WATER GAP, PA.



WATER GAP HOUSE, DELAWARE WATER GAP, PA.,
L. W. BRODHEAD, PROP'R.



VIEW FROM PIAZZA OF WATER GAP HOUSE,
DELAWARE WATER GAP, PA.



THE GLENWOOD, DELAWARE WATER GAP, PA.,
P. R. JOHNSON, PROP'R.



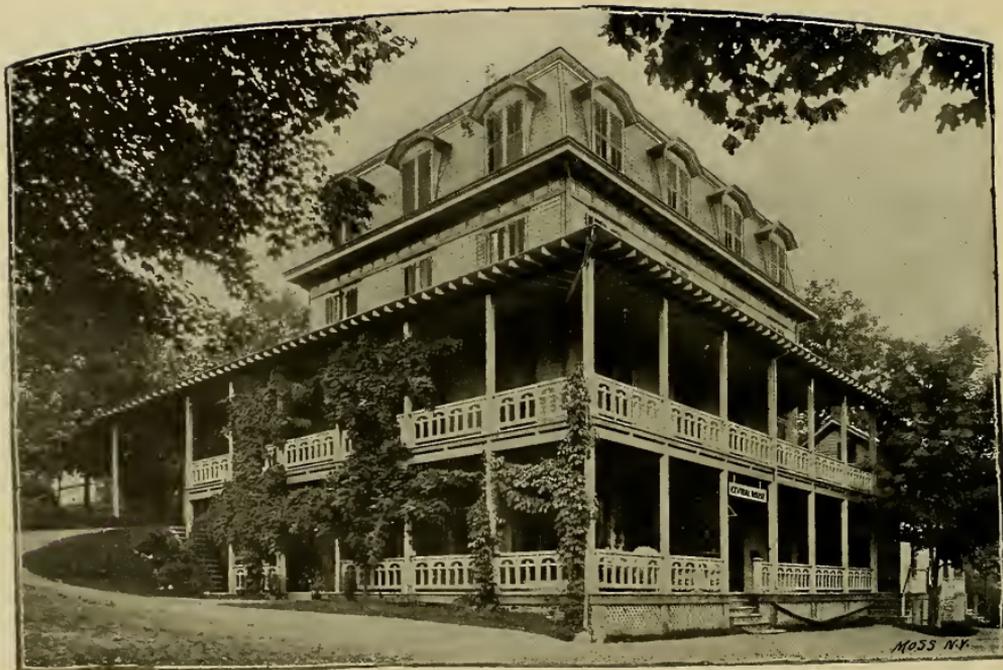
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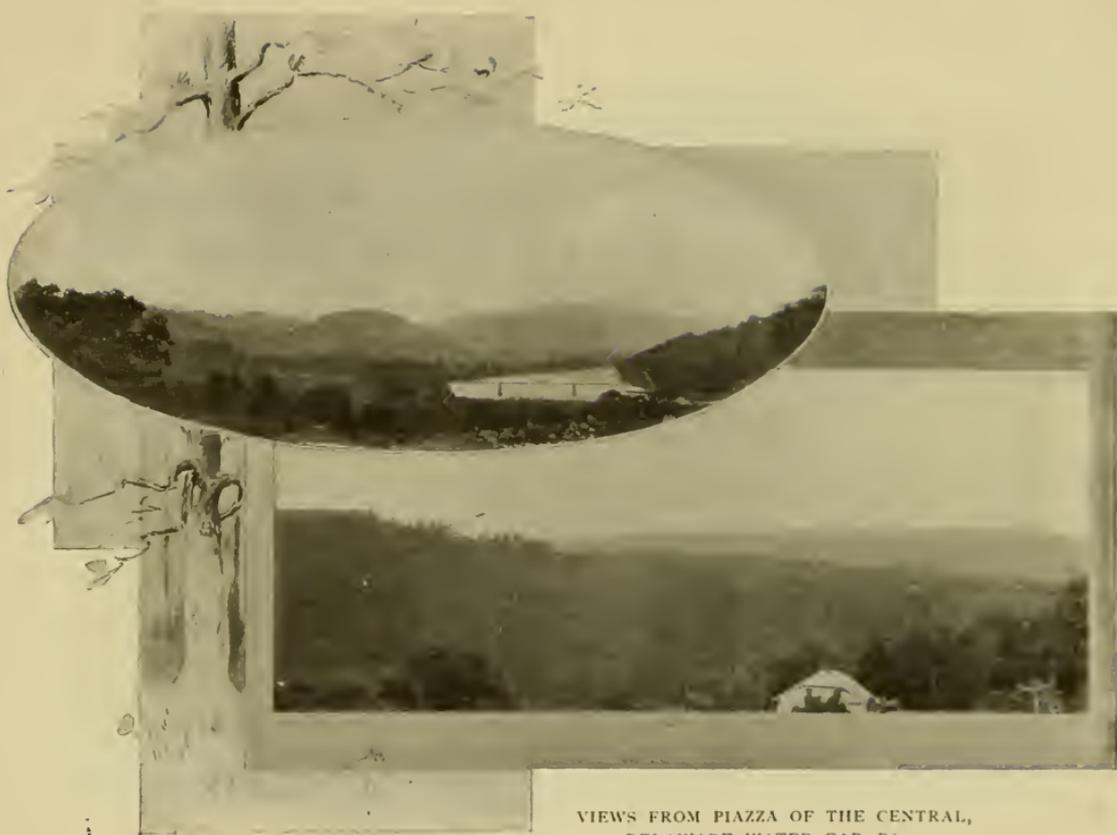
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CALDENO FALLS, DELAWARE WATER GAP, PA.



THE CENTRAL, DELAWARE WATER GAP, PA.,
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VIEWS FROM PIAZZA OF THE CENTRAL,
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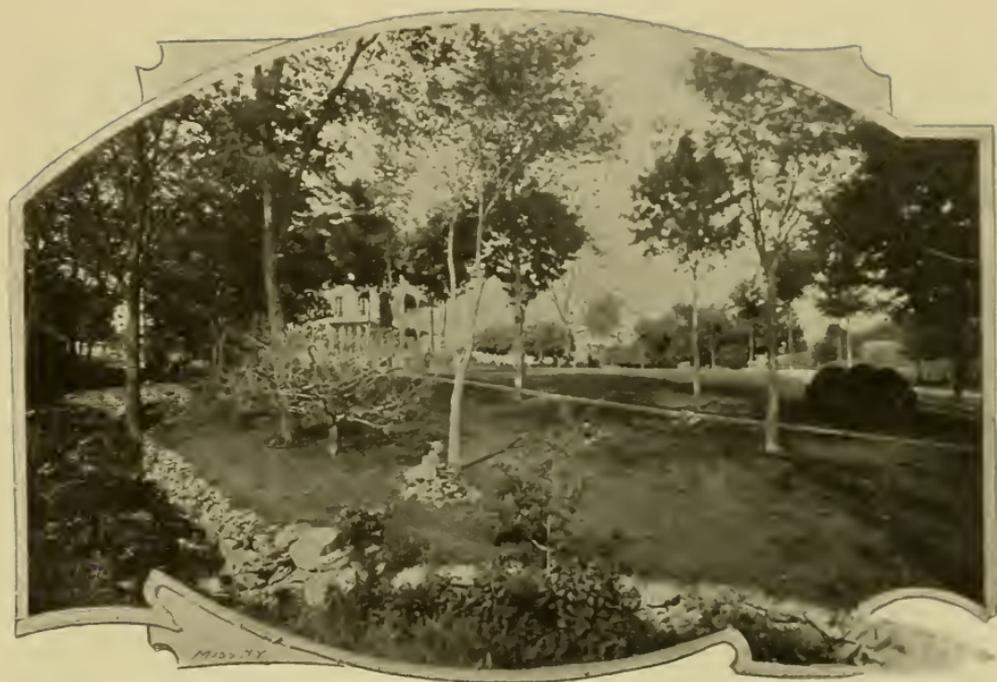
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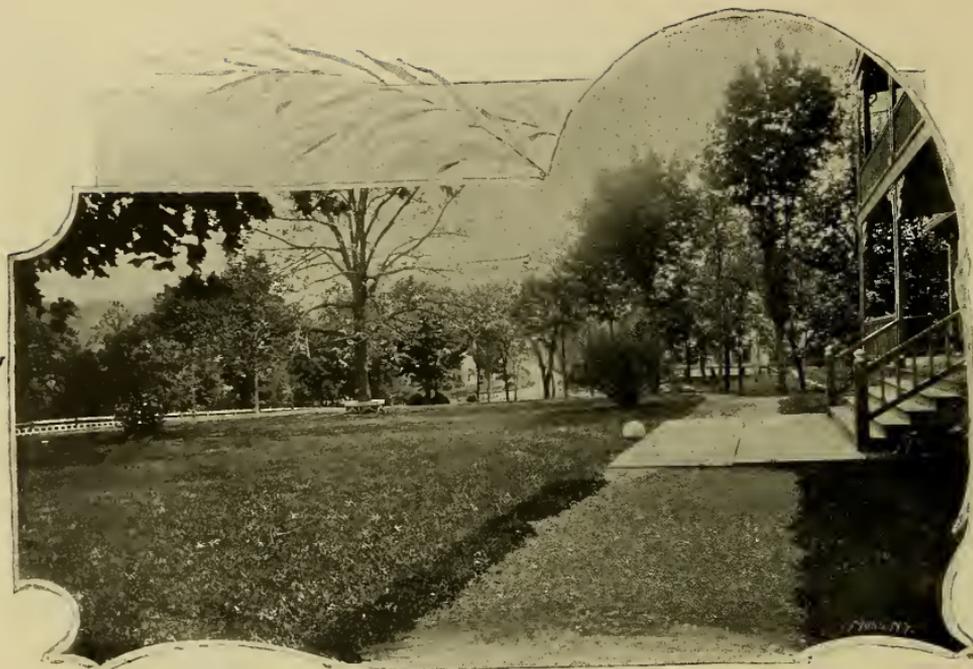
LAKE LENAPE, DELAWARE WATER GAP, PA.



THE WATER GAP SANITARIUM, DELAWARE WATER GAP, PA.,
F. WILSON HURD M. D., PROP'R.



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BUTTERMILK FALLS

BUTTERMILK FALLS, NEAR WATER GAP SANITARIUM.



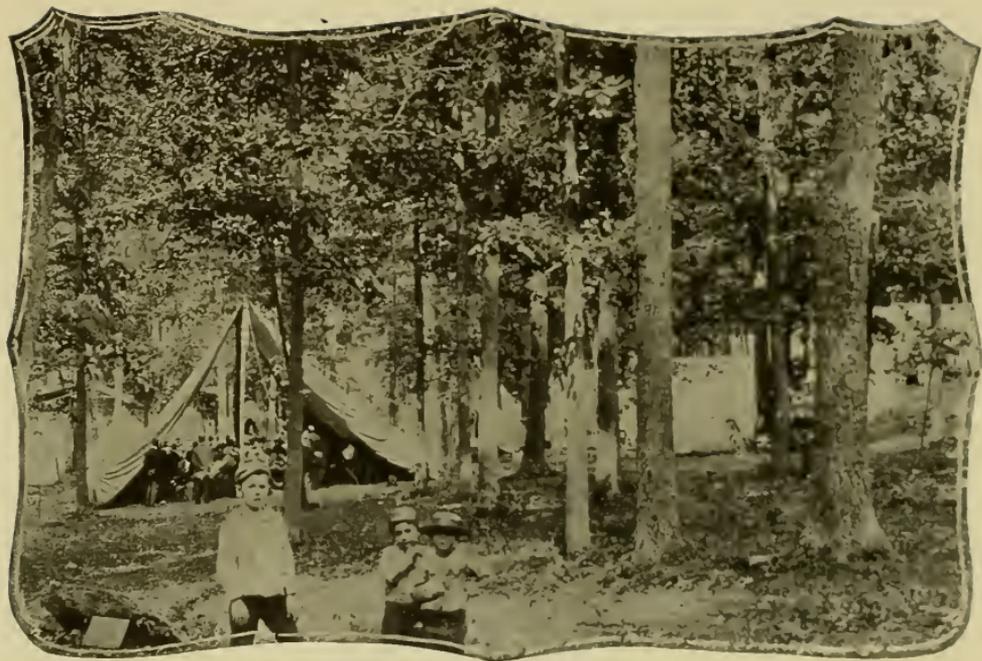
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L. M. TUCKER, PROP'R.



SILVER LAKE, NEAR THE CATARACT HOUSE.



GROUNDS OF THE WATER GAP CAMP MEETING ASSOCIATION,
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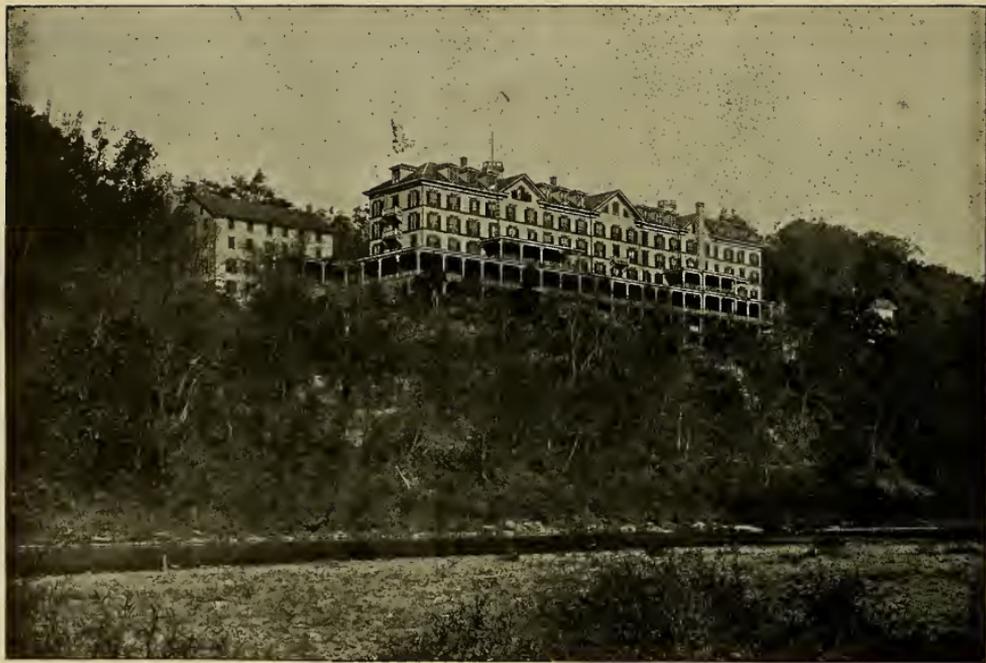
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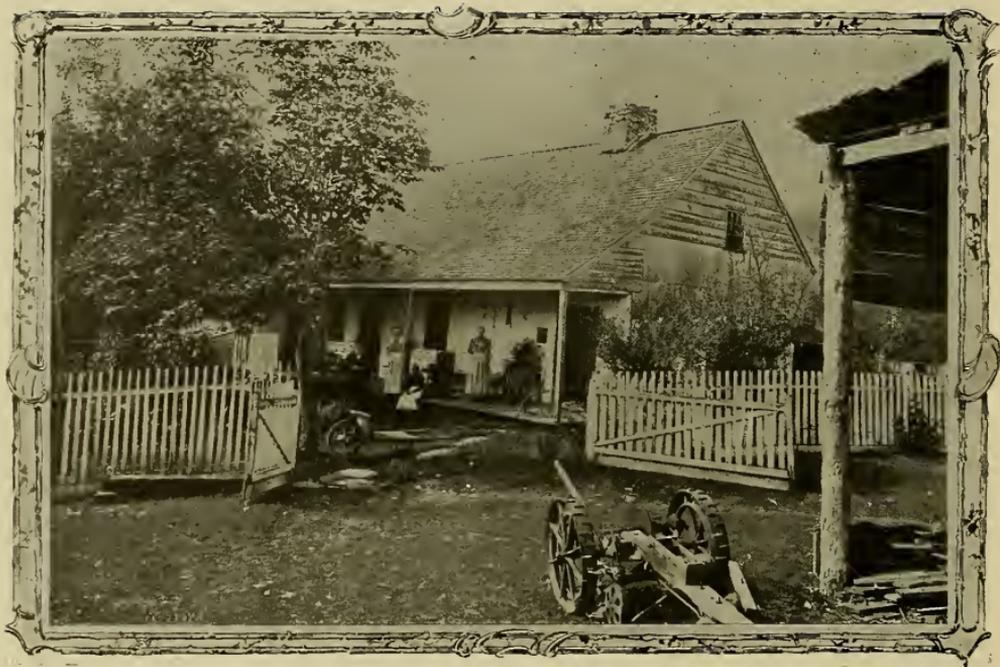
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MOUNT POCONO, SWIFTWATER, TOBYHANNA MILLS, CRESCO, MOUNTAIN HOME,
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by PROF. E. L. KEMP.

MOUNT POCONO is a station on the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Rail Road on the edge of the Pocono Plateau. It is more than eighteen hundred feet above the level of the sea. Tobyhanna, another station on the road, seven miles away, is nearly two thousand feet in elevation. This country is making for itself a growing reputation as a health resort. As such, it has received an enviable endorsement. Not long ago it was made the subject of a special paper read before a body of scientists by an eminent physician, an authority on climatology. He declared it the best resort east of the mountains in Colorado for people suffering from throat and lung troubles, malaria, and exhausted nervous systems; little inferior, in fact, to Colorado itself.

In spite of the heavier rainfall of the East, because of superior drainage due to slope, the abundance of rocks, and the peculiar lightness of the soil, the air is remarkably dry. It is pure and mild, and has in it the healthful balm and the exhilarating cordial of the breath of primeval forests. The nights are cool, and the mean temperature considerably lower than in the towns and cities. The water, too, is unusually free from mineral or other impurities.

Then, too, for the eye open to what is beautiful and grand in nature, to what is interesting in the record of the handi-work of the ages, there are inexhaustible resources. The spirits cannot remain at any low level. They must rise and soar and sing like the birds.

Added to this are great possibilities for sport in the proper seasons. Before the new law, enormous quantities of game were shipped out of this region to the New York and Philadelphia markets, pheasants, rabbits and quail almost without number, and an occasional deer and bear. The streams abound in trout, superior in size and flavor, and some of the best of pickerel ponds are within easy reach.

Along the railroad, Tobyhanna and Cresco seem to be the favorite centres for sport. The former has large boarding houses. The larger forest growth about it has nearly all been cleared away, but the younger growth furnishes abundant and excellent cover for smaller game, and large numbers of ducks resort to the ponds of the neighborhood in spring and fall. Tobyhanna creek, Hawkey's Pond run, the Tunkhannock and the Lehigh are well stocked with trout, and it is not an unusual thing to catch a three pound speckled beauty to make the heart throb and thump with exultation.

Another favorite resort for hunters and fisherman is Stauffer's, or Houser Mills, on the Wilks-Barre & Eastern road. Many have become so subject to the charms of the place that they perforce return to it year after year for a season of rest and recreation.

At Mount Pocono the summer hotels are numerous and worthy of the place. They are located on the plateau itself, on the sloping side of the mountain, or on projecting spurs. Some of them are very large. They are elegantly furnished,

and equipped with all the modern appliances for convenience and comfort. Spacious verandahs extend around them, and wide lawns give them an emerald setting.

Connected with some of the houses are great tracts of forest lands. On them are large artificial ponds for boating. Long stretches of trout streams flow through, and there are private walks shaded with forest trees and bordered with luxuriant rhododendrons, and private drives to outlook heights.

Many comfortable and beautiful private summer cottages are scattered about on the mountain, adding much to the life and attractiveness of the resort. Among the handsomest of these are those of Rev. Dr. Batten and of Mr. Ellwood Bon-sall of Philadelphia, and of Mr. Carl Tielenius of New York, all of whom have done much to advance the interests of Mt. Pocono. During the summer months Dr. Batten conducts services in the neat little Episcopalian chapel erected, among the trees of the mountain for the convenience of visitors.

Drives have been built over tunnel hill. From it the view is magnificent. The mountain extends to the right and the left. Its front is ruggedly seamed and scarred with deep recesses and valleys and gulches, down which trickle and rush and leap the spring-fed tributaries of the branches of the Analomink and of Pocono creek. Here and there bold spurs project far out from its front, like the salients of a fortress of Titans. The noblest of these is Pocono Knob to the west. Sternly it frowns on the landscape below.

More than twenty miles away the Blue Mountain bounds the horizon. The abrupt break at the Delaware Water Gap gives a glimpse of the hills of the vast region beyond. Between the beholder and the mountain roll away hill upon hill, like great broken billows of forest, made beautiful by interspersed islands of farms. It is a grand domain, a king might wish to own it.

The view is rivaled by those from Seven Pine mountain and Cresco Heights. On the former Mr. Tielenius has enclosed hundreds of acres for a deer park. In it are a herd of forty elk and a large number of deer.

Beyond the first spur to the west of Mt. Pocono is Swift-water. Whether you approach it from the wooded height above or through the dense forest below, it bursts upon you like a vision of beauty. For the sojourner for pleasure, the hunter, and fisherman that is an ideal place. The waters of the little stream are swift indeed, the meadows green, and the forest trees are stately. The taste of those who have built there have added to its charms.

An interesting drive is down through Paradise valley. On one side of the road are productive farms; on the other Paradise creek hurries along by the base of a hill. The road passes farm houses and cosy villages on its way to the beauties and pleasures of Parkside. In June the rhododendrons that cover the hill overshadowing the creek, fill all the valley with the glory of their blossoms.

Cresco is the station for another series of gems with a mountain setting. Mountain Home, Canadensis and Spruce Cabin. All are summer resorts.

Mountain Home and Canadensis are pastoral interludes in a grand epic of forest and mountain. They are farming villages, located in valleys and on hillsides in the midst of fields, but forest-covered hills are around them on every side. Through them and around them flow clear mountain trout streams. Not far away in one of them, Buck Hill creek, are two very beautiful falls.

Just below them the valley narrows, the east branch of the Analomink widens and deepens and sings more boisterously, the wild beauties of mountain scenery are crowded close together, and there is Spruce Cabin.



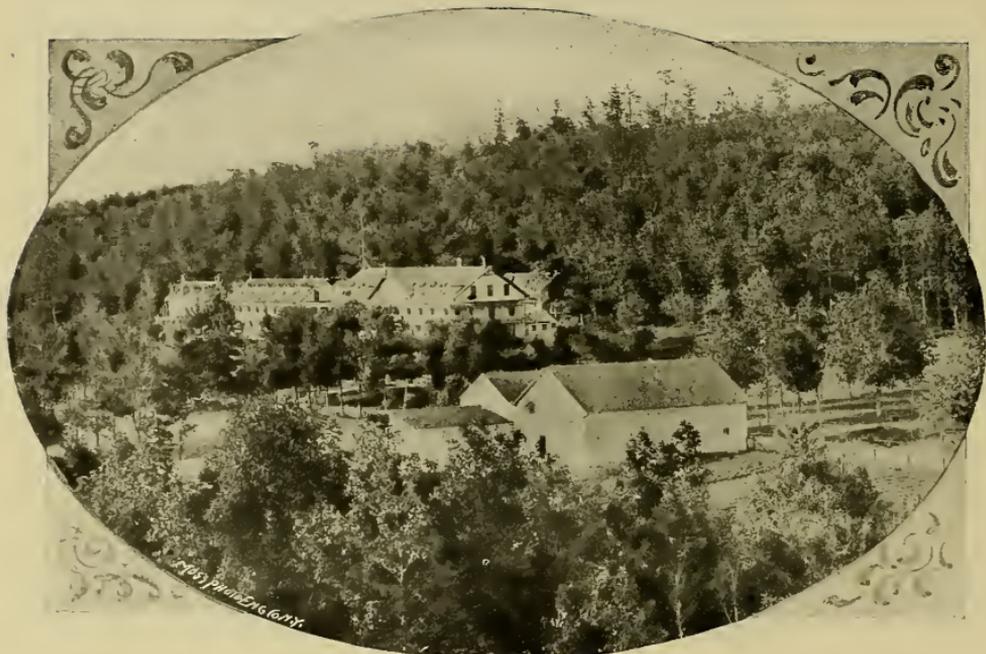
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ENTRANCE TO WISCASSET HEIGHTS, ON GROUNDS OF THE WISCASSET,
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SUMMER RESIDENCE OF ELLWOOD BONSALE, PHILADELPHIA,
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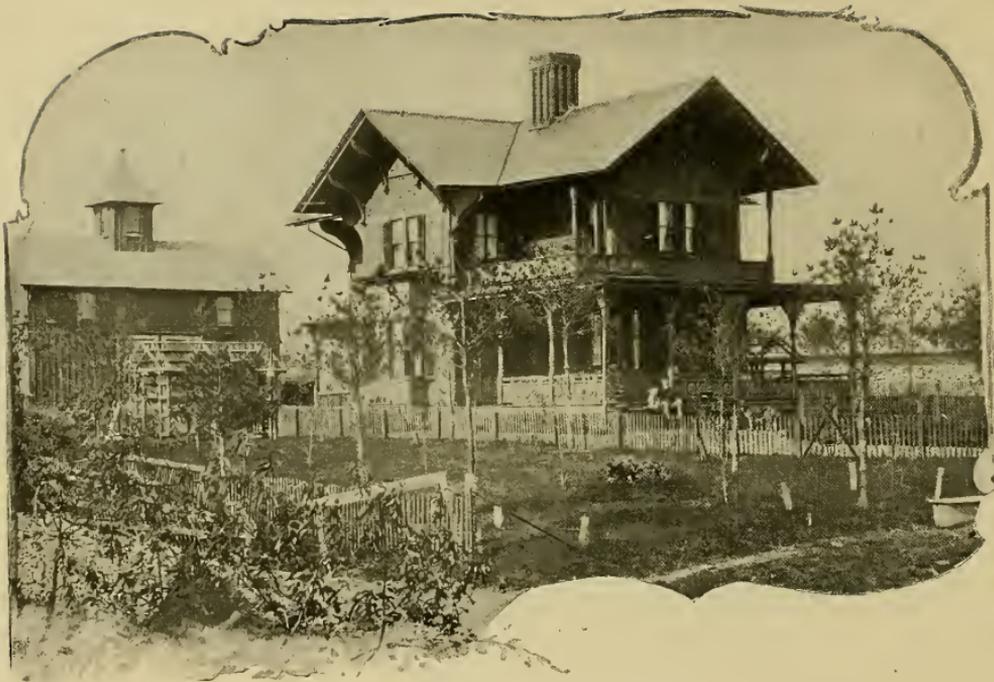
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GLIMPSES IN DEER PARK OF C. TIELENIUS, AT MOUNT POCONO, PA.



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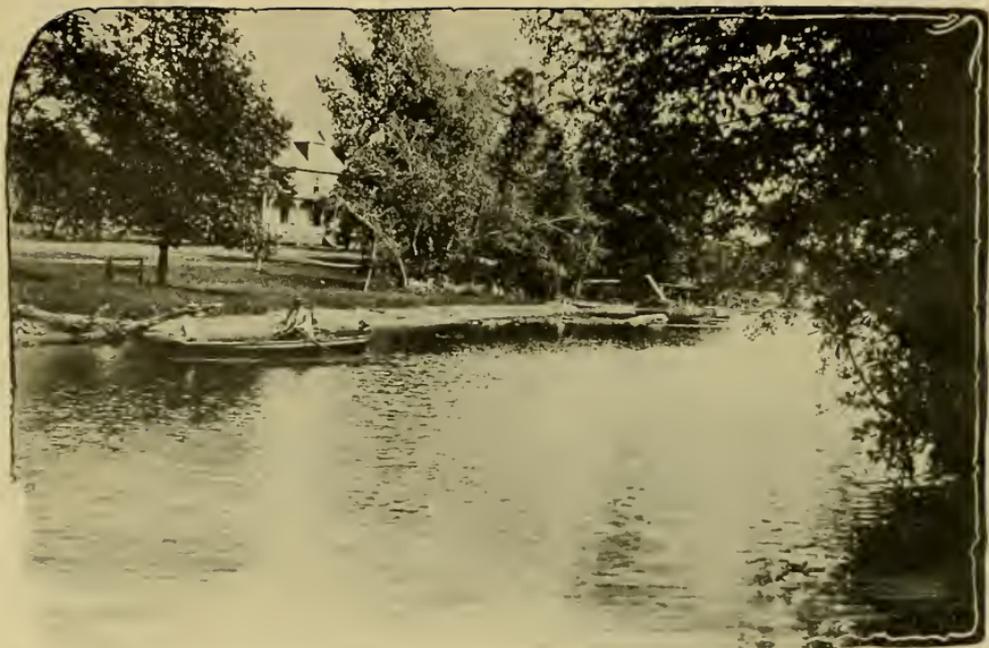
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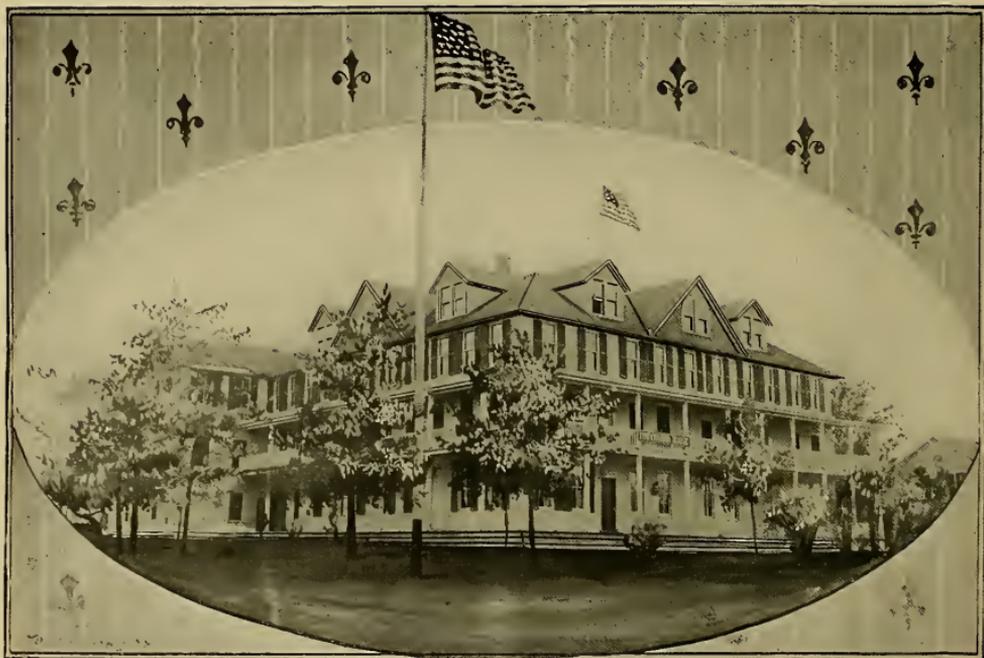
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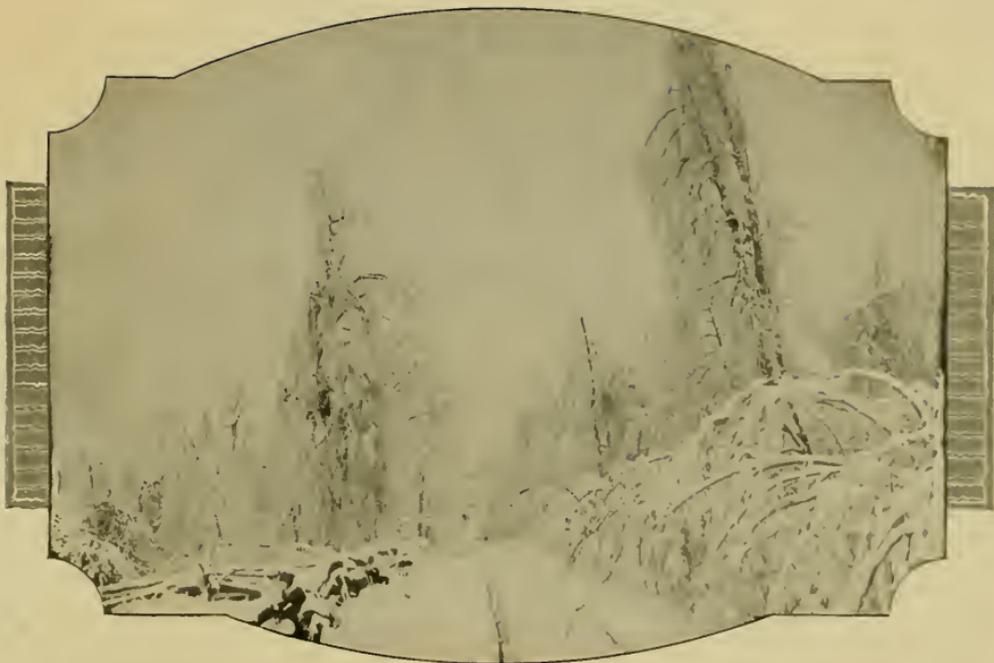
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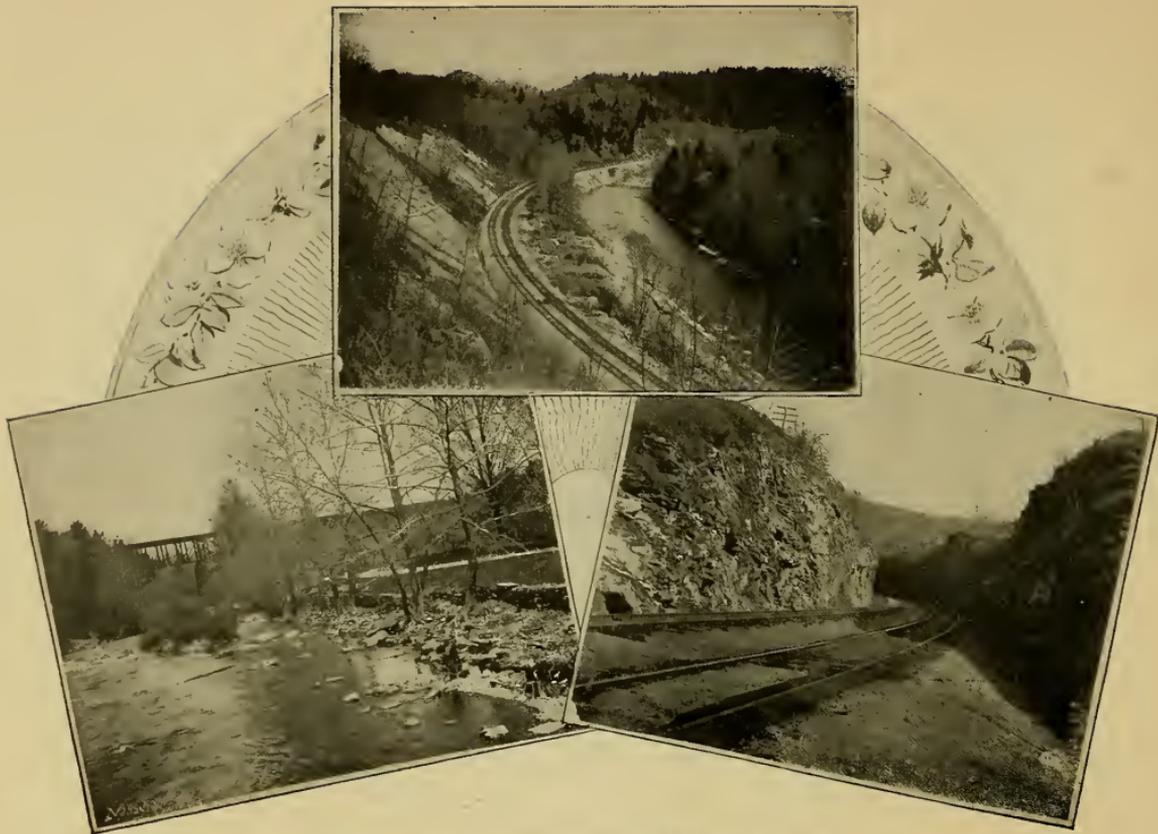
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