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the Sandwich Range on the S. (a distance of 30 M.), and from the Maine frontier on the E. to the valley of the Connecticut on the W. (45 M.). The higher mountains rise from a plateau about 1500-1600 ft. above the sea, and attain an extreme elevation of 5-6000 ft. They are roughly divided into two main groups, the White Mts. proper to the E. and the Franconia Mts. to the W., but with numerous subordinate groups. In the original and narrowest sense the name of White Mts. is restricted to the *Great or Presidential Range*, extending for about 13 M. from Mt. Madison on the N.E. to Mt. Webster on the S.W.—The summits of this range culminate in *Mt. Washington* (6293 ft.), the highest point to the E. of the Rockies and to the N. of N. Carolina. The great mass of the White Mts. consists of granite, overlaid by mica slate. The scenery of the White Mts. is of a very beautiful and varied nature; and though few of the summits are sharp enough to deserve the name of peaks, many of them (such as Mt. Washington and Mt. Lafayette) are of very noble outline. They are now visited annually by many thousands of summer-guests, and all the chief points are of easy access. The first white visitor is said to have been Darby Field, in 1642.

The following account notices the chief tourist centres.

a. North Conway.

North Conway (520 ft.; **Kearsarge Ho.*, \$2¹/₂-4; *Sunset Pavilion*, \$3-3¹/₂; *McMillan*; numerous boarding-houses), charmingly situated on a low terrace above the 'intervalles' of the winding *Saco River* (pron. 'Sawco'), is a favourite resort with those who like to combine the softer beauties of the valley with excursions into the mountains. To the W. rises *Moat Mt.*, to the E. the *Green Hills*, and to the N.E. *Mt. Kearsarge* and *Hurricane Mt.*, while to the N. and N.W. more distant views are obtained of Mt. Washington and other lofty summits. About 1¹/₂ M. to the N. lies the pretty and sequestered little hamlet of *Intervale* (550 ft; **Intervale Ho.*, \$2¹/₂-4; *Bellevue*, \$2¹/₂; *Clarendon*, \$2; stat., p. 123); and near the foot of Mt. Kearsarge (p. 137), 1 M. to the N.W., is *Kearsarge Village* (The Ridge, \$3¹/₄).

TO ECHO LAKE AND THE LEDGES, 2-2¹/₂ M. From the *Kearsarge Ho.* we follow the road to the N. to (7 min.) the *Sunset Pavilion*, take the road to the left here (which soon passes below the railway), and cross the (7 min.) Saco by a covered bridge. A few hundred paces farther on we cross a branch of the river. About 8 min. farther on, at another brook, the road forks, the left branch leading to Echo Lake, the right to the Devil's Den (see p. 137). We follow the former. At the (12 min.) cross-roads we continue in a straight direction. 3 min. **Echo Lake* (925 ft.), a tiny lake, finely situated at the base of a bold rocky bluff which has been prominent during most of our walk—This is the *White Horse Ledge* (so called from a patch of white rock), one of a series of so-called *Ledges* (100-900 ft.), or cliffs, in which *Moat Mt.* ends on this side. Following the bank of the lake towards the N. and disregarding roads leading back to the right, we reach (7 min.) a path leading through wood to the left, which ultimately crosses a fence and reaches (8 min.) a road. We follow the road in the same direction past a quarry, just beyond which are a small refreshment

hut and the *Devil's Den*, under an overhanging slab of rock. We now return to the point whence we emerged from the forest-path, and follow the road to the left. At (6 min.) the highroad (white farm-house) we turn to the right. 10 min. *Bridge*, where we diverged to the left for Echo Lake (see p. 136). [By turning to the left on regaining the highroad and following it for $\frac{3}{4}$ M., we reach a sign-board pointing to *Diana's Baths*.]

To ARTISTS' FALLS, $1\frac{3}{4}$ M. We proceed to the S. from the Kearsarge Ho., past the Maine Central R. R. Station, to (10 min.) the bridge over *Artists' Brook*; then turn to the left and follow the road, crossing another bridge, to (12 min.) the *North Conway Keeley Institute* (formerly *Artists' Falls Hotel*). A path to the right leads to (5 min.) the *Forest Glen Mineral Spring* (alkaline). To reach the falls we take the right branch of the fork opposite the spring, and in 5-6 min. more reach their side. The *Artists' Falls* are small, but pretty in wet weather.

*ASCENT OF MT. KEARSARGE (5-6 hrs. there and back). Going N. from the Kearsarge Ho., we take the (3 min.) second turning to the right (sign post 'to Kearsarge Village'), cross the railway, and (5 min.) turn to the left. This road leads through *Kearsarge Village* (see above) to ($\frac{1}{4}$ M.) a small church, where we turn to the right. $\frac{1}{3}$ M. *Farm House* (carr. to this point, 50c. a head; horse hence to the top \$2; guide, unnecessary, \$2; ascent hence in $1\frac{3}{4}$ - $2\frac{1}{4}$ hrs.). The path, which is steep and stony at first, comparatively easy in the middle, and steep towards the top, begins behind the farm-house, crosses fields, and enters (8 min.) the wood. 25 min. Path leading back to the right to *Prospect Ledge* (View of Saco Valley, Moat Mt., etc.) About 10 min. farther up we pass a small spring (to the right). In 10 min. we emerge from the wood and reach the rocky ledges, and soon see a small cairn a little to our right. It is not easy to give directions from this point, but by noting the worn part of the rocks and keeping a look-out for the cairns, we reach the top in about 1 hr. more. At first we keep to the right and then swing round to the left to approach the summit from the W. The noble *View from the pyramidal Mt. Kearsarge, *Kearsarge*, or *Pequanoket* (3270 ft.; rfmt. hut at the top) includes the Saco Valley to the S. and W.; Mt. Chocorua and the bare ridge of Moat Mt. to the S.W.; Moosilauke (p. 132; in the distance), Mt. Hancock, Mt. Carrigain, and Mt. Lafayette, to the W. and W.N.W.; and most of the main summits of the White Mts., including a grand view of Mt. Washington, to the N.W., and the Wild-Cat and Carter Mts., with the Carter Notch between, to the N.; several lakes and ponds, including Lake Sebago, to the E. and S.E. The other Mt. Kearsarge (p. 130), 60 M. off, is seen to the left of Chocorua. The descent may be made to Bartlett (p. 123). In descending to N. Conway a little care is necessary to follow the route over the ledges. In the wood we keep mainly to the right, as nearly as possible straight down the incline.

Moat Mountain (N. peak, 3195 ft.; *View) may be ascended in 3-4 hrs. from North Conway by a path (sign-posts and cairns) beginning near (3 M.) *Diana's Baths* (see above) — *Middle Mt.* (1850 ft.), another good point of view, is ascended in 1 hr. by a path beginning near the Forest Glen Mineral Spring (see above). The adjoining *Peaked Mt.* (1 hr.) and *Sunset Hill* (855 ft.), a 'cub' of *Hurricane Mt.*, are also easily ascended.

Among the favourite DRIVES from N. Conway are those 'Around the Square' (5 M.), the 'Dundee Drive' (12 M.), and to *Jackson Falls* (9 M.; see below). The distance through the *White Mountain Notch* (p. 139) to the *Crawford House* (p. 139) is 26 M.

COACHES run regularly from N. Conway to (9 M.) *Jackson* (see below), passing (5 M.) *Glen Station* (p. 123).

b. Jackson and the Peabody Glen.

Jackson (760 ft.; **Wentworth Hall*, with annex-cottages, \$4-5; **Gray's Inn*, \$2-3; *Jackson Falls Ho.*, \$2 $\frac{1}{2}$ -3; *Iron Mt. Ho.*, *Glen Ellis Ho.*, \$2 $\frac{1}{2}$; *Eagle Mt. Ho.*, \$2-3; boarding-houses) is overshadowed by *Iron Mt.* (2725 ft.) and *Thorn Mt.* The **Jackson*