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Maplewood Hotel and proceeding through wood past (1 M.) a view tower. The Bethlehem excursions (see next page) may all be made from Maplewood.

3 M. **Bethlehem** (*Sinclair House*, \$3¹/₂; *Allamonte*, \$2¹/₂-3¹/₂; *Highland Ho.*, \$3; *The Alpine*, well spoken of, \$2¹/₂; *The Uplands*, \$2¹/₂-3; *Turner Ho.*, *The Arlington*, \$2-2¹/₂; and many others), with 1000 inhab., finely situated 1460 ft. above the sea and 260 ft. above the Ammonoosuc, is visited annually by 10-15,000 summer guests. Its lofty situation makes it cool in summer, and it commands magnificent views of the White Mts., while the Green Mts. are visible to the W. The 'White Mountain Echo' is published here.

Mt. Agassiz (2400 ft.), which rises at the back of the village, is ascended in ³/₄-1 hr. We follow the road leading S. from the Sinclair Ho. to (25 min.) a house with a sign referring to the toll to Mt. Agassiz (25 c., payable only by those who wish to enter the view-tower). Here we turn to the left and follow the path through wood to (25 min.) the top. The view includes mountains on every side, the names of which are given by rough mountain-indicators on the top of the view-tower. Mt. Washington is seen to the E., Mt. Lafayette to the S., the Green Mts. to the W. The descent may be made to *Maplewood* (p. 141; not advisable in waning light, as the 'trail' through the woods is not very distinct). — *Cruft's Ledge*, 2 M. to the E. (reached by a path beginning beyond the Maplewood Hotel), and *Wallace Hill*, ³/₄ M. to the W., are other good points of view. — Favourite drives are the *Cherry Valley Drive* (5 M.), *Around the Heater* (6 M.; views of Franconia Mts.), to (7 M.) *Twin Mt. Ho.*, to (7¹/₂ M.) *Sugar Hill*, to (10 M.) *Profile House* (also reached by train, see p. 141), to (15 M.) *Jefferson*, and to (17 M.) *Crawford House*. To reach the top of *Mt. Washington* via Fabyan's takes 2-2¹/₂ hrs. by train.

g. The Franconia Mts. Profile House.

The **Franconia Mts.**, included in the wider acceptation of the name White Mts. (see p. 136), is the small group of summits between the Twin Mt. Range on the E. and the Pemigewasset Range on the W. The sharp-peaked *Mt. Lafayette* (p. 143) is the monarch of the group, and the *Profile House* is the chief tourist centre. On the W. the range is bounded by the Franconia Notch (p. 143), though in popular speech the term includes the mountains to the W. of this valley. Most of the Franconia Mts. are densely wooded.

The *Profile House* is reached from *Bethlehem Junction* by a narrow-gauge railway, 10 M. long, which runs through wood and affords little view. To the right, as we approach the terminus, lies *Echo Lake*. — Route to the Profile House from *Plymouth*, through the *Pemigewasset Valley*, see p. 132.

The **Profile House** (1974 ft.; \$4-5), perhaps the largest of the White Mt. hotels, stands, with its group of cottages, at the N. end of the Franconia Notch (p. 143), to the W. of Mt. Lafayette.

About ¹/₂ M. to the N. of the hotel, to the right (E.) of the road, is the pretty little 'Echo Lake, where fine echoes are aroused by bugle (small fee; steam-launch round the lake, 1-5 pers. 75 c., each addit. pers. 15 c.). At the foot of the lake is *Artist's Bluff*, a good point of view. — *Eagle Cliff* (1470 ft. above the hotel), close to the hotel on the E., is a fine specimen of rock-formation (well seen from Profile Mt.). — **Profile Mt.** or **Mt. Cannon** (4107 ft.), opposite the Eagle Cliff, is ascended in 2 ²/₂ hrs. by a somewhat steep path beginning to the S. of the hotel and running first through wood and then over rocky ledges. *View of Mt. Lafayette. The *Cannon Rock* lies a little below the summit, on the E.

side. The *Profile Ledges* (p. 143), reached from above by a somewhat steep scramble (no path), afford one of the best points of view. — *Bald Mt* (2310 ft.), to the N. of Echo Lake, is easily ascended in $\frac{1}{4}$ hr. by a cart-track diverging to the right from the road, 1 M. to the N. of the hotel (*View; afternoon-light best). — **Mt. Lafayette* (5270 ft.) is ascended in $2\frac{1}{2}$ - $3\frac{1}{2}$ hrs. by a steep bridle-path diverging to the left from the road in front of the hotel and skirting the S. side of Eagle Cliff (to *Eagle Lakes*, $1\frac{1}{4}$ - $1\frac{3}{4}$ hr.; thence to the top about as long). The sharp pyramidical summit commands a splendid *View, including the Pemigewasset Valley to the S., the Connecticut Valley and the Green Mts. to the W., and Mt. Garfield (close at hand) and the Presidential Range to the N.E.

Most of the excursions from the Flume House (see below) can be made from the Profile House at a small additional expenditure of time.

The **Franconia Notch* is a narrow wooded defile, 5 M. long, traversed by the Pemigewasset River and flanked by the Franconia Mts. on the E. and the Pemigewasset Range on the W. It lies about 2000 ft. above the sea, and the enclosing mountains rise 1500-3000 ft. higher. Frequent coaches run through the Notch to (5 M.) the Flume Ho. and thence to (5 M.) *North Woodstock* (p. 132).

Starting from the Profile House to walk or drive through the Notch to (5 M.) the Flume House (see below), we soon reach a sign-board by the roadside marking the best point of view for the **Profile* or *Old Man of the Mountain*, a curious freak of nature formed by three protruding and disconnected ledges, 1200 ft. above us, on the side of Cannon or Profile Mt. (right; see *Hawthorne's* 'Great Stone Face'). Below the Profile, to the right of the road, $\frac{1}{2}$ M. from the hotel, is *Profile Lake* (boats). The road for the most part runs through wood and affords no views. About $2\frac{1}{2}$ M. from the hotel, to the right, a bridle-path diverges to ($1\frac{1}{4}$ M.) *Lonesome Lake*, on Cannon Mt., 1000 ft. above the road. To the left, $\frac{1}{2}$ M. farther on, is a sign-post indicating the way to *Walker's Falls* ($\frac{1}{2}$ M.) and *Cataract* (1 M.). These lie in the *White Cross Ravine*, below Mt. Lincoln (5098 ft.), to the S. of Mt. Lafayette. To the right, 1 M. farther on, is the *Basin*, a small pool by the roadside, where the imaginative see the form of a human foot and leg in the rocks. A small brook coming in here may be ascended to ($\frac{3}{4}$ M.) the *Tunnel Falls*.

5 M. The **Flume House* (1430 ft.; \$ $3\frac{1}{2}$), at the S. end of the Franconia Notch, is smaller, quieter, and cheaper than the Profile House, and well situated for excursions. It lies at the base of *Mt. Pemigewasset*, opposite *Mt. Liberty* and *Mt. Flume*.

A sign-post in front of the hotel indicates the route to ($\frac{3}{4}$ M.) the **Flume*, a fine rocky gorge, 700 ft. long, 60-70 ft. high, and 10-20 ft. wide. It is traversed by a foaming stream, up which the path is carried by wooden galleries and bridges. Extensive traces are still discernible of the landslide of 1883, which carried away the boulder formerly suspended in the narrowest part of the ravine. — Another sign-post in front of the hotel points to ($\frac{1}{2}$ M.) the **Pool*, a basin in the solid rock, 150 ft. wide and 40 ft. deep, over-shadowed by cliffs 150 ft. high. — The fine (3 M.) **Georgianna* or *Harvard Falls* (two leaps of 80 ft.) are reached by a path leaving the highroad to the right at a farm-house (guide), 1 M. to the S. of the Flume House.

Mt. Liberty (4472 ft.; view) may be ascended in 3-4 hrs. (descent 2-3 hrs.) by an Appalachian Mt. Club path viâ the Pool and *Langton's*

Falls. This path is continued to the (2 M.) top of *Mt. Haystack*. A comparatively easy walk leads along the ridge from *Mt. Liberty* to *Mt. Lafayette*. — The ascent of *Mt. Flume* (4340 ft.; *View) is somewhat arduous. — *Mt. Pemigewasset* (2560 ft.), ascended by a steep bridle-path in 1/2-1 hr., is a good and easily reached view-point.

Franconia (920 ft.; *Forest Hill Hotel*, \$ 3-3 1/2; *Franconia Inn*, \$ 2 1/2-3 1/2, etc.), situated on the *Gale River*, 6 M. to the S. of Littleton (p. 133; daily coaches), 4 M. to the S.W. of Bethlehem, and 4 M. to the N.E. of the Profile Ho., is frequented by many summer-visitors. It affords good views of the Franconia Mts. and is a fair centre for excursions.

Sugar Hill (1350 ft.; *Sunset Hill Ho.*, \$ 3 1/2; *Hotel Look Off*, \$ 3 1/2; *Miramonte*, \$ 2 1/2, etc.), 2 1/2 M. to the S.W. of Franconia, is another favourite resort (rail. station, see p. 133). The *View from the summit of the ridge (1780 ft.) from which the village takes its name is superb. A golf-course was laid out here in 1897.

h. Jefferson.

Jefferson (1440 ft.; *Waumbek*, \$ 4-4 1/2; *Plaisted Ho.*, \$ 3-3 1/2, *The Jefferson*, \$ 3; *Stalbird Ho.*, *Grand View Ho.*, \$ 2), situated on a spur of *Mt. Starr King*, above the *Israel River*, is a station on the Concord and Montreal R. R. and lies about 2 M. from Jefferson station on the Maine Central line (p. 123; hotel-omnibuses to meet the trains), 12 M. to the N. of Fabyan's, and 17 M. to the W. of Gorham (comp. p. 139). It commands what many consider the finest general *View of the White Mts.

Mt. Starr King (3915 ft.), the southernmost summit of the *Pilot Range*, is ascended by a well-marked path from the *Waumbek Ho.* in 1 1/2-2 1/4 hrs. The *View embraces the White Mts., the Franconia Mts., the Green Mts., the valley of the Connecticut, and the Pilot Mts. (to the N.). — *Owl's Head* (3270 ft.; view) is generally ascended from its W. side by a path (1 1/2 hr.; fee) beginning at *King's Farm*, 6 M. from Jefferson Hill. — About 5 M. to the S.E. of Jefferson, on the road to Gorham, is the *Mt. Adams House* (\$ 2), 3 1/2 M. beyond which begins 'Lowe's Path' up **Mt. Adams* (5805 ft.; *View; 2 1/2-3 1/2 hrs.). [A path diverging to the left from Lowe's ascends through *King's Ravine*.] — *Bray Hill*, a low eminence 6 M. to the S.W. of Jefferson, affords a good view.

The *Drive from Jefferson to (17 M.) *Gorham* (comp. p. 139) or (19 M.) the *Glen House Site* affords a splendid, unimpeded *View of the N. side of the Presidential Range; and that to (16 M.) the *Crawford House* (p. 139) is also fine. Other favourite drives are the rounds viâ *Stag Hollow* and the *Valley Road* (9 M.), and viâ *Blair's Mills*, the *Valley Road*, and *Cherry Mt. Road* (18 M.) *Lancaster* (p. 123) is 7 M. to the W.N.W.

i. Mount Washington.

Mt. Washington (6290 ft.), the highest mountain in the United States to the E. of the Rockies and N. of N. Carolina, deserves its rank as monarch of the White Mts. as much for the grandeur of its form as for its height. On the N. and E. it is furrowed by several huge ravines, of which Tuckerman's (see p. 146) is the best-known. — See *W. H. Pickering's* 'Walking Guide to the Mt. Washington Range'.

The group of buildings at the top includes the *Summit House*, a comfortable inn in which the night may be spent (\$ 5 a day, meal or bed \$ 1 1/2); a *U. S. Signal Service Station*; a view-tower (small fee); the office of '*Among the Clouds*', a daily paper published here in summer; the old *Tip-Top House* (disused); stables; an engine-house, etc. The summit is now