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We now pass from Connecticut into *Massachusetts* and enter the district of the *Berkshire Hills* proper (R. 19).

The *Taghkanic* or *Taconic Mts.* rise to the left, and the *Hoosac Range* to the right. Beyond (120 M.) *Ashley Falls* we cross the *Housatonic*. 124 M. *Sheffield* (see below); 129½ M. **Great Barrington** (p. 151). — 132 M. *Van Deusenville* is the junction of a line to *West Stockbridge*, *State Line*, and *Albany* (p. 170). *Monument Mt.* (p. 152) rises to the right. — 134 M. *Housatonic*; 137 M. *Glendale*. We cross the river once more and bend to the right (E.). — 139½ M. **Stockbridge** (p. 151). In the next few miles we cross the *Housatonic* several times. 140 M. *South Lee*; 144 M. *Lee* (p. 153); 146½ M. *Lenox Dale*. At (148½ M.) *Lenox Station* omnibuses from the hotels at (2½ M.) **Lenox** (p. 153) meet the trains. 151 M. *New Lenox*. We cross the river for the last time in entering —

156 M. **Pittsfield** (p. 154; *Rail. Restaurant*).

From Pittsfield to (20 M.) *North Adams*, see p. 155.

19. The Berkshire Hills.

The district known as the **Berkshire Hills**, corresponding practically to *Berkshire County* (pop. 86,292 in 1896) in the W. part of *Massachusetts*, is 50 M. long from N. to S. and 20-25 M. wide from E. to W., covering an area of about 1300 sq. M. On the W. it is bounded by the *Taconic Mts.* and the State of *New York*; on the E. by the *Hoosac Mts.*, a S. prolongation of the *Green Mts.*; on the S. by *Connecticut*; and on the N. by *Vermont*. The region confined between the two mountain-ranges is broken up into a number of smaller valleys, interspersed with isolated hills; and for the gentle loveliness of a hill-country, as contrasted with a mountain country, it is unsurpassed in the United States and has few rivals elsewhere. The *Hoosac* flows through the district towards the N. to join the *Hudson*, and the *Housatonic* flows S. towards *Long Island Sound*, while innumerable small lakes and brooks add to its attractions. The praises of the *Berkshire Hills* have been repeatedly sung by *Longfellow*, *Bryant*, *Whittier*, *Hawthorne*, *Beecher*, and others. — The name of the *Taconic Mts.* is well known in geology, as the non-fossiliferous *Taconic formations* are regarded as a distinct system, intermediate between the *Arch* and the *Potsdam sandstone*. — Perhaps the best SEASON to visit the *Berkshires* is in autumn, as the brilliant autumnal tints of the American woods are seen here to perfection. Fashion has decreed that the seaside sojourn at *Newport* should be followed ere returning to town by a 'fall' visit to the *Berkshire Hills*, and many people stay here till well on in November. *Lenox* (p. 153) is the most fashionable resort, but *Stockbridge* (p. 151), one of the loveliest villages in America, is perhaps an equally good centre for casual travellers; while *Pittsfield* (p. 154), *Great Barrington* (p. 151), and other places also form good headquarters. The *Hotels* are usually good and not exorbitant. The *Roads* are well-adapted for driving and cycling. *Carriage Hire* is lower than at *Newport* or in the *White Mts.*

Pittsfield is reached from *New York* in 4½ hrs. (fare \$ 3¼; see R. 18) and from *Boston* (see R. 17a) in 4½-5 hrs. (fare \$ 3.40).

The S. half of the district has hitherto been the best known, and the following description enumerates the chief points in order from S. to N. — Comp. the 'New Book of *Berkshire*', by *Clark W. Bryan*.

Sheffield (675 ft.; *Bacon House*; rail. stat., see above), a quiet little village on the *Housatonic*, attracts a few summer-visitors and is known for its marble-quarries, which supplied the material

for Girard College (p. 239). Pop. (1895) 1897. Tobacco is largely grown in the neighbourhood.

Mt. Washington (2625 ft.; view), sometimes called the *Dome* or *Mt. Everett*, one of the highest of the *Taconic Mts.*, rises 5 M. to the W. and is frequently ascended hence (road to the base; path to the top $\frac{1}{2}$ hr.). — The *Sheffield Elm*, mentioned in the 'Autocrat of the Breakfast Table', is 1 M. to the S. of the centre of the village. — Other pleasant points are *Bear's Den*, 1 M. to the W.; *Sage's Ravine*, 6 M. to the S.W.; *Twin Lakes*, 5 M. to the S.; and *Ashley Falls* ($\frac{1}{4}$ M.). The **Bashbish Falls*, $7\frac{1}{2}$ M. to the W., are also visited hence.

From Sheffield we may proceed to the N., along the *Housatonic*, either by road (a pleasant drive) or railway, to (6 M.) —

Great Barrington (720 ft.; **Berkshire Inn*, Main St., \$2 $\frac{1}{2}$ -3; *The Taghkannuc*, Berkshire Heights; *Miller Ho.*, *Collins Ho.*, \$2; rail. stat., p. 150), beautifully situated in a hollow surrounded by hills, the slopes of which afford good views of the picturesquely spired town and the valley. Pop. (1895) 4794.

The railway-station lies to the W. of *Main Street*, shaded by fine elms, into which we turn to the S. (right). We pass the *Post Office* (l.) and *Town Hall* (r.) and in a few minutes reach (r.) the *Episcopal Church*, built of bluish limestone, and the large *Berkshire Inn*. Opposite, concealed by a massive stone wall and trees, is **Kellogg Terrace*, a magnificent mansion of blue limestone, with red-tiled roofs, erected by the late Mrs. Hopkins-Searles, in a French Gothic style, at a cost of \$1,500,000 (300,000!). It is most elaborately fitted up (no admission). A good distant view of it is obtained from the hill on the opposite side of the river. The *'Grounds'* contain a fine fountain (jet 80 ft. high). — The handsome **Congregational Church* and the *Hopkins Memorial Manse* (cost \$100,000) are on the same side of the street, a little to the N. of the *Post Office*. The former contains a magnificent organ (3954 pipes, 60 speaking stops) and an 'echo' organ, concealed in the walls and operated by $2\frac{1}{2}$ M. of electric wire. The paragonage is said to be the finest in the United States.

William Cullen Bryant (1794-1878), the poet, was for several years (1815-25) town-clerk of Great Barrington, and many of the town records are in his handwriting. His house (the 'Henderson Place') stood on the site occupied by the *Berkshire Inn*, but has been moved farther back and is now an annex of the hotel. *Dr. Samuel Hopkins*, the hero of Mrs. Stowe's 'Minister's Wooing', lived at Great Barrington for 25 years.

A few hundred yards to the N.W. of the station is the pretty little *Mansfield Pond*. The *Berkshire Heights* (980 ft.), 1 M. to the N. of the station, command a fine *View. About $\frac{1}{2}$ M. to the S. is *Mt. Peter*, a good point of view. To the E., across the river, rise *Mt. Bryant* (1450 ft.) and *East Mt.* (1740 ft.). *Belcher's Cave* lies at the N. end of the village.

To the S.E. (5 M.) lies *Lake Buel*, in the hill on the W. side of which is a chasm known as the *Ice Gulf*, where ice is found nearly all summer. — *Long Lake* lies 3 M. to the N.W. — **Monument Mt.* (p. 152) is $4\frac{1}{2}$ M. to the N.

The direct road from Great Barrington to ($7\frac{1}{2}$ M.) *Stockbridge* (railway, see p. 150) runs on the E. side of the *Housatonic*, with *Monument Mt.* (p. 152) to the left and *Bear Mt.* (p. 153) to the right.

Stockbridge (830 ft.; *Red Lion Inn*, \$3; *Edwards Arms Hall*, p. 152, \$2 $\frac{1}{2}$; boarding-houses), one of the most typical and charming of New England villages, with its immemorial elms and immaculate neatness, 'sleeps along a level plain just under the rim of the hills'. Pop. (1895) 2077.

In Main St., opposite the road leading to ($\frac{1}{2}$ M.) the railway

station (p. 150), is the tasteful *Episcopal Church*, adjoining which is a *War Monument*. Following Main St. towards the left (W.), we pass, on the left, the *Sedgwick Mansion*, the old home of the Sedgwick family. To the right, nearly opposite, is *Edwards Hall*, now an inn, where *Jonathan Edwards* (1703-58) wrote his famous treatise on 'The Freedom of the Will'. It is recognizable by the three little windows above the ponderous old door. Beyond Edwards Hall is the *Casino*, with tennis-courts, etc. Nearly opposite (left) is the *Congregational Church*, in front of which is a *Bell Tower*, erected by David Dudley Field to the memory of the Indian Mission and his deceased grandchildren. The most interesting part of the *Cemetery* (right) is the enclosure of the Sedgwick family, with the grave of the authoress Catherine M. Sedgwick (1789-1867). The *Edwards Monument*, also to the right, was erected in 1871 by the descendants of Jonathan Edwards. To the left is the beautiful *Dwight Place*, beyond which, on the same side, is the interesting **Old Burial Ground of the Stockbridge Indians*, with an appropriate monument (**View*). The road diverging to the right at the Edwards Monument leads to a *Park*, laid out and presented to the town by Cyrus W. Field (view).

In the part of Main Street to the E. of the Episcopal church is the *Jackson Library and Reading Room* (10,000 vols.; open to strangers). A little farther on is the *Academy*, with *Laurel Hill* behind it.

TO ICE GLEN, $1\frac{1}{4}$ M. From the railway-station we follow the track to the left (E.) to (6 min.) a stile to the right, where we cross the fence. The path to the glen runs to the right (up the hill). **Ice Glen*, a cleft in Bear Mt. (see p. 153), is a wild, cold, and narrow rocky ravine, in the caverns of which ice may be found in midsummer and which forms a startling contrast to the surrounding scenery. At (15-20 min.) the upper end of the glen we pass through a gate into a pasture, across which we descend by a faint path to (5 min.) the road (gate here marked 'Path to Ice Glen'). Following the road to the right, we regain the station in $\frac{1}{4}$ hr.

**FROM STOCKBRIDGE TO MONUMENT MT.* (there and back 9-10 M., or 3-4 hrs.). From the Stockbridge Inn we descend Main St. to the left. It bends to the left, passes the Indian Burial Ground (see above), and ($\frac{2}{3}$ M.) crosses the *Housatonic*. We then turn to the left and in a few hundred paces cross the railway. Avoiding the road to the right here, we continue in a straight direction to ($\frac{3}{4}$ M.) the cross-roads, where we keep to the left. The road soon dwindles to a lane and begins to ascend. $\frac{3}{4}$ M. *Smith's Farm*, 325 ft. above Stockbridge (view). Here we should ask the way across the pasture, which ascends to the left to (8 min.) a gate leading into the wood. The route through the forest is by an old and winding cart-track, now seldom used for driving. In 20 min. it is joined by another track from the right. A few yards beyond this, to the left, is a small patch of grass, with a slab of rock. A steep footpath ascends hence over rocks to (5-10 min.) the chaotic, rocky top of **Monument Mt.* (1250 ft.), which commands a magnificent **View* of the Housatonic Valley and the Berkshire Hills. The rock-formations (white quartz) are very fine, especially one huge detached pinnacle known as the 'Pulpit'. Ladies or others who object to scrambling should now return to the cart-track and either retrace their steps or follow it to the left to (25 min.) the Great Barrington road. A little time is saved, however, by descending the indistinct path on the other side of the summit, which merges ($\frac{1}{4}$ hr.) in a grassy wheel-track, that joins (3 min.) the above-mentioned cart-track about 10 min. from the Great Barrington road. Here we turn to the left for ($3\frac{3}{4}$ M.) *Stockbridge*, a dusty highroad walk which we may

avoid by having a carriage to meet us. About 1 M. from Stockbridge we pass the stump (32 ft. in girth) of a huge willow.

FROM STOCKBRIDGE TO LENOX VIA LAKE MAHKEENAC AND BALD HEAD, 8-9 M. We follow the road leaving Main St. at the Episcopal church and take the first road to the left (sign-post 'to Lenox 6 M.'). The road ascends *Prospect Hill* (*View of Stockbridge) and for a mile or two is lined with handsome 'places'. To the right is *Rattlesnake Hill*. After about 3 M. we see **Lake Mahkeenac* or the *Stockbridge Bowl* (ca. 920 ft.) below us to the left. At the (1 M.) fork near the N. end of the lake we follow the left branch ('to Lenox and Pittsfield'). At (3/4 M.) the next fork we again keep to the left, passing (on the lake, to the left) the scanty remains of the house in which Nathaniel Hawthorne lived in 1849-51, and wrote the 'House of the Seven Gables' and other works. 3/4 M. Opposite the pretty home of Mr. Higginson, we take the central of three roads (driving to this point advisable in hot or dusty weather), and immediately afterwards follow the road to the left between two private roads. A very little farther on we ascend to the right by a steep lane. In 20-30 min. we see the bare grassy top of *Bald Head* or *Mt. Prospect* (1585 ft.) to the right, which we reach by crossing the fence and grass to (5 min.) the cairn. *View to N. and S., including Lenox, the *Stockbridge Bowl*, and *Monument Mt.* We may now return to the lane and follow it round a wooded hill and down to (2 1/2 M.) Lenox. Or we may descend the cart-track in the hollow between *Bald Head* and the wooded summit to the N., which leads toward Lenox but soon dwindles to a trail and finally disappears (this route not advisable for ladies or elderly people). At (10-15 min.) the foot of the hill we emerge from the wood on a field, where we climb the fence and continue in the general direction of (1 1/2 M.) Lenox, which is seen in front. There are so many private roads here, that it is impossible to give precise directions, but it is scarcely possible to go far wrong. *Lenox*, see below.

Excursions are also made from Stockbridge to *Mohawk Lake*, 2 3/4 M. to the W.; *Lake Averic*, 3 M. to the N.W.; *Eldon's Cave*, in *Tom Ball Mt.*, 3 1/2 M. to the W.; over the old *Burgoyne Road* (*Bear Mt.*; views); *Lee* (4 M.); *Great Barrington* (1 1/2 M.); *West Stockbridge* (5 M.), etc.

Lee (865 ft.; *Morgan Ho.*, \$2), 4 M. to the N.W. of Stockbridge, is a village with paper-mills and quarries of marble (used for the Capitol at Washington, etc.). Pop. (1895) 4066. A fine drive may be taken through the *Hopbrook Valley* to *Fernside* (1160 ft.; *Fernside Inn*), *Tyringham*, and *Monterey* (12 M.). *Hightown Farm*, a famous horse-breeding establishment, lies 3/4 M. to the N.W., on *Laurel Lake* (p. 154).

Lenox (1270 ft.; *Curtis House*, \$3-5; *Flint Ho.*, \$2-3; numerous boarding-houses), beautifully situated on a ridge, 2 1/2 M. to the W. of the railway-station (p. 150) and 6 M. to the N. of Stockbridge, is the Newport of the Berkshires and makes an even greater impression of wealth and luxury than the real Newport. Pop. (1895) 2872. The main street, shaded with elms, contains the hotels, a *Club*, a *Public Library*, etc., while the slopes and crests of the surrounding hills are covered with large and often beautiful country houses. Driving, riding, golf (tournaments in autumn), and lawn tennis (tournament in Oct.) are the favourite amusements; horse races are held in the *Lee Pleasure Park*, and the annual 'Tub Parade' (of carriages) is a regular institution. *Fanny Kemble* (1811-93) and *Henry Ward Beecher* (1813-87) are among the most famous of former Lenox residents.

The best way to see Lenox is to hire a carriage, with an intelligent driver, and spend 2-3 hrs. in driving about the network of excellent private roads (open to light vehicles only) of which the place consists. The

grounds of many of the houses are open to the carriages of visitors. The **Sloane* and *Lanier Places* adjoin each other and command a superb *View. Perhaps the finest grounds are those of the *Rathbone Place*. The *Stokes House* is built round a tree. The new *Foster Mansion*, by Thos. Hastings of New York, is a picturesque Renaissance structure of white marble and red bricks.

The DRIVES and WALKS round Lenox are very attractive, and one can scarcely go wrong in any direction. Among the favourite excursions are those to the top of *Bald Head* (2½ M.; see p. 153); the *Stockbridge Bowl* (2½ M.; p. 153) and *Stockbridge* (6 M.; p. 151); *Laurel Lake* and the *Highlawn Farm* (p. 153), 2¾ M. to the S.E.; *North Lenox Mt.* and *Yokun's Seat* (2080 ft.), 4-4½ M. to the N.W.; *Pittsfield* (6 M.; see below); the settlement of the *Lebanon Shakers* (see below) and *Perry's Peak* (2080 ft.; view), 9 M. to the N.W.; *October Mt.*, 4 M. to the N.E. *Richmond*, 4½ M. to the W., is celebrated for its parallel trains of boulders, described by Sir Chas. Lyell. Short walks may be taken to (¾ M.) the *Ledge*, the (1 M.) *Pinnacle*, the *Lily Pond* (1½ M.), the *Schermerhorn Woods*, etc.

Pittsfield (1010 ft.; **Maplewood*, North St., \$3-4½; *American Ho.*, open all the year, \$2½-3; *Burbank Ho.*, commercial, \$2-3; *Beach Grove*, \$2; *Rail. Restaurant*), the chief city of Berkshire County, with (1895) 20,461 inhab. is finely situated on a plateau surrounded by hills. It was named in 1761 in honour of the elder Pitt.

The public green in the centre of the city, named the 'Heart of Berkshire', bears the original statue of the *Massachusetts Colour Bearer*, by Launt Thompson, which has been reproduced at Gettysburg (p. 259). Among the buildings round the green are two Churches, the white marble *Court House*, and the *Berkshire Athenaeum* (with the *Berkshire Historical Society*). The *Bishop Training School for Nurses*, the *House of Mercy*, the *Old Ladies' Home*, and the small *R. C. Cathedral of St. Joseph* may also be mentioned. Pittsfield is the headquarters of the *Agassiz Association* for the study of natural history, which has 1000 local 'chapters' in different parts of the world and over 20,000 members (president, H. H. Ballard). Among the many interesting and attractive private residences are the *Appleton* or *Plunkett House*, in East St., where Longfellow wrote 'The Old Clock on the Stairs' (clock still in the house); the quaint old *Keilog Place*, also in East St.; and *Elmwood*, Broad St., with its beautiful grounds. The *Cemetery* contains fine old trees and a large red granite obelisk. *Oliver Wendell Holmes* lived for some time at a small villa, 2 M. to the S., on the road to Lenox; and the *Rev. Dr. John Todd* (1800-1874), author of the well-known 'Lectures to Children', was long pastor of the Congregational Church. Electric cars traverse the principal streets.

About 2 M. to the W. of Pittsfield lies *Lake Onota*, on the E. shore of which a public park has been laid out. The excursion may be continued in the same direction, across the *Taconic Mts.*, to (7 M.) *Lebanon Springs* (Columbia Hall, \$3-4; Field Inn, \$2-3), the waters of which are useful in cutaneous and liver complaints. The Shaker village of *Lebanon* is 2 M. to the S. of the Springs (interesting Sunday services). — *Pontoosuc Lake*, reached by electric car, lies 2¼ M. to the N. of Pittsfield, on the road to (20 M.) *Williamstown* (p. 155). *Lanesboro*, 2½ M. farther on, was the birthplace of 'Josh Billings' (H. W. Shaw; b. 1818). — On the slopes of the *Taconic Mts.*, to the N.W. of *Lake Onota*, are the *Lulu Cascade* (4 M.) and *Berry Pond* (5 M.). — Among the 'Opes', or view-commanding vales, in this neighbourhood, is the '*Ope of Promise*', affording a view of the '*Promised Land*'. — The *Balanced Rock* is 2 M. to the N. of *Lake Onota* and 2 M. to the W. of *Pontoosuc Lake*. — *South Mt.* (1870 ft.), 2 M. to the S., commands a view of Pittsfield, *Lake Onota*, *Greylock*, etc. — Other favourite points for excursions are *Potter Mt.*, 8 M. to the N.W.; the *Wizard's Glen*, 4 M. to the N.E.; the *Wahconah Falls*, 8 M. to the N.E.; *Lake Ashley* (1800 ft.), 6 M. to the S.E.; *Perry's Peak* (see above; 8 M.), etc. — A little to the N.E. of the city is the fine *Allen Stock Farm* (trotting-horses).

The N. part of Berkshire County is much less known than the

S., and there is no important centre for visitors between Pittsfield and North Adams and Williamstown, 20 M. to the N.

North Adams (700 ft.; *Wilson Ho.*, \$2½-3; *Richmond Ho.*, *Mansion Ho.*, \$2), a manufacturing city in the narrow valley of the *Hoosac*, with (1895) 19,135 inhab., is a station on the Fitchburg Railroad (see p. 148) and the terminus of a branch of the Boston & Albany R.R. (see p. 147). It is connected with (6 M.) *Adams* (p. 147) and (5 M.) *Williamstown* (see below) by electric tramways.

About 1 M. to the N.E. of North Adams is the *Natural Bridge*, a narrow rocky archway spanning the Hudson Brook at a height of 50-60 ft. — The W. end of the *Hoosac Tunnel* (p. 147) is 2 M. to the S.E. of N. Adams, and a favourite excursion is over the *Hoosac Mt.* (2270 ft.) to (9 M.) the E. end of the tunnel and *Hoosac Tunnel Station* (*Rice's Hotel*, \$2).

ASCENT OF GREYLOCK (8 M.; road), the highest mountain in Massachusetts, now kept as a state reservation. We follow the Williamstown road (to the W.) for a short distance and then turn to the left into the road through the *Notch* (views), passing (1½ M.) the *Notch Brook Cascade*, 30 ft. high. About 3 M. from N. Adams the new road, constructed by the *Greylock Park Association*, diverges to the right and leads through wood to (5 M.) the summit (easy gradient). About halfway up we have a view into the *Hopper* (1000 ft. deep). At the top is a view-tower (40 ft. high). The *View from *Greylock* (3535 ft.) includes Adams, N. Adams, Pittsfield, the valleys of the *Hoosac* and *Housatonic*, and most of the Berkshire Hills. Farther off are the *Catskills* to the S.W., the *Green Mts.* to the N., *Mts. Monadnock* and *Wachusett* to the E., and *Mts. Tom* and *Holyoke* to the S.E.

Williamstown (595 ft.; *Greylock*, with dépendance, the *Taconic Inn*, \$3-4; *Idlewild*, at S. Williamstown, 5 M. from the rail. station, \$2½; *Duncan Ho.*, \$2), 5 M. to the W. of N. Adams and 1 M. to the S. of the rail. station (p. 148; omn. 25 c.; electric tramway), lies on the *Green River*, an affluent of the *Hoosac*. Pop. (1895) 4887. It is the seat of *Williams College* (350-400 students), the buildings of which are the chief feature of the village. The most modern is the *Mark Hopkins Memorial Hall* (1890); the *President's House* is a good specimen of Colonial architecture. The old *Van Rensselaer Mansion* of Albany (comp. p. 171) has been re-erected here as the chapter-house of the *Sigma Phi Fraternity*. President Garfield, a graduate of the college, is commemorated by a window in the chapel. The streets are prettily laid out, without fences, and are shaded by fine trees.

In *Flora's Glen*, 1 M. to the W., Bryant is often, but erroneously, said to have composed his 'Thanatopsis', at the age of eighteen. — The **Hopper* (see above), a huge gorge enclosed by *Mt. Prospect*, *Bald Mt.*, and *Greylock*, is 5 M. to the S. — The top of *Greylock* is 10 M. distant by the new road (see above). — The *Taconic Range* rises about 3 M. from Williamstown, and good views are afforded by *Mt. Belcher*, *Mt. Hopkins* (*Berlin Mt.*; 2790 ft.), and other summits. The chief passes over this range are the *Petersburg Pass* (2075 ft.), the *Berlin Pass* (2190 ft.), the *Kidder Pass* (bridle-path), and the *Johnson Pass*. — The *Snow Glen* is 7 M. to the N.W., 2 M. to the N. of the *Petersburg Pass*. — Among the favourite drives are the '*Short Oblong*' (2 M.) and the '*Long, Oblong*' (10 M.). Longer drives may be taken to *Pittsfield* (20 M.), *Lebanon Springs* (20 M.), *Hoosick Falls* (17 M.), etc.