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difficult to find unaided, but the following is quite distinct. To the *Laurel House*, as above, 1 M. Hence we follow the road to the W., crossing the railway. On reaching the ($\frac{1}{2}$ M.) main road we follow it to the left for $\frac{1}{4}$ M. We then descend to the left by *Featherbed Lane* to the ($\frac{1}{2}$ M.) bottom of the *Clove*, turn to the right, and reach the ($\frac{1}{4}$ M.) *Haines's Falls House* (p. 181), where a placard indicates the way to the *Falls* (p. 181).

Other short walks may be made to ($\frac{1}{2}$ M.) the *Boulder* and to the points mentioned in connection with the *Mountain House* at p. 178.

The ascent of *North Mt.* (p. 178) takes about 1 hr. — That of *High Peak* (3660 ft.) takes $1\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$ hrs. from the *Haines's Falls House* (p. 181) and is rather toilsome, but the view is very fine.

Longer EXCURSIONS, by railway or carriage, may be made to *Tannersville* and *Onteora Park* (p. 181; 5-8 M.), *Stony Clove* (see below), *Catskill* (p. 177) *Sleepy Hollow* (p. 177), *Overlook Mt.* (see below), *Plattekill Clove* (p. 181), etc.

b. From Kingston (Rondout) to the Hotel Kaaterskill.

49 M. ULSTER AND DELAWARE RAILROAD in $2\frac{1}{2}$ -3 hrs. (fare \$ 2.71). This line skirts the S. and W. sides of the Catskills. Through-carriages run by this route from New York and Philadelphia to *Tannersville*, *Haines's Corners*, the *Laurel House*, the *Hotel Kaaterskill*, and many other points. The Day Line steamers connect directly with the railway at *Kingston Point*.

The regular terminus of the railway is at *Rondout* (p. 169), but the track has recently been extended to *Kingston Point*, the steam-boat landing 2 M. to the E. After leaving *Rondout* the train stops at (4 M. from *Kingston Point*) the *Union Station* in *Kingston* (p. 169). The line ascends gradually through the beautiful valley of the *Esopus*. 10 M. *Stony Hollow* (410 ft.). — 11 M. *West Hurley* (530 ft.) is the starting-point of the road (coach \$ 1.50) to (9 M.) the top of *Overlook Mt.* (3150 ft.), near which stands the *Overlook Mt. House* (\$ 3; 2980 ft.; 300 beds), a favourite resort, the *View from which, embracing the *Hudson*, the *Highlands* (p. 163), and the *Catskills*, is considered by some authorities the finest in the district. *Mead's Mountain House* (\$ 2), about halfway up the mountain (7 M. from the railway), is well spoken of. — Near (20 M.) *Shokan* (535 ft.) *High Point Mt.* (3100 ft.) is conspicuous to the left. The train now turns to the N., disclosing, to the left, a fine semicircle of mountains, sending off radiating spurs to a common centre (the two most to the right are *Mt. Cornell*, 3680 ft., and *Mt. Wittenberg*, 3775 ft.). Near (23 M.) *Boiceville* we twice cross the *Esopus*. — Beyond (26 M.) *Mt. Pleasant* (700 ft.) the valley contracts; to the left rises *Panther Mt.* (3825 ft.). *Indian Head* (3580 ft.) and other high mountains are seen to the right.

29 M. *Phoenicia* (800 ft.; *Tremper House*, \$ 3-4; *Martin*, \$ 2), the junction of the *Stony Clove Railroad* (see below), is pleasantly situated and a good centre for excursions (to the top of *Mt. Wittenberg*, *Stony Clove*, *Woodland Valley*, *Big Indian Valley*, etc.). — We now leave the main line and ascend by the *Stony Clove branch* (views to the left) through **Stony Clove*, a beautiful wooded ravine between *Mt. Sheridan* (2490 ft.) and *Hunter Mt.* (4025 ft.) on the left and *Mt. Tremper* (3840 ft.) and *Stony Mt.* (3855 ft.) on the

right. — 31 M. *Chichester*, with a chair factory, 34 M. *Lanesville*, with a fine view (left) of the *Diamond Notch*, *Hunter Mt.*, and *Big West Kill Mt.* (3900 ft.; to the W.). To the left are deep ravines between the spurs of *Hunter Mt.* At (39 M.) *Stony Clove* we reach the top of the pass (2070 ft.) and begin to descend. — 41 M. *Kaaterskill Junction* (1700 ft.), whence the *Kaaterskill Division* diverges to the right (through-cars).

The *Stony Clove R. R.* goes on to (43 M.) *Hunter* (1605 ft.; *St. Charles*, \$2½-4; *Prospect Ho.*, \$2½; *Hunter Ho.*, \$2½-3; *Central*, \$2), close to the base of the *Colonel's Chair* (3040 ft.) and 2 M. to the N. of *Hunter Mt.* (see above), both of which summits may be ascended hence. Fine drives may be taken to the *Overlook Mt. Ho.* (14 M.) and the *Hotel Kaaterskill* (11 M.); and nearer points of interest are *Mossy Brook* (1 M.), *Onteora Park* (see below), and *Stony Clove*.

The *KAATERSKILL RAILROAD* ascends towards the E. — 44 M. *Tannersville* (1860 ft.; *Roggen's Mountain Hotel*, \$2-2½, open all the year; *Sohmer*, *Waverley*, *Blythewood*, *Fabian Ho.*, *Campbell Ho.*, \$2½) occupies one of the most conveniently central situations in the *Catskills*.

Clum Hill (2300 ft.), ¾ M. to the S., easily ascended in ½ hr., affords a good view, including the *Kaaterskill Falls* (p. 179). — About 2 M. to the N. is *Onteora Park* (Bear & Fox Inn), a cottage colony belonging to a club which includes several well-known writers, artists, and musicians. The enclosure is private, but visitors will generally be allowed, on application at the gate, to ascend to (20 min.) the top of *Onteora Mt.* (2300 ft.), the *View from which includes *High Peak*, *Round Top*, the *Kaaterskill Hotel*, *Twin Mt.*, *Sugar Loaf*, *Plateau Mt.*, *Hunter Mt.*, *Round Hill*, *Thomas Cole Mt.*, *Black Dome*, and *Black Head*. — *Parker Mt.* is separated by the *Parker Notch* from *Star Rock* (2515 ft. to the W.), another good point of view. — The *Black Dome* (3990 ft.), about 3 M. to the N.N.E. of *Parker Mt.*, affords a fine panorama of the valley in which *Tannersville* lies and the mountains enclosing it. *Slide Mt.* (4205 ft.; p. 182), the highest of the *Catskills*, is seen to the right, over the shoulder of *Hunter Mt.* — To the S. of *Clum Hill* (see above) extends the fine **Plattekill Clove* (road), between *Round Top* and *High Peak* (p. 179) to the left and *Sugar Loaf* or *Mink Mt.* (3782 ft.), *Twin Mt.* (3647 ft.), and *Indian Head* (3585 ft.) to the right. About 6 M. from *Tannersville* are the **Plattekill Falls* (60 ft.), near which is the *Plattekill Mt. House*. A new road (*Views) ascends to the right to (6 M.) the *Overlook Mt. House* (p. 180). — About 3 M. to the S. of *Tannersville*, on the slope of *Sugar Loaf Mt.*, is *Elka Park*, the property of the *Lieder-Kranz* ('L. K.') of New York, with a nice club-house. This is adjoined by the *Schoharie Manor*, a similar association, with a large club house in the Colonial style. — Among other points within easy reach of *Tannersville* are *Haines's Falls* (see below), *Kaaterskill Falls*, *Clove*, and *Hotel* (pp. 178, 179), and *Stony Clove* (p. 180).

Beyond *Tannersville* the train soon reaches (46 M.) *Haines's Corners* (1920 ft.; *The Antlers*, \$2½; *Haines's Falls Ho.*, *Glen Park Ho.*, \$2), the nearest station to (½ M.) *Haines's Falls* (see below).

**Haines's Falls*, at the head of *Kaaterskill Clove* (p. 178), consist of two main leaps, 150-160 ft. and 80 ft. high, with other plunges lower down, making in all a descent of 475 ft. in ¼ M. The water is dammed up in dry weather and the sluices opened for visitors (fee 25c.). The environment of the falls is very picturesque. The bridge above the falls leads to *Twilight* or *Haines's Falls Park*, another cottage-colony like *Onteora Park* (see above). Adjacent is *Sunset Park*. — From *Haines's Falls* to the *Kaaterskill Falls* and *Hotel*, see p. 179.

The train now traverses wood to (48 M.) *Laurel House Station*

(2065 ft.), 300 yds. from the *Laurel House* and the *Kaaterskill Falls* (see p. 179). The falls are seen to the right just before we reach the station. — 49 M. *Kaaterskill Station* (2145 ft.), situated at the W. end of *South Lake*, a pretty little sheet of water. The road to the ($\frac{3}{4}$ M.) *Hotel Kaaterskill* crosses the bridge to the S. and leads through wood. — From this point the railway has lately been extended to (1 M.) *Otis Summit*, the station for the *Catskill Mt. Ho.* (p. 178), where it connects with the *Otis Elevating Railroad* (p. 177).

c. From Rondout (Kingston) to Bloomville.

89 M. *ULSTER AND DELAWARE RAILROAD* in $3\frac{1}{2}$ -4 hrs. (fare \$ 2.61; parlor car 50 c.). Through-cars from New York, comp. p. 180.

From *Kingston Point (Rondout)* to (29 M.) *Phoenicia*, see p. 180. To the left, beyond *Phoenicia*, rises *Mt. Garfield* (2650 ft.). From (35 M.) *Shandaken* (1060 ft.; Palace, \$ 3; Clarendon) coaches run through the *Deep Notch* to *West Kill* and *Lexington*. — 38 M. *Big Indian* (1210 ft.; Joslyn Ho., 2 M. up the valley, \$ 2) lies at the mouth of *Big Indian Valley*, with the headwaters of the *Esopus*.

This is the starting-point for a visit to (11 M.) *Slide Mt.* (see below). A road ascends *Big Indian Valley* (stages to *Winnisook Lodge* in summer, fare 75 c.), with *Big Indian* or *Balsam Mt.* (3600 ft.) to the right and *Panther Mt.* (3825 ft.) to the left. Several small hotels are passed. 5 M. *Dutcher's Panther Mt. House* (2000 ft.; unpretending, \$ $1\frac{1}{2}$), the nearest hotel to *Slide Mt.*, where a guide may be obtained. The road ends, 3 M. farther on, at *Winnisook Lodge*, a hunting-club and preserve. Hence a path (steep at first, then easy; 1-2 hrs.) ascends to the left to the top of *Slide Mt.* (4205 ft.), the highest of the *Catskills*. The *View from the tower here is very extensive, embracing about 70 peaks in the *Catskills*, *Mt. Everett* in *Massachusetts* (due E.; p. 151), etc. *Slide Mt.* is included in a large *State Reservation*. — A road leads across from the head of *Big Indian Valley* into ($4\frac{1}{2}$ M.) *Woodland Valley*, near *Phoenicia* (p. 180).

The gradient here is very steep. 41 M. *Pine Hill* (1660 ft.; *Rip van Winkle Ho.*, *Cornish Ho.*, *Winterton*, *Brewerton*, *Alpine*, \$ $2\frac{1}{2}$; *Ulfer*, \$ 2-3; *Mountain Inn*, etc.), pleasantly situated below the railway to the right. — 43 M. *Grand Hotel Station* (1885 ft.) is the culminating point of the line, on the watershed between the *Hudson* and the *Delaware*. To the right stands the **Grand Hotel* (\$ $4\frac{1}{2}$), one of the most fashionable resorts of the *Catskills*, finely situated on the slope of *Summit Hill* (2500 ft.). It commands a splendid *View, including *Belle Ayr*, *Big Indian*, and *Slide Mts.* Adjacent are several smaller hotels.

The train now descends, making a bend to the left, to (46 M.) *Fleischmann's* (formerly *Griffin's Corners*; 1515 ft.), which lies like a toy-town in the valley to the right. 50 M. *Arkville* (1345 ft.; *Hoffmann Ho.*; *Commercial Ho.*, \$ $1\frac{1}{2}$; **Ackerley Ho.*, at *Margaretville*, 1 M. from the station, \$ $2\frac{1}{2}$). We now descend along the E. branch of the *Delaware*. — 61 M. *Roxbury* (1500 ft.). — 67 M. *Grand Gorge* (1570 ft.), between *Bald Mt.* (left) and *Irish Mt.* (right)

A stage runs hence to (5 M.; fare 50 c.) *Prattville*, with the curious *Pratt Rocks*, carved into fantastic shapes and painted white by old Col. Pratt.