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and it is advisable to keep an eye on the weather. To the S.E. rises *Ampersand Mt.* (3430 ft.; \*View), the trail to the top of which (ca.  $2\frac{1}{2}$  M.) leads through the woods and is not easy to follow without a guide. At the N.E. corner of Round Lake we enter its pretty outlet, descending to ( $2\frac{1}{2}$  M.) the lower lake and passing about halfway a series of rapids, where a short carry is necessary.

\***Lower Saranac Lake** (1540 ft.), 5 M. long and  $\frac{3}{4}$ - $1\frac{1}{4}$  M. wide, is one of the prettiest of the Adirondack lakes, surrounded by wooded hills and thickly sprinkled with islands, said to number fifty-two. Near the lower (N.E.) end of the lake lies **Saranac Lake Village**, with the station of the Chateaugay R. R. (p. 185), and one of the chief centres of the district for hotels, guides, and outfits.

The \***Ampersand Hotel** (\$ 4-7) is pleasantly situated on high ground on the N. bank of the lake and is adjoined by golf-links. The **Algonquin** (\$ 3-4) lies on the S. shore of the lake (omn. from station 50 c.). The *Del Monte* (\$ 3-4) is 1 M. to the N., the *Edgewood Inn* (\$ 2-3) 1 M. to the W. of the village. The \***Berkeley** (\$  $2\frac{1}{2}$ -4) is the chief hotel in the village itself. The **Adirondack Sanitarium** (for consumptives) lies 1 M. to the N.E. — *H. H. Mner*, taxidermist, near the Saranac Lake House, has excellent stuffed specimens of the fauna of the Adirondacks.

Saranac Lake is 10 M. by road (railway, see p. 185) from *Lake Placid* (see p. 189). The road turns to the right in the village,  $1\frac{1}{2}$  M. from the lake, and passes ( $2\frac{1}{2}$  M.) the *Ray Brook House* (p. 185). At (3 M.) the fork the left branch leads to (3 M.) *Lake Placid*, the right to (5 M.) *North Elba* (p. 189).

We may now return to Paul Smith's by railway (see p. 197).

#### b. From Port Kent to Ausable Chasm and Lake Placid.

**Port Kent** lies on the W. shore of *Lake Champlain* (see p. 204), nearly opposite *Burlington* (p. 127; steamer), and within  $8\frac{1}{2}$  hrs. by railway of New York (comp. R. 20b; fare \$ 7.60).

A short branch-railway runs in 20 min. from Port Kent to ( $2\frac{1}{2}$  M.) **Ausable Chasm** (\*Ausable Chasm Hotel, finely situated, \$ 4) and to (6 M.) *Keeseville*.

The \*\***Ausable Chasm** is, perhaps, the most wonderful piece of rock-formation to the E. of the Rockies, and should not be omitted by any traveller who comes within a reasonable distance of it. The *Ausable River*, a large and rapid stream, here flows through a rocky gorge only 20-40 ft. wide, between perpendicular walls of Potsdam sandstone, 100-175 ft. high. Waterfalls and rapids add to the attractions. A visit to the chasm has been facilitated by paths and bridges; and the boat-ride through the rapids affords a novel and exciting but perfectly safe experience. Numerous interesting fossils (*lingula antiqua*, *trilobites*) have been found here.

The ENTRANCE to the chasm (adm. 75 c., boat-ride 50 c.) is a little to the N. of the \**Trestle Bridge*, a few minutes from the Ausable Chasm Hotel. At the head of the chasm (to the left) are the \**Rainbow* or *Birmingham Falls*, 70 ft. high, while near the point where we enter are the lower *Horse-shoe Falls*. Following the path to the right over the ledges (smooth as if made artificially), we round the *Elbow*, beyond which, across the

stream, rises the *Pulpit Rock* (135 ft.). Below the *Split Rock* (l.) we cross the stream. Farther on more or less appropriate names are attached to the various phenomena, such as the *Devil's Oven* (r.), *Hell Gate*, *Jacob's Ladder* (r.), the *Devil's Punch-Bowl* (l.), *Jacob's Well* (l.), *Mystic Gorge* (l.), *Shady Gorge* (r.), the *Long Gallery*, *Point of Rocks* (l.), *Hyde's Cave* (r.), *Column Rocks* (r.), and the *Post Office* (l.; so-named for very obvious reasons). We are now in the *Upper Flume*, at the lower end of which we cross to the flat *Table Rock*, where the boat-ride begins and where many visitors turn back. Here, to the right, tower the *Cathedral Rocks* and the *Sentinel*, 100 ft. high. The boat at first passes through the *Grand Flume*, the rocky sides of which are 175 ft. high, while at one place the river is 60 ft. deep and only 12 ft. wide. Emerging from the Flume, we pass through a quiet pool and enter the *Rapids*, through which we sweep swiftly to the landing-place at the foot of the chasm. We may now either walk or drive back to the (1½ M.) hotel.

COACHES run daily in summer from the Ausable Chasm Hotel to (32 M.) *Lake Placid* (p. 189; fare \$4), via (3½ M.) *Keeseville*, (13 M.) *Ausable Forks Station* (p. 160), and (21 M.) *Wilmington* (p. 190).

### c. From Westport to Elizabethtown, Keene Valley, and Lake Placid.

#### *Adirondack Lodge. Indian Pass.*

Westport (*\*Westport Inn*, overlooking the steamboat-wharf, \$2-4; *Richards*, \$2; *The Westport*, at the rail. station, not to be confounded with the Westport Inn, \$2, unpretending) is a village of 563 inhab., on the W. shore of Lake Champlain, 25 M. to the S. of Port Kent (p. 187) and 10 M. to the N. of Port Henry (p. 203). It is the chief gateway to, perhaps, the finest part of the Adirondacks, coaches running hence, via (9 M.) *Elizabethtown* (\$1), to *Keene Valley* (24 M.; fare \$2½), *Lake Placid* (36 M.; \$4), and *Adirondack Lodge* (36 M.; \$4½). It is within 7½ hrs. of New York by fast train (comp. R. 20b; fare \$6.81).

THE ROAD TO ELIZABETHTOWN (9 M.) is pleasant, but calls for no special remark. — *Elizabethtown* (600 ft.; *Windsor*, \$3; *Mansion Ho.*, \$2½-3; *Maplewood Inn*, open the whole year, \$2-3), a village with 573 inhab., is prettily situated on the *Boquet River*, in the well-named *Pleasant Valley*.

Among the points of interest in the neighbourhood are *Cobble Hill* (1790 ft.), just to the S.W. of the town, with golf-links; *Raven Hill* (1970 ft.), to the E.; and *Hurricane Mt.* (3685 ft.), 5 M. to the W. (cart-road; path to the summit 2 M. more), a fine point of view. On the W. side of Hurricane Mt. is the *Willey House* (\$3). — A road leads to the S., via the (8 M.) *Split Rock Falls*, (10 M.) *Euba Mills*, and (23 M.) *Schroon River P. O.*, to (82 M.) *Schroon Lake* (p. 194; coach thrice weekly, \$2½). — To the N. a road leads to (22 M.) *Keeseville* (p. 187), via *Poke o' Moonshine Mt.* and *Augur Lake*.

THE \*ROAD FROM ELIZABETHTOWN TO LAKE PLACID (28 M.; from which the roads to Keene Valley and Adirondack Lodge diverge) passes through one of the most beautiful parts of the Adirondacks. It leads to the W., passing between *Hurricane Mt.* (see above) on the right and several lower hills on the left. 10 M. *Keene Valley* (see