[For the Philadelphia Evening Bulletin.]

THROUGH BERKSHIRE VALLEY.

BY WILLIAM TRAUTWINE.

No. 10.—FROM "DINGMAN'S" TO MILFORD.

Morning dawned with almost indescribable loveliness. The early breeze, blowing through the clear and freshened atmosphere over dewy meadows, tossed the sparkling foliage in wild and high disorder through excessive delight; while the chirp and twitter of a thousand enthusiastic birds gleefully mingled with the rapturous confusion. Swinging our satchels, and waving an adieu, we started off on foot toward the county town of Milford.

Is it Trego who tells us there is an Academy at Dingman's Ferry? Yes, I remember; the Doctor placed his forefinger on the spot, and remarked:—"See here! at this place we'll be able to find out all we want to know about the valley. No doubt amongst the Professors are men of culture and antiquarian tastes, who will gladly enlighten us a little."

As we passed out of the settlement, we noticed, a little to the left, a rickety-looking frame building, ghost-like and neglected. This was—as we afterwards learned—the Academy of our fire fancy. The hoped-for Academician had flown with the shade of Plato. Maybe school-classes now and then assembling—an itinerant lecturer—perhaps some strolling circus, troupe—spasmodically reanimate the forlorn delusion; but, beyond this, its prospects seem decidedly upon the wane.

Not a mile from our starting-point, on the right of the road, here close to the river, stands a commodious boarding-house, which, during this season, at least, proved somewhat as a rendezvous for artists. Here we found Sasso Ferrato, who greeted us kindly, and introduced us to his brother-at-the-easel, Mr. Yerugin, and a fellow-lodger, Mr. Dash, of Washington. S. Ferrato having within the preceding year produced enough of work to establish one's fame, now rested leisurely. Yet sunday beautiful effects, caught from the brush, discovered in his sanctum, intimated that the lion lut slumbered. Perugino appeared more seriously engaged;—an extended work, in just that state of half finish so suggestive to the least imaginative, was gradually developing under his manipulation. Learning of our intended walk to Milford, Sasso Ferrato and Mr. Dash waited but to provide the necessary noon lunch, and before many minutes we were off again, urged quickly along, with elastic, swinging strides, by the invigorating wind.

We halted soon, to examine the mérits of some small tart apples which hung over the fence line, near Adams's creek. In the dark glens of this stream, which crosses the road within three or four miles of "Dingman's," is "Solitude" and "the Sanctuary," sunless retreats, adorned by exquisite cascades.

Two or three miles beyond, "Ranny's Hill" contributes its volume to the Delaware. Here, turning aside, we entered the woods by a lateral road, and presently arrived at the foot of the "upper fall," which wriggles unsoubly down from a height of some fifty odd feet. Still unsatisfied, the creek now turns to the left, and plunging again, tenders two other waterfalls. We scrambled to the foot of these, which, from the bed of the stream, appear exceedingly beautiful, especially as seen through the light foliage of intervening trees.

The "Bridal Veil," a delicate fall in the extreme left hand corner, must not be forgotten.

Retracing our course to the Milford road, we took our friends Ferrato, and Yerugin, a short march. As the Doctor has forgotten his promise to learn from Mr. Heald the proper names of most of the curiosities—and as no information could be obtained from any one in the vicinity, we can speak of them simply as *the upper* and *lower*; though a dozen others, upper and lower, may possibly therefore, along Ranny's Kill, in its earlier windings through regions little known.

It must have been while we were at Dingman's Ferry that Mr. Heald, with exemplary modesty, remarked: "Let me admit that some years ago, when I first saw the wonders of this valley, I was fearfully amazed at the unknown and often meaningless names. At first, I determined that on a revisit I should use every effort, by propositions, and even bribes, to have others adopted, more euphonious and appropriate. But after inquiring and studying up somewhat, I found that such of the ancient Indian tribes as could be located here appeared in force and beauty anything my feeble ingenuity could supply."

Now, at times, we have felt disposed to doubt the correctness—the certain application—of these Indian names so kindly furnished. Perhaps we are to blame, but then the lack of authentic record—our knowledge of the lively imagination and free use of a certain dusty glossary—naturally make us incredulous. However, until disproved, they must be admitted. Certainly, until improved, they will be needed.

The scenery, lovely and beautiful heretofore, now greatly increased in interest—the landscape, by degrees, broadening and lengthening into a panorama of vast extent. Immediately skirting the Delaware are wide stretches of rich meadows, sweeping up, on the eastward, into the lines of the Blue Mountains, and on the west bounded by the stupendous bluffs of the Minisink Hills. Along these, their reflections of the Hudson, loom up in individual prominence, the landmark for miles around.

The sun was almost setting as we turned a bend of the road toward Milford, and instinctively paused to cast a "last, long, lingering look behind." The broad river valley, embracing Minisink Island, spread its great reaches into undefined distance. The purple Palisades, entangled amid inexplicable light and shadow, rose in profound majesty on the right, the forest crowned their lofty summits relieved by wisps of light blue smoke, which floated upward in the mystical atmosphere from a farm-house nestling in the valley.

Continuing northward, we could just see the last rays of direct sunlight resting upon the roofs of Port Jervis, at the junction of the Delaware and Neversink, seven miles away.

Crossing a bridge by a noisy mill, we turned into one of the two main streets of Milford, and straggled like a disbanded army laden with spoil toward the luxuries of soap-and water! supper and rest—which seemed to smile upon us in anticipation, from under the sign of the nearing "Shaw Hotel."

An unpleasant smack of civilization, savouring of the world outside, crept over us for the first time, as we walked that evening the streets of this clean little town, well-filled for the season with sheaters from city walks. The Doctor declared it particularly distressing that after our even brief sojourn amid the charms of undisturbed repose—skimming some glassy pool within the shade of grim old forests, or fishing with the stream—we should meet fellows—sunset and early dawn—"the magic moon" and "stars of summer night."

Not many years hence we may revel in a steam-car journey along this course. Some will remember the little Alfred Thomas, built expressly for its navigation, and recklessly destroyed by a higher power—a fearful experimental trip. Ignorance sees impossibility in this accident, and executable prints, intended to represent the calamity, are posted here and there throughout the river towns, representing the connection between steamboat explosions in general and the possibility of navigating the upper Delaware in particular. Some of the obstructions in the river might be removed without great difficulty; and in Lieutenant Ives's account of his Colorado expedition—this evidence will be found to satisfy as the case with which small steamers may ascend rapids up which no canoe (or Durham boat) could possibly be poled.

On our hotel being overcrowded, we were assigned lodgings opposite, and stored away into two negligently bex bed-rooms. I cannot deny that the Doctor, next morning, was early and even to the top of a high hill, outside the town, while I yet slept. But at length I awoke, and creeping to my window, winked blank perplexed eyes at the long street perspective—tastefully bordered with cottage gardens, through which the sunlight flashed in golden arrows. Much has been said touchin of good meals and their delights to hungry wanderers, and the popular verdict has, without doubt, determined our gormandizing propensities. Let it be added, therefore, that the sound of a breakfast gong from over the way did not extend the limit of my window fancies.

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