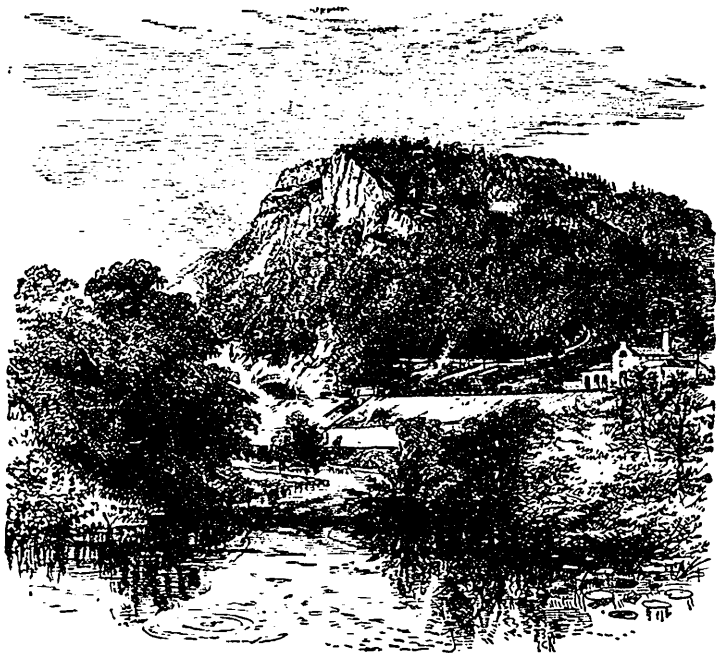


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HIGH TOR, MATLOCK BATH.

TAKING train at Rowsley Station, we are soon in the midst of lofty hills, which on either hand shut in the broad rich meadow lands of the Dale of Darley, its flowing river, and its many scenes of beauty; but these can be appreciated only by the tourist who has leisure to visit them. The village of Darley, near Rowsley, is very ancient. In the churchyard is a yew-tree of thirty-three feet girth, said to be the largest and oldest in the kingdom. On our left is Stancliffe Hall, the residence of Sir Joseph Whitworth, of engineering renown. In the grounds are quarries of fine stone. These have been built so as to form rockeries of vast size and endless variety, and every foot of ground is clothed with boldness or beauty.

On the right of Darley Dale is the cold and naked slope of Oker Hill, a singularly insulated eminence, probably of volcanic