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WE continue our journey towards the Bernese Oberland. The road is level and good, the landscape enchanting. We pass along streams and tiny lakes, and at last begin to ascend the Brunig, one of the lower ridges of the

Bernese Highlands. We rise higher, the view widens and becomes more varied, the valley stretches out far below, and the people working in the fields grow smaller until we are lost in the clouds. Soon, on the other side are revealed new valleys and mountains through the breaking clouds and returning sunshine. Down we pass, turn suddenly the corner of a precipice, and there, away to the right, lies the lake of Brienz, glancing in the evening sun, and on the left a valley floored with meadow walled with rock, and beautified by waterfalls, extending away to Meiringen. Onward we push to Brienz, a small town on the lake. Here we pass the night, and visit some of the shops where specimens of ingenious wood-carving are displayed, for which the place is very much noted,—in fact it is the almost

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