

THE SUMMIT HOUSE,

On the top of Mount Mansfield, can accommodate 100 people—is 8 miles from Mount Mansfield Hotel. The outline of the Summit resembles human features. Old Mansfield, as is imagined, is in a reclining posture, his face turned upward. The north peak represents the chin, the middle the nose, and the southern the forehead. The mountain is the highest in Vermont, and from it can be seen elevations in every county in the State. The Chin is 4,948 feet above the sea, 3,800 feet above the village of Stowe, and 340 feet above the Nose. The Nose is 160 feet above the Forehead.

Having surveyed the outline of this grand old mountain, the tourist will take a seat in the Mountain Coach, or upon the back of a trusty pony, and set out for the summit. For several miles the road extends along the valley by the side of a small river. Coming to the base of the mountain you turn to the left and commence the ascend. The road soon winds along through the forest, and you are finally brought to the door of the Half-Way house. Here is a clearing of a few acres, and to the left of the house, which is somewhat primitive in appearance, is a magnificent spring, gushing in great volume from the mountain side. You will wish to stop here a few minutes and drink of its pure and refreshing waters, and gaze upon the extensive and lovely landscape in the valley below. As the coaches do not go beyond this point, you who have come hither in them will mount one of the sure-footed ponies in waiting at the door, and continue the trip to the summit. Entering the forest again, your faithful animal walks slowly up the mountain seemingly conscious of the task before him. From the Half-Way House to the summit the distance is one and a half miles; but if this is your first trip you will be ready to affirm that it is at least six. As you approach the summit the trees are of the more hardy kinds,