



BOATING ON THE DELAWARE RIVER.

charm of mountain, lake, and spa. Richfield Springs is the region of Fenimore Cooper. On the shore of Lake Otsego, Cooper lived and died, and it was the scene of one of his best tales. This lake was the "Glimmer-glass" of "Deerslayer." Mount Otsego is 2,800 feet above sea level. From its summit can be seen the Adirondacks on the north, the Green Mountains in Vermont, the Catskills and ranges of the Alleghanies to the south.

The busy cities of Elmira, Binghamton, Scranton—the latter the heart of the anthracite coal industry—offer attractions to many. Scranton is one of the great coal centres of the world. The broad valley in which the city is situated is studded with mining shafts and coal breakers—the latter being gaunt and blackened structures for breaking up the huge masses of coal into commercial sizes. The vast mounds of debris blacken the landscape for many a mile. But nature must be wooed in her more sequestered scenes to reveal her greatest charms.

The Pocono Mountains reach an altitude of about 2,000 feet, or

higher than the Catskills, with an uninterrupted sweep of sixty miles of country. The effect is that of a gigantic Oriental carpet, with a changing pattern.

One of the most picturesque mountain regions bears the name of *Canadensis*, so suggestive to the Canadian mind. The high altitude, pure air, and dry climate make it especially attractive. All the westerly slope of the plateau is as wild and seemingly remote as the hills of Cape Breton or Newfoundland.

The most magnificent of all in its combined beauty and sublimity is the famous Delaware Water Gap, where the Delaware has broken its way through the Blue Ridge ranges to the sea. This deep gorge, through which winds the romantic river, is wonderfully impressive in the light of the late afternoon, as we first saw it. The shadows creep slowly along the long hill slope and fill the narrow valley as a beaker is filled with wine. Wonderfully solemn and impressive is the scene. We climbed next day at the garish hour of noon to the same magnificent point of view, but in the hard, hot light the