

and along the flanks and shoulders of the mountains, shaggy with rocks and pines, or draped with vines and running plants, and watered with clear streams that leap from the hills and hurriedly make their way down to the plains below. There are points which are wild, desolate and lonely, as in the midst of the Hartz Mountains. So lofty, broken, wild and beautiful



Toccoa Falls.

are the summits of the Blue Ridge, as seen from the cosy villages and quiet highways of Rapahannock, that the county has justly won the name of the Switzerland of Virginia. In Madison and Greene the scenery, if not so wild, is still lovely; and in the former county there is a valley so sweet, so secluded and so fertile as fully to justify comparison with the vale of happiness in which *Rasselas* dwelt. The productions of the country are still transported to market in the old-fashioned, but commodious, four and

six horse waggons. The horses, for their size, strength and endurance, are well fitted for the services they perform in these mountain regions. Southward, through a district peculiarly rich in picturesque and diversified scenery, the traveller is borne to Luray, and within a short mile of the famous caverns to which the attention of the whole world has been called