

woods in all their glory—bright, gay and luxuriant—perpetually varying in aspect with the undulations of the land, and the ever-changing play of light upon the dense masses of fleecy foliage, from which the stray dwellings of the lonely settlers stood out in strong and bold relief. Ever and anon we crossed some brawling brooklet, pursuing its noisy way at the bottom of a deep dell, sometimes far down below us, and almost hidden from view by the density of the dark spruce forest, which, in its wild luxuriance, cast an eternal shadow over the pathway of the babbling waters.

Mr. R—— had written to me to the effect that, although there was no inn at East Frampton, we should find little difficulty in procuring a night's lodging, as the people were very hospitable : but we were not fortunate enough, on our arrival at the village, about eight o'clock, to find his promises realized. The inhabitants of East Frampton would have nothing to do with us, but contented themselves with the intimation that an inn existed some four miles further on. Considerably disappointed at our reception, and provoked at such an unexpected prolongation of the day's work, we were not in the best mood when we turned our backs upon the inhospitable village, and resumed our journey over an execrable road, and through an exceedingly wild, and, apparently, almost uncleared country ; more particularly, as the last vestige of daylight had disappeared, and it was almost impossible to move faster than at a foot-pace along the broken and hilly track, which was everywhere full of holes and rain-puddles.

The horse, at this juncture, began to show symptoms of fa-