

interest of having been the theatre of many engagements during the civil war, especially in connection with the exploits of the notorious "John Brown."

But the Alleghany mountains as a whole are disappointing after the great flourish of trumpets with which your guide-book prepares you for them.

Possibly we were the less capable of due appreciation from the extreme discomforts attending this first start. Perhaps it was as well to get into training early for what was to prove an almost chronic experience.

Having got through some seven hours of the journey fairly well, we came to a sudden halt at a small wayside village about five p.m., and were then for the first time told that we must remain there indefinitely, as the country was inundated by floods, the water being five feet deep over the rails farther on.

Now, no faintest hint of such a state of things had been given to us before leaving Baltimore that morning. Yet the railway officials (Baltimore and Ohio line) must have been perfectly aware of it before they allowed our train to start; for a previous train which had left some time before us had been stopped at the same place for many hours already, and this fact would of course be telegraphed to head-quarters.

The utter impossibility of finding any one who both