



MT. PISGAH PLANE.

"Switch-back" Mauch Chunk, Penn.

was adopted, but in 1827 this was replaced by the gravity railroad, running on a descending grade from Summit Hill to the river. Cars coming down on this road by their own gravity carried with them the mules which were to drag them back. In 1844 the mule system was abandoned entirely, by the erection of inclined planes and stationary engines. Since that time a ride over these planes has annually become more popular, until now it is an inseparable feature of a visit to Mauch Chunk.

But let us step into this car which is waiting here at the base of the plane, and we shall shortly see how it is for ourselves. The view, even here at the starting-point at upper Mauch Chunk, overlooking the town, the river, and East Mauch Chunk, is fine enough to satisfy any reasonable sight-seer. But here we go!