

by the apocryphal historian of Connecticut.* It is all foam, and both immediately above and below the bridge, resembles the most violent breaking of the waves of the ocean, when dashed upon the rocks by a furious tempest. A little below the bridge, the river is again hurried on, between two salient points of rock, in a place so narrow, that one may easily toss a stone to the other side; the angry surges here struggle through with vast commotion, and rise, in white crested waves, the very sight of which makes one's head giddy.

Bellows Falls, as a piece of scenery, are peculiar, on account of a certain snugness, which marks the entire collection of mountains, rocks, and river-torrent, and handsome houses, which are all approached without the slightest inconvenience, and are comprised within a very small compass. On the west side there is a canal half a mile long, around the falls; it has nine locks.

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The rocks at this pass are sienite, mica slate, and a peculiar aggregate of mica and feldspar, very much resembling sienite. The strata run in the same direction as the great mountain ranges in the vicinity, only they are very low; the torrent ap-

* Peters: who says that the water is here so dense that it cannot be pierced by a crowbar.