

WHITE MOUNTAINS.



EAGLE CLIFF.

The summit of this bold promontory affords to the tourist a magnificent view of the varied freaks of nature which are so plentifully bestowed in this romantic region. Just behind it towers Mount Lafayette, or the great Notch, the highest of the Franconia range, which lifts its aspiring head 5,200 feet above the level of the sea; while in front, and many hundred feet below, its shadow falls upon a beautiful valley, along whose winding paths the moving human beings seem to the spectator from the "cliff" to be but so many little mice hurrying to and fro. This point is a favourite resting-place with tourists, who stop here to breathe awhile, and to draw in fresh inspiration by a prolonged view of the jutting cliffs, the lofty peaks, the silver lakes, the leaping cascades, and the green valleys which stretch, like huge panoramic views, along the whole line of vision.

Echo Lake.—This is a small but beautiful pond, entirely enclosed by high mountains. From this little spot a voice lifted to the ordinary pitch, will be echoed repeatedly several times, while the discharge of a gun comes back like a charge of "heaven's artillery."

The Basin.—This is an object of great interest, and is situated 5 miles south of the Notch. The Basin is 45 feet in diameter, and 28 feet from the edge to the bottom of the water. It is nearly circular, and has been made so by the whirling of rocks round and round by strong currents. The water, as it descends from the Basin, forms a number of beautiful cascades.

Profile Lake.—This is a pretty little body of water a quarter of a mile long, and half as wide. It is just under the "Old Man of the Mountain," and is sometimes called the "Old Man's Washbowl."

The Devil's Den.—This is a mysterious-looking cavern, just opposite the silver cascade, and an object of great interest to the lovers of the marvellous.

Pulpit Rock.—This is supposed to have been, in early times, the point from which the Puritan elders occasionally addressed their people, as on no other hypothesis can its title be accounted for, as it does not in any degree resemble a pulpit of any known pattern.

Oaks Gulf and Great Gulf are dark and frightful abysses, the latter of which descends, abrupt and rugged, from near the top of Mount Washington to a depth of 2000 feet.

The Crystal Cascade is situated in a highly romantic spot in a secluded valley, about 3 miles from the Glen House. The fall is 80 feet, and breaks in its descent.