

A YEAR IN THE GREAT REPUBLIC.

CHAPTER I.

WESTWARD HO!

THE route from Philadelphia viâ Baltimore and Washington to Cincinnati, goes over the Alleghany range of mountains, which are rather disappointing to the tourist, who has naturally been told that "they are the finest in America."

People who travel over here, putting implicit faith in their "Appleton," must expect some severe shocks of disappointment.

No bit of scenery or natural curiosity is ever mentioned without some authority being quoted to tell you that "it is one of the most stupendous scenes in nature and well worth a voyage across the Atlantic to witness."

Harper's Ferry is decidedly picturesque, the situation being quite equal to many of the inferior Swiss views, and the little town itself has the historical