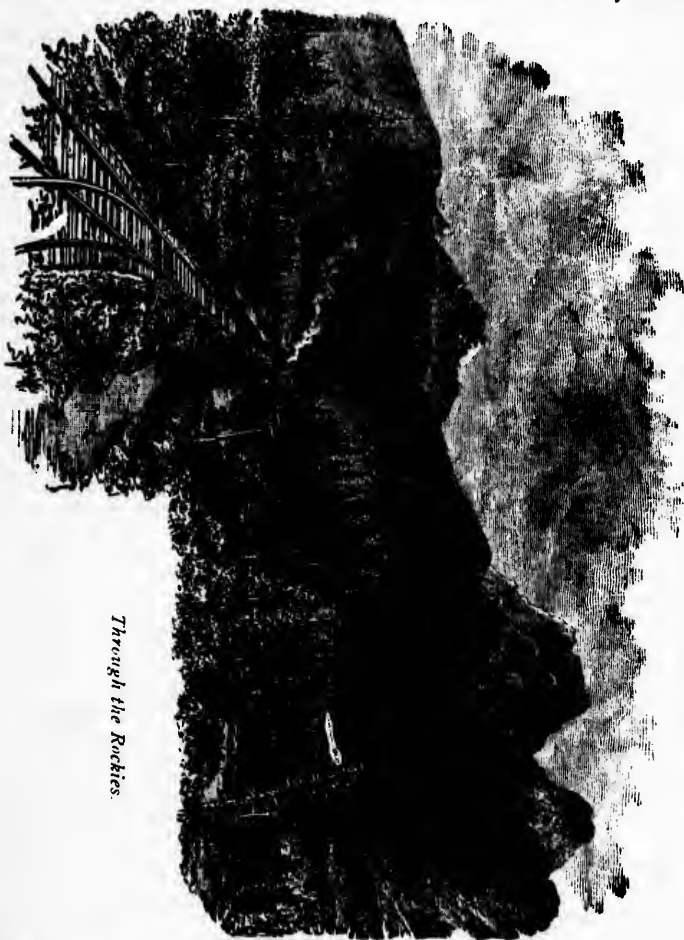


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Besides this apartment there are lavatories—where a quantity of powdered soap slides into a basin of water on pressing a button—a kitchen, a safe for valuables, an "observation room," a private state room, a library with writing desk and medicine chest, and other conveniences. The car is ventilated by compressed air, and heated by steam from the engine. I soon made the acquaintance of two gentlemen from Philadelphia, Dr. Charles Wilson and Mr. Gordon Ash, who had been on a Holiday tour since the first of March. These gentlemen went 600 miles out