

*Capital* is the name of the Joint Stock Co., or owners, who have erected this Hotel and made all the departments on the same footing. Money profusely and wisely laid out will command attention and good interest besides. Messrs. Lavender and Gale, the representative proprietors and managers, have a large and well drilled *personnel* under their active supervision; and it is due them to say that no dissatisfaction can be felt by any one — where "Lavender" scents ahead and all around, and where a "Gale" holds the helm, besides keeping the craft and sails in good trim. The most pleasurable excitement we experienced on the Pacific Ocean was, when a gale drove our ship before it, without a plunging or rocking motion, as if the angry waves were of no account. We would mention, as a noticeable thing, that the dignified appearance of the head-waiter, who presides in the large dining room over some forty sable assistants, is not "contraband." The whole crew came from Fort William Henry Hotel, at Lake George, with our friendly Gale, who kept the said establishment for thirteen years. To end here our "puff," which we hope will annoy no one and satisfy every body, we would add that good music does not depend on a well sounding name: the director of the band at the Hotel is called Gieseman.

The pretty village of Stowe is gracefully situated on a high rolling plain. It does not awkwardly look at the Hotel, which centrally occupies a large expanse in its long but narrow limits. The inhabitants do not seem to rely on the transient ones for a living, and, consequently, the tourists escape the boring process so thoroughly practised at Niagara Falls and elsewhere.

We went one afternoon on a hurried exploration to some parts of the base of Mount Mansfield, as far as what is called the "Notch," where we found many natural curiosities, in