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John B. Brown. The grounds were beautifully laid out in winding paths and flower beds, and the hot houses contained twenty-five different varieties of grapes, some of which were ripe and looked very luscious and tempting. From here we walked to the hotel, where the entire party soon assembled.

Then we took the Portland & Ogdensburgh R. R. to the White Mountains, passing through some very picturesque valleys and forests, the latter of which were noticeable chiefly for their many fir and spruce trees, which scented the air for many miles with their peculiar perfume.

CHAPTER II.

Arrival at North Conway.—Through Crawford Notch.—A bit of history.—White Mountain Scenery.—Beecher's Cascade.—A novel railway.—Trip up Mount Washington.—Vice President Wheeler.—The Signal Service station.—A dog story.

At North Conway, which we reached at 3.30 o'clock P. M., and which is about one and a-half hours' ride from the Crawford House, we changed cars, getting into what are known as observation cars.

These cars are open on all sides, having no windows, and are furnished with revolving cane chairs thus affording the passengers an unobstructed view on all sides. The engine which was hitched on here was also heavier and more powerful than those commonly used, it having to climb quite a steep incline before arriving at its destination;—it at once strikes the beholder as something extraordinary, as it has six powerful driving wheels. Continuing our journey up the mountains, we successively passed Mounts Kearsarge, Elephantis and Willard and obtained a distant view of Mt. Washington;—Mt. Elephantis is so named, because it presents a most perfect picture of that animal in repose. We also passed the