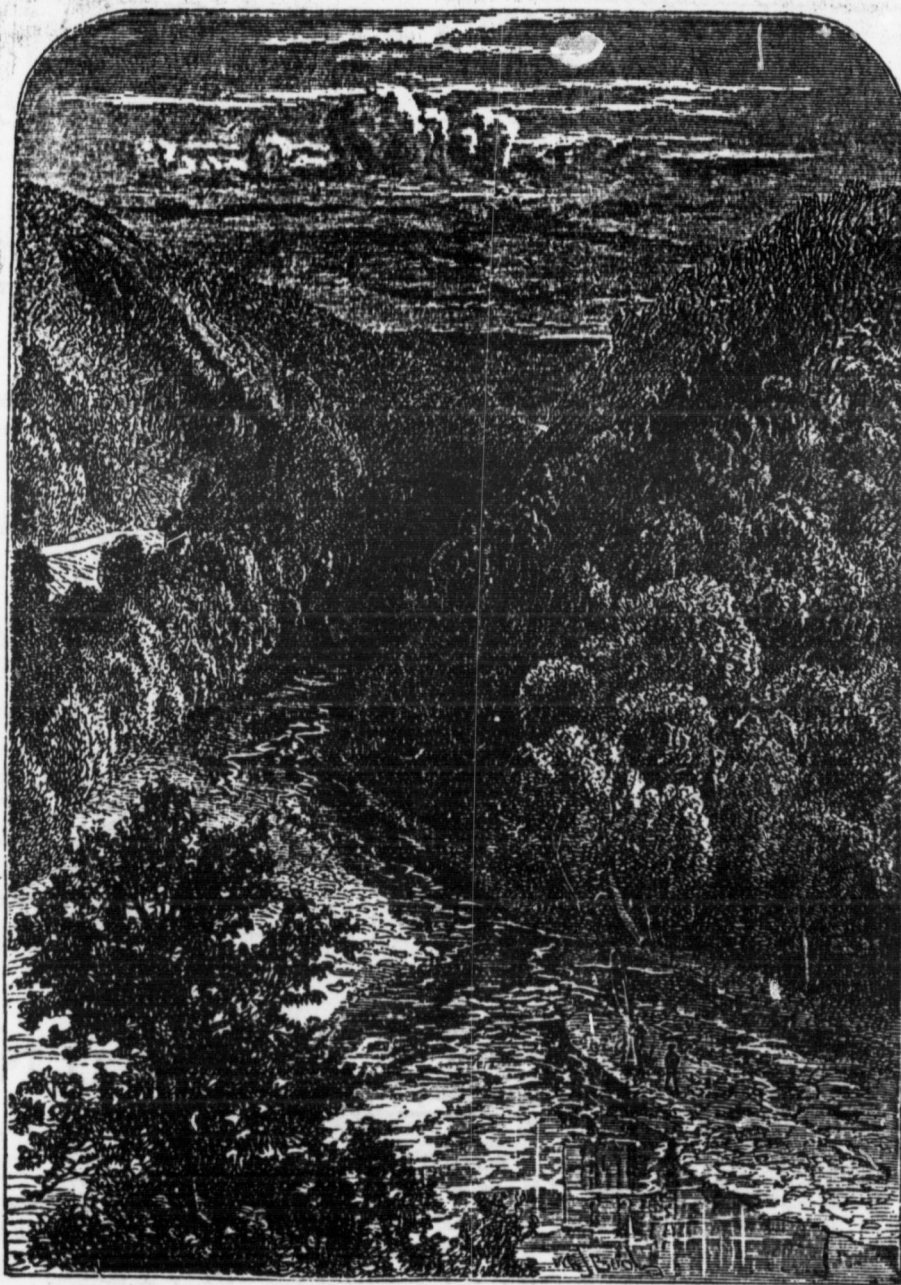




THE SCHOHARIE CREEK.—Bool.

THE Schoharie Creek is a tributary of the Mohawk, that loveliest pastoral stream of the Empire State. The source of the Schoharie is in Greene County, in the Plaaterkill Clove, near the source of the Plaater Kill; but being on the other slope of the divide, its course to the ultimate common goal, the Hudson, is far more circuitous.

It is a lovely stream during its whole course, but its main attraction is the Devasego Falls, near Prattsville, which are really grand and well worth the attention of tourists.

Every foot of this valley is historic ground, for it was once the highway of the red savages in their incursions upon the settlers of Kingston Flats. In some places the original timber still stands, and we of the present day can easily

imagine the terrors and charms of a forest tramp, when the unbroken wilderness was the home only of wild life.

POSTAGE stamps were first suggested by Rowland Hill in 1837, and first used by the British Post Office on May 6, 1840. They were introduced in this country in 1847. The United States has issued over 150 different styles, France over 50, and Great Britain only 32.

ASSES were first introduced into the United States by Washington.

TEMPERANCE was sought to be enforced by law as early as 1639, when Massachusetts passed an act for that purpose, which example was followed about the same time by Connecticut.