

PREFACE.

The publishers of this work, being convinced that a handsome and compendious Traveller's Guide is demanded by the great increase of travelling on the northern fashionable routes, have used their exertions to collect in one volume all the information of most importance and interest to such as travel for pleasure or health. The routes and distances between all principal places will be particularly stated, both in the book and the maps; the best inns will be mentioned, and such other hints and suggestions as may be deemed of importance will not be omitted.

The finest natural scenes on and near the routes will be designated and described; and the places which have been rendered memorable by important historical events, will be dwelt upon with sufficient minuteness to engage the feelings, though with such brevity as not to be prolix. The great watering places of Ballston, Saratoga, and New-Lebanon will claim particular notice, as the great central points from which most travellers arrange their journeys.

The novelty of the mode of travelling adopted on the Erie Canal, as well as the magnificence of the work itself, and the interesting objects and scenes along its course, has attracted vast numbers of travellers in that direction, a large proportion of whom, during the pleasant seasons of the year, are strangers of wealth and taste; and there is every probability that the approaching seasons will see them increase still further. Care has therefore been taken to collect the most recent accounts from that part of the country, on the plan sketched above.

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