

side the currents and creeks are chiefly formed by the water oufing and draining from the bottoms of the mountains and hills, and are gradually collected in this manner into rivulets. But on the fouth of this great ridge, it gushes out between the rocks in streams big enough to turn a mill, in other places rising and bubbling out of the earth in quantity fufficient to fill a pipe an inch square, or thereabout.

Our journey now lay through very rich bottoms to a creek 6 miles from *Shamokin*, a great extent of fruitful low ground still continuing. Here we found a fine meadow of grafs on our right, and rich dry ground on the left. In our path lay a large Rattlesnake, but he civilly crept into the grafs, and let us pafs without danger. Our way from hence lay through an old *Indian* field of excellent foil, where there had been a town, the principal footsteps of which are peach-trees, plumbs and excellent grapes. A great flood came down this branch a few years past, and drove abundance of fand over this ground a great depth among the trees. It rose 20 feet perpendicular, wathing away many yards of the bank, which was composed of gravel and fand, and doubtless had been raised to that height by former inundations, for the wood ground 30 rod from the river is several feet