

very kindly; his house is about six miles from the *Blue Mountains*.

The 6th, we set forward and ascended the first *Blue ridge*, from the top of which we made an observation, *Conrad Weisers Hill* bearing south 20 degrees east, the northern prospect to two gaps, thro' which we were to pass to the *North Hill*, N. 30 deg. W. about 10 miles distant. The top and south side of this ridge is midling land, half a quarter of a mile broad, and produced some wild grass, abundance of fern, oak and chestnut trees. Descending the North side we found it more poor, steep and stony, and came soon to the first branch of *Swatara* which runs between the ridges, and is 3 miles from the next branch, all very poor land; but on this second branch it is good low land, with large trees of 5 leaved white pine, poplar, and white oak, here we dined by a spruce swamp.

After dinner we passed the openings of two ridges, the last of which was by the bank of the principal branch of *Swatara*, the soil poor and stoney; then we ascended a great ridge about a mile steep, and terribly stoney most of the way: near the top is a fine tho' small spring of good water. At this place we were warned by a well known alarm to keep our distance from an enraged rattlesnake that had put himself into a coiled posture of defence, within a dozen yards of our path, but