

resources of coal and iron; and in places, gold, silver, and lead ores occur.

For a long period this range formed a barrier to the western extension of the English colonization of the seaboard. The interior was accessible chiefly through the valleys of the Chesapeake, Susquehanna, Delaware and Hudson. The mountain recesses were the resort of wild beasts and savage Indian tribes, that for generations laid waste the frontier settlements. Their slopes were the "dark and bloody ground" of Indian warfare. The military expeditions across the mountains of Washington, Braddock, Forbes, and Bouquet form the most stirring episodes in the colonial annals.

The potent genius of modern civilization has now built its iron road over the mountains, spanned with solid viaducts their rivers, bound in fetters their turbulent streams and made them toil in mill or factory for the welfare of man, divided into the rocky strata for the hidden riches there stored up, and opened the obscurest ravines and recesses to the wandering geologist, sportsman, or tourist in search of the picturesque. Taking a seat in a luxurious palace-car in any of the seaboard cities, one is whirled without an effort



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