

sources, particularly that called Congress Water, has thrown the ancient one into disrepute, and none drink at it, except those who do not wish to pay for the privilege.

Saratoga is laid out in one long wide street, which has a most cheerful appearance; for though all the houses, with one single exception, are built of wood, yet, being neatly painted, and having columns and verandas, overgrown with woodbine, clematis, &c., the whole town is pleasing and gay. Besides several dozen boarding and lodging-houses, inns, &c., there are three hotels on the most extensive scale, each having accommodation for nearly three hundred visitors, in addition to baths and billiard tables. The furniture and fitting up is handsome, the tables well supplied, and wines, with all other luxuries, may be had on calling for.

The proprietors of these hotels take it by turns to give nightly balls, with good bands of music stationed in the gardens; and they enforce such excellent regulations, by turning any person out of the three houses, who misconducts himself in either, that, although the company consists of all classes, very few quarrels take place.

The season this year is uncommonly backward, by reason of the cold weather in May, and therefore I have not seen Saratoga in all its glory of crowds and fashion; which I lament exceedingly,