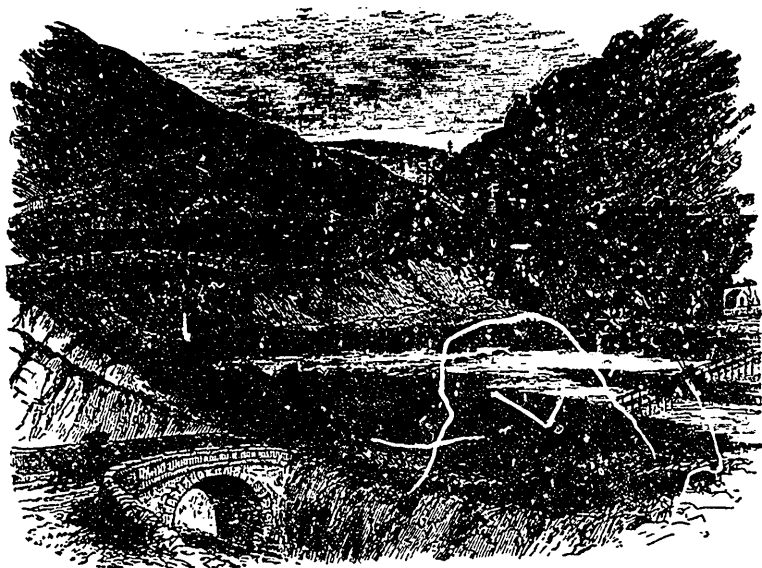


heart of the most beautiful part of Derbyshire. "The visitor who would know this country," says James Croxton, "must follow the sweet meanderings of the mountain streams hither and thither through shady nooks and fairy glens, all fringed and festooned with greenery; where the tributary rills come trickling down from the mossy heights, gladdening the ear with their tiny melodies."

Buxton is delightfully situated at the head of the fine upland valley of the Wye, 1100 feet above the sea. Its warm springs were famous even in Roman times, and have been visited by



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invalids from that day to this. It offers to the tourist many fine walks and drives, part of the enjoyment of which arises from the elevation of the country through which they run, and the extensive views they thus supply.

The village of Castleton lies in a dale at the foot of Mam Tor, "the shivering mountain," which rises 2000 feet above the level of the sea. On the southern side are the ruins of the old castle of "Peveril of the Peak." This was one of the most powerful strongholds in the kingdom, and is one of the most interesting Norman fortresses in England. The Peak Cavern extends 2250 feet into the mountain, and is six hundred feet below its surface.

Returning to Buxton, and taking up our quarters there, we find