

shrubbery reminded us of ugly and distressing dreams. At the same time, however, it would be gratifying to behold so much horror allying itself, even by violence, to the beautiful scenery which called on us for help with outstretched hands and tearful glances. The inexorable laws of nature are brought to bear on the vegetable as well as on higher planes of existence. As superior spirits we passed on, unlike the good Samaritan, only as we now do noticing the sent and received impression.

A good supper was waiting for us when we got at the end of our journey. We were surprised to find a very good home so high in the clouds. The Summit Hotel entertains one hundred guests: it would grace a small town in every way. We formed a quick and hearty acquaintance with the wet party which had already been furnished with dry clothes—except a juvenile New-Yorker too large in person to be accommodated; he had to go to bed.

As the clouds now and then cleared, we were afforded, after supper, magnificent celestial and terrestrial displays, too grand and beautiful to be told by any tongue or pen, however eloquent or gifted they might be. Shoots of clouds most playfully excited at the relief of their heavy liquid loads, danced and sported in the most capricious and delightful manner, everywhere, overhead, alongside of us, beneath us, in the far great distance where the eye at times could reach and revel even there, at the gorgeous sight. As we cast toward the escaping sun our astonished glances it seemed to our fervid and reverential imagination, as if the heaven were embracing and carrying away in its beauteous arms the whole earth we stood on. Brilliant rays darted from the magnificent orb of light, in threads and tresses, in continuous sparkling jets, which dazzled by their velocity and magnetic beauty, the electrified beings looking on. Meanwhile, during short spells,