

## Note 46--Page 53.

*The coming tempest lour.*—These storms are very frequent on this lake; and the want of sufficient sea-room is also dangerous. A few days previous to our arrival at Oswego, a British packet called the Speedy, with the judge advocate on board, the judges, witnesses, and an Indian prisoner, and others to the amount of twenty or thirty persons, foundered in a violent gale, and every soul perished. No part of the vessel was afterwards found except the pump, which we picked up, and carried to Queenstown.

## Note 47—Page 55.

*The ridge its height uprears.*—This singular ridge commences about the head of lake Ontario, and running in an easterly direction, loses itself in the country towards the Seneca lake. The plain, extending from its base northwardly to the shores of the lake, is between two and three hundred feet lower than that extending from its top, south, to lake Erie.

## Note 48—Page 56.

*All sound was hushed, &c.*

This will appear almost incredible to those who have heard it asserted that the noise of the cataract is frequently heard at the distance of forty miles. Both these facts however, are actually true, and depend entirely on the state of the atmosphere and current of the air.

## Note 49—Page 57.

*Whence hurrying clouds, &c.*

This train of black clouds extends along the heavens in the direction in which the wind blows, as far as the eye can reach, forming a very striking and majestic appearance.

## Note 50—Page 59.

*Till the tall ladder's tottering top appeared.*

This ladder was placed in an almost perpendicular position, not leaning on the brink; but fastened to a projecting root, in such a manner that, on descending, the steep was on our right hand, and a tremendous abyss, of a hundred and fifty feet deep, presented itself before us.