



THE CATSKILLS—Bonville.

WHOEVER has made a voyage up the Hudson must remember the Kaatskill Mountains. They are a dismembered branch of the great Appalachian family, and are seen away to the west of the river, swelling up to a noble height and lordling it over the surrounding country. Every change of season, every change of weather, indeed, every hour of the day, produces some change in the magic hues and shapes of these mountains, and they are regarded by all the good wives, far and near, as perfect barometers. When the weather is fair and settled, they are clothed in blue and purple, and print their bold outlines on the clear evening sky; but sometimes, when the rest of the landscape is cloudless, they will gather a hood of gray vapors about their summits, which in the last rays of the setting sun will glow and light up like a crown of glory.

—Washington Irving.

AN extract of a letter written by John Jay to Gov. Milledge, of Georgia, in 1807. The original letter is in the possession of Mrs. Milledge, of Forsyth, Ga.: "I wish you could have been here a couple of days ago to see an experiment tried on the Hudson. There is a young man here, Robert Fulton by name; who claims to have invented a boat that will go against wind and tide. I was sick, and could not go with the party which I had been invited to join, but I heard they really went from New York to Albany in thirty-six hours. I would not be surprised if this young fellow's ideas were of benefit to the Union some of these days."

A REFORMED orthography was introduced into all the Prussian schools on April 1, 1880. All

new school-books will hereafter be printed with the reformed spelling, and no educational works with the old spelling will be used in schools after the lapse of a certain interval. The governments of Austria, Bavaria and Wurtemberg have also adopted the new spelling.

It is said that the introduction of American machinery by the shears manufacturers of Sheffield, England, is causing dismay among the operatives, who were but lately the most arrogant of strikers. At a late meeting of the trade society they offered the employers a reduction of 15 per cent. upon the best hand-made shears, and of 10 per cent. on all other grades of hand-made shears. But the manufacturers cannot now recede. They have found American competition driving them out of their own market, besides easily diverting foreign trade. They must keep up with the times, or abandon their business.

WHATEVER may have been the controversies held by the people of different nations, over the comparative charms of the rivers of the Old and New Worlds, in the past half century, it is now pretty generally admitted that in the Rhine of the Old World, and the Hudson of the New, the extreme of possible beauty in river scenery is reached, and between the two are to be very nearly equally divided the first honors. Meanwhile only a small portion of the river, in each case, bears the brunt of requirement and admiration—that of the Rhine being found between Bonn and Biebrich, and that of the Hudson between Peekskill and Newburgh, or, more properly, Cornwall, above West Point. The crowning glory of the Hudson will always be found,