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> From our Special Correspondent. ASREVILLE, Oct., 22, 1868.

Mcssrs. Editors : On last Friday we left Asheville behind us, taking Johnny along. Two miles from town we strike the Swannanoa-"nymph of beauty"- Mr. Cenis. We pass the Devil's Mirror, and turning to the left, follow its course Jack's Bank and the Depot a small house us casterly direction for several miles .- and clearing around to which the late Mr. Its clear and placid waters embowered in William Patten caused articles to be conbirch and walnut were beautiful to the veyed in bulk, intended for use at the little rise surmounted by two lombardy butil about four miles above the Black ulficent sight; to be seen only here and poplars, stands the hospitable mansion of Mountain Inn we reach the George C. Alexander, Esq.,

persevered in their use until now, by God's one of Buncombe's most worthy citizens.

"North Fork"

es of the 'Hepatic Pills,' and the use of them stream - its waters limpid and pellucid as a mirror and sparkling as the diamond. Language is inadequate to describe the beauty of this little stream, here dancing lightly against the rocks, or gliding gently by an obstruction, tumbling wildly, dashing boldly, roaring loudly, the next moment cooing gently as a dove. At this season, we see it only clothed in one garment, the beautiful bloom of the witch-hazel which blooms only in the fall, but when in summer it bedecks itself in its holiday suit of the ivy and the laurel, its loveliness is beyond comparison; then upon could blow his oaten pipe until he was en-

tirely satisfied." Crossing and re-crossing this river for some four miles, we arrive at last at Mrs. Allison's.

where your correspondent once lived .-

"Where once the garden smiled, And still where many a garden flower grows wild."

I passed some of the happiest years of my life. Here under the shadow of the frowning Black-in the beautiful valley watered by the "babbling Swannanoa" -- surrounded by ranges of mountains and dotted by meadows here "where health and plenty cheer the laboring swain"-live one of

With politeness the most natural, hospitality the most prodigal, with a kind smile and a warm grasp of the hand, they meet you, invite you to their honses, and treat you "to the best in the shop" ar Judge Watts is reported to have said, and very good that is. The inhabitants of "the Fork" are the frecest, most cheerful and contented people I have ever met.— How well Goldsmith's description of the Swiss fits, then

"Cheerful at morn, he wakes from short repose Breasts the keen air, and carrols as he goes.
With patient augic trolls the finny deep.
Or drives his venturous ploughshare to the steep;
Or seeks the den where snow-tracks marks the

way, And drags the struggling savage into day; At night returning, every labor sped,
He sits him down, the monarch of a shed—
Smiles by his cheerful fire, and round surveys
His children's looks, that brighten at the blaze, While his lov'd partner, boastful of her hoard, Displays her cleanly platter on the board; Thus every good his native wilds impart, Imprints the patriot passion on his heart."

Bill Powers.

Bill has quite a national reputation as a . In the year 1860, your correspondent gaide, having been to the High Peak over caused to be built on the high peak, a one hundred times. He is a thorough nice, comfortable cabin of balsam logs, mountaineer, understands everything that floors, boards, doors, &c., all of balsam-should be done and the right way to do it the cracks lined and stuffed with moss, - can do anything he ever saw done by with a good chimney and a partition, ma-

what was formerly styled

The Black Mountain Inn. Where some years since an excellent mountain house was kept by Mr. J. II. Alexander for the accommodation of the Law students and the traveling sight-recking public. But since Mr. A. moved off, pilgrims to the Black generally stop a "Deer Pass," or Mrs. Allison's. We soon reach

The First Cabins. or the debris of them Some mile further

Coopersville.

and pass

Not a village or town but a dismantled house and kitchen belonging to the Pat ten estate, and called from an old negro who occupied it for many years. Shortly after passing this point we commence the abrupt ascent of the mountain. First north, then south, now following, now meeting each other; this is necessary in order to gain the proper grade and is based upon the same idea as the railway across

Mountain House.

This is a two-story house built entirely man, which as I believe, was saved from death stage-stand for many years, and still main- Mr. Patten who took an intense interest in eating and drinking, and we set down to tains its ancient reputation. After a short | the Black and was formerly kept up in our matutinal meal. annually from \$160 to \$200, but I have had rest and a smoke we pushed forward and fine style for the accommodation of visirecommend them as a superior latticty incoming one mile further on at Mr. Porter's we tors, it is situated on a commanding ele-S. D. Wallace, Esq., President of the Willord St. St. D. Wallace, Esq., President of the Willord St. D. Wallace, Esq., President of the Willowski, President of the William of the Will slowly, carefully and watchfully with tight rein and attentive eye, we turn and

twist, twist and turn through the

Balsam Fir. This is the tree which gives the Black its name - being a dark green when seen at short sight, but when viewed at the distance of a few miles, apparently as black as printer's ink or the heart of a carpet-bagger.

The mountaineers say that there are two kinds-the he and she, but I believe that botanists call the "he balsam," black spruce. These trees cover the mountain and have but one competitor, viz: the rowen. They average from ten to seventy feet, and are as straight as arrows-their its umbrageous mossy banks some Tityu's | branches grow almost at right angles from the stem. There is one circumstances peculiar to these trees-they almost invariably fall "up hill"-the next point of interest on our way is

Elizabeth's Camp

three-fourths of a mile distant from the foot | Being the ruins of a log cabin situated in from a Federal Constitution with due and of the Black. Mrs. A. occupies the house a small prairie and called after Miss Eliz- proper checks and balances to a pure demabeth Patten, the first lady who had the ocracy, and from that to a despotism and temerity to spend a night on the Black. white slavery-the transition was easy, if In a short time after leaving this point we history proved anything -facilis descen-

First Mount Mitchell.

This is the peak first discovered by Dr. Mitchell, and for a long time considered the highest peak-here the observatory of "the martyr to science" still remains with hundreds of names and initials carved upon the logs. The line between Yanthe frecest, most polite, hospitable and cey and McDowell splits the observatory generous people to be found on the globe. On a rock just by Dr. M., caused to be On a rock just by Dr. M., caused to be carved these figures.

> Indicating the height in feet of this peak above tide-water-to my eye this still appears higher than the "high peak" and the Buncombe mountaineers yet insist that it is-but the spirit-level and the barometer-the tests of science, have spoken another decree. From this to the High Peak-we pass over Cayol's peak and Mt. Gibbs and pass by Stepp's cabin, now in ruins, where we water ourselves and horses at the trough placed there over ten years ago. In about a quarter of a mile of the Professor's grave we pass through a little open piece of ground covered with grass-a prairie-but which the North Fork people will persistently style "the far old field." Leaving this prairie we have a very precipitous ascent to the long sought highest land east of the Rocky Mountains.

The High Peak,

After a sweet and refreshing night's 6711 feet by the level and 6707 by bar with body and cover, also, an Ambulance sleep and an excellent breakfast prepared ometrical measurement above the sea .by Miss Mary, we take up our line of Here we were met by a very sharp keen Indianapolis Oct. 24, M.—Mr. Henmarch to the Black, accompanied by Adbreeze from the north-east and after feastdricks will contest the election before the olphus Allison, "Gooch," and that most ing our vision for a few moments with the Legislature. invaluable guide and witty and agreeable splendid panorama spread out beneath as, The Indianapolis Sentinel advises the we passed on to the

another—knows everybody, their history,—all the news affect and expresses himself in a style entirely peculiar to himself in, at least it was so injured that we were so with blankets, provisions, &c., we are off. At a little less than a mile we pass the night in it and sought a place of rest on the side of the mountain. When we were about to commit ourselves to "tired nature's sweet restorer," we found that the slant was such that we would slide into the fire, but as necessity is the mother of invention, especially on the Black .-We determined to lie on our side and so "crooking the pregnant hinges of the knee," that our thighs should form a complete right angle with either the upper or lower parts of our bodies, having first driven a stake in the ground to support our thighs in that position. Here we beheld the stars in the clear mellow light, only to be seen in the mountains, and we could hear the meaning of the winds through the balsam sighing their eternal requiem over the ashes of the good and brave old

> Professor. At last light began to struggle with the shades of departing night, and

Postera Phæbea lustrabat lampade terras. Humentemque Aurora polo dimorerat umbram."

Sun-Rise. The castern sky changes from gray to golden, from golden to crimson, and the fiery orb assures us that another day is borne to the world. Slowly, but grandly. Phœbus drives up his chariot and in a few minutes all nature is illuminated Twelve miles from Asheville on a Mountain House. Up, up, up, we ascend with his rays. Splendid, glorious, mag-

remembered always. Breakfast.

blessing, I am well and hearty. I had a negro This was a famous stopping-place and of the baleam fir. It was built by the late called us to such vulgar considerations as But our sharpened appetites soon re-

Bill of Fare. Roadt beer Prieb Ufficken Beef Steak, Loaf Bread, Wheat Pone,

Biscuit, Entrees. Elk Mt. Cheese, Jumbles,

Loaf Sugar,

Coffee (bot,) Water, Mt Apples, from the Spring. Breakfast over-we take the back track and reach Deer Pass just in time for din-

On Monday afternoon, by special invitation, I made a Seymour and Blair speech and barring some elaboration in the inland action of historical parallels, I made the same kind of an address that I should have delivered in Fanuel Hall. I took the ground that this was the last struggle for that constitutional liberty bequeathed to us by our fore-fathers. If Seymour should be elected, the Constitution would be restored, re-instated, and peace, pros-perity and good government would follow. If Grant, then, in my humble opinion, our government would retrograde rapidly sus Averni.

After calling to see Katy, Uncle Fed-dy, Aunt Polly, Mary and Uncle Else, we again turned our faces toward this place-stopped on the way to see Alfred. We come away loaded with courtesies and kindnesses on all sides, all expressing the hope of seeing us again whenever we could come. We spent our last night with Uncle Else and feel it due to the North Fork that we should not close our notice of it without spinning

A Pumpkin Yarn, Uncle Else carried us into his garden and informed us that he had raised seventy-two pumpkins from three vines, many of which would weigh, I judge from size, from 80 to 100 pounds and were overhalf as large as a sugar barrel. I call them "some pumpkins." This reminds me of

two cabbages I saw at Uncle Fred's. A Cabbage Yarn.

I saw two cabbages there, the heads of which I aver could not be put into a half-bushel measure. I state this the more boldly as he has promised to send them to me and they shall be exhibited to "show for themselves." Since our return we have visited the Elk Mountain Cheese Factory of which I shall give you an account in my next and concluding letter .-The Mountains are ablaze for Seymour TAU. and Durham.

Democrats not to pay their bets yet.