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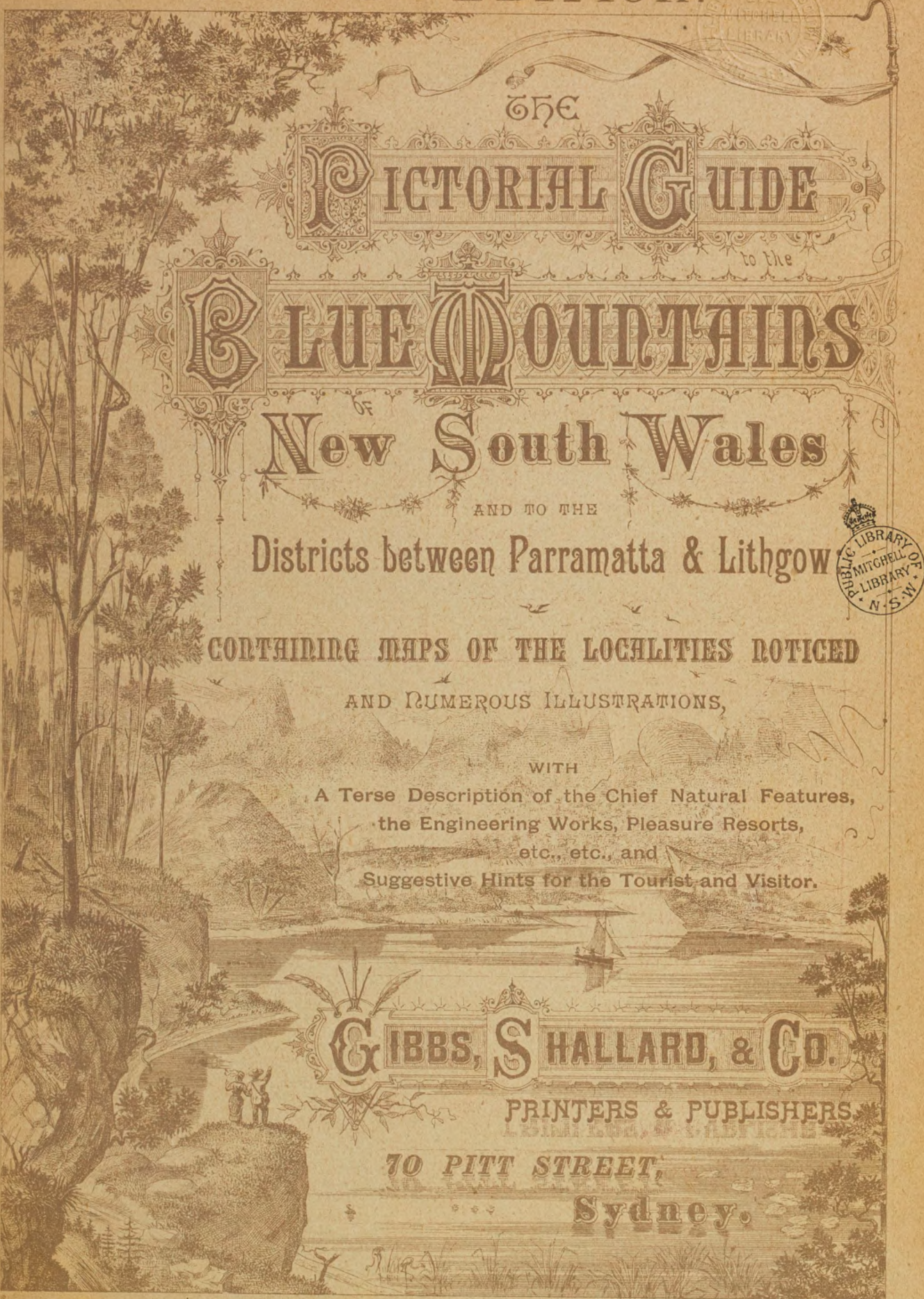
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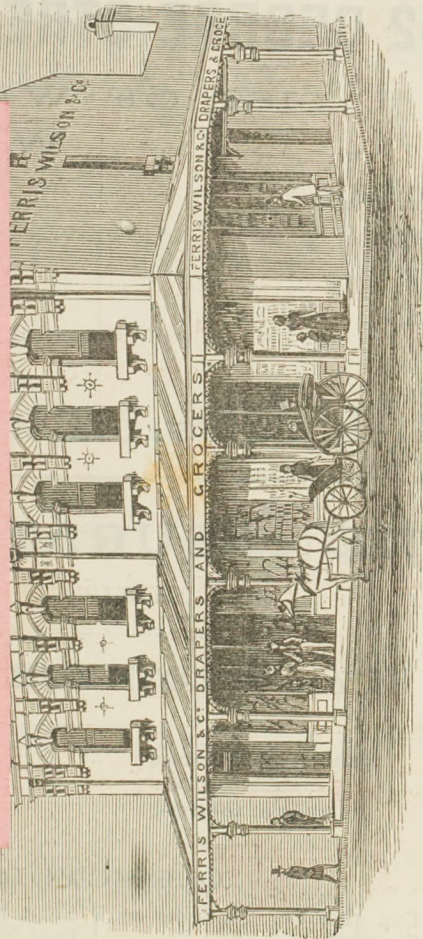
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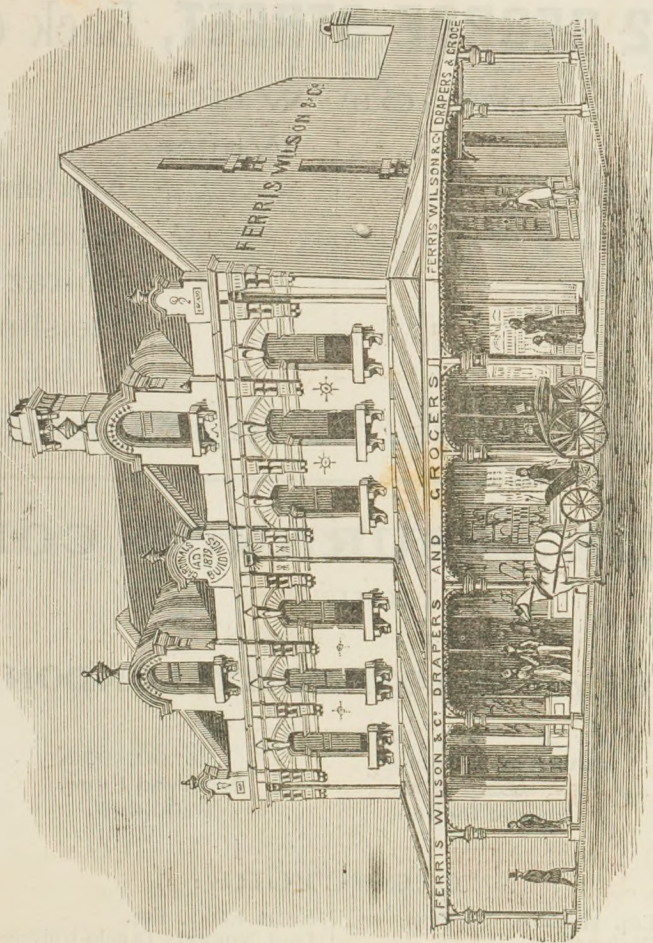
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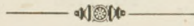
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One great drawback, hitherto, has been the absence of any reliable information to guide the tourist, or stimulate the visitor to fully explore these regions. To do justice to a trip of this kind he has been compelled to employ some one in the district to accompany him, and this has been expensive and inconvenient in many ways. Frequently, too, this guide has nothing but his knowledge of the locality to recommend him—lacking all sympathy, and every quality in common, with the party he takes charge of, who often vote him a drag and a bore.

It is to render the tourist independent of such assistance that this Guide has been prepared. The districts described have been thoroughly explored; trees, fences, and rocks marked; tracks indicated; and a detailed contour map drawn from an actual survey of each locality, by the compiler.

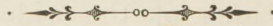
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To the masses who cannot afford the luxury of a visit to the Alps, Pyrenees, and other mountain scenery of the Old and New Worlds, it should be a matter of congratulation that they have it in their power, by the exercise of a little economy, to witness, at least once a year, scenes quite as wonderful, quite as health-giving, quite as beautiful as the historic and popular old-world resorts of English tourists, yet possessing a characteristic and rugged grandeur unexcelled by scenery in any part of the world.

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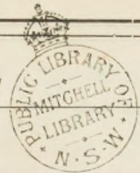
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HINTS AND SUGGESTIONS TO MOUNTAIN TOURISTS AND OTHERS.

ON entering upon any excursion it is well to be prepared for little emergencies or adverse events; and there is no reason why the pleasure should be marred by deprivations which a little foresight and arrangement would obviate.

If the party consist of several and the intention be to "rough it" in the bush, a light *tent* or awning will be useful, but a good *rug* will be absolutely essential, whether the trip be in summer or winter. A spare suit of clothes should always be taken, one being of light tweed and the other somewhat heavier, and a strong loose calico coat is pleasant for hot days. Crimean shirts without collars and with a loose necktie are better than white ones for bush work, and woollen socks or stockings are better than cotton ones. Good strong blucher boots are to be preferred to elastic-sided or half-wellingtons, as in wet weather the latter are difficult to get on. A pair of serviceable leather slippers are always handy and give great relief to the feet after a long journey. A soft, shady felt hat is better than a stiff, close-brimmed one. An overcoat and comforter for the neck will give a sense of snugness in cold weather, and a light waterproof coat will save much discomfort in showery weather. Leggings, unless they fit well and are easily fastened, are often a nuisance, as they cramp the legs or interfere with the free action of the muscles. A leather waist strap for the trousers is useful, and especially when brace buttons give way as they are provokingly prone to do on occasions when an extra strain is put upon them.

Clothing attended to, the next consideration is that of food. This should be as portable as possible, the preserved meats, jams, condensed milk, concentrated coffee and chocolate, &c. (all in tins), are very convenient. Biscuits and bread, sugar, salt, pepper, a bottle of Worcester sauce, and some tea in quantities to suit the size of the party and length of stay will suggest themselves. A covered strong tin billy and cups or pannikins for the tea or water, with knives, forks, plates, and spoons, are all necessary.

Sundry conveniences are the following:—A good knife, small tomahawk, pencil and paper, small pocket compass, a good field glass, leather strap, a dozen yards of parcel cord, sticking plaster, pins, needle and thread, and a few buttons.

Tea is the most comforting beverage for the bush, and it is very portable. Beer and porter are cumbersome to carry and heavy to drink. If any alcoholic drink be deemed necessary a little good brandy, schnapps, rum, or whisky in a pocket flask may be taken, always bearing in mind that in high mountainous country even a slight indulgence in spirit is very liable to be soon followed by numbing headache and lassitude.

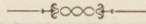
A good handy valise or expanding leather bag will be requisite for clothes, &c., and this should not be too large to be carried in one hand when full.

Soap and rough towel should not be forgotten, and a small bottle of chlorodyne has often been of service in cases of internal pain or diarrhœa.

If the tourist has any special hobby to pursue, then he will of course take care to be provided with the necessary appliances. The artist will have his sketch books, pencils, brushes, and water flask and colours; the botanist will require his guard book or blotting paper wherein to place his specimens as collected; the geologist his hammer, chisel, and canvas bag for his collection; the sportsman his gun and ammunition; the collector of natural history specimens his bottles of spirits and his paper boxes, with a supply of arsenical soap or other antiseptics, for preserving skins of birds and quadrupeds; the collector of plants will need his trowel and capacious flat-bottomed bag wherein to place rare ferns and other plants for safe transit. And that large class of people who have none of these hobbies, but who still enjoy to the full the marvellous beauties of nature, will not forget their pipes and tobacco or cigars, with a supply of matches and books.

In many of the districts herein described the necessary provisions and refreshments will be obtainable, and so the trouble of taking a supply from town will be quite unnecessary. Usually, in the text is given the nature of the accommodation to be obtained in a given district; and it will only be in rare cases where foresight will have to be exercised as to taking food and refreshments by visitors from town or distant districts.

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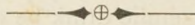


It is of course no part of the object of this Guide to offer any details as to the purely suburban district of Sydney passed through to Parramatta. Information as to Sydney and suburbs will be found in Gibbs, Shallard, and Co.'s popular "Guide to Sydney." The stations on the line are:—Sydney, Eveleigh, M'Donald Town, Newtown, Stanmore, Petersham, Summer Hill, Ashfield, Croydon, Burwood, Redmyre, Homebush, Rookwood, Auburn, Granville (Parramatta Junction), and Parramatta. These places present the usual features of thriving suburbs of a large and prosperous city. Villa residences of merchants and tradesmen, cottages of every grade, gardens gay with flowering plants and in the season brilliant with fruit-laden trees; each township having its nucleus of shops, public-houses, churches, and schools.

All these places are rapidly passed by the main line trains except perhaps Homebush, where a halt for a few moments is usually made. A few years back Homebush was the great "contesting ground" that the Randwick Racecourse has since become, but it was too far from town and otherwise inconvenient, and had to yield to modern requirements. Rookwood is the station for the Haslem's Creek Cemetery, the chief Necropolis of the Metropolitan district. At Granville or, as it was till lately called, Parramatta Junction, 13 miles from Sydney, the Great Southern line branches to the left, and the Great Western and Richmond to the right, passing through Parramatta hereafter described. The country from this is, for the most part, scantily cultivated, but some glorious orange orchards gladden the eye on either side of the line.

Parramatta.

(14 miles from Sydney; 49 feet above sea-level.)



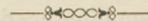
THIS, next to Sydney, is the oldest town in Australia. Soon after the settlement at the head of Sydney Cove in 1788, Governor Phillip, attracted by the suitability of the soil for agricultural purposes, fixed upon the site and formed the township of Rose Hill, the name being afterwards changed to Parramatta, the native name of the district. It was here the first fruit garden was formed, and the first grain sown. Here also the first sheep were depastured, and the value of our indigenous grasses but faintly guessed at. Little was it dreamed in those days that within the nineteenth century the export of wool would exceed a value of *Eight millions sterling per annum* from the port of Sydney alone; and that the total export of wool from the Australasian Colonies would, within eighty years, reach a total value of twenty millions of pounds sterling per annum.

By a happy chance the dried pips of an orange were sown at Parramatta in its early days, and thus was made known the exceptional suitability of the district for the growth of this valuable fruit. Perhaps many of the largest trees in the world are here, some more than fifty years old, in the most perfect health and luxuriance of

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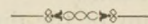


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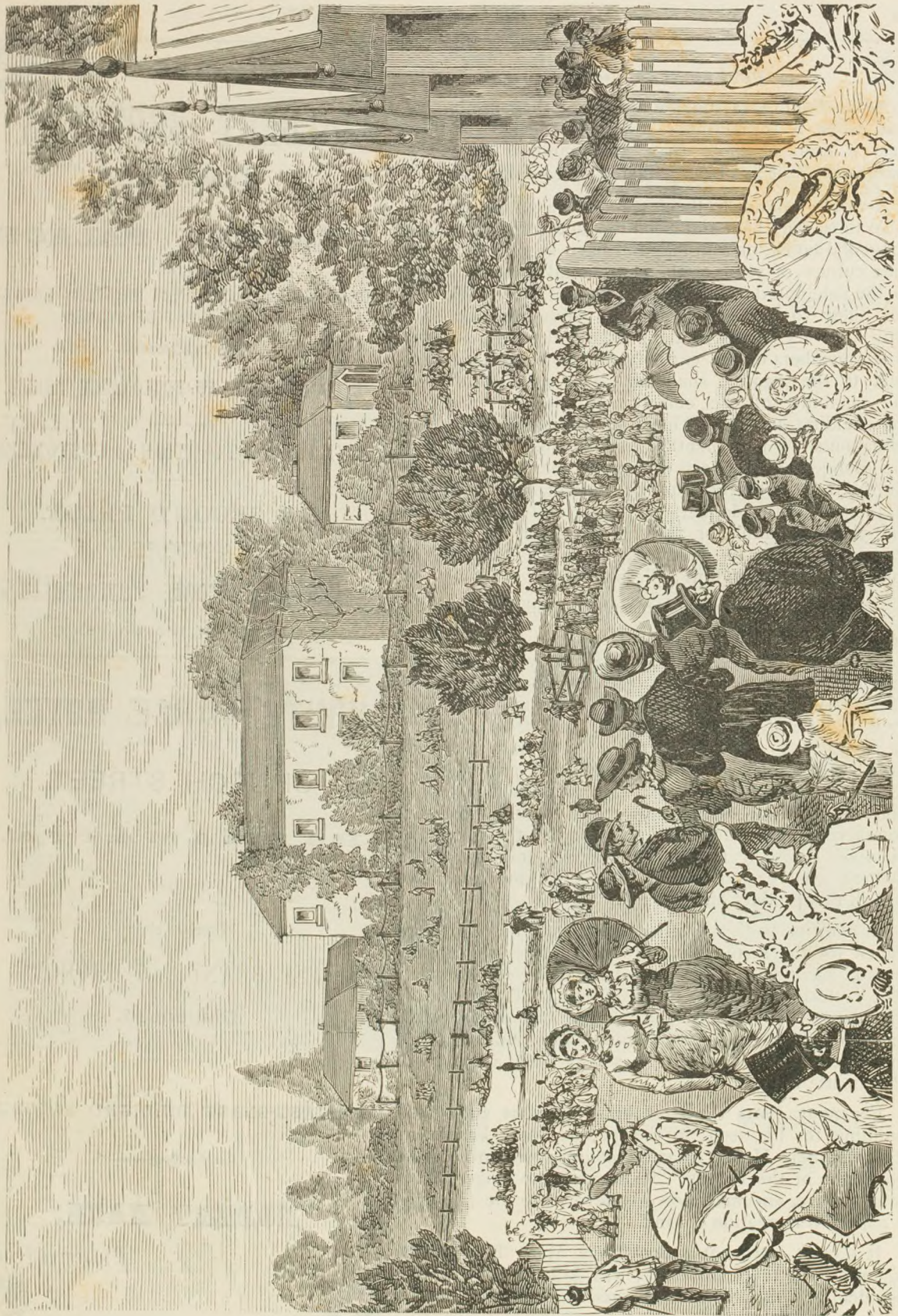
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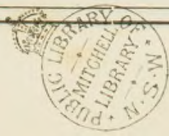
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PARRAMATTA PARK—Old "Government House."



PARRAMATTA—Continued

growth. Some idea may be formed of their productiveness when it is mentioned that from several of these trees a crop of more than four hundred dozens of marketable fruit has been gathered in a single season.

A writer, alluding to this feature of the district, says:—
 “To those who have not seen the orange growing in a congenial home, or who may but have seen it under the rude culture of some of the continental growers, a visit to the celebrated estate of Mr. Pye, of Rocky Hall, is not likely to be soon forgotten. Here may be seen growing every variety of the orange and lemon, and the other members of the citrus family, from the tiny cumquat to the gigantic shaddock; and, as illustrative of the capability of the climate, and the vast range of fruit-yielding trees that may be grown to advantage hereabouts, we may mention that, in close proximity to the orange, may be seen the apple, pear, and plum, of Northern latitudes; the peach, apricot, and nectarine, of the East; the loquat, of Japan, and almost every fruit-yielding shrub or tree, growing in the wildest luxuriance. It is a great treat to catch Mr. Pye on some leisure day, and, in a pleasant stroll

“Through leagues of garden flushed with fruit,”

hear from him the life history of some of the special trees in his grove—how this one tree yielded several hundred dozens of fruit in a season; how that group of trees were planted fifty years ago, and still, like their proprietor, seem ruddy with health. O, it must be glorious to be the owner of an orchard which, as a lad, one has helped to plant, and grown old in tending! And then there is the supreme satisfaction of knowing that the industry has grown to be one of vast commercial importance; for one has only to look at the piles of cases of this fruit awaiting transit at the Sydney wharves, to realize how great an element of wealth this product has become.

In addition to this industry, Parramatta has long been famed for the manufacture of woollen fabrics, “Sydney tweed” having, for many years, been deservedly popular. The factories of Messrs. John French and Son, and of Mr. Alfred French, turn out a large quantity of work and employ a considerable number of hands. The manufacture of leather, too, has long been a feature of Parramatta trade.

For many years the large but somewhat antiquated building to be seen in the picture, and known as “Government House,” was the country residence of the governors of the colony. It, however, no longer serves this purpose, and the reserve is devoted to the public as a park and recreation ground.

It was at Parramatta that Lady Mary Fitzroy, the sister of the then Governor, was killed by a carriage accident. This lady had endeared herself to all classes



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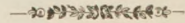
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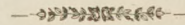
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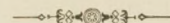
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of people, poor and rich, and her death was in many ways deplorable, and was bewailed as a great loss to the colony. She may truly be said to have exhibited in her person all the best characteristics of an English gentlewoman. A good story is told of her in relation to her domestic qualities. A Sydney tradesman waited at Government House early one morning for orders, and seeing a neatly dressed lady bustling about at such an early hour, concerning herself with the domestic arrangements of the household, he fancied she must be the housekeeper, and, thinking to secure the lion's share of the business of Government House, he slipped into her hand a £5 note, evidently in that spirit of gratitude for



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ORANGERY—PARRAMATTA DISTRICT.

the past which Dr. Johnson was apt to define as a "lively hope of favours to come." It is said Lady Mary accepted the gift, but presented it to some charitable institution.

Parramatta has an interest, too, of rather a painful nature, for here are situate the penitentiary and the asylum for the insane, both buildings of very large dimensions, and dating far back into the earliest history of the colony. Both were erected by the enforced

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PARRAMATTA—Continued.

industry of a class which, as Barrington—himself one of their class—says

“Left their country for their country's good.”

Parramatta is altogether a pleasantly situated town, and it has all the conveniences which mark modern progress. The various religious bodies have well-appointed churches and chapels, several of these being very tasteful in design and commodious in accommodation. There is a good Mechanics' Institute; the place is lighted with gas; and there are two creditable newspapers. First-class hotels are scattered over the town, those of exceptional note being The Woolpack, an old favourite place of resort, with a well-kept bowling green and garden. Creasey's "Tattersall's" and Hack's "White Horse" are other representative hotels. There are capital shops and a good deal of intelligent enterprise is displayed in catering to the varied requirements of a rapidly rising town and extensive community.

The town is situated about fifteen miles from Sydney, and may be reached by the old turnpike road, by rail, and by steamers, which ply regularly up the river. The scenery on the banks of the river is very charming, and no pleasanter day can be spent than in a trip by water to Parramatta, and a visit to the interesting gardens and orchards of the district.

The railway station is convenient to the town; it is a neat structure, presenting rather a busy aspect on the arrival and departure of the evening and morning trains, and during the orange harvest there is an air of commercial bustle about the place.

For some distance past Parramatta the district is dotted with orange groves and fruit orchards in various stages of growth and fruitfulness. It is a sight in the months of June, July, and August to witness the heavily laden orange trees bending under their wealth of golden fruit; and some estimate may be formed of the commercial importance of the industry by the tiers of cases awaiting transit at the various stations along the line.

Toongabbie.

WITHIN a short distance of this station there are some fine orchards and orange groves, and the Toongabbie Creek is especially interesting from the dense vegetation and picturesque "bits" for the pencil of the artist. This creek flows through a rich soil and the cultivation of various farming crops is largely entered upon by the settlers hereabouts. In the neighbourhood several vineyards, owned by Germans, have proved very successful—yielding fine crops of grapes, chiefly of dessert varieties, and for which the very highest rates are obtained in the Sydney markets.



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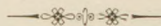
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HERE is a fine view from here of the town and neighbourhood of Parramatta, and the district is very interesting and beautiful from the prevailing plantations of fruit and other trees. There are also some fine undulating stretches of lightly timbered and grass lands between Parramatta and Seven Hills. The next station is

Blacktown,

(22 miles from Sydney ; 183 feet above sea-level.)

FORMER rendezvous for the aborigines—hence its name—in the days of Governor Macquarie, who established here an institution having for its object the civilizing and caretaking of the rapidly declining race. The scenery for the next fifteen miles is very varied and interesting. Usually enormous mobs of cattle and sheep are slowly feeding on their way to the Sydney abattoirs. The farms and gardens with which the country is studded are illustrative of the varied care and attention of their owners, but here and there orchards of orange trees, brilliant with fruit and bloom, evince the specially careful hand of the husbandman. There are also some pretty peeps of

“Hills and valleys veined with streams,”

and here and there a glimpse of the old turnpike road which the rail has so far rendered obsolete.

The line for Richmond and Windsor branches off at Blacktown from the main trunk line, bearing away to the north-west.

Rooty Hill,

(25 miles from Sydney ; 131 feet above sea-level.)

IS the next station. It is a busy place, supplying Sydney very largely with firewood. Near here too is Chatsworth, the interesting nursery of the Messrs. Shepherd and Co. Along the line from Blacktown a splendid distant view may be had of the Blue Mountains, and the country seat of Mr. Walter Lamb stands out well in the foreground with its park-like surroundings.

South Creek Station

AND PARKES PLATFORM, are the next points of halt. The country passed through hereabouts as a rule is not very interesting. A vineyard or two and dairy farming, with a rather extensive tannery, are the chief features of interest.

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(34 miles from Sydney ; 88 feet above sea-level.)

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Penrith is a quaint old place, telling of the very early colonial days. It is situate on the eastern bank of the river Nepean. Some of the hotels' signs and surroundings remind the visitor of an English provincial town; the "Wheelwright's Arms," by T. Doyle; the "Old Wheelwright's Arms," by Mr. Joyce, and the "Red Cow," by Mr. T. Smith; the "Commercial," by Mrs. Beatson, and the "Australian Arms," by Mrs. Andrews, are all snug hostelries within hail of each other. The two banks—the Commercial and the New South Wales—are good examples of business architecture; the Telegraph Office and Saving's Bank occupy the same, a substantial building. These with good public schools, churches for various denominations, a temperance hall, seating 500, and accommodating the various lodges, societies, and for public concerts, &c., constitute the general features of Penrith.

Despite the salubrity of the climate, three doctors, Brady, Bond, and Ewington find occasional duties on their hands.

There are several comfortable houses where Board and Residence may be obtained at from £1 per week.

Nepean House is a well-conducted establishment, the owner being an enthusiast in making known the varied beauties of the surroundings. Buggies, boats, and a steam yacht are always procurable, Mr. E. Squires taking the direction of outside affairs, while his good lady attends to the internal administration of the establishment, an arrangement which soon has the hearty approval of the visitor.

Describing the River Nepean, a visitor breaks almost into poetry as he writes:—

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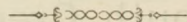
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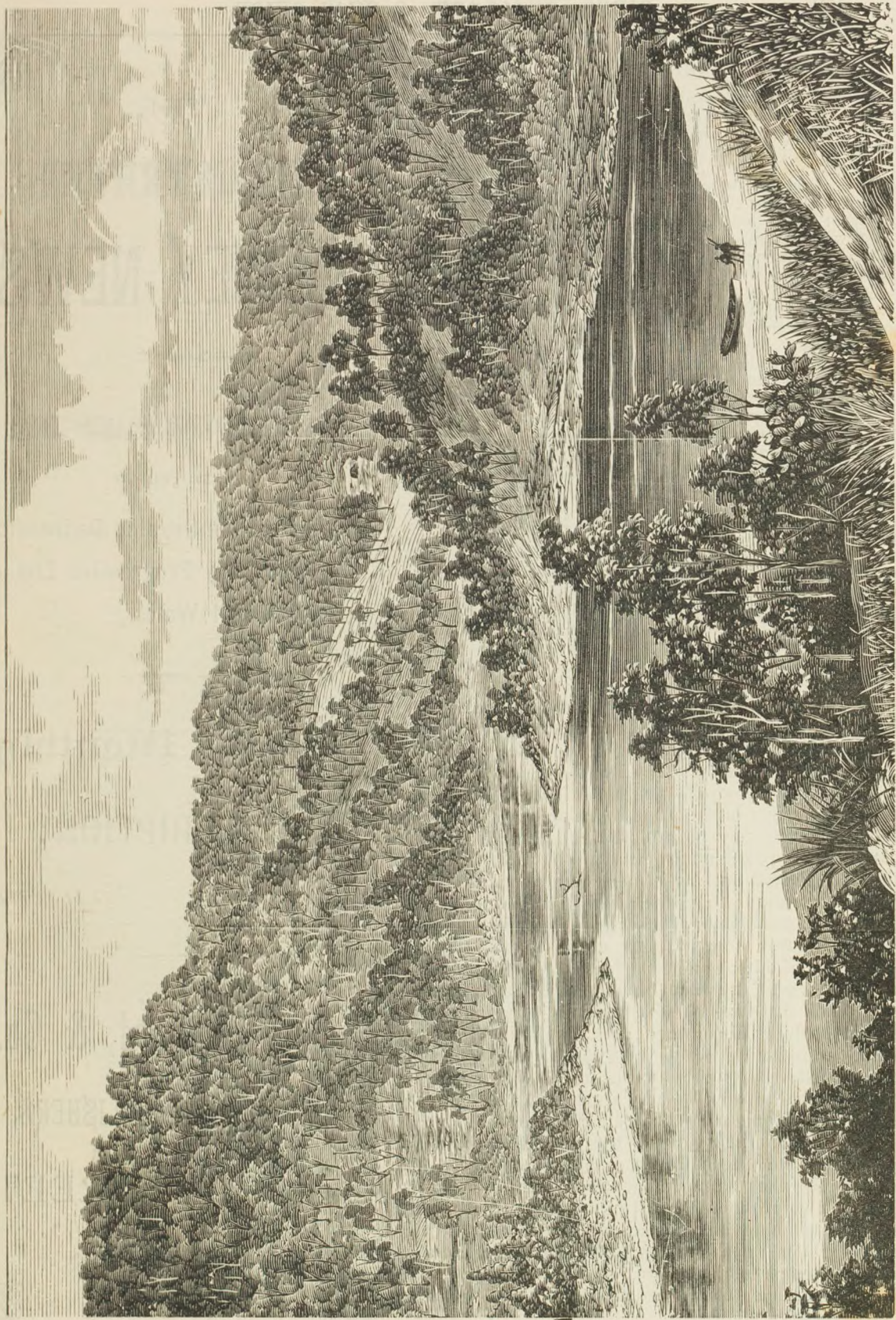
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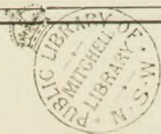
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Mr. E. SQUIRES also begs to inform the Public that he also carries on a large FRUIT PRESERVING BUSINESS on the Premises and TINWARE MANUFACTORY. The Fruit Preserving has been awarded Six Prize Medals at the Intercolonial Exhibitions, and also a Silver Cup.



THE JUNCTION OF THE WARRAGAMBA WITH THE NEPEAN.



PENRITH—Continued.

obtainable by the continental tourist at Baden Baden or Munich, or at the Spas at Bath. The creek itself is a vast amphitheatre of mountain splendour, winding cañons and elfin caves, rocky ledges, beautifully clothed with stately shrubs and ferns of the rarest species, over which the mountain torrent dances gleefully, and the timid deer and wallaby quietly feed—seldom disturbed by man's intrusion. Here the overheated palate can be refreshed, and as the enraptured tourist imbibes the crystal stream his spirits, imbued with new vigour, rebound to the heart laden with health-giving medicines. This beautiful spot is situated ten miles from Penrith, and is reached by Mr. E. Squires' elegant steam yacht *Enterprise*, lately fitted with new and powerful engines. Leaving Erskine, "on the lee," and steaming away to the highest navigable point of the Nepean—namely, the "Basin" (15 miles from Penrith)—we leave our boat at the junction of the Warragamba with the Nepean, and walking about 300 yards on foot we reach the gigantic natural basin, which is unfathomable in all parts, forming the largest and most magnificent natural bath in any part of the known world. The boat arriving here at about 11 a.m. leaves again at 3.30 p.m., giving tourists ample time for a good swim, and doubtless a good repast in true picnic style under Mr. Squire's personal supervision. This trip forms one of the most enjoyable day's amusements obtainable by tourists or lovers of mountain and river scenery in the colony, as the views of the Nepean can in every respect compete with those to be seen on its sister the Hawkesbury. There are also many beautiful drives in the neighbourhood, from Penrith to South Creek forms a pleasant afternoon drive; passing over a well metalled road you reach the Cross Roads, where you attain a great elevation above Penrith, giving a grand view of the distant mountains, some of the principal of which are plainly visible—namely, Mount King George and Mount Wilson, two of the highest peaks in the Blue Mountain Range. Many other drives are also about here—Fernhill, Mulgoa, Castlereagh, Lapstone Hill, Emu, &c., &c.

The population is about fifteen hundred, and the rateable value of property about £125,000. Penrith is within easy distance of many interesting surroundings, and a man having leisure may spend a week very pleasantly, and enjoy many strolls in the neighbourhood. The charming scenery of the Emu Plains and the wonders of the first Zigzag may be explored and more fully appreciated than is possible in a mere trip by rail through the district. Indeed nothing is more tantalizing to the lover of the picturesque than when lost in admiration at the grandeur and sublimity of a scene to be whisked unceremoniously away from it to the casual and fleeting contemplation of other wonders. Indeed the whole journey from Sydney to the Blue Mountains by rail resembles very much the ever-changing beauties represented by a slowly revolving kaleidoscope; for, just as in the instrument, one pattern of beauty is formed only to be changed at the next turn, so the tourist catches glimpse after glimpse that he would gladly dwell upon did not the exigencies of rapid travel dissipate the view in a moment.

Two characteristic views of the "placid Nepean" are given on the preceding and opposite page. The junction of the Warragamba Creek with the Nepean River is a very favourite resort of tourists, and as the trip may be taken on a Saturday afternoon from Sydney, returning the same evening, it is very accessible. A party contemplating such a trip should notify Mr. Squires the day before as to their requirements.

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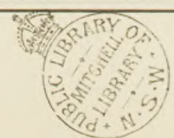
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THE NEPEAN RIVER, NEAR EUROKA CREEK.



Emu Plains.

(36 miles from Sydney ; 87 feet above sea-level.)

ON approaching the horizon of mountains which, on leaving Sydney, looked like an irregular blue line dividing sky from earth, the walls, parapets, and gorges become traceable, and give form and definition to the mountain range. Passing over the Nepean Bridge before described, we enter upon a rich and fertile tract of country under various agricultural crops, and in the season largely occupied with waving, luxuriant crops of Indian corn. Here and there, too, orchards are dotted over the plain with a group or two of homesteads forming the characteristic type of an Australian township. We soon commence the ascent of the first great engineering work on the line, the Little Zigzag, by which the formidable buttresses and natural fortifications of Lapstone Hill were scaled, and reduced to an even highway for King Steam and his civilizing attendants.

A grand panorama soon spreads out before us as we ascend the giddy height, and look down on the Valley of the Nepean. The scene is indescribably grand, and we cast a long, lingering glance over the river and valley, sorry in our hearts at the necessity for so quickly quitting. The sensation is a strange one, too, as we rise to the higher level, and breathe the more rarefied atmosphere of an elevation of nearly 600 feet from Emu Plains, to

Lucasville.

(39 miles from Sydney ; 700 feet above sea-level.)

THIS is a platform only, where the train stops by arrangement with the guards or on being signalled. As we pass upward the ever-changing views are wondrously grand and one may fairly say that Nature has done her best with mountain, valley, and river, to perfect her masterpiece. At an elevation of 245 feet above Emu Plains we cross the celebrated Knapsack gully, so called from the circumstance of the early explorers leaving their shoulder burdens here as they attempted still further to climb the rocky heights. Over this is thrown the famous viaduct of which such good views may be had from various parts of the line lower down. This was a colossal work to accomplish, and formed one of the chief difficulties in the construction of the line. But thanks to the energy of the Engineer-in-Chief, Mr. John Whitton, it was effected without serious mishap, and now stands a durable monument to his genius. The viaduct is composed of seven successive arches—five of fifty feet span and two of twenty, and the total length is 388 feet ; the greatest height from the gully bed being 126 feet. Some idea may thus be formed of the enormous mass of solid masonry forming the structure. The mode of progression up the seemingly inaccessible heights is precisely that which a man naturally adopts as the easiest in ascending a steep bank—taking a few steps to the right and then to the left and thus gradually scaling the height. The engine takes the train a few hundred yards to the right—the gradient being 1 foot in 30—and then the “points” are moved, the engine is reversed and the train *pushed* up the second incline at a similar gradient to its termination, when the engine again pulls the train up the third incline, and so on till the summit is reached at an elevation of 700 feet from the foot of the first incline.

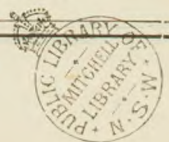
Glenbrook.

(41 miles from Sydney ; 766 feet above sea-level)

THE district hereabouts is very interesting and picturesque, but at the date we write no hotel or other accommodation for visitors is to be obtained. Unless, therefore, the tourist have his tent and other essentials for his use a prolonged stay will scarcely be possible. The indigenous timber is chiefly gum trees, and the flora is sparse and uninteresting as compared with districts hereafter to be described.



CHARACTERISTIC ALPINE VEGETATION—FERN GULLY.



Blaxland.

(42 miles from Sydney ; 766 feet above sea-level.)

THIS station was once called Wascoe's siding, but the many claims of the intrepid Lieutenant Blaxland, who first explored the mountain, have justly been recognized by the place being named after him. There is here good accommodation at Wascoe House, which is under the management of Mr. and Mrs. De Josselin, lately of George Street, Sydney, the mention of whose name will be a sufficient warranty for the best of attention. The house and grounds, which are situated 500 yards from the platform, have for many years been noted as the favourite retreat of newly married couples, who here take the rambles so delightfully romantic under such conditions. There are some very pretty walks and drives to be taken hereabouts—notably along the old Bathurst road once thronged with bullock drays laden with wool on their way to Sydney, but now as quiet as an English country lane. On the road towards Glenbrook a walk of about a mile will reveal a bold projecting rock from which we obtain a capital view of Richmond, Windsor, South Creek, Penrith, and Emu Plains, the Nepean Valley, and the watershed of the Hawkesbury. The district is clothed in places with ferns, mosses, and flowering plants—platyceriums ("stag's-horn"), aspleniums ("bird's-nest") being most abundant on the trees and rocks. The district well merits a prolonged stay by the visitor, the gullies, glens, and valleys being full of interesting, natural objects.

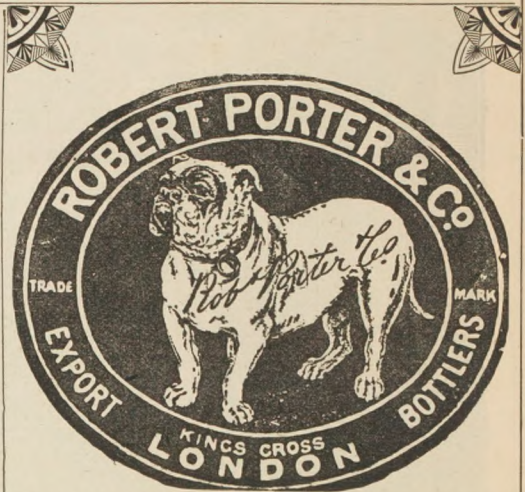
Karabar

IS situated midway between Blaxland and The Valley stations. The district is very pretty, but not much frequented by tourists, who are attracted by the greater marvels of the higher mountain regions.

The Valley

(46 miles from Sydney ; 1,048 feet above sea-level.)

THE name given to the prospect which opens on the view hereabouts. A lovely vale of grassed undulating land, lightly timbered and well-watered, presents quite an English park-like appearance. But instead of huge gnarled oaks, beeches, and elms, we have here colossal eucalypts, syncarpias, and other majestic indigenous timber, while the rocks with which the gullies are faced are everywhere clothed with a wealth of ferns of immense variety, Gleichenias, Adiantums, Dicksonias, Pteris, and a host of other forms valued by collectors may be gathered here in waggon loads.



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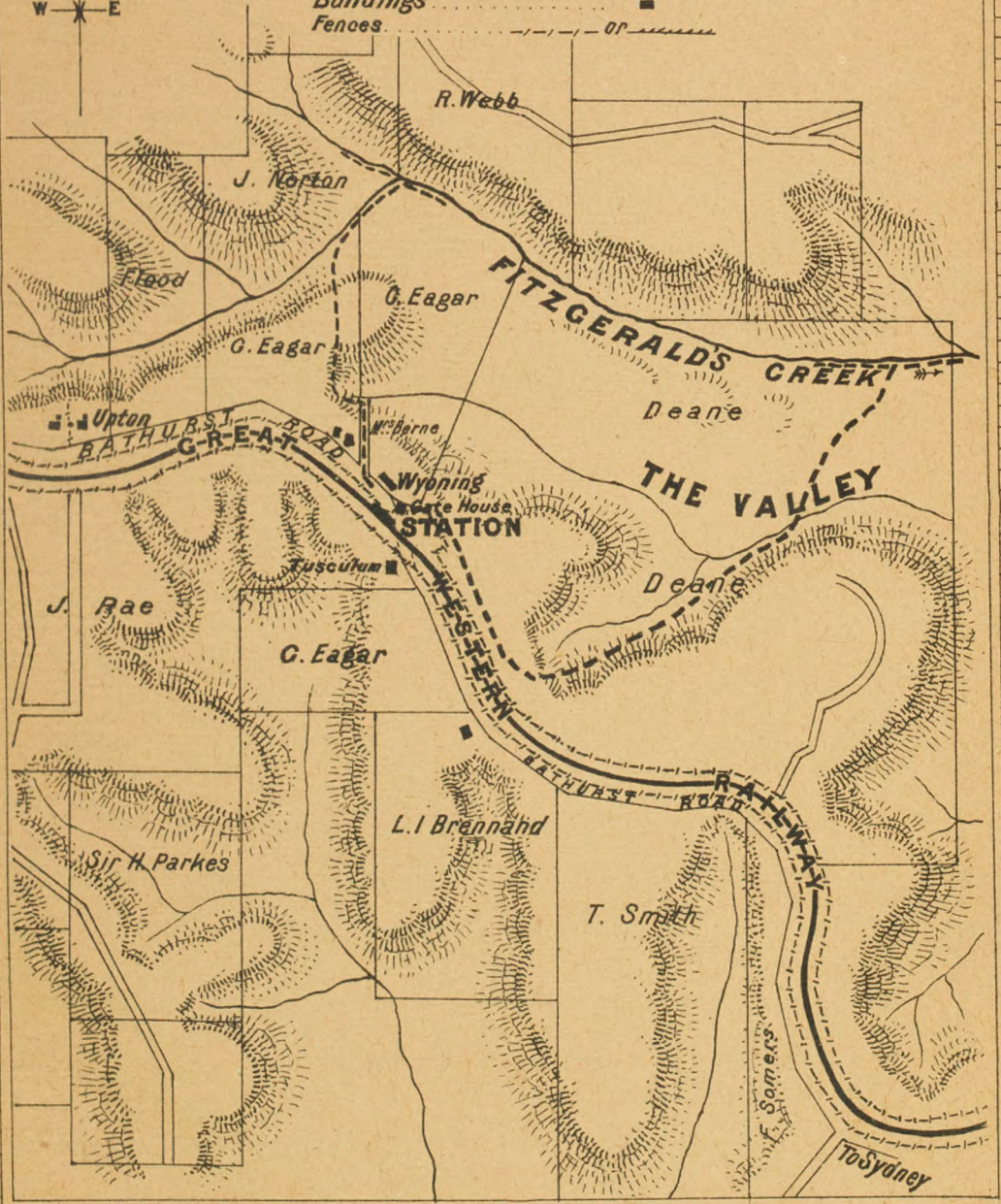
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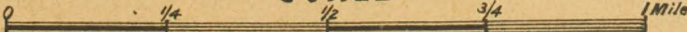
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THE VALLEY—*Continued.*

If the fortunate owner of an acre of this country could but transport its vegetation unimpaired to London or Paris he would quickly find himself a moderately wealthy man. *Gleichenias* (the star-fern) and other rare varieties which abound here are frequently sold in London at from three to ten guineas per plant. In the spring and during the early summer months some of the most beautiful members of the mountain flora are in full bloom. The *Waratah*, *Eriostemons*, *Boronias*, *Correas*, *Indigoferas*, *Heaths*, *Dilwynias*, and many others, are radiant with blossom, while the *selaginellas* and mosses everywhere abound, giving life and incident to the

“Zigzag paths and juts of pointed rocks,”

to the beauties of which only a Kendall could do full justice. The visitor is especially advised not to leave the Valley without seeing the locality of Fitzgerald's Creek, the upper portion of which is very rich in ferns and the indigenous flora usually associated with these mountain rivulets. By following down the Valley road for about a hundred yards, taking the line of a wire fence to the left and then turning sharply to the right over the rise, the tourist comes across some most charming scenery.

The climate is remarkably mild and equable, and well suited for invalids, who may forget their ailments and

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Take nature for their Teacher and Restorer.”

The principal residences in the neighbourhood are those of Messrs. J. Rae, L. Brennand, W. Deane, “Upton,” the property of Mr. W. Dawson, and “Wyoming,” the property of Mrs. Berne.


Good accommodation may be got at “Tusculum” and at “Wyoming,” both near the station, and as shown on the annexed plan.

A whole day may be profitably spent in exploring the varied beauties of Fitzgerald's Creek, its leaping cataracts and placid reaches, edged with mountain moss and ferns, as it hurries along its course to the Nepean River and to the ocean.

Springwood

(47 miles from Sydney; 1,216 feet above sea-level.)

IS about a mile from “The Valley” station before referred to. Springwood is the largest township between Penrith and Mount Victoria, having two hotels, a public school, police supervision, and a general store; and the residences of several influential gentlemen are adjacent. Divine service of the Church of England is conducted twice a month at one of the resident's houses; and that of the Roman Catholic Church once every eight weeks.



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SPRINGWOOD—Continued.

The Royal Hotel stands about 30 yards from the Railway station. It contains nineteen rooms, and is a well-appointed establishment, the accommodation for visitors being first-class, and the rate of charge being on a most moderate scale. Mr. Boland, the proprietor, is careful that every attention is shown to his guests necessary for securing their comfort. A fine view of the Valley of the Nepean to the eastward is commanded from the balcony.

The "Springwood Hotel," about 500 yards on the Bathurst Road towards "The Valley," kept by Mr. W. Martyn, is also a very good hotel, where all the conveniences and comforts of visitors are studied. Attached to it is a fine flower garden, and an orchard well stocked with fruit trees of all kinds, especially those English favourites, the gooseberry, currant, raspberry, strawberry, and filbert. The visitor can here roam at his own sweet will, and help himself—a privilege to be highly valued by children and young people, as the proprietor places no restriction on their freedom. The hotel, in other respects, is well planned for the comfort of visitors, and the rate of charges moderate—six shillings and eight shillings a day, including bed, and special rates for private apartments. For the convenience of workmen a special portion of the hotel is set apart at one guinea per week.

The public school is attended by children from the districts of Glenbrook and Woodford, as well as by those in the neighbourhood.



The police officer of Springwood is Mr. J. Illingworth, and the station master is Mr. Tanner; both are always courteous, and ready to give information to visitors.

The general store of Mr. W. J. Rayner will be a great boon to visitors, as they can here be supplied at about town prices with every requisite for camping out or arrange for the temporary occupancy of cottages; and no necessity will exist for taking supplies from Sydney.

The principal private residences in the district are those of the Hon. John Frazer, the Hon. J. Norton, T. B. Hoare, C. Moore, and a cottage owned by Sir Henry Parkes. A post office and telegraph office are other conveniences of the place; letters are despatched and arrive daily, and telegrams may be sent between the hours of 9 a.m. and 8 p.m.

The climate is milder in winter than that of Sydney; and, of course, never has the great heat of the Metropolis during summer. It is considered well suited to those having lung or chest diseases. Snow is never seen within six miles of Springwood.

A magnificent view may be enjoyed from a spot about a mile from the Royal Hotel, along the Hawkesbury Road; after crossing the railway bridge and passing the residence of the Hon. J. Frazer, on the left a succession of charming scenes open out to the view at every bend of the road, till the top of the hill is reached. The



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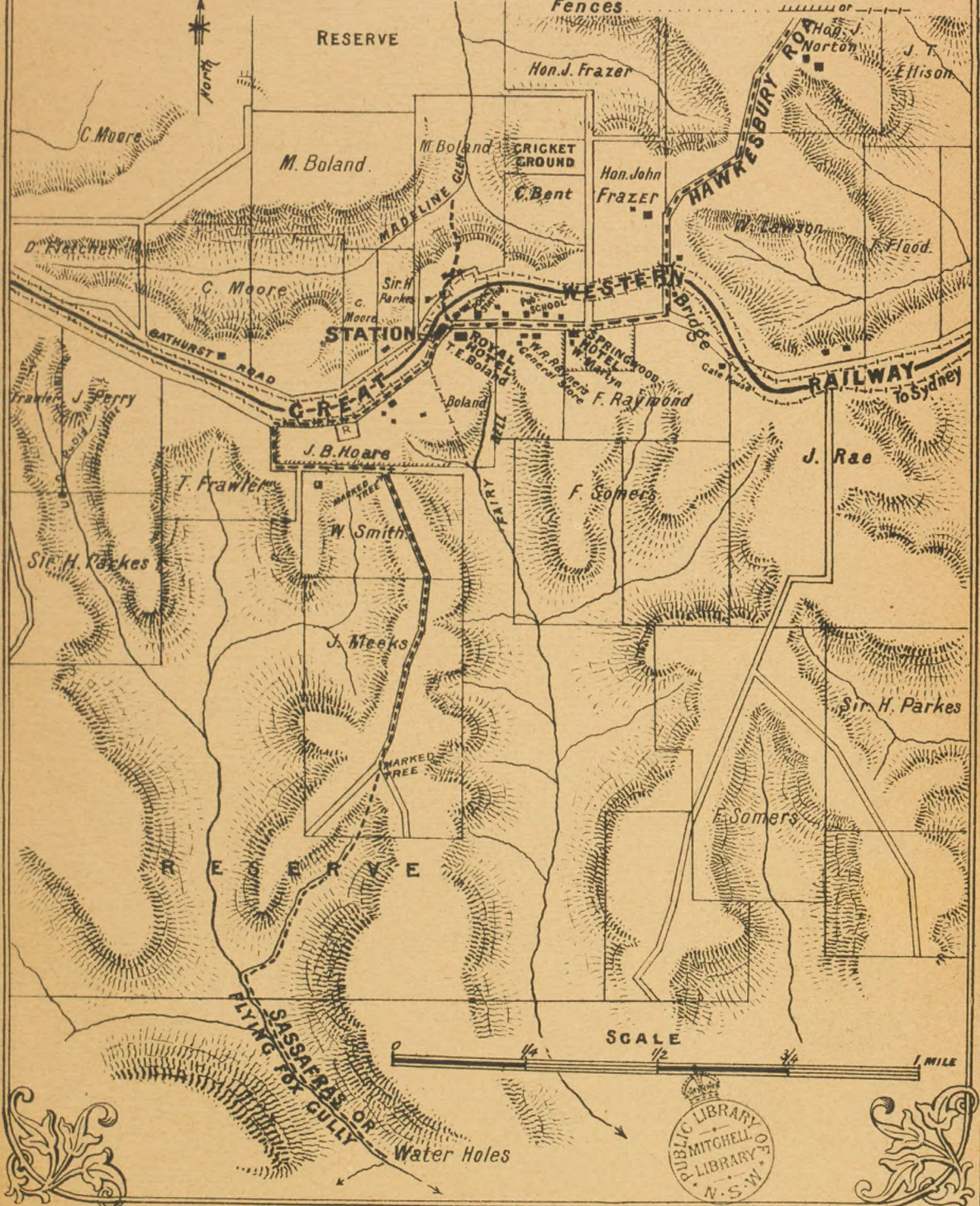
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MAP of SPRINGWOOD

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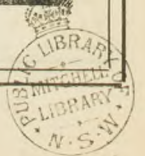
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SASSAFRAS, OR FLYING FOX GULLY, SPRINGWOOD.



SPRINGWOOD—*Continued.*

view from here is unsurpassed in the district, and for startling grandeur can scarcely be excelled anywhere. On a clear day Windsor, Richmond, the Nepean River, and the intervening country can be plainly seen, and with an ordinary field-glass the prominent public buildings of Sydney, the South Head Light-house, the Heads of Port Jackson, and the steamers at sea off Coogee and Bondi may be clearly traced. On the left, the outlines of successive mountain chains meet the eye, with Mounts Tomah and Wilson standing out in bold relief against the gray background of sky. On the right lie green luxuriant valleys and gullies and creeks, with here and there quaintly constructed cottages, peeping out with their white walls; and "The Valley" Station stands sharply defined against the dark green leafage behind. One of the most luxuriant of the characteristic gullies is that known by the name of

SASSAFRAS, OR FLYING FOX GULLY.

In a walk of ten minutes along a well defined track, at the back of the residence of Mr. T. B. Hoare, with marked trees to guide him, the tourist will arrive at the head of a deep and rocky gully, shaded on all sides by huge honey-combed, overhanging rocks, covered with large Sassafras. Myrtle, Turpentine, and other trees interlaced and bound together with supplejacks and other robust climbing and twining plants. A stream of clear water runs into and overflows a chain of ponds about a mile down this gully; and the sides of the creek are clothed with a dense covering of ferns, mosses, and lycopods. The stems of trees are green with this moist luxuriant growth, and botanists declare that for beauty, and number, and rarity of varieties of ferns and allied vegetation this district equals any known. *Alsophila Australis*, *Dicksonia antarctica*, many of them with stems over thirty feet high, here display their canopy of graceful fronds, and very finely developed specimens of many choice ferns are met with on every side.

In the fruit season, flying foxes make the rocks and trees of this gully their resting-place by day, and thousands of these may be seen hanging by their talons, awaiting the approach of dusk when they sally out on their nightly raids on the neighbouring orchards. The native pheasant, lyre bird, bronze-winged pigeon, king and other parrots abound in the neighbourhood, and add to the romantic beauty of the place.

MADELINE GLEN

Is the title of a pretty fern gully of easy descent. Starting from the Royal Hotel, and going through the gate on the left of the station, a path leads to the right, and a walk of less than ten minutes brings the visitor to a bright stream running over rocks, tree stems, and ferns. The proximity of this gully to the hotel makes it a favourite haunt of the ladies and children of the party.



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SPRINGWOOD—Continued.

THE FAIRY DELL.

Going through the grounds at the back of the "Royal," a beautiful secluded gully will be found with several stretches of flat land, where the thoughtful owner of the hotel has had seats placed, and on hot days this cool retreat is very enjoyable.

These are the chief features of Springwood, but the whole district is rich in the picturesque, and luxuriant with a vegetation almost tropical in character.

Faulconbridge.

(49 miles from Sydney ; 1,463 feet above sea-level.)

TWO miles from Springwood, and at a greater elevation, is this retreat of Sir Henry Parkes, from whose place the name has been taken. The district is exceedingly pretty, and the view from here a most extensive one, embracing the rugged watershed of the Nepean River and the peaks of several mountains, notably Mounts Hay, Tomah, and Wilson. A cave and a favourite glen, called the Rock-lily Glen from the abundance of *Dendrobium gracilis* found there, are points of special interest.

Numantia



(52 miles from Sydney ; 1,672 feet above sea-level.)

THE classic name given to this district. Sir Alfred Stephen's residence, "Alphington," is near here, as also is that of Dr. Badham, the Classical Professor of the Sydney University. Close to the platform Sir James Martin, our Chief Justice, has erected a spacious mansion, from which a most magnificent prospect is obtained. There are no hotels or other accommodation at these places, but as Springwood and Woodford are within easy walking distance they may be easily visited in an afternoon's walk.

Woodford (Late Buss's).

(55 miles from Sydney ; 2,191 feet above sea-level.)

ABOUT a third of a mile from the Railway Station along the Bathurst Road towards Lawson is situated Woodford House, the only place where the visitor can get accommodation in the neighbourhood. The establishment is a commodious one, has a pleasant garden on one side, with an orchard of some twenty acres on the other. This is noted for its fine

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
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WOODFORD—*Continued.*

apples, apricots, plums, and the orange also does well. The fruits of colder regions here find a congenial home and conditions suiting their growth and prolificness. The currant, gooseberry, raspberry, strawberry, and the blackberry all thrive with the luxuriance of a Kentish orchard; and all kinds of culinary vegetables are abundant. Woodford House contains seventeen well-ventilated, lofty rooms, and generally the interior presents an air of comfort, which Mr. and Mrs. Place endeavour in every way to make their patrons realize.

The place used, in olden times, to be known as Buss's, and was the halting place of the gold escort, the remains of the old police station being still recognizable.

In December, 1874, the Government Astronomer selected the spot for the observation of the transit of Venus, and with a highly successful result, some very conclusive and useful data being obtained of that interesting astronomical event. If leisure permitted a whole week may be very profitably and pleasantly spent in the neighbourhood. There are eight very striking water-falls within easy walking distance, the principal being the "Mabel" Fall—a very pretty cascade of about 30 feet leap, with a clear sandy basin serving as a bath; the "Edith" Fall, not far below and somewhat larger; and the Gemini or Twin Fall, the largest of them all. This last is a very picturesque water-fall. The course of the creek—and particularly in the vicinity of the cascades—is clothed with ferns of very varied character. Here the pretty *Adiantum hispidum*, *Cheilanthes tenuifolia*, *Lindsæa trichomanoides*, *Lomaria procera*, *Doodea aspera*, *Asplenium flaccidum*, *Gleichenia dicarpa*, and a host of other gems of fern life may be found in the rocky crevices or along the moist banks, or clothing the stems of their giant neighbours, the tree-ferns, and fallen timber. Lycopods, mosses, and lichens of varied hues of green, grow in wild luxuriance to the water's edge, reminding one of Kendall's line—

"Valley of the moss and myrtle and the glimmering waterpool."

At the back of the orchard before alluded to, and well above the surrounding level, is a mineral spring, the waters of which are said to be of a tonic character from the presence of iron salts. Fine views may be obtained all along the Rocky Point Road, as shown on the plan.

KING'S CAVE.

Passing along the Bathurst Road towards Sydney, and twenty yards past the gate-house close to the bridge, near Linden, the visitor comes across a mass of rocks on the right. These he should ascend, as from the summit the finest view of the district is to be obtained. Windsor, Richmond, and Brisbane Water to the left; in front, South Creek and the vast plateau stretching away to Sydney and Port Jackson; and on the right the sands of historic Botany, and the Camden district, which has been called the cradle of the vine in Australia. Proceeding onwards past the second bridge, and leaving the beautiful house and grounds of Major Baines on our left, we cross the line through a gate when a well-made path brings us to a beautiful cave where the thoughtful Trustees of the reserve have placed a table, seats, a fire-place with stack of fire-wood for the use of visitors. Close by is a never-failing spring of water, and nothing is wanted to make the place one of the most delightful retreats for the lovers of the picturesque and beautiful in nature.

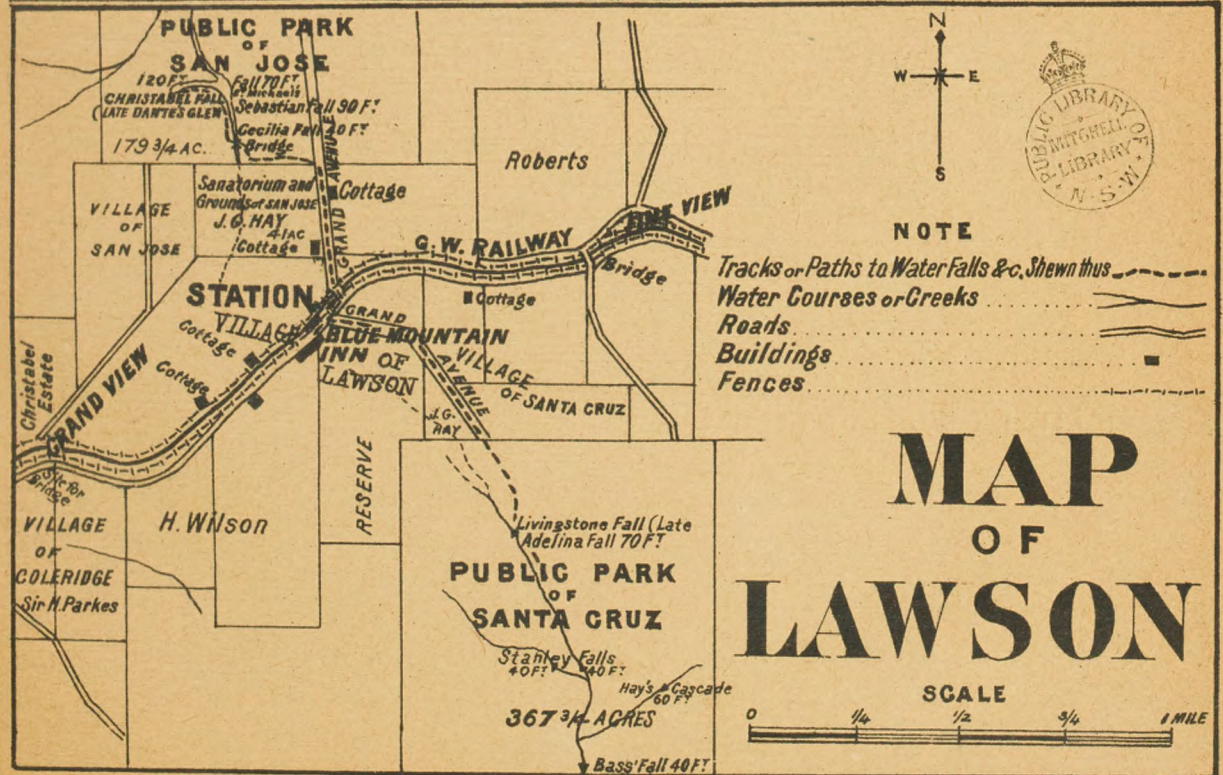
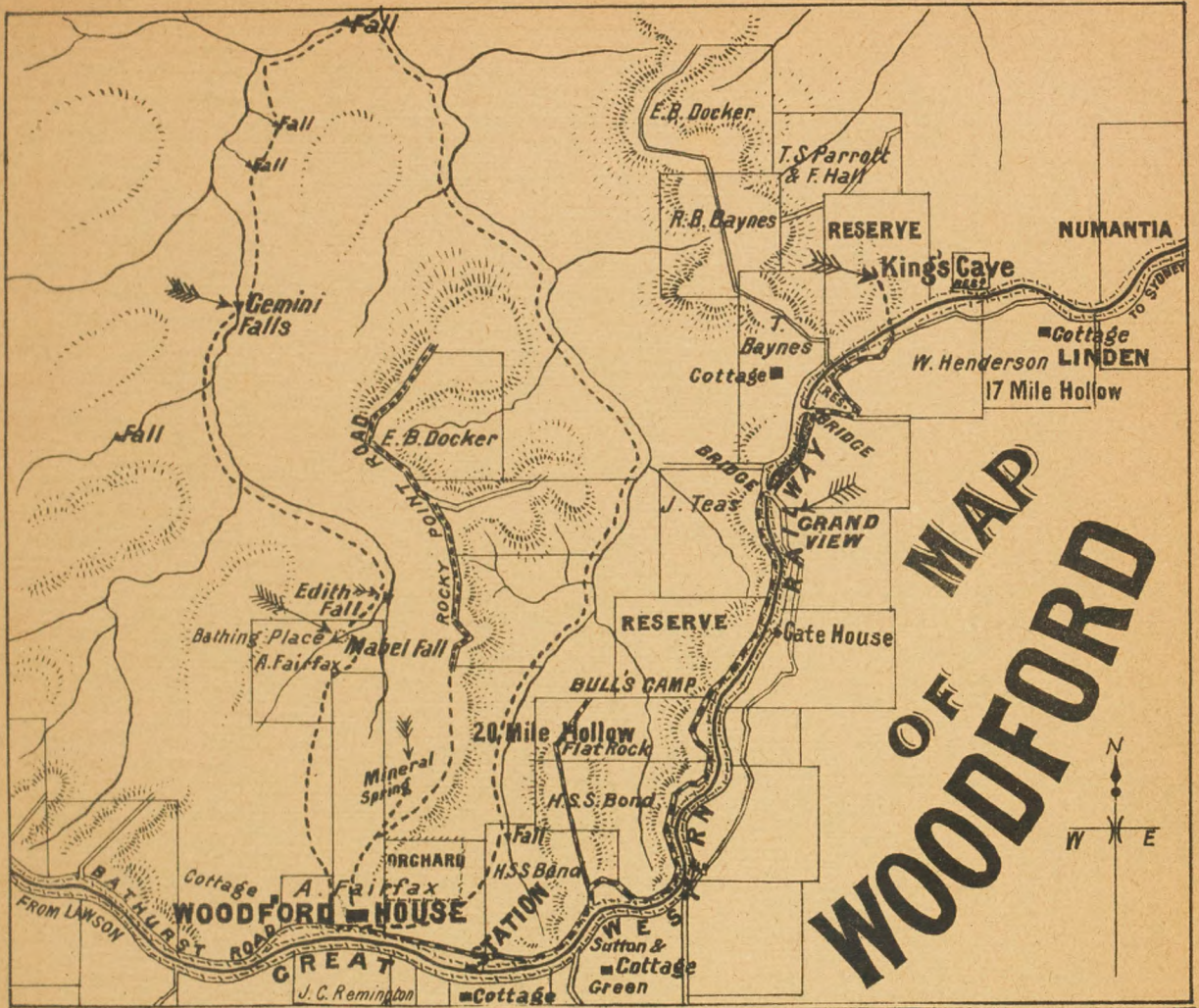
Tradition gives the name of King to the cave, a more than usually cunning bushranger, who here with his gang evaded justice for some time; and numerous stories are related of their raids and exploits in olden times, when the Blue Mountains were nearly a *terra incognita* to the general public.

Woodford is remarkable for the variety of its flora—Waratahs, Boronias, Platystemons, Eriostemons, Epacrids, Croweas, Orchids, Correas, Dilwynias, Hakeas, Acacias, may be reaped by the armful. Well defined paths or approaches lead to the various points of interest here described.

LAWSON (Late Blue Mountain).

(58 miles from Sydney; 2,399 feet above sea-level.)

THIS station, known for many years as "Blue Mountain Station," has had the name of Lieutenant Lawson conferred upon it as has also the township, to commemorate the enterprise and perseverance of that officer, who, with Blaxland and Wentworth, opened up a highway to the Blue Mountains. It was to the intrepidity of these three that the public owe the discovery



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LAWSON—Continued.

of the practicability of reaching the interior, which has done so much towards developing the capabilities of the colony. It is no part of the object of this Guide to enter at great length on matters of history, and the feats of these men have long been recorded. But it may be doubted if the mass of the public properly appreciate the arduous exertions and the importance of the work of Messrs. Blaxland, Lawson, and Wentworth; and we refer specially to them here as worthy the enduring honour and remembrance of posterity. It was a happy thought to have recently associated their names with three of the most important districts of the Blue Mountains, for in all years to come children will be told of the exploits of these explorers, which are typified by the districts bearing their names. The recollection of their feats, too, gives a spice of romance and intellectual enjoyment to the traveller as he passes over regions rendered historic in this way.

Lawson is the only "Station" officially so designated by the Government, on the Blue Mountains, except Mount Victoria, 20 miles further on, all the other stopping-places being mentioned in the time tables as "Platforms," and for to stop at which it is necessary to give notice to the guard of the

train. It is a very convenient place to rendezvous, as, apart from the attractive natural wonders of the place, it is intermediate or adjacent to other places of note. It has also a post and telegraph office connected with the

station, letters being delivered and forwarded daily. All trains stop ten minutes, thus affording opportunity for obtaining refreshment at the hotel facing the station, on the Bathurst Road. There are comfortable establishments and cottages, where visitors and families may take up their quarters for a few days, or arrange for a prolonged stay, to recruit health. Indeed, the district is becoming famed as a sanatorium, and enterprising individuals are surrounding their establishments with all the adjuncts necessary for fitting them for the reception of spring and summer tourists in search of recreation and change from the busy whirl of city life.

The Blue Mountain Inn, kept by Mrs. Wilson, is a homely, comfortable place, with



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LAWSON—Continued.

reasonable charges; and about one hundred and fifty yards from the station, on the right hand, there is a cottage where visitors may get taken care of. These, with the more private establishment of San José, under the intelligent direction of Mrs. Hay, give plenty of choice to visitors; but the respective announcements of the proprietors of these will be found in the margin, and fully set out their claims to public patronage.

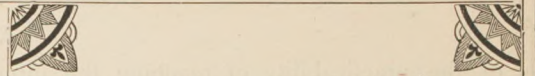
Wisely, the Government has set apart plenty of land for reserves, and has vested the management of these in trustees fully competent to do justice to the natural beauties of the place. The soil, in parts, is very rich, and Messrs. Moore and Hay have taken advantage of the varying character of the soil to plant largely of conifers and other forest trees, which will, in a few years, add greatly to the attractiveness of the locality. All the hardy annual flowering plants which thrive so well in English gardens, find here the conditions suiting them. The pansy, auricula, primrose, daisy, stock, wall flower, and other favourites, give variety to the garden, and afford a pleasing contrast with the indigenous bush flowers abounding so profusely in the district.

In the immediate vicinity of the station are two grand parks permanently dedicated to the public, and the whole neighbourhood abounds in waterfalls, cascades, gullies, ravines, and rivulets.

Getting out of the train and crossing the line a clearing will be noticed on an elevated plateau, which gives an uninterrupted view of the grandest nature. At a direct distance of six or eight miles the mountains of the Grose Valley rise up in solitary magnificence. Mount Hay, the only one on the southern side of the valley, is directly opposite, with Mounts Tomah and Bell to the right and in rear, while to the left is Mount King George, looking from here, remarkably like the British Lion. Leaving the plateau and passing Mr. Hay's house and grounds, a newly planted avenue leads to the public park of San José where fine views may be obtained.

In noticing the Falls and other natural features of the district, it is right to mention that some confusion exists in the nomenclature of several. This has arisen from the old residents having given one name to a place and the Government quite a different one. However, to make matters clear, and in order that no feature may be escaped, we give where possible, both the names under which the special spots are known. There are four falls on the north side of the line; the first of 40 feet, the second of 90 feet, third of 70 feet, and the fourth Dante's Glen, called the Christabel Fall, 120 feet.

To get to this the tourist should cross the line at the station and proceed along a well-made road for about four hundred yards running due north; then take the road to the left, which leads to a small bridge crossing the creek near the top of the first fall. Going over this



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the path descends rapidly until reaching the head of a beautiful fern-clothed gully, with the water falling fully 120 feet sheer into a rocky basin, whose edges it overflows and forms the creek, which soon loses itself in the mossy and tangled undergrowth of shrubs and trees. Hemmed in on all sides huge black rocks covered with lichens, mosses, ferns, and other moisture-loving vegetation; a fall in front with rustic seats adjacent. A writer in describing the district of Dante's Glensays:—"The lonely devious path and the steep declivities of this cavernous glen are difficult and wild enough to remind the student of the *selva oscura* mentioned in the opening of the grand and gloomy poem of the 'Immortal Florentine,' there being a weird character about the whole place, calculated to inspire the soul with admiration and awe."

If time be limited, parties should take the road to the left sharp round Mr. Hay's grounds and descending the ridge cross a little wooden bridge at a distance of half a mile from the station. Immediately below this Cecilia Fall is snugly embosomed in a border of greenery, and in a beautiful series of glens two other, Sebastian and St. Michael's, Falls occur at short distances apart. Continuing the still

declining path to the left, the visitor will arrive at the Christabel Fall descending in the glen of that name, much of the beauty of which has been marred by the destruction of the ferns and the mutilation of the trees by Goths anxious

to perpetuate their mischief by cutting their initials on the sassafras and other trees around. Stringent regulations have been framed by the Trustees to prevent further raids, and to secure the restoration of the original beauties of the place. It is to the patriotic exertions and intelligent perception of the requirements of the district by the Hon. John Macintosh, M.L.C., that the public is indebted for these public parks being reserved to its use and their attractions conserved, and the resident Trustees, Messrs. Hay and Moore, are with too limited means faithfully carrying out their duties. Avenues are being planted, seats constructed, paths made, and exposed spots protected in many directions in the interest of the public.



THE CHRISTABEL FALL, DANTE'S GLEN.

On the south side of the line of railway are five falls, two of 40 feet, one of 60 feet, one of 30 feet, and one of 70 feet. The last has been called the Adelina Fall, after a young lady in the district, but the official appellation is the "Livingstone" Fall. It is situated in the public

LAWSON—Continued.

park of Santa Cruz, and to reach it the road on the left-hand side of the line must be taken for a little over a mile. From this a ready descent may be made to the base of the fall, but the trouble and labour will be well rewarded.

There are several other cascades, falls, and glens within easy distance, with well defined though somewhat rough tracks leading thereto.

As indicated on the map, several charming views may be obtained from many points; one from a rock a little beyond the bridge, about three-quarters of a mile from the station on the Bathurst Road, and another at Godfrey's Hill, at the site reserved by the Government for a bridge, both commanding an extensive radius of country embracing the Hawkesbury, Nepean, Botany Bay and Sydney. From here, too, on a clear dark night, the lines of light defining the streets of Sydney can be clearly made out.

Wentworth Falls

(Late "The Weatherboard").

(62 miles from Sydney; 2,856 feet above sea-level.)

THIS magnificent cataract, which, from its physical aspect, for many years had the title of "The Weatherboard Falls," has lately very properly had the name of the foremost Australian statesman and early explorer of these regions associated with it, and will in the future be known only as the "Wentworth" Falls. There have been many attempts to do justice to the grandeur and picturesqueness of the whole scene, and the descriptive powers of many able men have failed in their efforts. To Dr. Lang may be attributed the most eloquent tribute to the natural beauties of the scene. He says, in one of those passionate bursts of enthusiasm for which he was famed,—“Where the rivulet from the Weatherboard hut discharges itself, there is a break or bay in the line of cliffs on that side, as if a vast portion of the wall of rock had been quarried out for the purpose, the two points appearing from behind like two lofty headlands jutting out into the valley, and bearing a remarkable resemblance to the Heads of Port Jackson. The rivulet, which, in its course of two miles and a half, has been swelled by one or two smaller streams issuing from lateral valleys to the size of a common mill-stream, precipitates itself all at once over the rocks at the head of the bay, and is lost in the abyss, the fall being at least 1,000 feet. On gaining the edge of the precipice, the waters seem to shrink instinctively from the frightful leap to which they have been conducted in their course down the valley, each individual drop appearing endowed with separate volition, and seeming determined to shift for itself; and the whole mass of fluid resolving itself into what appears like innumerable particles of snow.”



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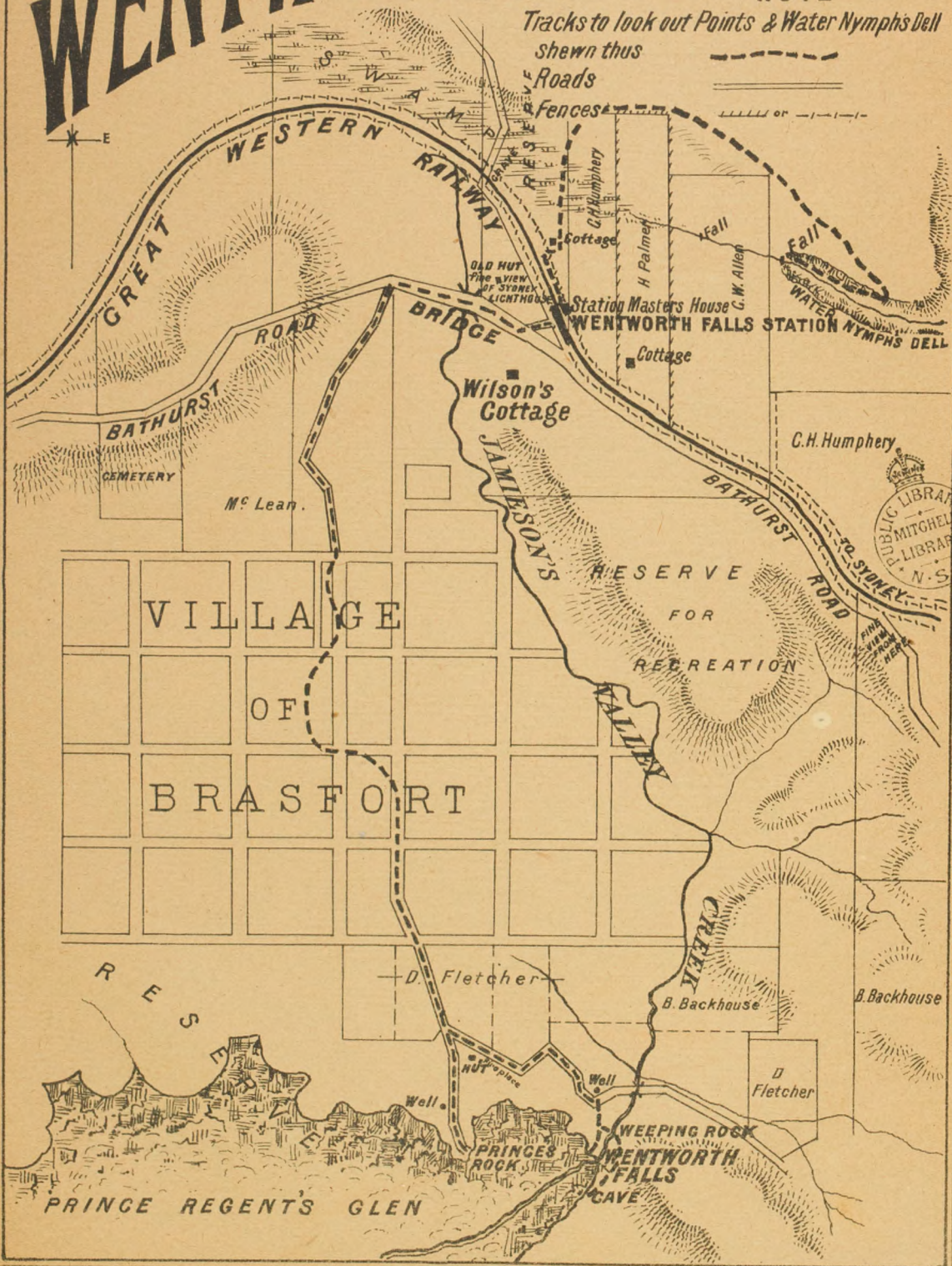
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MAP OF WENTWORTH FALLS

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WENTWORTH FALLS—Continued.

Darwin, in his "Naturalist's Voyage," says of this part of the country, "About a mile and a half from the little inn called the Weatherboard, the country is elevated 2,800 feet above the sea-level. Following down a little valley and its tiny rill of water, an immense gulf unexpectedly opens through the trees which border the pathway at the depth perhaps of 1,500 feet. Walking on a few yards one stands at the brink of a vast precipice, and below one sees a grand bay or gulf—for I know not what other name to give it—thickly covered with forest. The point of view is situate as if at the head of a bay, the line of cliff diverging on each side, and showing headland behind headland, as on a low sea-coast. These cliffs are so absolutely vertical that, in many places, a person standing on the edge and throwing down a stone can see it strike the trees in the abyss below. About five miles distant in the front another line of cliff extends, which then appears completely

to encircle the valley: hence the name of bay is justified as applied to this grand amphitheatrical depression. If we imagine a winding harbour with its deep waters, surrounded by bold, cliff-like shores, to be laid dry and a forest to spring up upon its sandy bottom, we should

then have the appearance and structure here exhibited."

To the natural beauties of the district the trustees of the place, which has been declared a public reserve, have planted out in fitting positions all the trees deemed suitable for adding to the attractiveness of the scene. These embrace the larch, the ash, the rowan or mountain ash, the horse chestnut, Spanish chestnut, larches, elms, oaks, pines, walnuts, plums, birches, schinus molle, willow, ficus macrophylla, ficus columnaris, acacias, hawthorn, araucarias, limes, &c. There can be no doubt that many of these will find here a congenial home; but some doubt may be entertained as to the success of the ficus macrophylla of subtropical Queensland, and of the ficus columnaris, the typical fig of Lord Howe Island. But in any case the experience will be useful, as nothing but actual experiment can determine the suitability of a district for a given plant or tree.



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WENTWORTH FALLS—*Continued.*

The strawberry, apple, raspberry, currant, and many other fruit-yielding plants of cold regions are found to thrive well in districts and under conditions which might be argued were quite unsuitable for their healthy development. The oriental plane, which is a tree of warm latitudes, is found to grow luxuriantly in the frigid climates of North Germany and Russia, and it is the most valuable shade tree in the almost torrid climate of Riverina. This experiment of planting these mountain districts with exotic timber trees will be watched by many with great interest. It has often been observed by writers on the Australian flora that unlike the forests of America and Europe, which are mostly deciduous—the trees shedding their foliage annually—nearly the whole vegetation of Australia is evergreen, the deciduous trees having been introduced from Northern Europe. It is a great point gained to have a public reserve of this nature placed under the conservancy of a Board composed of gentlemen having the requisite knowledge and taste for doing justice to a district so rich in the picturesque.

It has often been asserted that to plant trees exotic to the scene is not in good taste, but this is now voted as hypercriticism, for nothing can lend colour, variety, incident, and life to a scene so much as the everchanging tints of the foliage of deciduous trees and the contrasts they afford at the various seasons of the year.

The Trustees of the Wentworth Falls Reserve are Sir H. Parkes, D. Fletcher, B. Backhouse, W. Pritchard, with W. D. Armstrong as Secretary, all gentlemen spending a good deal of time in improving the region.

The features calling for special remark as not to be missed by the visitor are the grand views from King's Table Land, the Weeping Rock in the Reserve, near the Falls, Prince Regent Glen.

As to the accommodation to be procured in the locality, there will be little difficulty. At Wilson's cottage, a few yards from the station, the best attention is given to all who may place themselves under the hospitality of the kindly hosts to be found there. But though they are ever ready to adapt themselves to emergencies, it will be well and but courteous for the intending visitor to notify a little beforehand his visit, and the extent of his requirement as to accommodation.

About a quarter of a mile from Wilson's cottage is the village of Brasfort, a very good rendering of the old Saxon name "Strongitharm." Here a short time ago—December, 1881—the Government held a land sale, when about seventy acres were sold, the lowest price being £20 and the highest £70 per acre. These rates, considering the upset price set by the Government was but £10 per acre, may be said to indicate the public appreciation of the district. Recently, in March, 1882,

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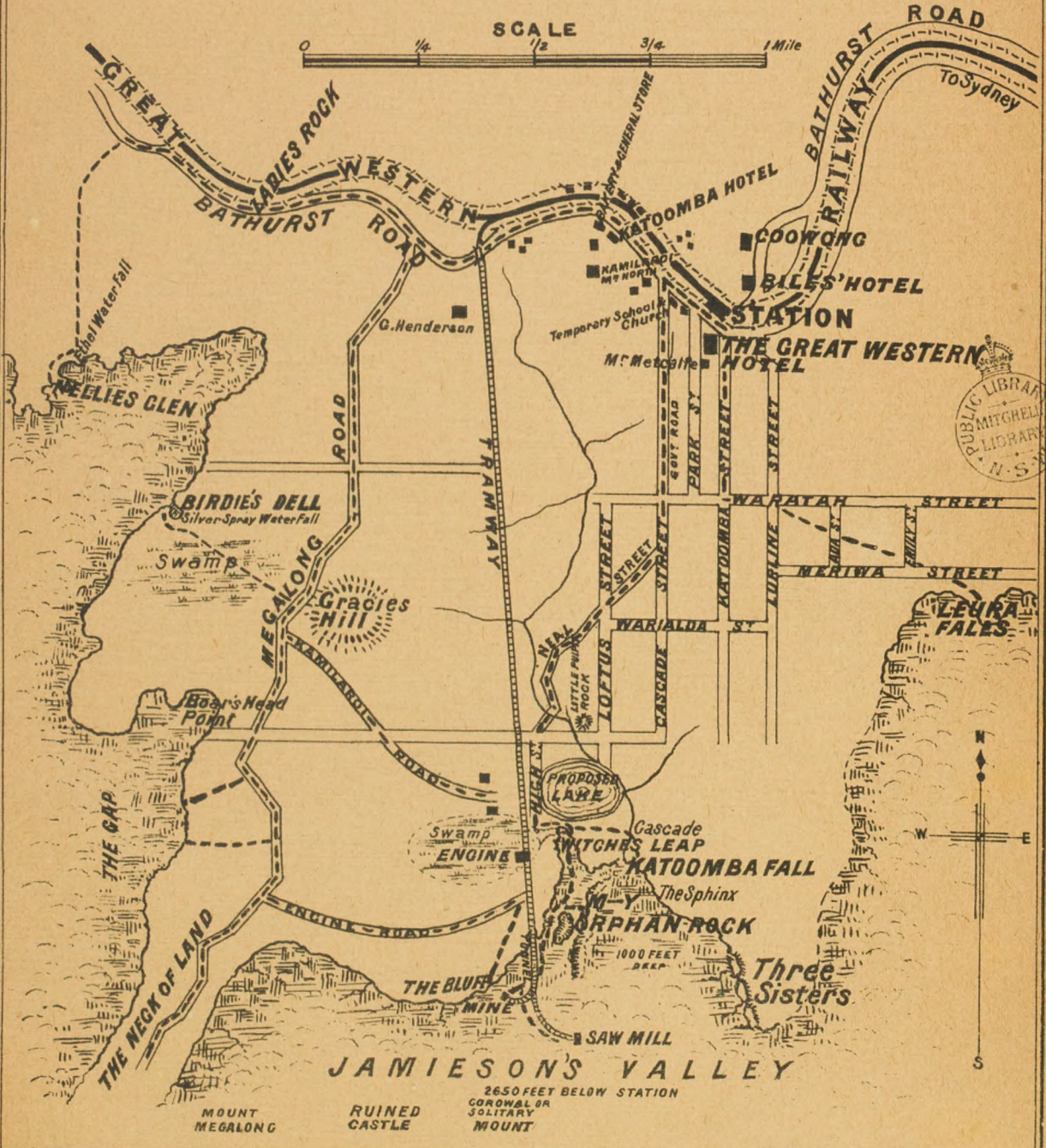
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WENTWORTH FALLS—Continued.

another sale of land was equally satisfactory, and everything seems to point to the rapid advance of the district.

The best route to take in visiting these Falls is to cross the bridge on the Bathurst Road, which can be seen from the station; then turn to the left over the green, where a sign-board points to a well-defined path, along which the Trustees have placed seats and planted a number of English trees. A walk of about a mile and a half will bring the stroller to a white gate, the entrance to the recognized reserve. Here will be found a hut, with tables, seats, fire-place, and a stack of fire-wood for the use of the visitor, and within easy distance a perennial source of pure water, as shown on the plan.

Tracing the track a little further on will be discovered a small cave worthy of inspection. At the time of our visit two prospectors for coal informed us that they had been able, by means of ropes, to descend a distance of a thousand feet, but they lacked the additional necessary five hundred feet of rope to enable them to get to the bottom.

Returning to the Station, a very charming walk may be taken by way of the Jamieson Valley Creek, crossing it by the little bridge. Here, on the rising ground to the right, will be

found waratahs and other grand flowering plants and ferns in the wildest profusion.

WATER NYMPHS' DELL.

To reach this the visitor must proceed some forty yards along the rail, descend the bank to the right of cottage, cross the swamp, and follow the path at the foot of the hill, bearing to the right till the end of the fence enclosing the grounds of Mr. H. Palmer is reached, then go down the rocky track for about a quarter of a mile when the top of the gully will be arrived at. In the descent great care will be necessary, the path being very broken and rugged.

If the visitor has done justice to his opportunities he will return in the evening quite ready for the ample repast he will find awaiting him, and will enjoy a quiet evening's amusement and thorough rest for the night.



THE ORPHAN ROCK, KATOOMBA.

Katoomba.

(66 miles from Sydney; 3,349 feet above sea-level.)

LEAVING Wentworth, and still ascending, we pass through splendid rugged scenery on the right and left for about four miles, when Katoomba is reached, a name

KATOOMBA—Continued

suggesting its aboriginal origin, and making us regret that the native names had not been conferred on other picturesque scenes which have been modernized without adequate cause.

There is no lack of excellent accommodation; the Great Western Hotel, now being built, will shortly be opened by its enterprising owner, who, from experience gained in the Oxford Hotel, Sydney, of which he was proprietor, will be able to satisfy the most Epicurian patron. This hotel, of which we give an engraving, adds a new feature to the district. It is splendidly situated, commanding some of the finest views in the world; from the balcony the valley of Kanimbla, and on clear days the chief buildings of Sydney with the intervening valley and river of Nepean, can be clearly traced with the naked eye—a common field-glass bringing out in clear definition the shipping of the harbour and other features of the city and its environs. The hotel occupies two-and-a-half acres of land, the garden being quite famed for the splendidly developed fruit it yields. Many of the fruits are those thriving so well in cool latitudes—notably the pear, apple, peach, plum, apricot, cherry; and the smaller fruits, such as currants, gooseberries, raspberries, filberts, which all grow with great luxuriance, and remind one of the wealth of a Kentish orchard. On the other side of the way is the garden for vegetables, a very useful and necessary adjunct to a high class hotel. In fact the hotel has been built on the most modern principles to ensure to visitors the comforts and even the luxurious ease to be got in first-class establishments of the kind in Europe and America. Baths of all kinds, electric bells, gas, water, and every provision for health and convenience have been studied and wrought out in the general design. The rooms are spacious, well ventilated, and warmed; and from roof to cellar have satisfied the aims of architect and proprietor. Speaking of the cellar reminds us to say that this is a special feature of the place, which Mr. Rowell claims to have the sole right to the credit of its contents, and he is not likely to jeopardize his fame in that respect.

The place commands a view of the leading valleys, fern gullies, water-falls, and mountain peaks around, and the spot has been selected from the best special standpoint in this particular. Many of the chief points and objects of interest are within easy distance of the "Great Western." Katoomba Falls are reached in a mile's walk, from whence a good view of the great Valley of the Jamison is obtainable. A little further on is the favourite "Orphan Rock," an immense solitary obelisk, hundreds of feet high. From here we soon come to the new coal mine opened out by Mr. North, whose tramway down the declivity is considered one of the wonders of the Blue Mountains.

A good path has just been completed, so that visitors may walk under the fall, thus—in a mimic way perhaps—



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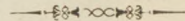
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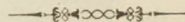
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realizing somewhat of the majestic weirdness of the thunders of Niagara. It is contemplated, too, by some of the adjacent proprietors to construct a dam across the valley above the falls so as to form a lake of good size with a depth of from 20 to 30 feet, wherein tourists in hot weather may disport themselves, after or before the wearying yet delightful work of exploring the scenes in the neighbourhood.

About a mile away are the Leura Falls, another good view of the valley, an interesting "Echo," and a glen rich in ferns and wild

accessible from here as from Mount Victoria. The place is destined to be largely frequented by those seeking rest, and change of air, and scene; and especially during the spring, summer, and autumn, when the bracing climate is a delightful contrast from the humid, enervating atmosphere of the city.

Among other excellent houses here are Biles' Hotel, in front of the Railway Station, a comfortable retreat, greatly favoured by newly married couples and others preferring quiet, with roomy apartments, good attendance, pleasant



THE GREAT WESTERN HOTEL, KATOOMBA.

flowers. A charming spot to which has been given the name of "The Meeting of the Waters," is close here, and quite a group of minor cascades and runnels.

From this spot the tourist will be within easy distance of several famed resorts on the Blue Mountains. A good road of four miles leads to the celebrated Wentworth Falls; and Govett's Leap, with the Valley of the Grose, are the same distance from Katoomba as they are from Mount Victoria, and as a fairly good road connects the two places they are quite as

society, and great variety for patrons.

Katoomba Hotel, kept by Mrs. Curnow, stands about a quarter of a mile on the old Bathurst Road—a comfortable way-side inn, where every attention is shown to visitors. Adjoining the hotel is a general store and bakery also kept by Mrs. Curnow, who is famed for the excellence of her mountain bread.

Coowong House, kept by Mrs. Smith, is very highly spoken of as affording comfortable quarters for a small party. There are also several other stores where all necessaries of life

KATOOMBA—*Continued.*

may be had at reasonable prices rendering all anxiety on the score of commissariat details quite unnecessary.

The visitor to Katoomba after settling down to his quarters may take a glance at our map of the district when he will see clearly indicated the points of interest in the district.

THE WITCH'S LEAP

Is easily found by the winding path which leads to the foot of the fall, with perpendicular cliffs on each side towering up to a height of 150 feet; and here will be seen one of the prettiest dells or gullies of the mountains. The fragrant sassafras, native musk, aster, and other odour-yielding shrubs and flowers with fine timber trees line the descent till the valley and coal-mine is reached a thousand feet below. At the foot of the fall a crystal stream flows for some distance, through ferns and other vegetation, past a rock known as "Maud's Wonder," which commands a fine view; and farther on the "Orphan Rock" before referred to. Turning sharply to the left and going through the ferns at the foot of the Orphan Rock we arrive at M-Y, a suggestive title for what is also called the "Lover's Picnic Ground." The scenery hereabouts is wild and romantic, and the thrice repeated echoings of a spot close here is a source of amusement to most visitors.

Returning to the "Orphan Rock" and passing it, as the descent of the gully is pursued the scene changes at every step. On the right may be seen the coal-trams coming through a split in the rock, and passing on their way at an apparently impossible angle until they reach the valley below when turning to the right they enter the face of the cliff. Great care is necessary here, the trams should be followed closely till the valley is gained.

KATOOMBA FALLS.

The rock on the right affords the best view of the Fall as also a fine view of the "Orphan Rock" which from this point looks like a small pillar separated from the main cliff; it is however over two hundred yards long and falls on its eastern slope more than a thousand feet to a perfect forest of grandly developed tree-ferns, many 40 feet high with heads extending 25 feet, and other characteristic vegetation.

THE BLUFF AT ENGINE POINT.

From here may be seen the "Three Sisters" the whole mountain takes the form of a cathedral with three spires, and a rocky formation resembles an old woman entering at the porch. Other features are the "Ruined Castle," the Corowal or "Solitary Mount," the "Megalong," "Mount Clear," and the Picton and Nattai Ranges some fifty miles away.

A little to the east from this point is the wonderful freak of nature known as "The Split" which suggested and greatly facilitated the formation of the incline, tunnel, &c., now used for raising the coal.

GRACIE'S HILL.

From the junction of the Engine Road the view embraces on the south-east side the Jamieson Valley, "The Sisters," portion of the Kanimbla Valley, to the Cox River, Mount Victoria, Blackheath, &c., and a curiously-shaped rock called the Boar's Head.

BIRDIE'S DELL.

A track to the right, a little before Engine and Megalong Roads are reached (see map), leads to a large area of swampy land at the north-western end of which is situate the charming dell known as "Birdie's." The cascade here when the wind is westerly is beaten back and the water seems to return in finely divided spray over the head of the rock and forms a perfect cloud of vapour. The waters from the falls seen in the distance meet at "Nellie's Glen."

LADIES' ROCK.

This is a favourite roadside seat from which splendid views of the mountain ranges rising tier over tier can be closely studied. This is called "Mountain Chain View."

NELLIE'S GLEN.

A well-defined old quarry track to the left of the Bathurst Road a little beyond the "Ladies Rock" leads in about 200 yards to a line of marked trees running south towards "Nellie's Glen," where across the valley may be seen a cascade formed by the meeting of two water-courses. From this spot a striking echo is heard—the word shouted being exactly repeated three times. This glen



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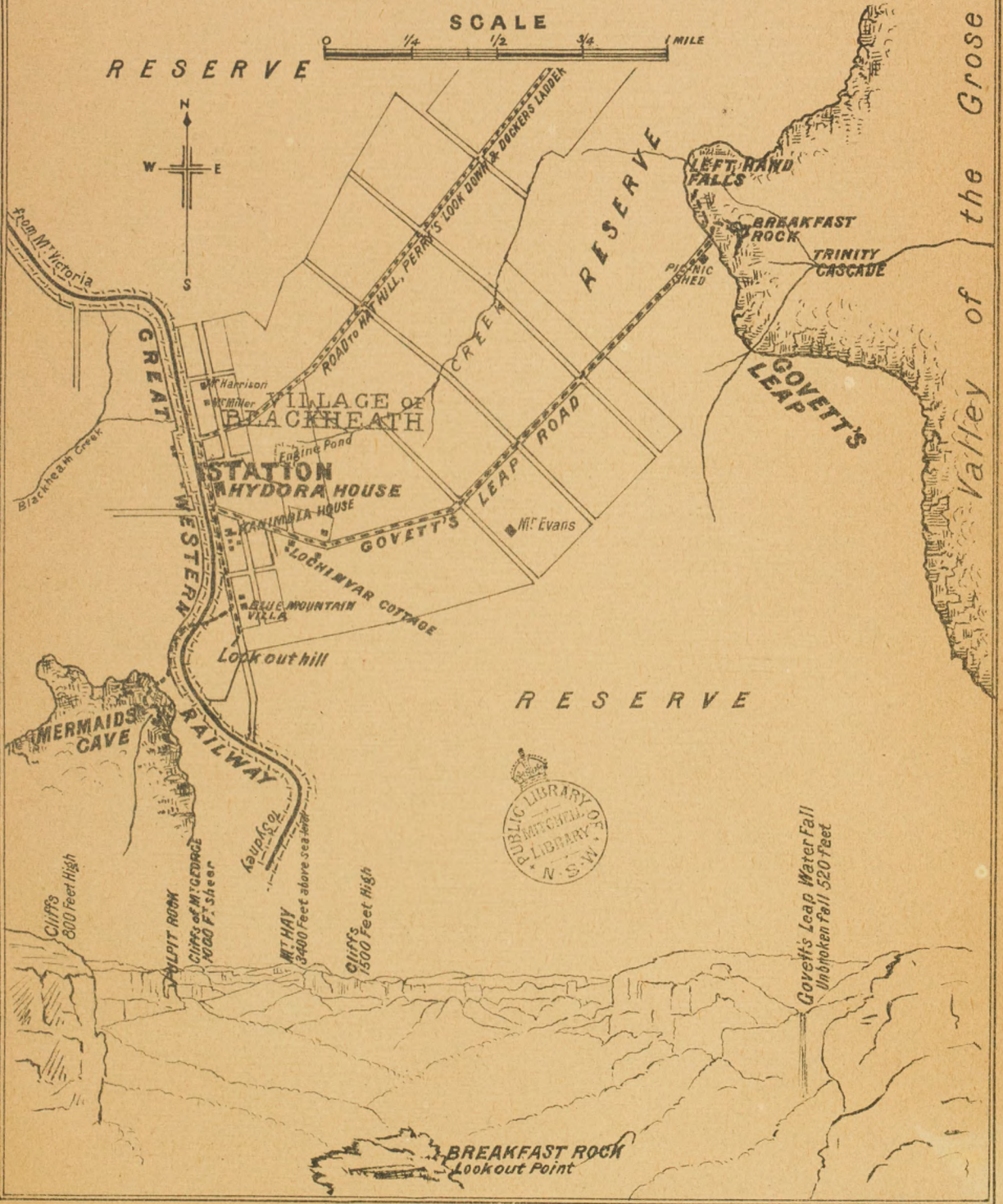
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is a remarkable gorge or break from the top of the mountain to the Kanimbla Valley varying from 60 to 20 feet, and sloping rapidly for a distance of 500 feet. The walls of the declivity appear to have been washed out and tunnelled into caves of all sizes which are full of luxuriant ferns and mosses. The proprietor offers every facility for visitors enjoying their trip, only stipulating that they do not lay ruthless hands on the ferns and other natural adornments of the place.

LEURA AND LURLINE FALLS.

To visit these follow, from the Station, Katoomba Street till it intersects Waratah Street; go along this for 150 yards, and pick up the track bearing S.S.E. At the end of this track is the gorge into which the falls discharge. These, with the valley intervening, are a splendid sight. Following the track a little further, and bearing to the left, the "Leura" Falls break upon the view. A track leading N.W. from here leads to the famed "Meeting of the Waters" at "Lurline" Falls—a sight scarcely to be surpassed in any part of the world. This is a favourite neighbourhood for picnics, and the basin of the Falls forms an admirable bathing place.

THE GAP,

As indicated on the map, is another marvel of beauty not to be missed by the visitor, who, if he is artistically inclined, may find many weeks' work for his pencil.

THE COAL MINE.

Last, but not least, in an economical point of view, is this mine and its accessories. The tramway is a mile and a quarter long from the railway siding, and the cars are propelled by a single steel cable $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles long, weighing $5\frac{1}{2}$ tons. One is left wondering how such a mass of steel was got to its destination from the maker's works in Scotland.

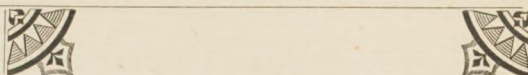
There is a post, money order, and telegraph office at the Railway Station, and a capital school, under Mr. John Douglas, with a daily average at date of 42.5, the children coming from the district within nine or ten miles. Divine Service is held every Sunday at Mr. North's cottage, and at other times as announced.

The land sales held recently show the district to be rapidly growing in appreciation, as large prices were realized.

Blackheath.

(73 miles from Sydney; 3,494 feet above sea-level.)

THE whole region reached within a half hour's walk from the Station is weirdly wild and picturesque; and though much can be done in a summer day's ramble, the district would afford full occupation for a whole week or more.



HYDORA HOUSE FAMILY HOTEL
BLACKHEATH.

✻ **R. T. HAYLES** ✻

DESIRE to inform the Gentry of Sydney, Visitors, and others that he has opened the above House, and trusts by strict attention to their wants, and moderate charges, to merit a share of the public patronage.

None but the **BEST BRANDS** of WINES,
SPIRITS, &c., kept.

Baths, Buggies, and every Convenience
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Private Board and Residence.

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MRS. MACFEDRIES,
LOCHINVAR COTTAGE, GOVETT'S LEAP ROAD

BLUE MOUNTAIN VILLA,
BLACKHEATH.

Five Minutes' Walk from Station. 3,494 feet above sea-level, on the Western Line of Railway.

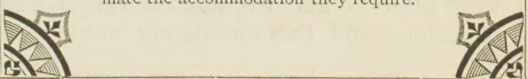
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IS PREPARED TO

→ Receive Visitors Requiring Change of Air. ←

TERMS MODERATE.

To prevent disappointment, intending Visitors should intimate the accommodation they require.



BLACKHEATH—*Continued.*

The visitor will have plenty of choice offering him for accommodation, and he will be very hard to please if he find no place to fully suit his taste and requirements.

Hydora House, by Mr. R. T. Hayles, is a fine hotel, with a good garden and capacious grounds. "Blue Mountain" Villa, kept by Mrs. Butts; "Kanimbla House," by Mrs. A. A. Wilson; and "Lochinvar" Cottage, by Mrs. Macfederies, are all deserving of a share of public patronage, as their proprietors seem to vie with each other in studying the comfort and convenience of visitors.

GOVETT'S LEAP.

To reach this, turn to the left at the end of the fence of Hydora House, following the course of the road for about a mile-and-a-half. Here will open out to the view the Great Gorge, with its surrounding battlements of stupendous rocks.

The Trustees of the Government Reserve have placed near here a shelter shed with seats and table. Looking from this hut down into the Gorge, Breakfast Rock stands a little to the right, projecting over the edge of the cliffs. By the exercise of care one may descend to the shelf-like ridge, whence the finest views of the Gorge and Falls are to be obtained. Many writers have attempted to adequately describe the awful majesty of the scene as taken in by the eye from the edge of these cliffs, but even the most skilful word-painter must fail utterly. Pen or pencil can but mimic the vast panorama stretching to the right and left with the hidden winding creek and the forest valley extending from the foot of the cliff for miles in front. Tall timber trees, and majestic tree-ferns, with luxuriant, rank vegetation are all dwarfed by the distance, and present a dull, dead level of scrub—lighted up here and there by bright tints of the fern fronds—to the beholder's eye. On the right is seen Govett's Falls, the waters of which pour over the face of the cliffs 160 feet below the level of the hut, and have a clear drop of 520 feet. Below this is the fine cataract known as "Trinity Cascade," and still further below and to the left is what is known as the "Left Hand Fall." Indeed there are several falls forming pretty subjects for the artist, but which are quite eclipsed by the larger proportions of the tumbling mass of waters at Govett's Leap.

The centre of the Gorge is about 1,800 feet below the stand-point, near the hut, whence it gradually descends to a depth of 2,027 feet—being then about 1,050 feet above sea-level—where the silver thread of the creek draining the valley mingles its waters with those of the Grose River, under the cliffs of Mount King George. The width of the valley, as defined by the surrounding cliffs, ranges from three-quarters of a mile to a mile-and-a-half. The descent to the foot of the falls is at present impracticable, except by some elaborate engineering efforts or feats of daring, the cliffs being 800 feet high at the most accessible point.

The following further details relative to Govett's Leap are gathered from various sources, and are given in the Railway Guide published under the auspices of the Government. Mr. E. Barton says:—"Once on the track the visitor has nothing to do but to follow it up until he reaches the tremendous rent or depression in the earth, which is said to be the deepest chasm with perpendicular cliffs in the known world. It is almost surrounded with these cliffs, which are believed to be nowhere less than 3,000 feet above sea-level. The full sublimity and grandeur of the scene is not realized at the first glance. After contemplating it for some time the mind becomes filled with awe and wonder as it vainly strives to comprehend

' ——— the vast immeasurable abyss,
Outrageous as a sea, dark, wasteful, wild !'

The trees in the valley below, although one or two hundred feet high, or perhaps more, are indistinguishable in their individuality. The scenery is full of grandeur, and to add to its beauty there are two streams which are precipitated into the mighty chasm, and although meeting with no impediment but the atmosphere in their descent they are dissipated into mist before their waters can reach the bottom; and often, when the wind is favourable, they are wafted upwards and along for a considerable distance."

Another writer says:—"To the right, at the distance of about half-a-mile, the Govett's Leap or Fall pours itself headlong over a perpendicular wall of dark-tinted rock, 520 feet in sheer descent into a mass of black fragments of stone which has in the course of ages accumulated at the base of the cataract. This descending mass of water, white and misty as the driven snow, sways as the wind blows to and fro, like the veil of a bride; the vast height of the waterfall, the strong contrasts of colour, and the undulating motion so produced imparting a very singular and most charming

BLACKHEATH—*Continued.*

effect. When the sun attains to a certain altitude a rainbow plays for hours around the cloudy folds of this fairy veil."

The following features of the district should not be missed by the visitor:—

PERRY'S
LOOK-DOWN.

This, with "Docker's Ladder," as shown on the map, may be reached by a fair path running for about seven miles. Junction Camp, situate in the Gorge of the Grose, is reached by a perilous track, the depth being 2,150 feet below the general level of the railway station.

LOOK-OUT
HILL.

About three hundred yards from Blue Mountain Villa, along the Bathurst Road, a good view may be got from the hill; and on clear days with an ordinary field-glass the city of Sydney may be plainly seen.

THE MER-
MAID'S CAVE.

Lost in amazement at the grand scenery of the Gorge and Govett's Leap the visitor too frequently misses the minor beauties of the district. The "Mermaid's Cave" is exquisitely pretty, and it may be readily reached by crossing the railway, keeping along the fence, towards Sydney, as far as the second telegraph post past the semaphore. Ten yards

further on the word "Cave" will be found painted in red on the fence; then the track to the right must be followed inclining to the left for about half a mile. This leads to a beautiful cave-like formation, clothed with ferns,

mosses, and lichens; the trickle of small water falls giving moisture and coolness to the rocky wall and surface soil. Arriving at the end of the path descent must be made between the rocks on the left, when the glorious beauty of the place bursts on the vision. Masses of rock of fantastic shapes, with trees and shrubs in all stages of growth towering high overhead; under unwilling feet are trodden maiden-hair and other ferns, with mountain moss and liverwort of many species. A clear runnel of water plays laughingly over the stones along its course to the valley, and the air is redolent with perfume of acacias and musk trees. The whole scene needs but the elves and fairies to realize some of the scenes depicted in the "Midsummer



GOVETT'S LEAP FALL.

Nights' Dream." Kendall exactly describes this place when in one of his poems he writes—

"Through beautiful bountiful forests that screen
A marvel of blossoms from heat,
Whose lights are the mellow and golden and green,
He walks with irreverent feet."

Mount Victoria.

(77 miles from Sydney; 3,422 feet above sea-level.)

IT would require a small volume to describe the places and objects which have been named after her Majesty the Queen of England; but it may be questioned whether any place will more deservedly perpetuate her honoured name than the highest peak of the Blue Mountains of New South Wales, and the district adjacent.

Quite a township has sprung up within the last half-dozen years, and what was, a single decade ago, but an almost unused halting-place is now a busy thriving country resort. High-class hotels, stores, boarding-houses, and villa residences with their surroundings, are rapidly giving form and definition to the streets which a few years ago had but an ideal existence on the surveyor's plans. Little did the early explorers of the district think that within a "stone's-throw of years" thriving hotels, churches, schools, and other features of settlement would so soon mark their footprints. Well laid-out gardens and grounds, facilities for cricket, lawn tennis, quoits, croquet, and other out-door sports; well-appointed billiard-rooms, skittle-alleys, and other surroundings of highly civilized life are available here where fifty years ago the early explorers were unable to bring even their knapsacks. A good public school, with a roll of 96 and an average attendance of 75, is under the charge of Mr. H. G. Rienits; the scholars coming from the neighbourhood for some miles around, either by train or on horseback. The services of the Church of England are administered by the resident clergyman, Rev. J. A. Newth, twice on Sundays; and other bodies are occasionally represented by some visiting minister. The population, which numbers 350, is chiefly engaged in the usual country pursuits or in catering to the visiting world who make the mountains their temporary home. There is abundance of accommodation of all kinds at Mount Victoria. Perry's, the oldest-established hotel in the township, is much favoured; it has a billiard-room, skittle-alley, and tennis and croquet ground, paddock, &c. The "Imperial" is a large, substantial, and commodious building, erected of brick and stone at a cost of £21,400. From its spacious verandahs and balconies some of the most beautiful of the mountain views may be obtained. The hotel contains over sixty lofty, well-ventilated and elegantly furnished rooms, which are so arranged as to admit of being let singly or in *suites* for families and parties. There are baths and other sanitary arrangements of the most modern system on every floor. A large drawing-room, with library, piano, &c., for the use of all guests; a fine dining-room, with table supplied with the choicest viands procurable in the season; and every provision for securing a "good time" to the visitor. Mr. and Mrs. Cousins bring to their duties a large experience, and in every

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GOOD SHOOTING & KANGAROO HUNTING

to be had close to, and Dogs kept on the premises for Sportsmen.

The FISH RIVER CAVES are within easy distance of Mount Victoria, guides for which can be procured at the Hotel.

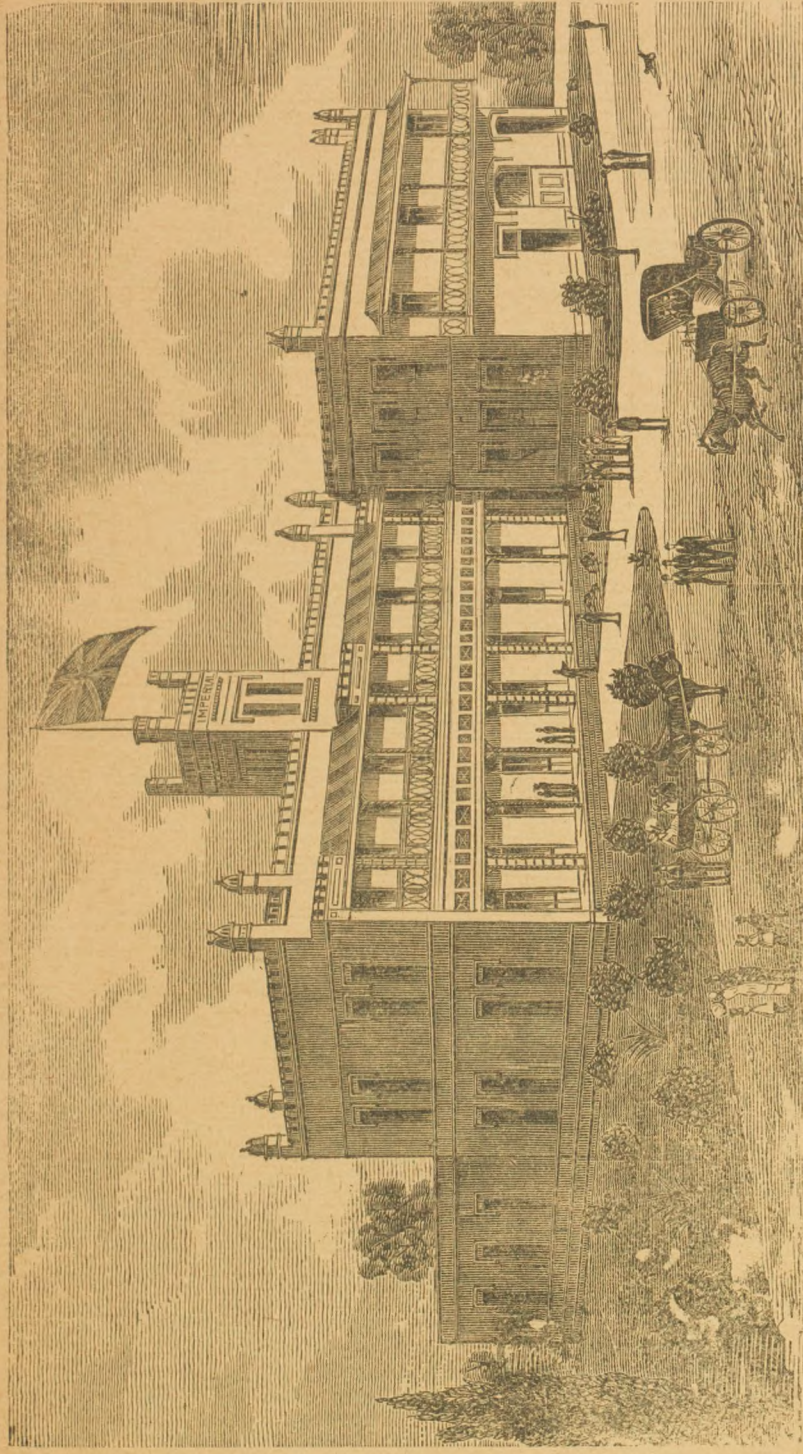
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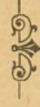
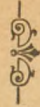
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THE BILLIARD ROOM is furnished with one of Alcock's Best Tables, and is specially kept for Visitors to this Hotel only.

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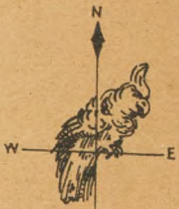
THE IMPERIAL HOTEL, Mount Victoria, is equal to any, superior to many, and inferior to no Hotel in the Colonies; and is distant from Sydney 77 miles, and is 3,600 feet above the level of the sea, and is in the immediate vicinity of the most romantic and charming scenery to be found on the Blue Mountains. The Hotel contains over Sixty Apartments (no expense having been spared by the Proprietor to make it as homely and comfortable as possible), comprising spacious and comfortable DINING & DRAWING ROOMS FOR PUBLIC USE, and SUITES OF ROOMS for those who prefer Privacy.

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MAP OF MOUNT VICTORIA

SCALE
1/4 1/2 Mile



MT YORK ROAD

FAIRY DELL

FROM BOWEN PASS, HARTLEY & MT VICTORIA PASS
BATHURST ROAD

Church of England

Postmans Hut

MANOR HOUSE AND GROUNDS

STATION

Station Masters House

Post Office

ROYAL HOTEL

IMPERIAL HOTEL AND GROUNDS

PERRY'S HOTEL AND GROUNDS

STRATFORD COTTAGE

SHED

MT CLARENCE

MT WILSON

SUGAR LOAF

MT TOMAH

Gate House

ROAD TO COVETSLEAPE

MT KING GEORGE

KANIMBLA



LITTLE ZIGZAG

KANIMBLA VES

Engineer's Cascade

MOUNT PIDDINGTON

SHED

BOBARY ROCK

WYCHES GLEN

FERN CAVE

FAIRY BOWER

Blackheath Creek

VALLEY

EDGE OF CLIFFS

COX CAVE

Water Fall

140 STEPS TO THE TOP
THREE FEET WINDING

NOTE

- Tracks to Principal Sights Shewn Thus.....
- Roads.....
- Fences.....
- Buildings.....



MOUNT VICTORIA—Continued.

respect the management leaves nothing to be desired. A fine billiard table, pleasant recreation ground, a flower garden, bowling, croquet, and tennis lawn, are features of the hotel surroundings. Trains are met by a messenger to take the luggage of visitors to the Imperial.

The "Royal," near the Station, is also a capital hotel, having been recently enlarged, renovated, and modernized by its enterprising proprietor, Mr. C. B. Manning, to meet the increasing requirements of visitors.

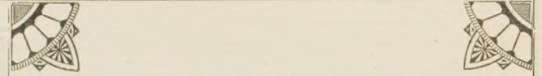
That large class of visitors who prefer accommodation away from a busy hotel can be equally suited; for, immediately upon leaving the Station, directly in front will be seen "Manor House" and adjoining villa, the late residences of the Messrs. Fairfax, with their tastefully laid-out grounds and English fruit trees of all descriptions. Here may be seen in perfection the English hawthorn, chestnut, oak, elm, and poplar growing side by side with the Australian pine, the Bunya Bunya, and other indigenous timber. The fond remembrances of old England and Christmastide grow strong upon us as we note the prickly, red-berried holly thriving as if in its natural home. The grounds are seven acres in extent, and the houses are second to none in the colony as houses of public accommodation for visitors, being elegant-looking villas with large, lofty, well-ventilated rooms, and wide verandahs on three sides. The enterprising proprietor, Mr. Atkin, has, at great expense, constructed additional rooms, and the establishment could now accommodate seventy visitors. Neither have sports and pastimes been forgotten, and even the children have been thought of in the way of swings, see-saws, &c.; while for those of larger growth there are croquet, lawn-tennis, quoits, bowls, bagatelle, &c., &c. For those who visit the district with their families, and require privacy and retirement, there is the establishment of Stratford Cottage, conducted by Mrs. Atkin, situate at the rear of Perry's and the Imperial hotels, and overlooking the whole township. Here the visitor will appreciate the kindly attention of Mrs. Atkin, with her special aptitude for making everybody at home. Lovers of music may gratify their taste here, there being a piano, harmonium, and always pleasant visitors as society at Stratford.

"Fern Cottage" also offers quiet accommodation for two or three visitors, being convenient to the township.

To the larger establishments it is not so much a matter of moment, but to the smaller ones notice should always be sent a day or two before as to the extent of the party and its requirements in the way of accommodation.

The chief points of interest at Mount Victoria are Mount Piddington, whence a very comprehensive view of the district may be had; the zig-zag descent to the Kanimbla valley, with the caves on the way; the Engineer's Cascade; the "Fairy Dell," not nearly as pretty as of old; and fine views of the chief mountain peaks, conspicuous amongst which are Mounts

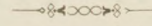
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MOUNT VICTORIA.

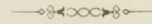
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OPINIONS OF THE PRESS.

"PHOTOGRAPHIC VIEWS.—We yesterday had an opportunity of inspecting one of Caney and Co.'s collections of Mountain and Cave Photographic Views, and have no hesitation in saying that they are the best, whether considered as faithful representations or as works of art, that have yet been produced. The collection consists of photographs of some of the most striking natural scenes on the Blue Mountains, and forty magnificent views of the Fish River Caves. Thirty of these latter are interior views, twenty of that number being of the newly discovered "Imperial Cave," which is the grandest of any yet found. Any person who has visited these wonders of nature will be able to distinguish these photographs."—*Free Press, Bathurst.*

"AUSTRALIAN SCENERY.—One of the most beautiful series of Photographic Views we have had the pleasure of seeing for some time. The photographs portray the most striking and picturesque views to be obtained on the Blue Mountains and in the Fish River Caves. The Zig Zag with three trains on it at once, Govett's Leap, and many other well-known spots are represented in all their bewitching beauty or rugged abruptness. The views of the Fish River Caves are, we believe, unique, being the first which have been taken of the interior of those truly wonderful caverns. The intricate tracery of stalactites and stalagmites, which distinguishes the caves as among the most beautiful as well as the most wonderful of Australian sights, is rendered with great faithfulness and accuracy. They will no doubt be highly prized by all who have a taste for the sublime and beautiful. We are pretty well assured that all who see the views will desire to visit the wonderful scenes which are represented by them, and that all who have visited the Caves or the Blue Mountain scenery will be glad to possess a faithful memento of the beauties they have witnessed."—*Bathurst Times, Dec. 1, 1881.*

"VIEW OF THE ZIGZAG.—Mr. Caney has left at our office a very handsome photograph of the Zigzag. We have seen views of this celebrated engineering work from almost every point, but we do not remember to have seen one that gives a better idea of its magnitude and beauty."—*Lithgow Mercury, 1881.*

MOUNT VICTORIA—Continued.

Tomah, Wilson, York, Clarence, and some minor eminences. The township is conveniently situated as a centre from which many places previously named and yet to be mentioned, may be visited. Govett's Leap, Katoomba, the Valley of the Grose, Lithgow, and Hartley are all, by an early start, to be reached from here in short drives, giving plenty of time to return in the afternoon in time for dinner. Mount Victoria has been called the paradise of tourists. Nature here has finished her work with the grandeur of omnipotent might. The Cyclopean masonry of the frowning walls which mark the boundary of vast chasms as large as an English county, lying prone down thousands of feet below; gullies and ravines clothed with luxuriant vegetation; tumbling masses of water forming picturesque falls and cascades; caves, passes, and intricate winding, rocky, and mossy paths make the place most attractive to all in search of health and pleasure.



MANOR HOUSE.

MOUNT PIDDINGTON.

This is close to the township, and is of easy access. It was named after the Hon. W. R. Piddington, who had tracks cleared and the place rendered more accessible to visitors. The Trustees of the reserve deserve great credit for the care taken of the place, and the skill exercised to conserve the natural features while at the same time studying the convenience of visitors in every way. A good path has been made all round the mountain; a fine picnic shed has been erected wherein to take shelter from the rain or fierce sun's rays. Good views may be had from the summit as indicated on the subjoined plan of the place—Mounts Hay, Clarence, Wilson, "The Sugar Loaf," Tomah, King George, the Hunter Range, and the distant Camden uplands; while close at our feet lie Hartley and the Kanimbla valleys. On the west side of Mount Piddington a winding path leads down into the valley. A little way down is the Solitary Rock. Here the path turns due south, and near the corner of the next turn running due west, as shown on our plan, is

THE WITCHES' GLEN,

a charming spot, having a wealth of ferns and flowering plants scattered all around. A little further on, by taking the path to the left, "Fern Cave" is reached. Then following down the path tending

MOUNT VICTORIA—*Continued.*

south the "Fairy Bower" is seen on the left; here a fine stream of clear water rushes through a cleft in the rock, falling into the basin below, where a shower or plunge bath may be enjoyed. Continuing down the glen for some distance the "steps" are reached, which at present must not be descended. Take the path on the right along the edge of the cliff till a large wooden ladder is seen; ascend this to "Cox's Cave," named after its discoverer. The entrance to this is about 30 by 40 feet and the cave opens out as you enter. The ferns and other vegetation is something to be remembered, and the Trustees are doing every thing in their power to preserve the natural features of the place for the public enjoyment. Returning to the top of the steps previously mentioned and, making the descent, a very pretty waterfall will be seen on the left. Still going down the path—with here and there steps cut in the rock for the convenience of visitors—some fine fern trees are visible, and after passing the water-fall "Fern-tree Gully" is arrived at, the sides being densely clothed with tree-ferns in every stage of growth and with the moss, maiden-hair, and numerous other of the smaller ferns. The scene is bewilderingly beautiful; a stream from Fairy Bower here flows into the Blackheath Creek. At the bottom of the steps, which are 160 in number, those who are not afraid of some rough work, may continue their stroll, bearing to the right, and return to the hotel by ascending the Kanimbla Pass or "Little Zigzag" hereafter described, or return by the path just followed.

THE LITTLE ZIGZAG, OR KANIMBLA PASS.

About half-a-mile from the township, along the Bathurst Road, and passing the school-house on the left, a track turns off to the left, which leads to the head of the gulch-like formation, leading down to the Valley of Kanimbla, which is in its way, as remarkable as the chasm known as Govett's Leap. A series of well-constructed zig-zag paths, or terraced ways, seventeen in all, will severely test the endurance of the visitor, but by taking occasional rests by the way, the descent is not difficult. It is the return that tries the physique of the climber and puts to the test his muscular power. The great point to be observed in mountain climbing is to take matters coolly and quietly. To attempt to rush a difficulty of this kind is to court distress, for wind and muscle cannot endure the strain. It should, then, be borne in mind that in making the descent of Kanimbla Pass one should not be "tied to time" so as to necessitate hurry; half-a-day at least will be necessary to carefully explore the neighbourhood. By starting after an early breakfast, the place may be visited and a return made in time for dinner, but the visitor will not be in any mood for a very long ramble in the evening.

At the foot of seventh point, nearly half way down the Zigzag, are to be seen the Kanimbla Caves, and these are very interesting. The entrance to these is round sharply to the left on the face of the cliff. Great care should, however, be exercised in exploring them, as there are some points of danger. Lights are necessary, and no one should attempt to grope their way about in the dark unless well acquainted with the intricacies of the place. A large chasm in the rock exists at the end of the upper Cave, and the place is black as night, so that without a light it is impossible to realize the dangers and the interesting features of the place. The lower Cave is 80 feet; the upper one about 60.

THE ENGINEER'S CASCADE

and Ross's Cave may be reached from near the top of the Zigzag by taking the track to the left which traverses very interesting and beautiful scenery.

THE FAIRY DELL.

This, the property of the Hon. Mr. Piddington, has been converted, by damming up the waters at the fall, into a large bathing place for visitors; and to reach it the road past the Manor House to the north-east must be taken.

MOUNT VICTORIA PASS.

This is about two miles from the station and may be reached in an easy drive along the old Hartley Road. Fine views are commanded all along the road, the grand peaks of the principal mountains standing out sharply against the clear grey sky.

These are the chief sights at Mount Victoria, but the whole district is so full of interest and so rich in the picturesque that a month may be very pleasantly spent in exploring its varied attractions.

Visitors will find at Mount Victoria all the conveniences of a rising township—butter, baker, general store, blacksmith, &c., &c., and those desirous of possessing some record of their trip may

MOUNT VICTORIA—*Continued.*

procure splendid photographic views from the establishment of Mr. Caney, who here pursues with marked success his profession as a photographic artist.

In closing this notice of Mount Victoria, it is interesting to mention that the original name given to the range by Sir Thomas Mitchell, at that time Surveyor-General, was "Vittoria." That intrepid explorer had, in early life, been attached to the staff of the Duke of Wellington during the latter part of the great Peninsular War. His skill in surveying and rapidly mapping-out country rendered his services of great value to the British during the campaigns in Spain; and it was with a desire to perpetuate the famous victory of our army at the battle of Vittoria that he gave the name to this the highest peak of the Blue Mountains. It did not retain that title very long, for about the period of Sir Thomas's survey the hopes of the nation were centred in the daughter of the Duke of Kent, the young princess who was heiress to the throne, and it was quite natural, and by a very easy transition, that the mountain came to bear and retain the name of England's future Queen. This is now about fifty years ago. One is lost in wonder at the simple contemplation of changes and events of that, the busiest period in the world's history; and among those changes these mountain regions have had perhaps the most remarkable share.

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Hartley Vale.

(81 miles from Sydney; 3,318 feet above sea-level.)

LEAVING Mount Victoria, and proceeding towards Lithgow, the train takes a course north and north-east, passing some extremely rugged cuttings through the rock, and picturesque "peeps." About a mile and a half from Mount Victoria, on our right we leave Mt. King George, and in another mile can be seen in the distance the entry to the Valley of the Grose River. About another half-mile on the track the branch line of rails turns off, leading to the Hartley Vale Kerosene Shaleworks. A pretty sight of the town of Hartley opens out on the view from this point. The shale mines in Hartley Vale, says Barton, are well worth seeing, not only on account of the scenery, but also from the fact that an important and successful industry is in full operation.

Mount Wilson.

(83 miles from Sydney; 3,478 feet above sea-level.)

THIS is about $4\frac{1}{2}$ miles from the mountain bearing that name. Mr. Du Faur in his notice of Mount Wilson says: "A ride of about five miles from the platform, along the northern watershed of the Grose, and of about three miles further along a spur bearing to the northward from Bell's line of road, and leading down to some of the heads of Wollangambe Creek and the Colo River (affluents of the Hawkesbury) brings the tourist to the foot of a ridge, which on his right hand appears to be bounded by the usual perpendicular escarpment of horizontal sandstone characteristic of the Hawkesbury formation; but the denser undergrowth, the increased size and improved symmetry of the trees, and the rich black soil under his feet tell of a sudden change."

Clarence Siding.

(88 miles from Sydney ; 3,658 feet above sea-level.)

THIS is the greatest altitude reached by the line of railway. Such is the rugged nature of the country that the surveyors had to be let down the cliffs by ropes to do their work,* and the contractors had to commence their work in the same way. Passing through the Clarence Tunnel, 539 yards long, and a further distance of two miles, the descent of the mountain is commenced by the "Great Zigzag," a series of inclines similar to those by which we scaled the mountain range at Emu Plains, but of a more colossal character. This work of engineering skill is justly regarded as one of the most stupendous ever yet accomplished in railway construction. The gradient nearly the whole distance is 1 in 42, the line in parts traversing the brink of the mountain range. It is estimated that these five miles of railway cost the country half a million.

Lithgow.

(96 miles from Sydney ; 3,006 feet above sea-level.)

THIS is a busy place with its mining and metal industries represented by the Lithgow Valley, Bowenfels, Eskbank, and Vale of Clywdd Companies. These are engaged in the exploration of coal and other minerals and metals, smelting of iron and copper, the manufacture of iron in all its branches, of terra-cotta and coarser pottery, of a very superior character of fire-brick and ordinary building bricks. The pursuit of these industries has necessarily given rise to a township of growing importance ; and the richness of the whole district around seems to point to Lithgow as the future Wolverhampton of New South Wales.

The visitor to Lithgow will meet with excellent accommodation in every way at the hotels, several of which are fine, carefully managed establishments. The large hotel just on the right of the Eskbank station is the "Imperial," kept by Mr. Corbett ; another is Rosevear's hotel on the main road, and there are six others worthy of support, the "Cosmopolitan," the "Club House," the "Court House," the "Zigzag," the "Royal," the "Commercial," and there are convenient and respectable boarding houses, and two billiard saloons. Stores abound, where all the requirements of the inhabitants can be readily obtained ; there is a chemist, a doctor, a School of Arts and library, churches of five denominations, a Public school with good attendance, conducted with great credit by Mr. McPhee, the girls being under the able direction of Miss Williams, and the infants under that of Miss Caldwell. The average attendance of children in all divisions of the school exceeds 300.

The fine brewery of Mr. Inch, about a quarter of a mile from Eskbank, is worth a visit. The brewery is constructed of brick and wood, and is capable of turning out eight hogsheads one, or sixteen hogsheads two shifts, every twenty-four hours. The mountain ale is of an amber colour and very transparent. Its wholesomeness is widely known, and as a stimulant it has often been recommended to invalids by the faculty. The English visitor is struck by the similarity of its flavour and colour to the very best light, sparkling ales of the "Old Country." Nor is this to be wondered at, seeing the climate on the Blue Mountains so closely resembles that of England. Mr. Inch, the proprietor, is always willing to show the brewery and its contents to visitors.

Lithgow is also rich in the social institutions characteristic of civilized life. There are several Masonic, Druids, Oddfellows, Foresters, Orange, Sons of Temperance, Good Templar Lodges and Courts held, and members of these bodies are ever willing to hold out the right hand of fellowship to visiting brothers.

Finally, there is a good local representative of the press, the "Mercury," which has a fair circulation, and a fine field for the well-directed enterprise of its proprietors.

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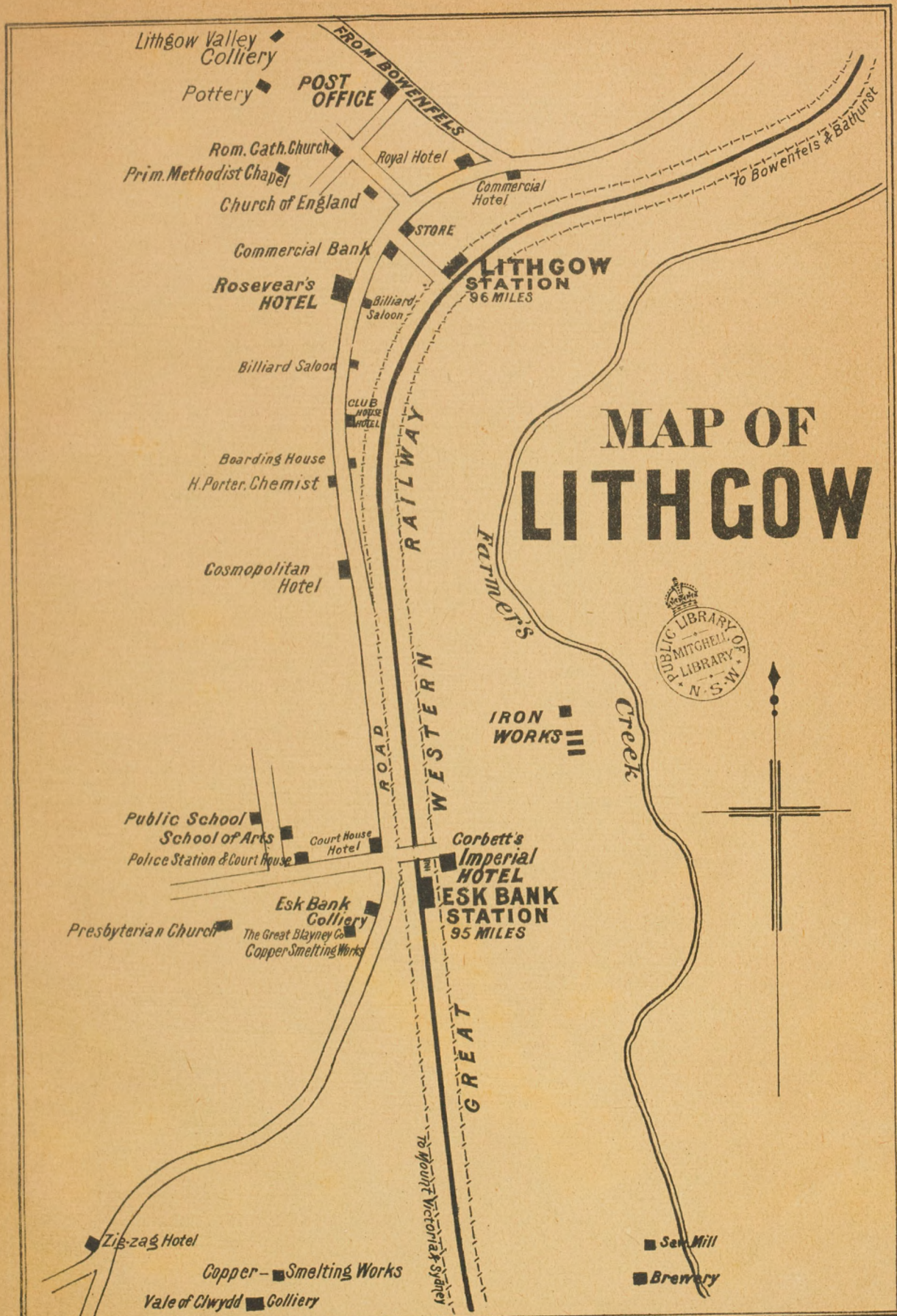
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TOURISTS are particularly reminded that the Eskbank Station is in the very centre of Lithgow, the nearest point to all the principal industries and objects of interest.

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MAP OF LITHGOW



A D D E N D A.

EXPEDITIOUS SIGHT-SEEING.



That very large class of people who have very little time to leisurely explore the beauties of the Blue Mountains the following suggestions will be useful, as enabling them to suit their visits to the time at their command.

ONE DAY.—Train leaves Sydney 7 a.m. Saturday, and arrives at Wentworth Falls 10.44. Visit the Falls, lunch at Wilson's, and leave by the 2.34 p.m. train for Springwood, Woodford, or Lawson; view the features described in the text or maps relating to these districts. The excursion train leaves Lawson for Sydney at 5.40 p.m., calling at Woodford 5.49, and at Springwood 6.15. The two last-mentioned places being only platforms it is well to be there some ten minutes before time, so as to arrange for signalling the train. Arrives at Sydney 8.52.

HALF-DAY.—Train leaves Sydney on Saturday at 1.45, arriving at Penrith 3.20. Stroll through the town and along the banks of the Nepean. As four hours will be available, a boat may be taken, or, if arrangements have been made by post, Mr. Squires will convey a party a few miles up the river by his steamer. Thus a very pleasant trip may be enjoyed, returning in time for tea and the train, which leaves Penrith at 7.20, arriving in Sydney at 8.52.

HALF-DAY.—Leave Sydney by same train 1.45, arriving at Springwood 4.18. Visit Madeline Glen and stroll through the neighbourhood. Tea at the Royal or Martyn's Hotel, returning by 6.15 train. Two hours will be available for exploring the district.

SATURDAY TILL MONDAY.—Trains leave Sydney at 7 a.m., 9 a.m., and 1.45 p.m., arriving at Mount Victoria 11.33, 1.47, and 5.20. Visit the Kanimbla Pass or Zigzag. If either of the two first-mentioned trains are taken, this may be done well in the afternoon, returning to dinner at any of the excellent hotels mentioned. If the 7 a.m. train be taken the Pass may be visited before lunch, and Mount Piddington, or some other previously mentioned attraction in the locality may be enjoyed during the late afternoon. 6.30 is the recognized time for dinner. Make arrangements for the morrow. After an early breakfast on Sunday morning take buggy or trap—if disinclined for the walk of four miles—to Blackheath. Visit Govett's Leap and the Mermaid's Cave. On a summer's day there will be time to go on to Katoomba (7 miles). Trains leave Mount Victoria 3.15 a.m., 5 a.m., 7.45 a.m., and 1.50 p.m., arriving at Sydney 6.45, 9.16, and 11.35 a.m., and 6.2 p.m. Another course will be to leave Sydney at 7 or 9 a.m., arriving at Wentworth Falls 10.44 or 12.58, or at Katoomba 11.3 and 1.17. Visit either of these places, leave for Mount Victoria by 5 p.m. train from Wentworth, or Katoomba at 5.50. Spend Sunday in visiting Govett's Leap or the Kanimbla Pass, the Gullies, Cox's Cave, and other places mentioned. Return to Sydney Monday morning by one of the trains before referred to.

NOTE.—The times mentioned are those observed at the present date by the railway authorities, but, as they are liable to change from time to time, the tourist should always have ready for reference the official Time Tables, which may be purchased for a penny at Sydney and most of the Stations.

THE FISH RIVER CAVES.—Mr. Cousins, of the Imperial Hotel, is prepared to run vehicles through from Mount Victoria to this interesting locality; and arrangements may be made with that gentleman to convey parties desirous of seeing the district.

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