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SUCH is the name Lewis and Clark gave in 1805 to that fine canyon just north of Helena, Montana, near the Bear's-tooth Mountain in plain view from the city. Lewis and Clark thus describe this canyon:

"The rocks approach the river on both sides, forming a most sublime and extraordinary spectacle. For five and three-quarters miles these rocks rise perpendicularly from the water's edge, to the height of nearly 1,200 feet. * * * Nothing can be imagined more tremendous than the frowning darkness of these rocks, which project over the river and menace us with destruction. * * * We were obliged to go on some time after dark, not being able to find a spot large enough to camp on. * * * This extraordinary range of rocks we called the Gates of the Rocky Mountains."

The transient traveler in passing through Montana may well stop a day at Helena and make the easy trip through this historic gorge by motor boat.

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