



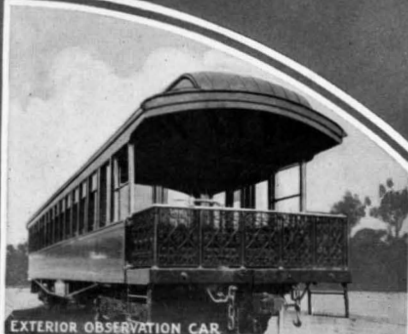
Prologue

WITHIN these pages are depicted some of the beauties of the Rocky Mountains, as seen from Colorado Midland Railway car windows. No attempt is here made to expatiate upon these enchanting and inspiring scenes, beyond a very few words locating them. We well realize that artists and authors of great fame have exhausted their talents upon these same subjects, only to admit in the end their inability to do them justice. By the light of fire, brightly burning upon the altar of Genius, we have all traversed, in the mind's eye, the famous passes, elysian dells and mystic vales, or have gazed with rapt admiration upon awe-inspiring sweeps of vision, extending over hundreds of miles of snow-capped peaks, rearing their proud heads among the dancing clouds. Those who, unfortunately, have not journeyed through the Rockies, are here given a glimpse of a few scenes as the camera lense saw them. To travelers and lovers of Nature's handiwork this publication is respectfully dedicated.

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OLORADO SPRINGS, famous resort, 74 miles south of Denver, and lying at base of Pike's Peak. Population, 21,085. Altitude, 5,992 feet.





FROM Colorado Midland trains, just before entering the fastnesses of the Rockies, a panoramic view of the Garden of the Gods, a mile away, is obtained. Photo shows Cathedral Spires and gateway.





ANITOU, nestling in the canons at the very base of Pike's Peak, is famed for its waters of wonderful curative powers. Numerous fashionable hotels, pretty little parks, pleasant driveways and many other features of popularity. Altitude, 6,542 feet.





SCENE in Ute Pass, whose historic trail was beaten down by beaded moccasins centuries ago. Footprints of the cayuse are covered by oaken ties and shining steel.





RAINBOW FALLS, in beautiful Ute Pass, near Cascade Canon. Cascade is a popular little resort. Laughing brooklets and rustic retreats characterize this inviting spot. Altitude, 7,421 feet.





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STRIKING view of Pike's Peak from
Ute Pass, near Woodland Park.
Looking at the famous old mountain
from the north. Altitude of track,
8,300 feet.

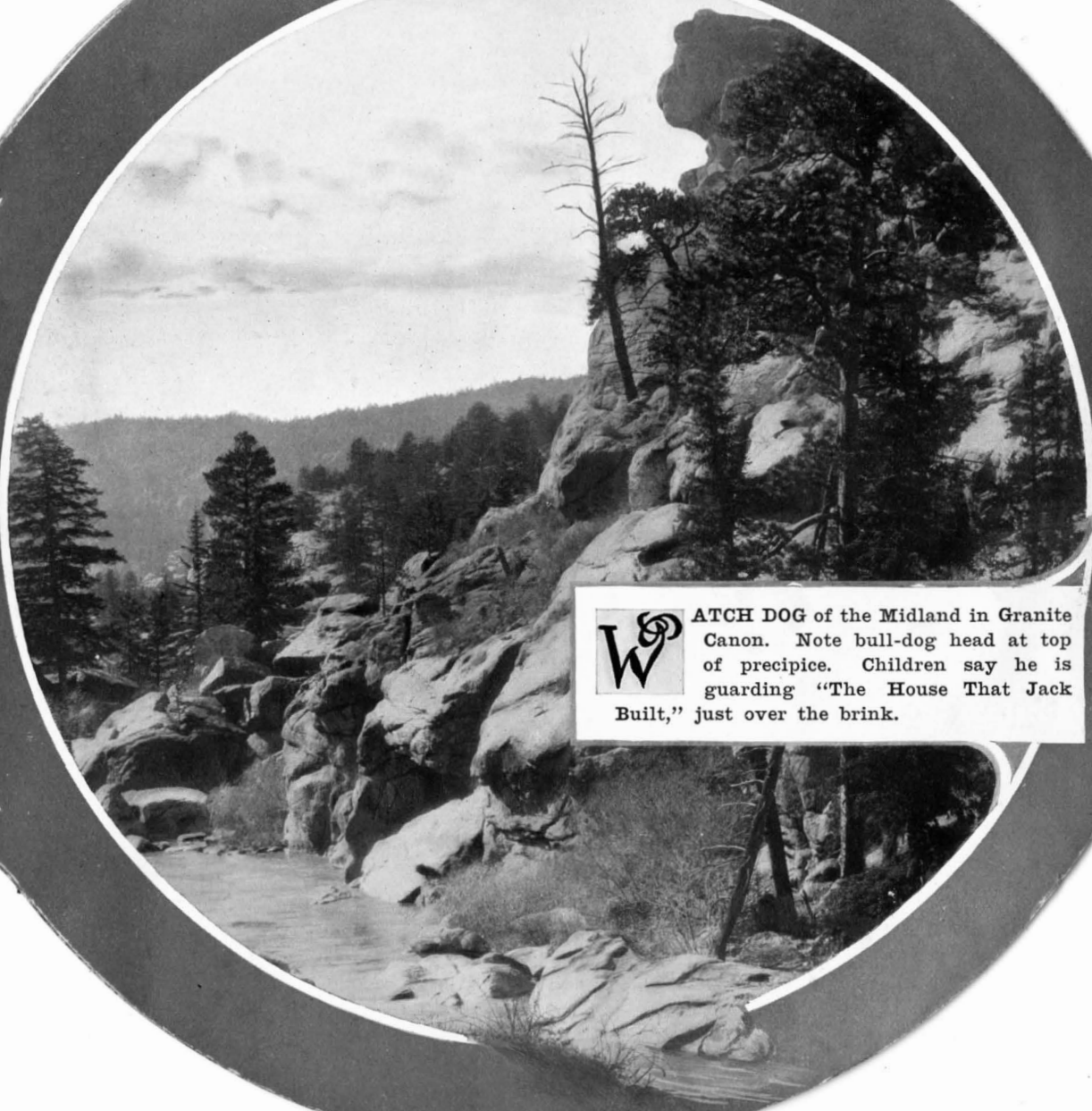


ARM scene near Divide, altitude, 9,198 feet. Field of grain in foreground, raised without irrigation. Pike's Peak in background. Here you can pick wild flowers with one hand and snowballs with the other.



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ECULIAR rock formation in Granite Canon, called by the Indians the "Sleeping Lion." Photo taken from tunnel in the canon. Altitude, 8,200 feet. Height of Lion's head, 312 feet.



W

ATCH DOG of the Midland in Granite Canon. Note bull-dog head at top of precipice. Children say he is guarding "The House That Jack Built," just over the brink.



ARVEST time in the Arkansas Valley near Buena Vista. Scene shows what irrigation is doing for Colorado. Altitude, 8,248 feet. Collegiate Range in background.



COLLEGIATE RANGE, near Buena Vista. Mts. Princeton, 14,190; Harvard, 14,375, and Yale, 14,187. Named for America's three great educational institutions.



LEADVILLE, the "Cloud City." Altitude, 10,200 feet; one of the world's greatest gold and silver camps. Population, 12,800. Ore production to 1906, \$341,400,600. Mt. Massive in background.



T. MASSIVE, as seen from Midland Route track. Highest mountain in Colorado; elevation, 14,484 ft. Four miles west of Leadville.



OUNDING Hell Gate, altitude, 10,540 feet. Almost perpendicular drop from track to bottom of canon. Hell Gate is famed in song and story.



IN THE trail to Wood's Lake, seven miles from Thomasville. "O'er Vales where the Wildwood whispers Nature's Praises."



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OOD'S LAKE, showing abrupt elevation of mountains. One of Colorado's finest fishing and camping resorts. Waters stocked by U. S. government.

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ASTORAL scene along the famous
Frying Pan river, Colorado's premier
trout stream. Harvesting a crop of
alfalfa from a mountain side.



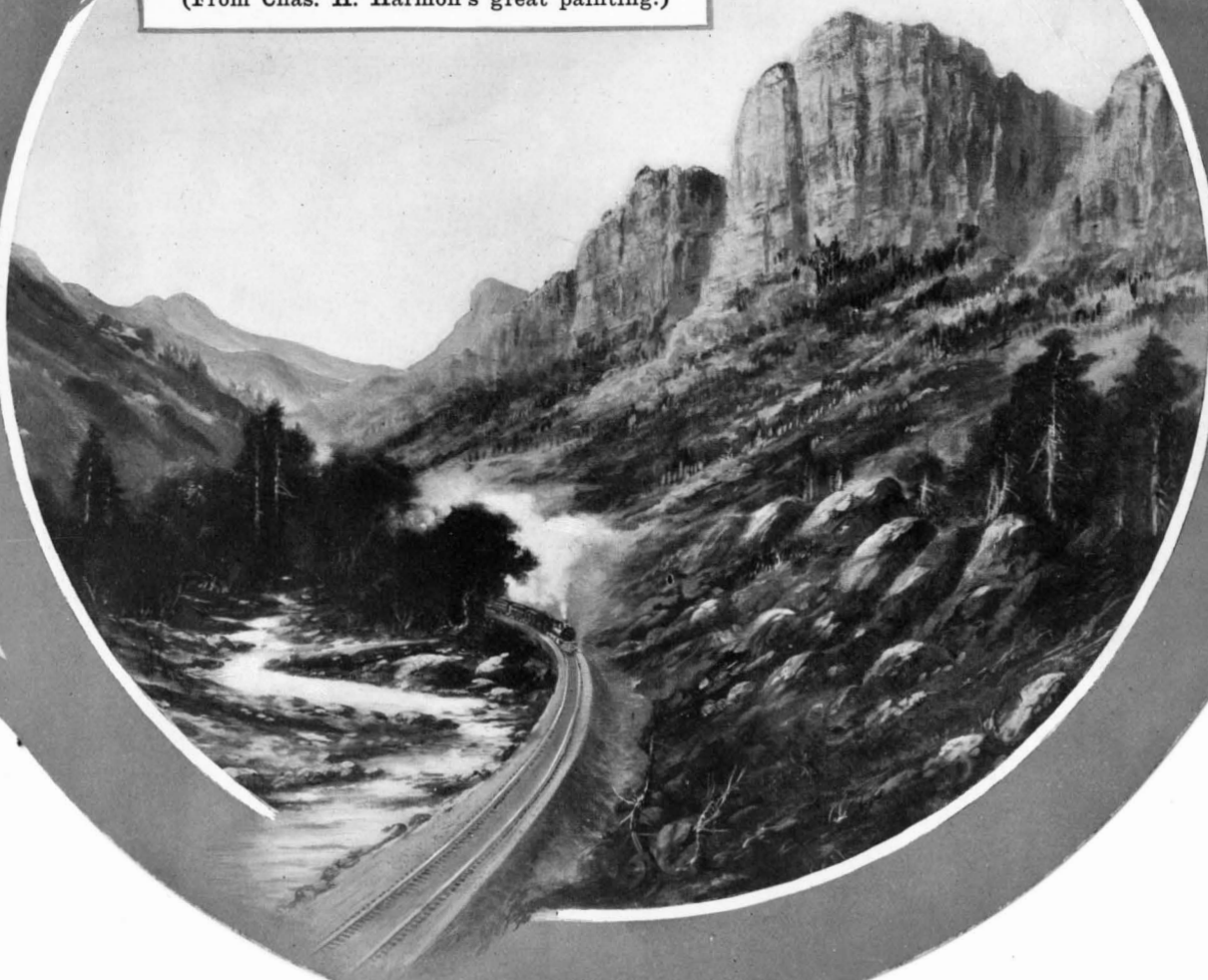


NTRANCE to Red Rock Canon. Rugged cliffs, as brilliantly red as a Colorado sunset, rise high above the laughing waters below.





THE Seven Castles, so called because of peculiar castle-shaped rock formations. Distance from track to summit of highest castle, 1,200 feet.
(From Chas. H. Harmon's great painting.)





MEETING of the Waters, confluence of
Frying Pan and Roaring Fork rivers,
at Basalt, forming main stream of
the Roaring Fork, which empties
into the Grand river at Glenwood Springs.





M

T. SOPRIS, showing Roaring Fork river in foreground. Elevation of mountain, 14,300 feet. Declared by artists to be most impressive peak in the range.



OME fruit which grows in abundance in the valley of the Grand river on the great Western Slope. Mesa county alone shipped 41,892,112 pounds of fruit in 1906.

