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"THE JAMES PEAK ROUTE"
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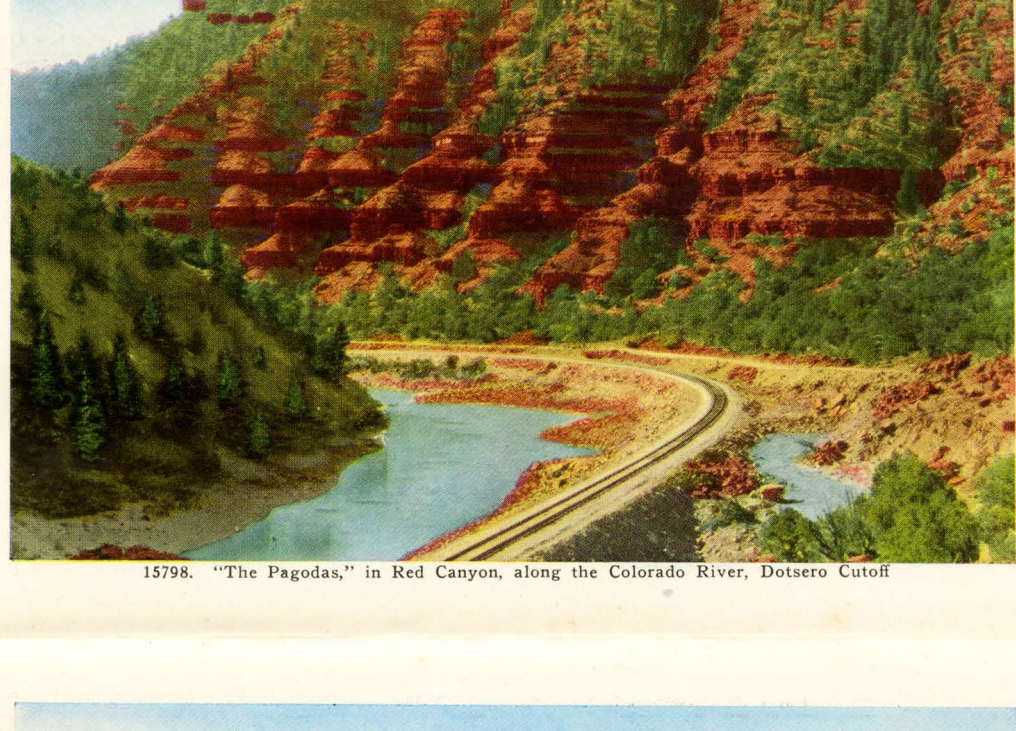
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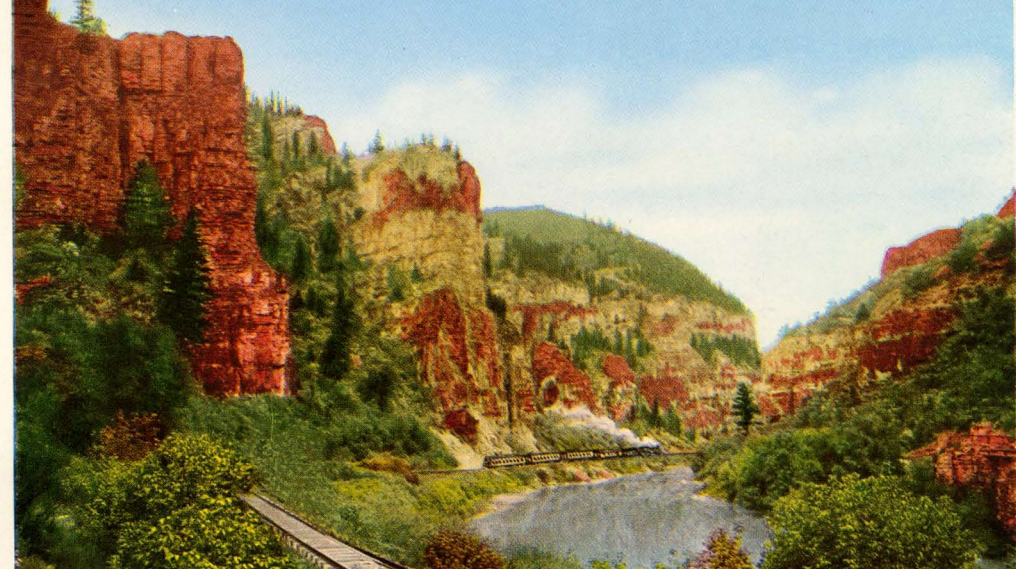
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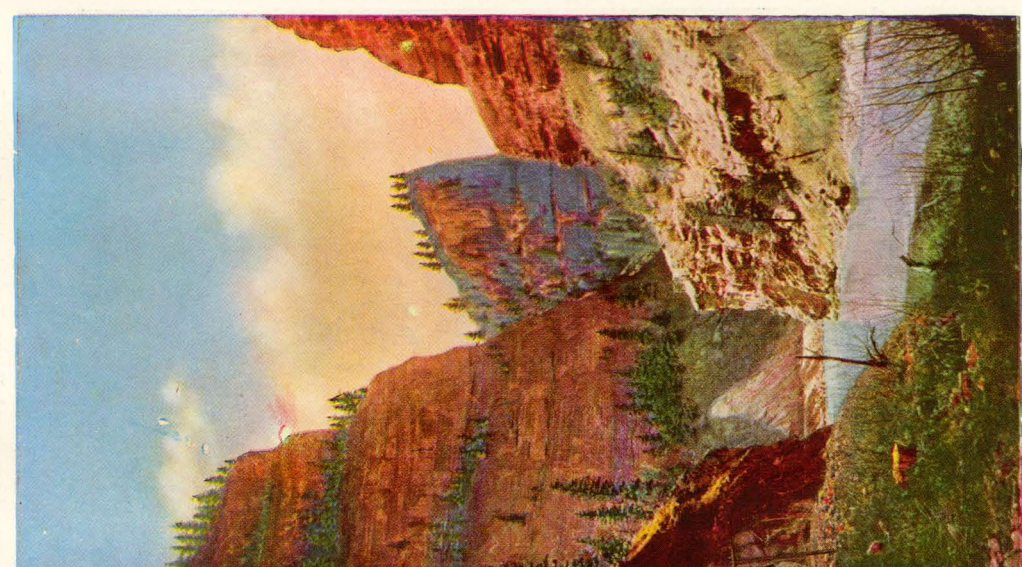
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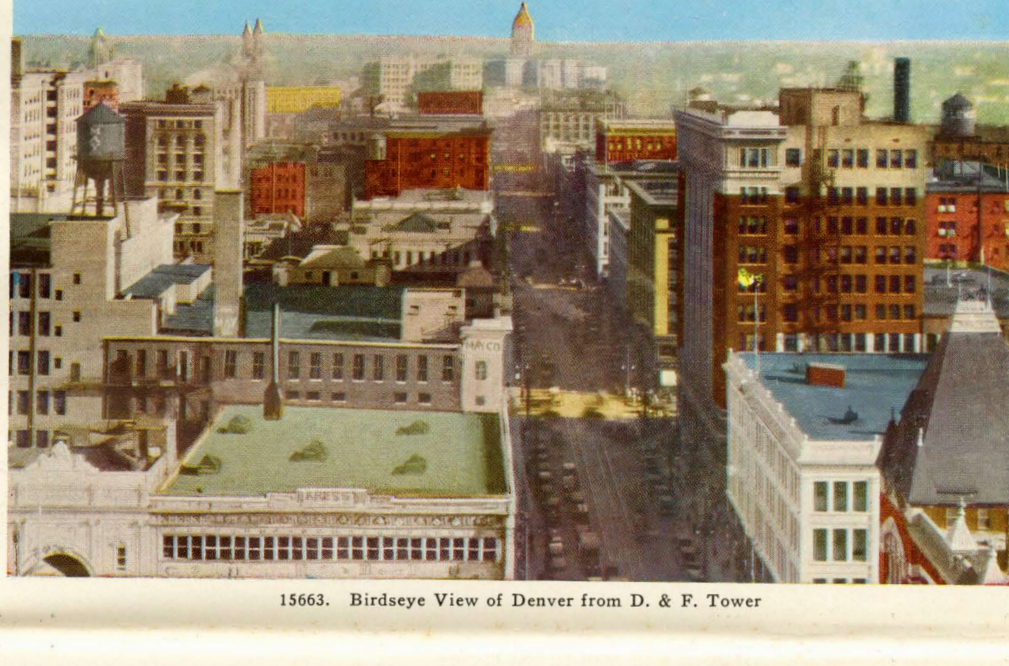


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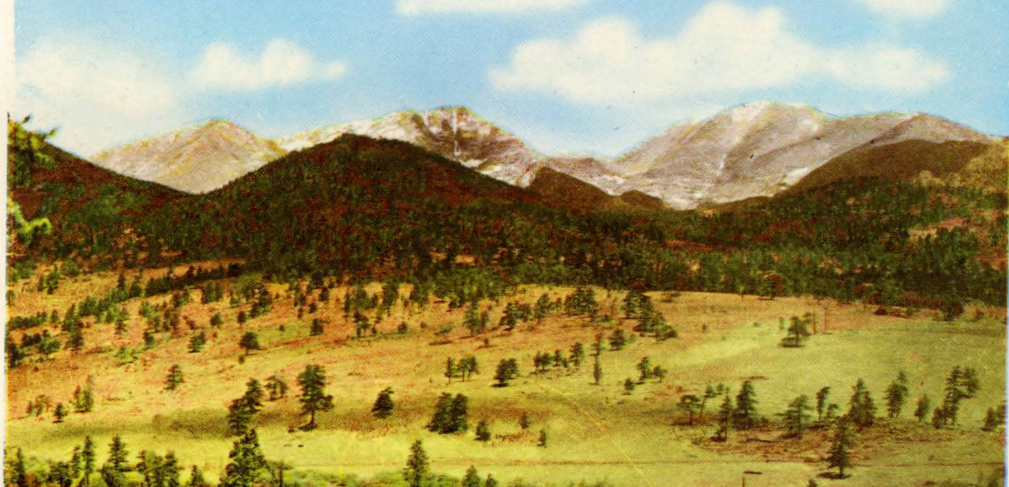


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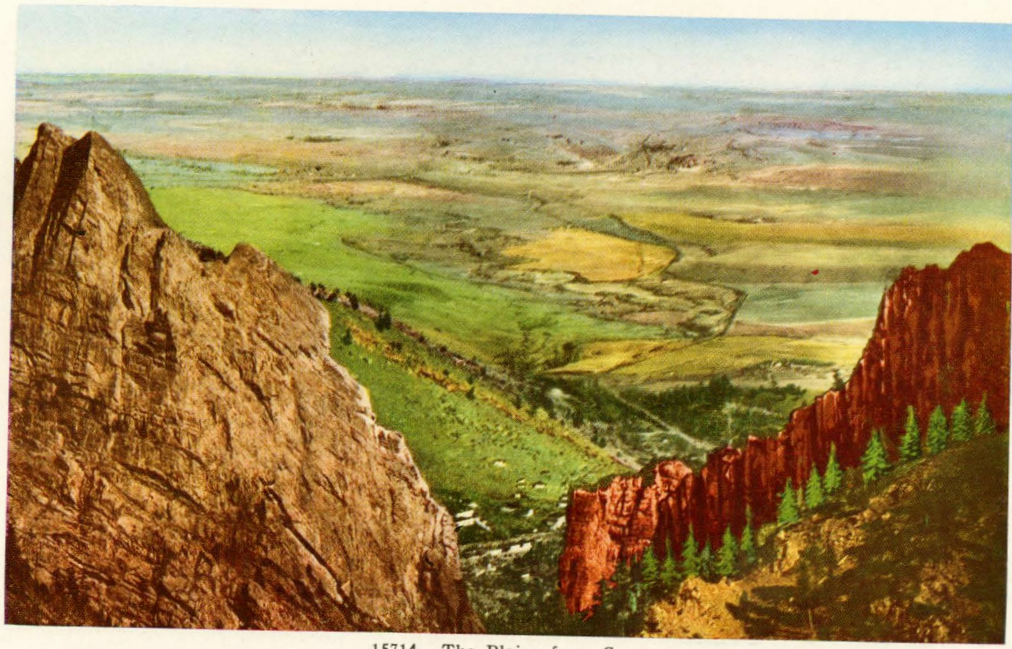
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15663. Birdseye View of Denver from D. & F. Tower



15253. Boulder Park, Colorado. The Arapahoes on the Left and Mt. Audubon on the Right



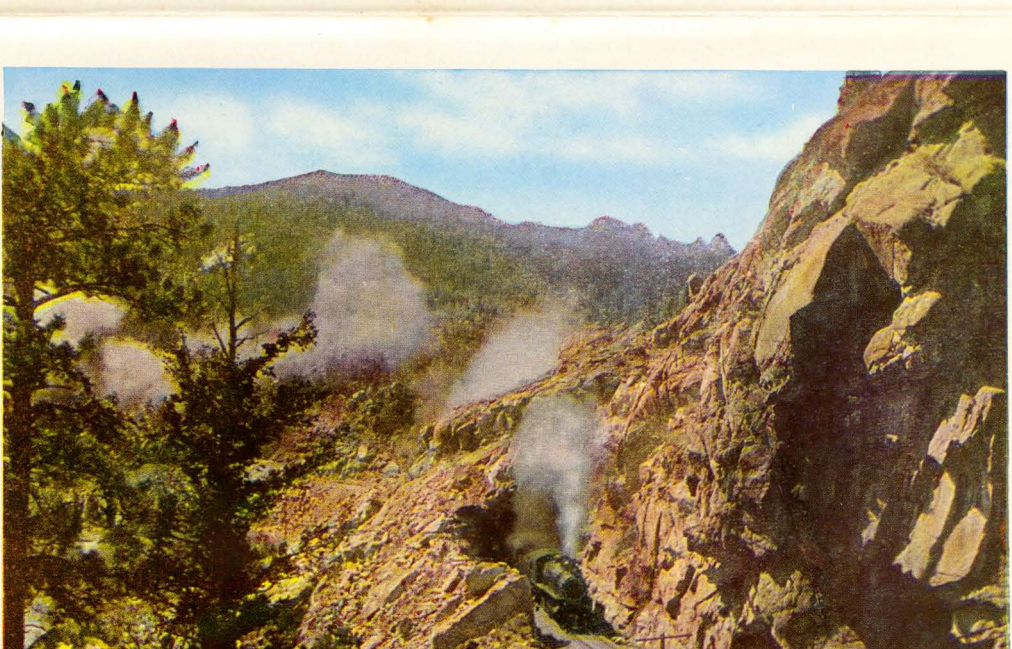
15714. The Plains from Crag



8486. Sentinel Rock, from Tunnel No. 4



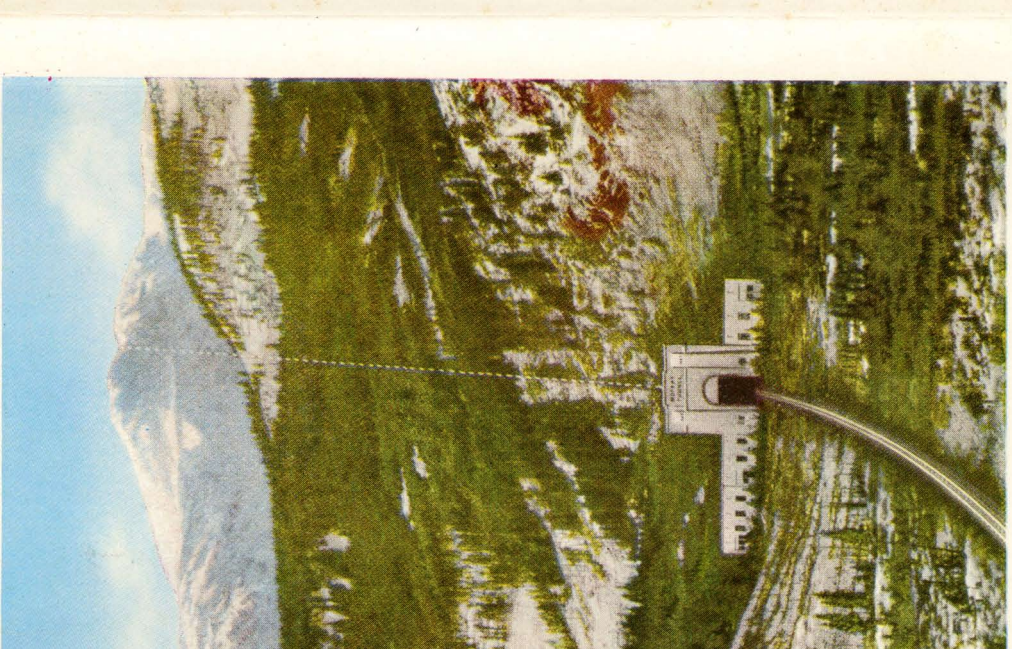
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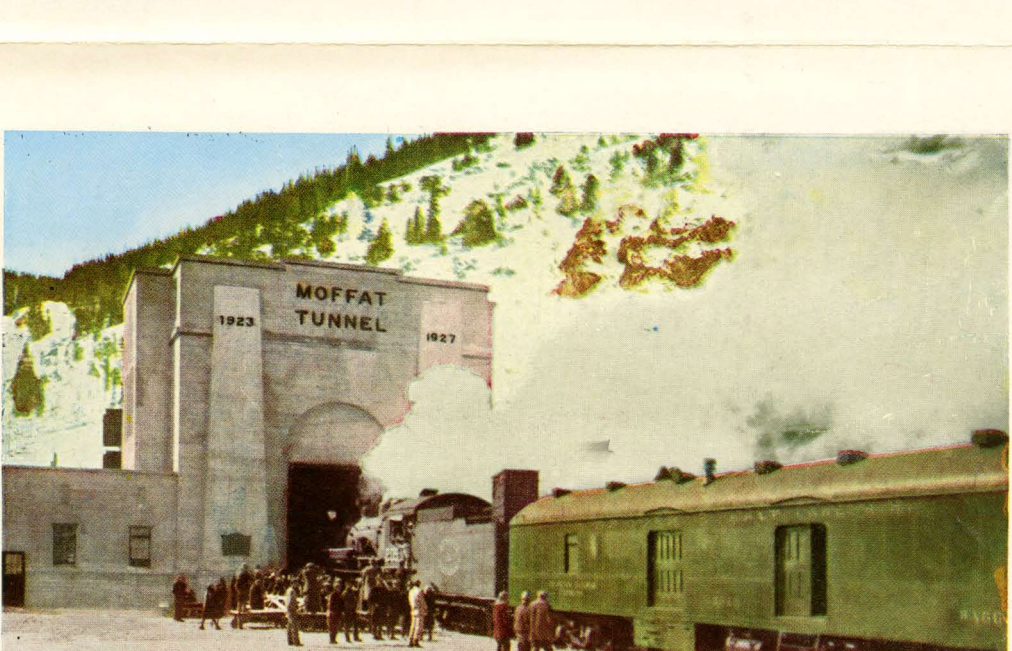
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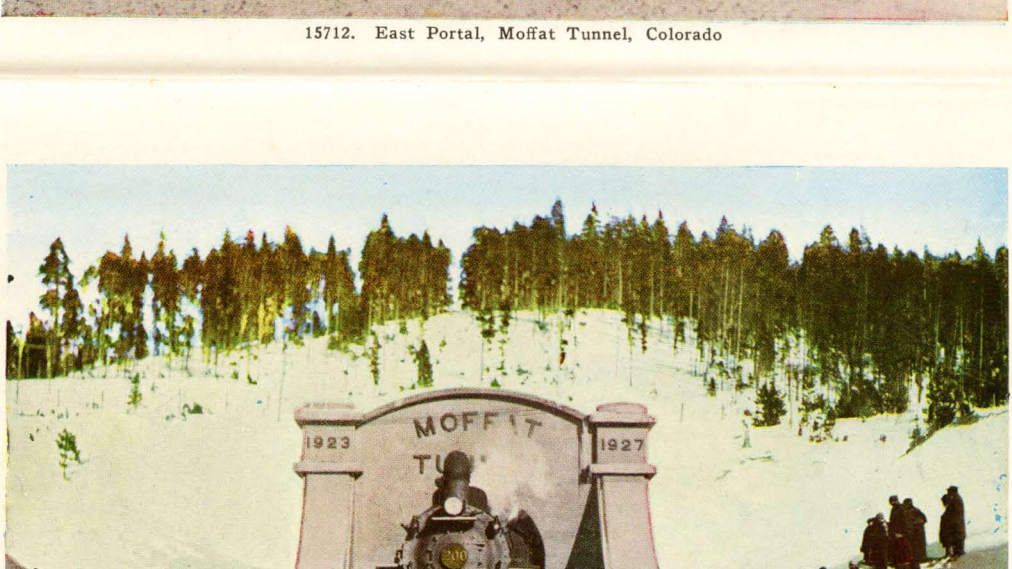
8489. Sphinx Head Rock and Tunnel No. 31



15800. East Portal Moffat Tunnel showing James Peak



15712. East Portal, Moffat Tunnel, Colorado



15713. West Portal, Moffat Tunnel, Colorado



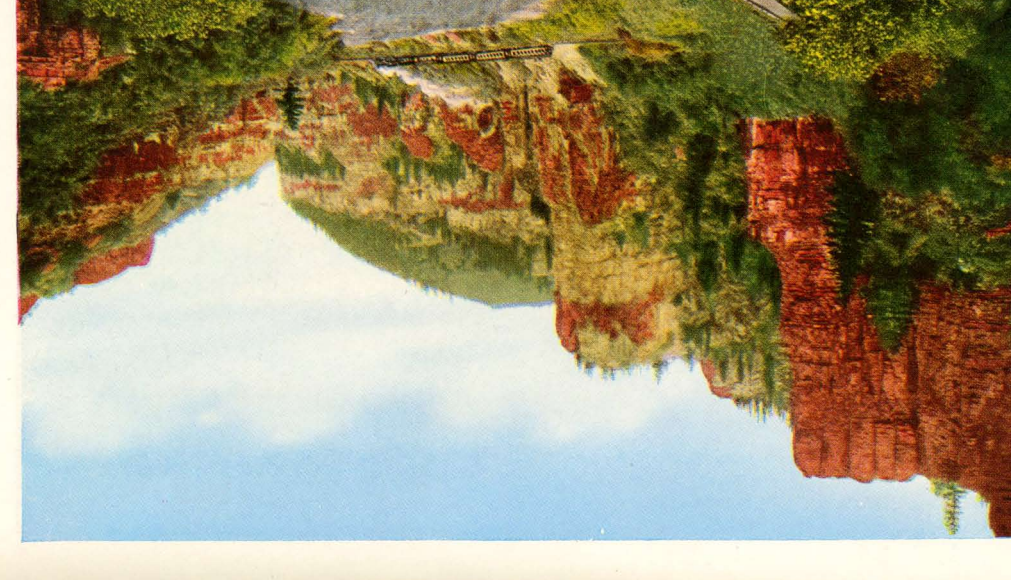
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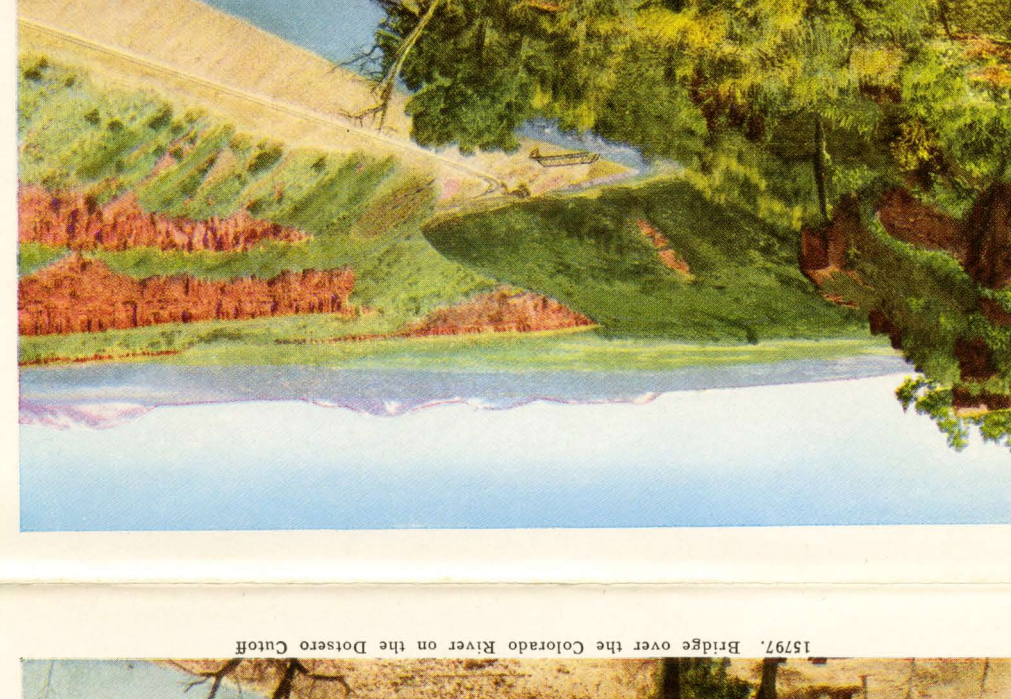
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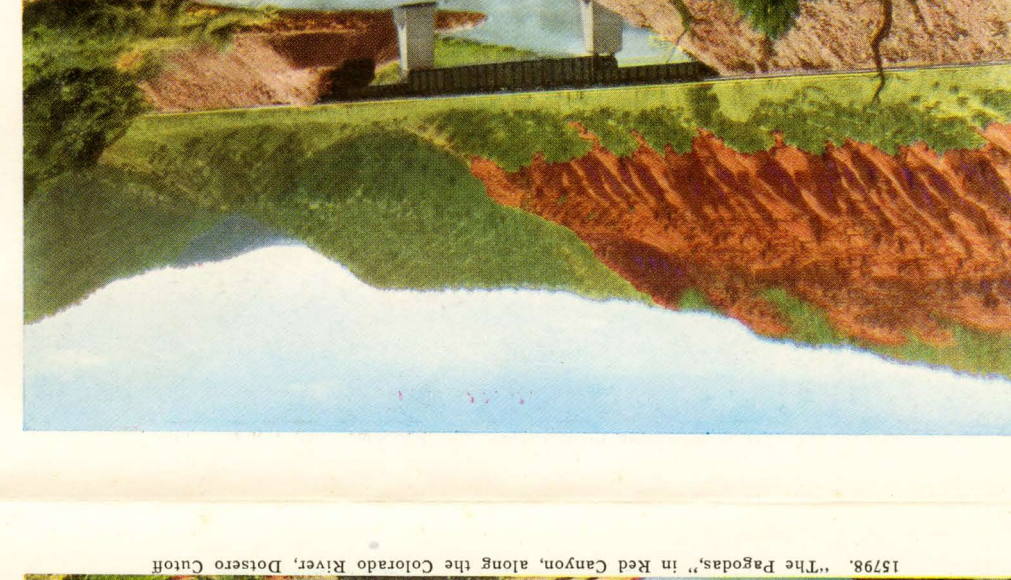
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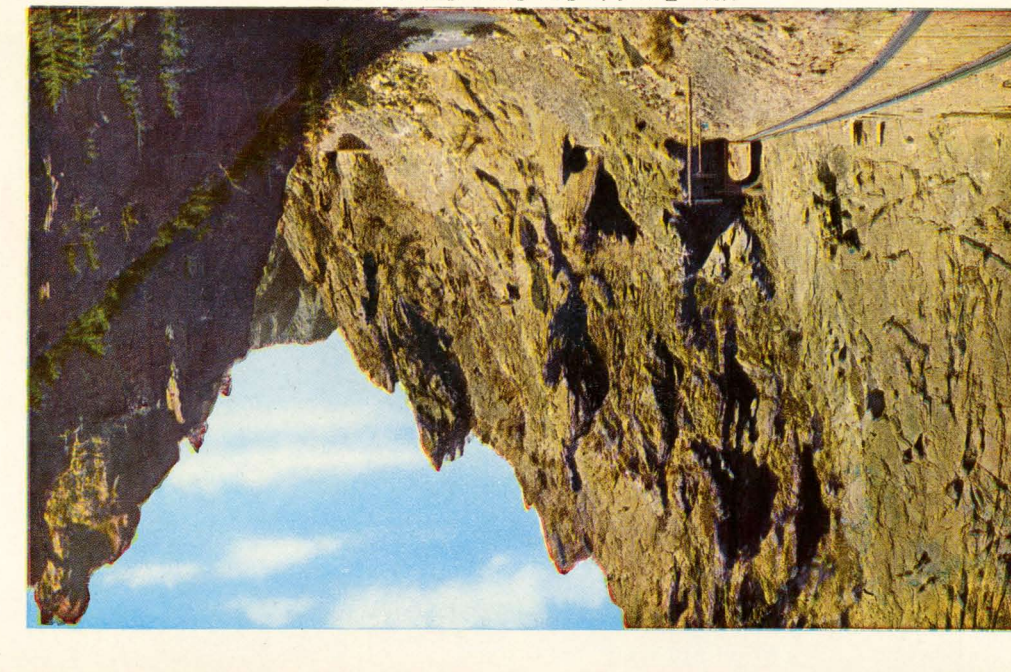
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8491. Tunnel in Gore Canon, Cathedral Rocks



15716. Mt. Genevieve from Vasques Creek, James Peak Route

THROUGH THE ROCKIES UNDER THE CONTINENTAL DIVIDE

The James Peak Route of the Denver and Rio Grande Western Railroad, utilizing the Moffat Tunnel and Dotsero Cut-off, adds another railroad wonderland to the show, placing the West for the American traveler.

The James Peak Route is America's direct railroad through the Continental Divide. Opening of the Dotsero Cut-off in June, 1934, brought to realization the dream of pioneer western railroad builders, who more than half a century ago visioned a trans-continental railroad directly west from Denver. Placing the Moffat Tunnel in trans-continental railroad service fulfills the prophecy made in 1861 by William Gilpin, Colorado's first Territorial Governor, that some day trains would roll through a great bore under the Continental divide.

One of America's great engineering feats, the Moffat Tunnel, was built by the people of the Moffat Tunnel District, including Denver and eight smaller Colorado counties, at a cost of \$18,000,000. Work started in August, 1923, and when completed in February, 1928, it was the longest railroad tunnel in the Western Hemisphere.

The Moffat Tunnel, 50 miles from Denver, extends 6.2 miles under James Peak. The bore is 4,021 feet under the summit of the peak, which is 13,260 feet above sea level. The eastern portal, 9,197 feet elevation, is on the south fork of Boulder Creek, which drains to the Atlantic Ocean; the western portal, 9,076 feet elevation, is on Frazer River, which drains to the Pacific. Apex of the tunnel is the highest point on the James Peak Route, 9,239 feet. Located 75 feet from the railroad tunnel is the water tunnel, with an annual capacity of 100,000 acre feet, which will be utilized to give Denver an additional water supply from the Frazer River.

Construction of the Moffat Tunnel added another thrilling story to the saga of the West. The Dotsero Cut-off, constructed at a cost of approximately \$3,850,000, is the only major new line railroad project undertaken in North America during the past several years. The new line runs from Dotsero, on the Royal Gorge Route, 38 miles up the Colorado River to Orestod, on the James Peak Route.

The James Peak Route presents a panorama of inspiring mountain scenery new to the eyes of the rail traveler. A brief hour from Denver's mile-high level the train runs along high slopes of the mountain range. There is a breath-taking view of the plains just before entering the Moffat Tunnel. Through the heart of the Continental Divide from the Atlantic to the Pacific slope of America is just a few minutes! Truly a remarkable achievement.

Down the west slope of America the track parallels the silvery Colorado River for 235 miles on a gentle water grade from mountain to desert. Forested hills, lofty snow-capped peaks—the pagantry of the Colorado Rockies has never been more spectacularly revealed than on the James Peak Route of the Denver and Rio Grande Western Railroad.