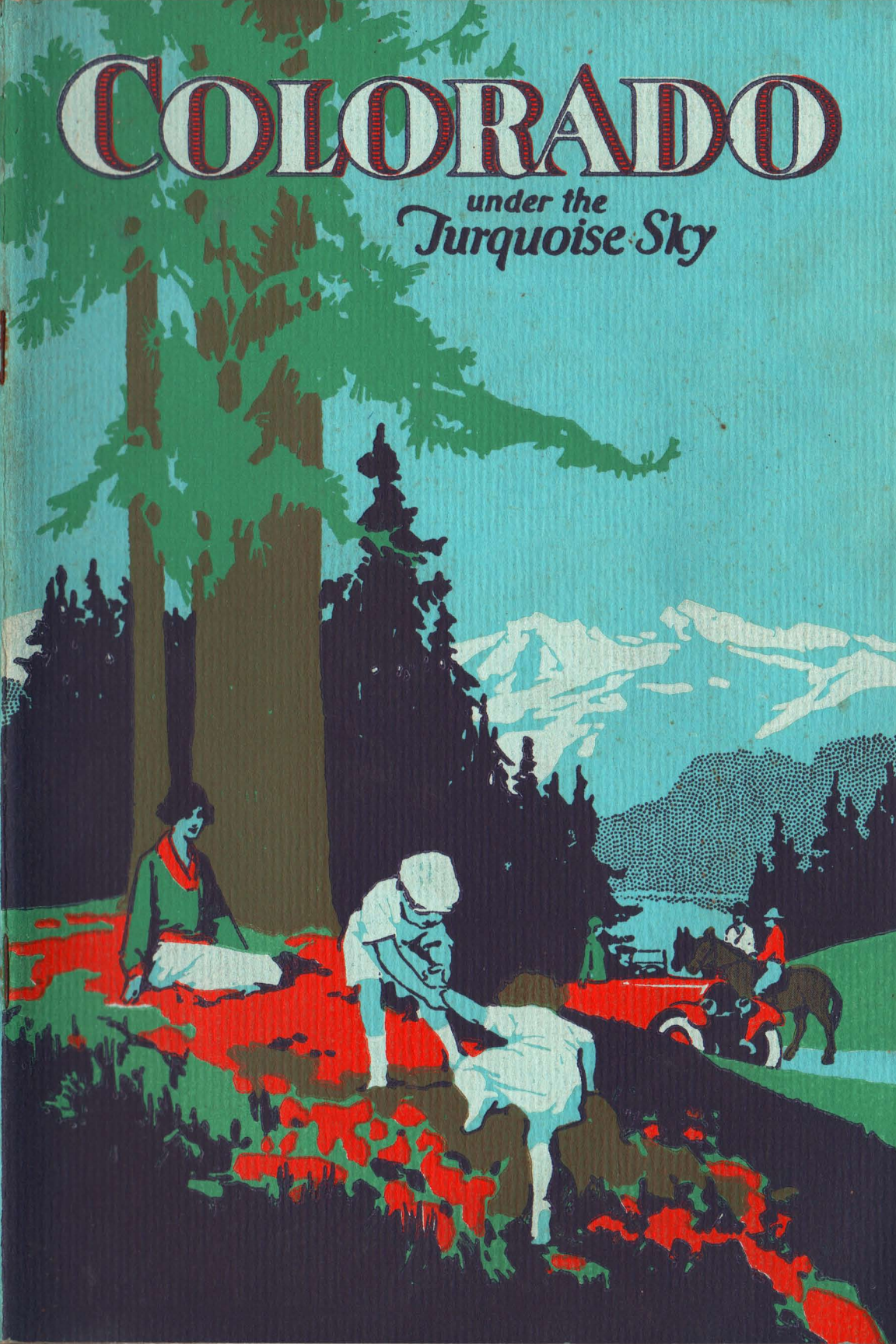


COLORADO

*under the
Turquoise Sky*



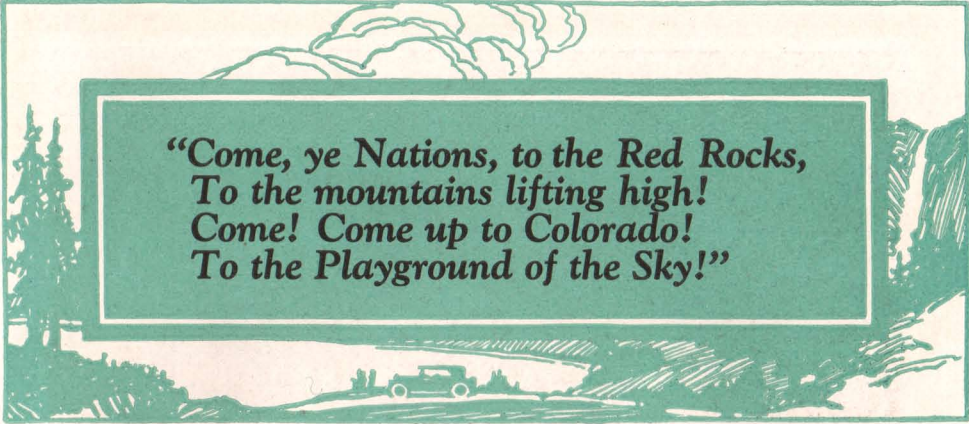
to the Land of the
Turquoise Sky



via the
Rock Island



Pikes Peak—"Sentinel of the Plains." As the Rocky Mountain Limited and Colorado Flyer near "Rampart Range" the snowy cap of this great peak is an inspiring sight. Across the boundless plains, it extends the first cordial welcome to rest and recreation in the cool shadow of the Rockies.



*“Come, ye Nations, to the Red Rocks,
To the mountains lifting high!
Come! Come up to Colorado!
To the Playground of the Sky!”*



WALK! Walk? Why man, those tents are thirty-two miles from here!”

I shall never forget that day—my first Colorado day.

Across the mesa, in the purple distance, serrated mountains seemed to pile themselves higher and higher, their upper contour like an exalted tracing of the skyline of Manhattan, while the great canyons that separated them resembled caved-in tunnels, as of a giant subway abandoned.

At their feet, microscopic in comparison, but plainly visible, were three white cones—the tents of a camping party—my destination.

And I had remarked to a villager that I thought I'd enjoy what appeared to be no more than a half-hour's walk in the bracing air.

Distances are deceptive in that bracing air. So clear, so clean is it that the eye travels far beyond its accustomed range of vision elsewhere. All afternoon we rode across the mesa. Always the little white cones were just ahead, like the end of the rainbow, but the sun had dropped behind its curtain of mountains long before we reached the camp.

And I was soon to learn that it is not only the physical, but also the mental and spiritual vision that the Bigness of Colorado broadens. For it is here that, eons ago, the story of Earth's most awful cataclysm was recorded. It is a revelation of sublimity that only the Divine Mind could have conceived; of grandeur that only the Divine Hand could have created. There are peaks that dam the very clouds, sheer canyons whose rugged walls of sandstone and granite and porphyry drop thousands of feet to depths below, great glaciers whose lower sheets of ice are five thousand years older than their newly-frozen sources, tumbling mountain streams whose dashing speed keeps them continually churned to foam and froth, eternal snows, seemingly endless fields of gorgeously-tinted wild flowers, limitless mesas and forests, and these things, at the outset, strain and stun the senses. It is by a gradual process—from admiration to wonder—from wonder to awe—that the imagination is developed.

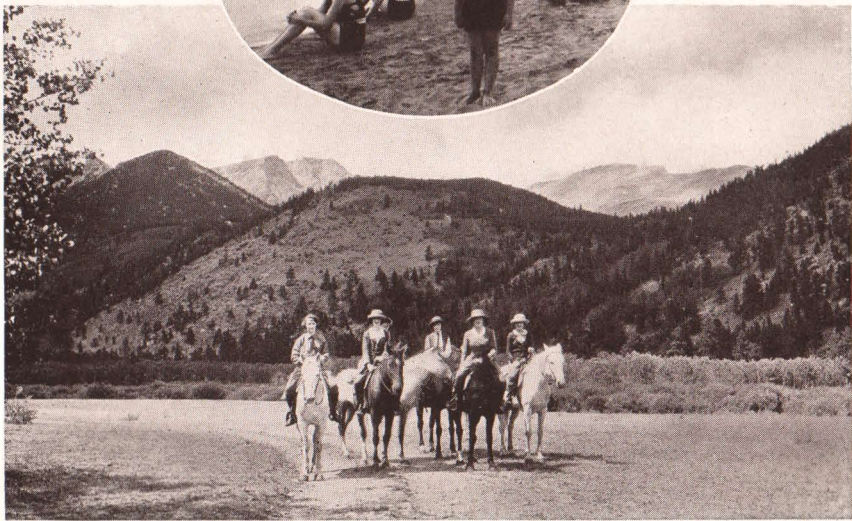
So these are the two main reasons why Colorado has become “America's greatest playground”—first, because the altitude and the pure, crisp air are conducive to physical up-building; second, because its magnitude leads to mental and spiritual expansion. A third reason, of almost equal importance, is its central location. Fifty-five million Americans may be resting or playing in Colorado twenty-four hours after leaving home.



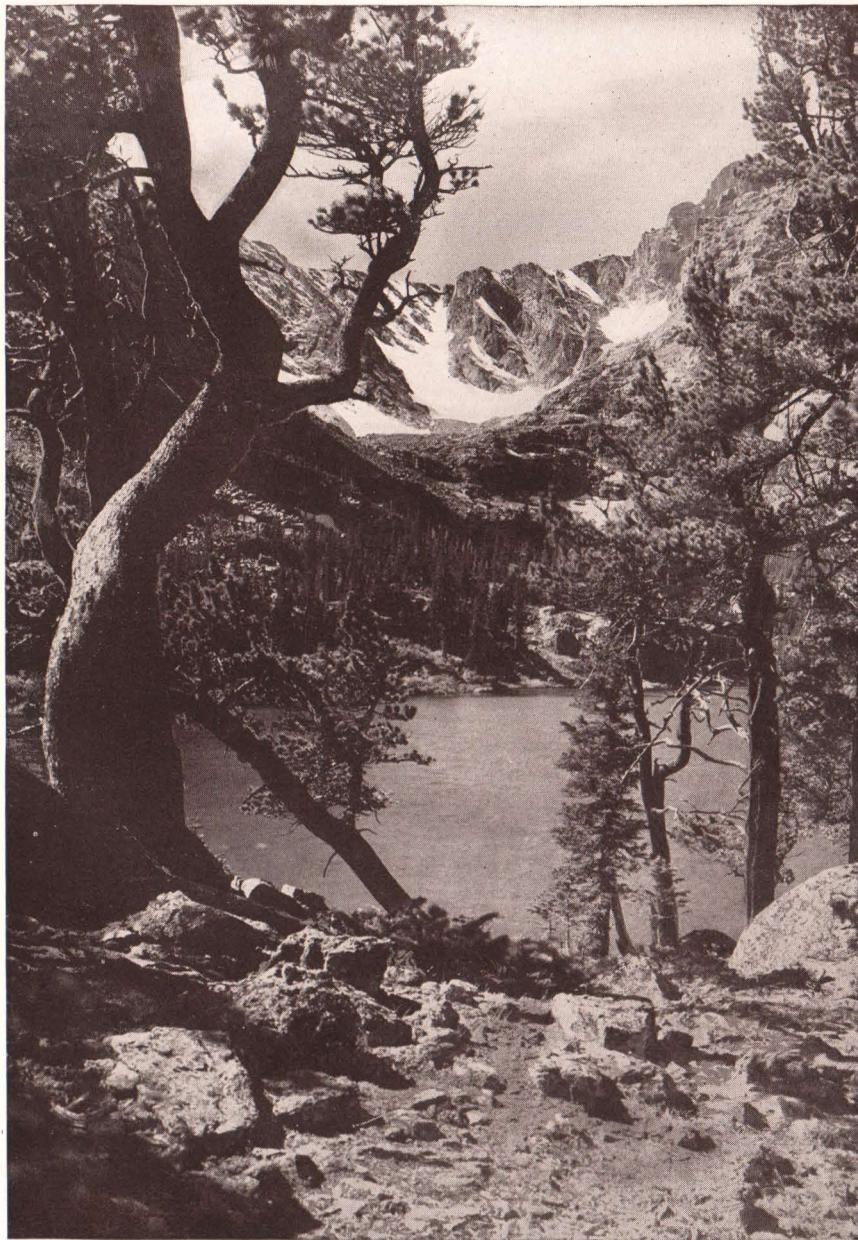
Like broad ribbons drawn through Mother Earth's most elaborate ruffles, Colorado's motor roads lead into the mountains in all directions. It is here that the most enthusiastic driver loses his love for the steering wheel, as he prefers to center his entire attention in the marvelous scenery.



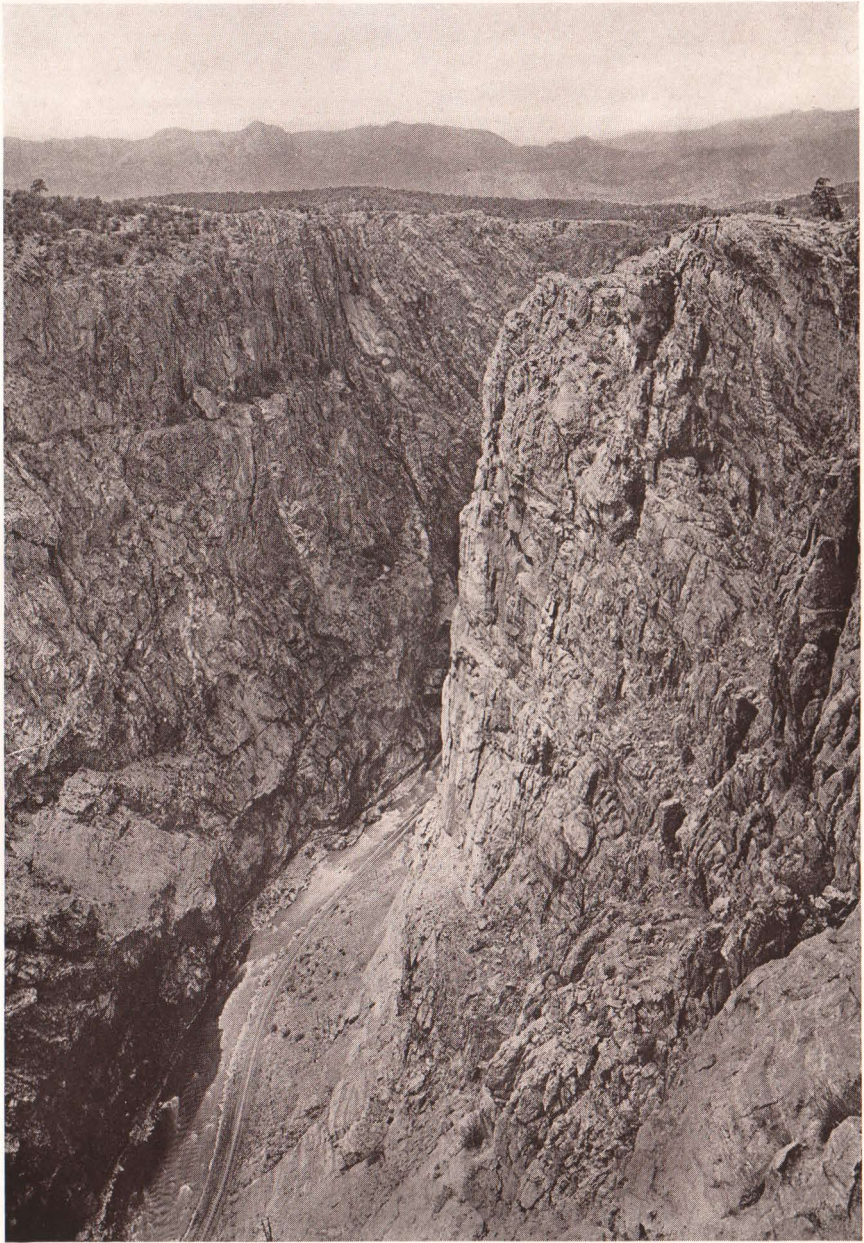
View from Cheyenne Mountain (near Colorado Springs) eastward towards the prairie lands of Kansas and Nebraska. This Mountain Highway extends to Cripple Creek, a distance of eighteen miles and the beauty, grandeur and variety of the views are almost beyond description.



Change the old lullaby to "Rockies-Bye-Baby" and it becomes the most effective lullaby in the world. In Colorado, young lungs expand, young muscles harden and young cheeks redden as nowhere else. And millions of acres of wild-flowers keep the young minds and hearts continually occupied, happy and contented.



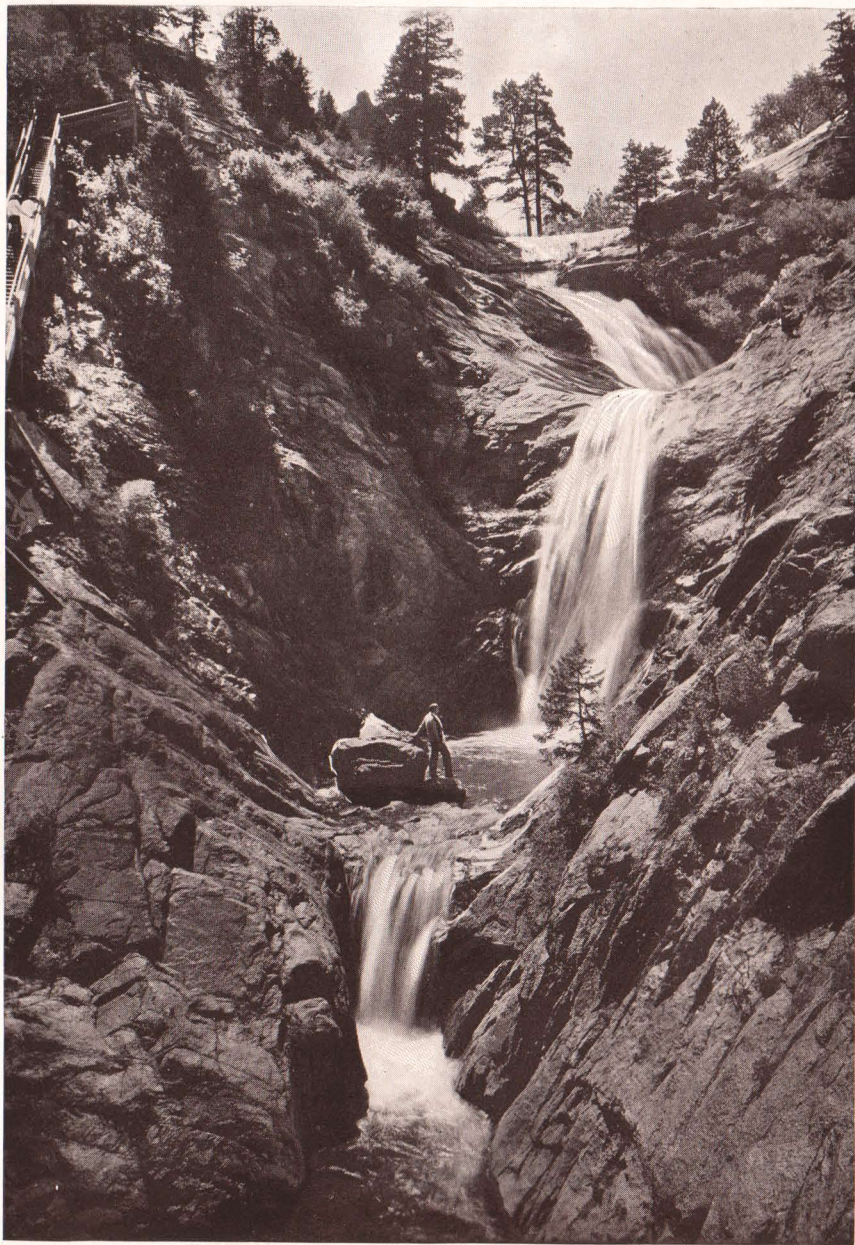
Loch Vale—Rocky Mountain National Park. It would take many summers to explore all the lakes, streams and waterfalls of the region, and, unfortunately, many Colorado tourists have time for no more than a short trip through the Park. But for those who can spare a week or more these lakes are a great attraction.



Royal Gorge, Grand Canyon of the Arkansas. Walls more than half a mile in altitude and in places no more than thirty feet apart. There are canyons innumerable in Colorado, each differing from all the others in predominating color and in the character of its rocks.



“Thirty minutes for Rainbow” is the usual paraphrasing of a Colorado announcer when an auto or rail stop is made for lunch or dinner. Rainbow trout is the Colorado fisherman’s favorite. He is not the biggest, but for his size he is the bitin’est, fightin’est of all that move in the waters.



Upper view of the Seven Falls, one of the most unique and beautiful cascades in the World, reached by short auto trip from Colorado Springs through South Cheyenne Canyon, flanked by towering granite cliffs. Rock Island Lines is the shortest route between the East and Colorado Springs.

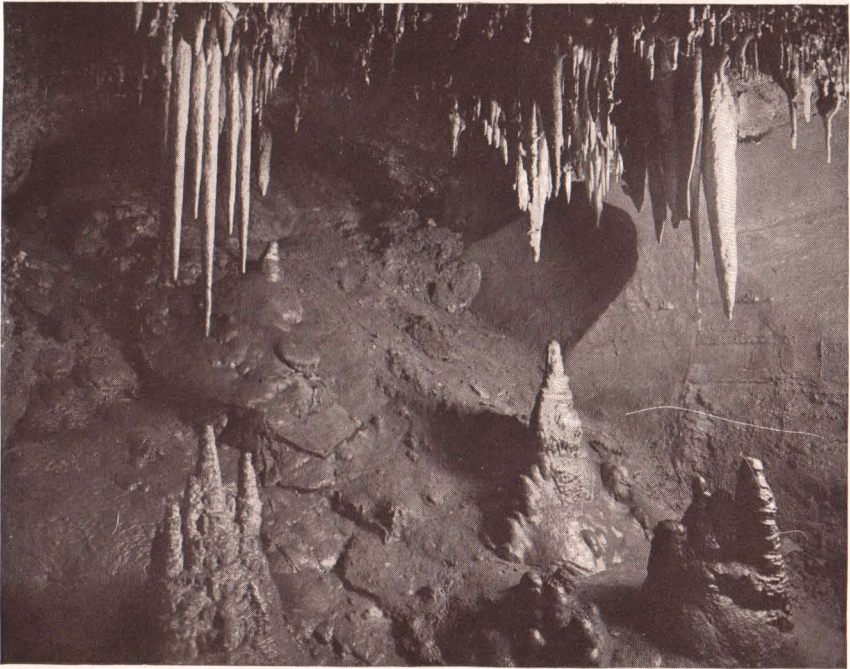
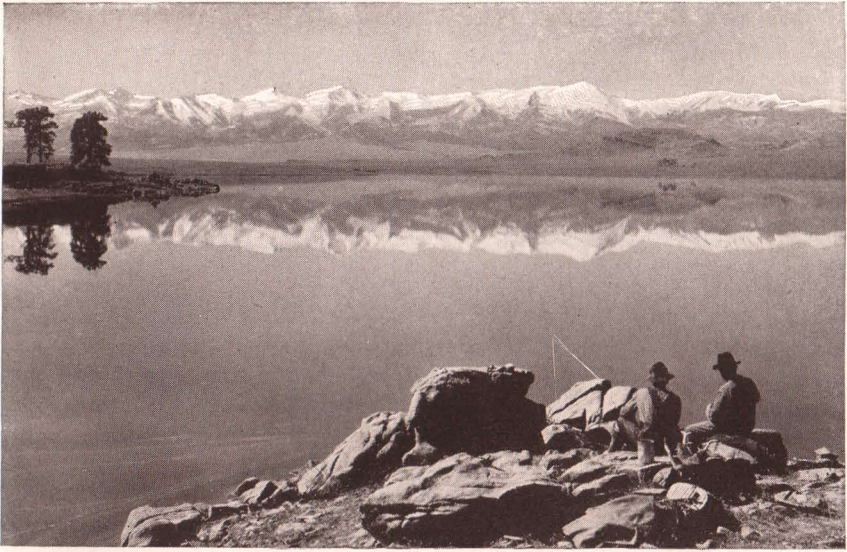
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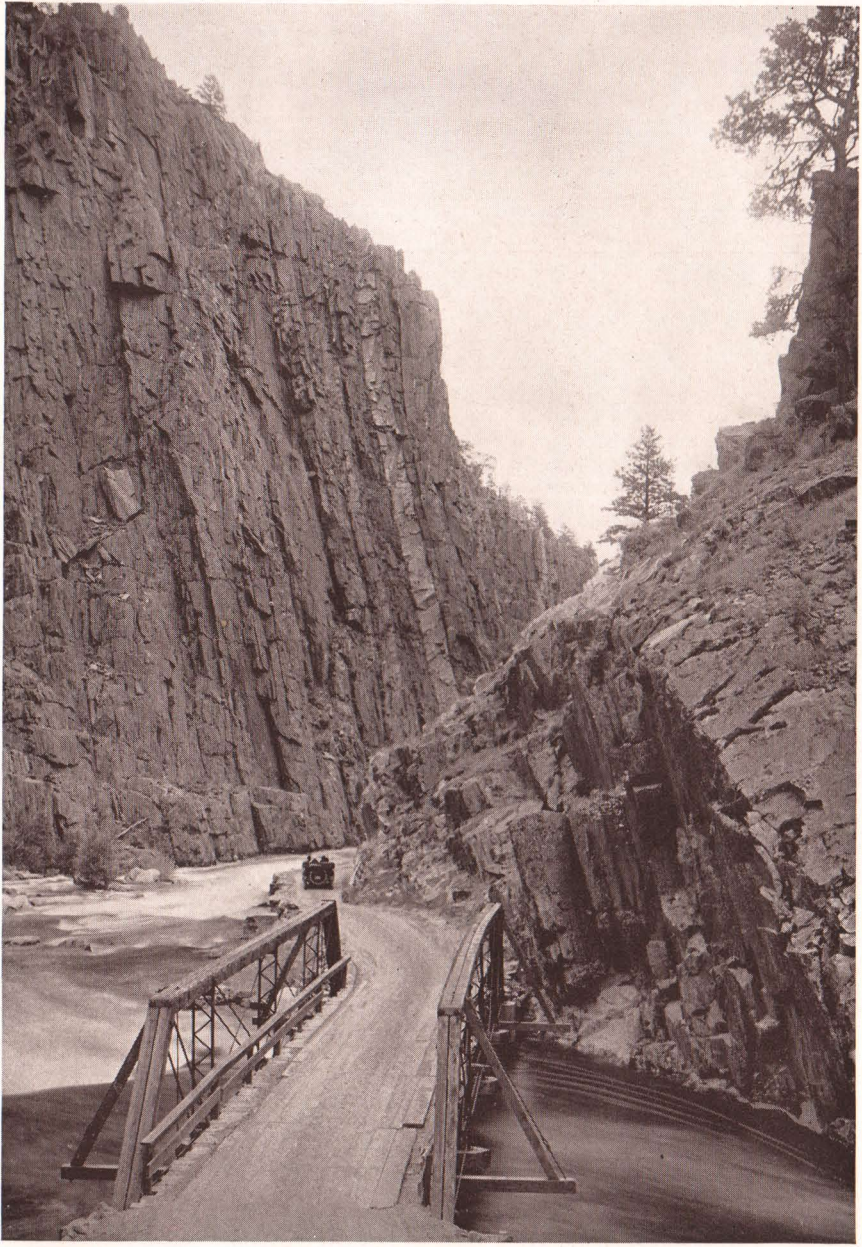
Sky-Line Drive—Cañon City. The most practicable way to view the Canyons from both top and bottom is by automobile. Few people, unaccustomed to mountain roads, undertake these trips in their own cars, but sight-seeing cars, manned by experts, are now operated to all the important scenic spots.



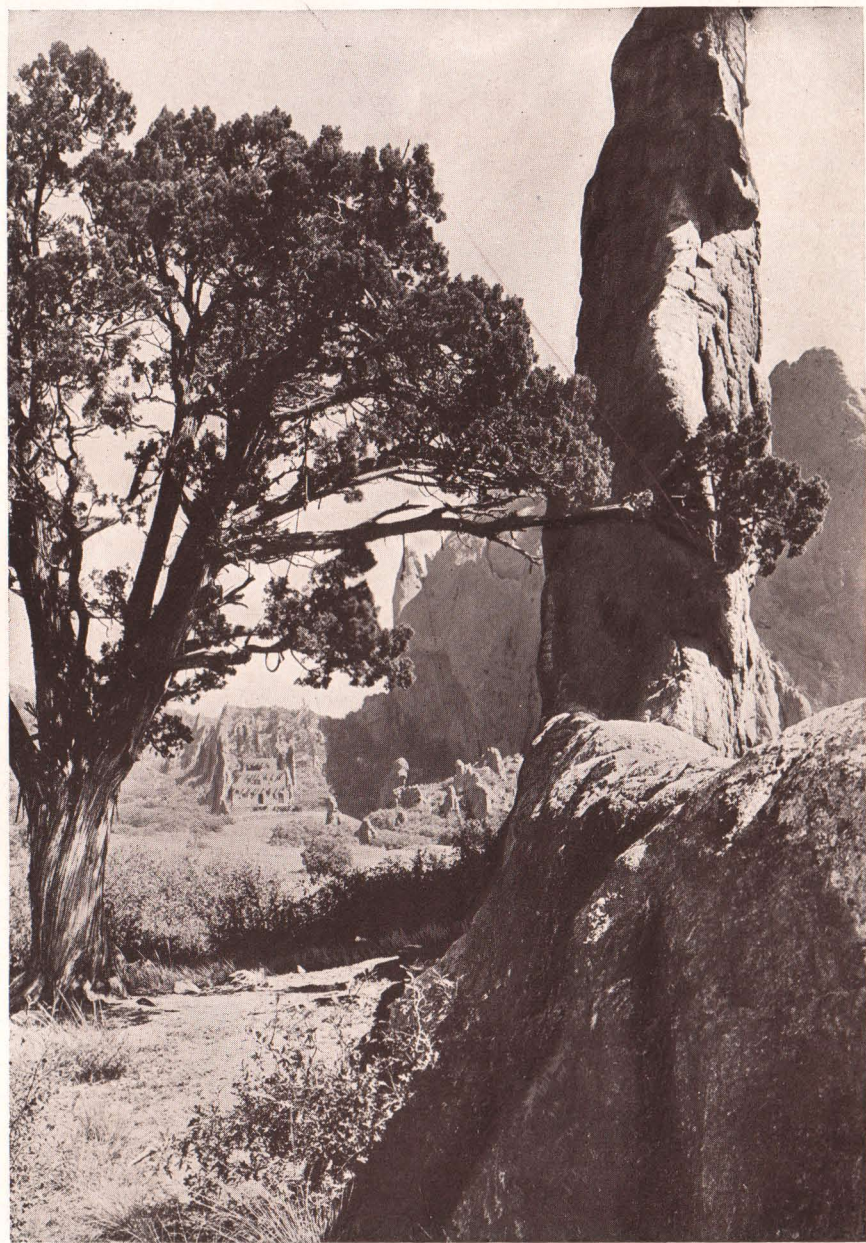
Above—The “Sangre de Cristo” range was named by the Spanish-speaking pioneers—caused by the sight of a red flood of sunset on its white slopes.
Below—Cave of the Winds—one of the geological miracles of Colorado. Its stalactites and stalagmites flash and scintillate weirdly under the electric lights.



San Isabel Forest—region of high peaks, deep gorges, rich valleys, sand-duned deserts and grim, titanic rock formations—a great scenic attraction easily accessible from Pueblo. A trip there is a lasting experience. The three scenes above typify the vagaries of nature.



Big Thompson Canyon—one of the three scenic auto routes between Denver and Rocky Mountain National-Estes Park. The towering granite walls of Big Thompson rise a thousand feet or more on both sides of the road. The "Grand Circle" through the Park covers two hundred and forty miles in a two-day trip.



Garden of the Gods, near Colorado Springs—Manitou. So called because it was the worshiping place of the Indian, who saw in these weird rock figures—wrought by Nature's handiwork—the images of his divinities. The visitor may easily discern in these strange formations representations of living beings.



Golf is a great attraction in Colorado. The sport combines with inspirational surroundings and a clear tonic air that will clip many strokes from your usual score. Fine golf courses near Colorado Springs, Denver, Estes Park and other points are available to the Summer visitor. Bring your golf clubs.



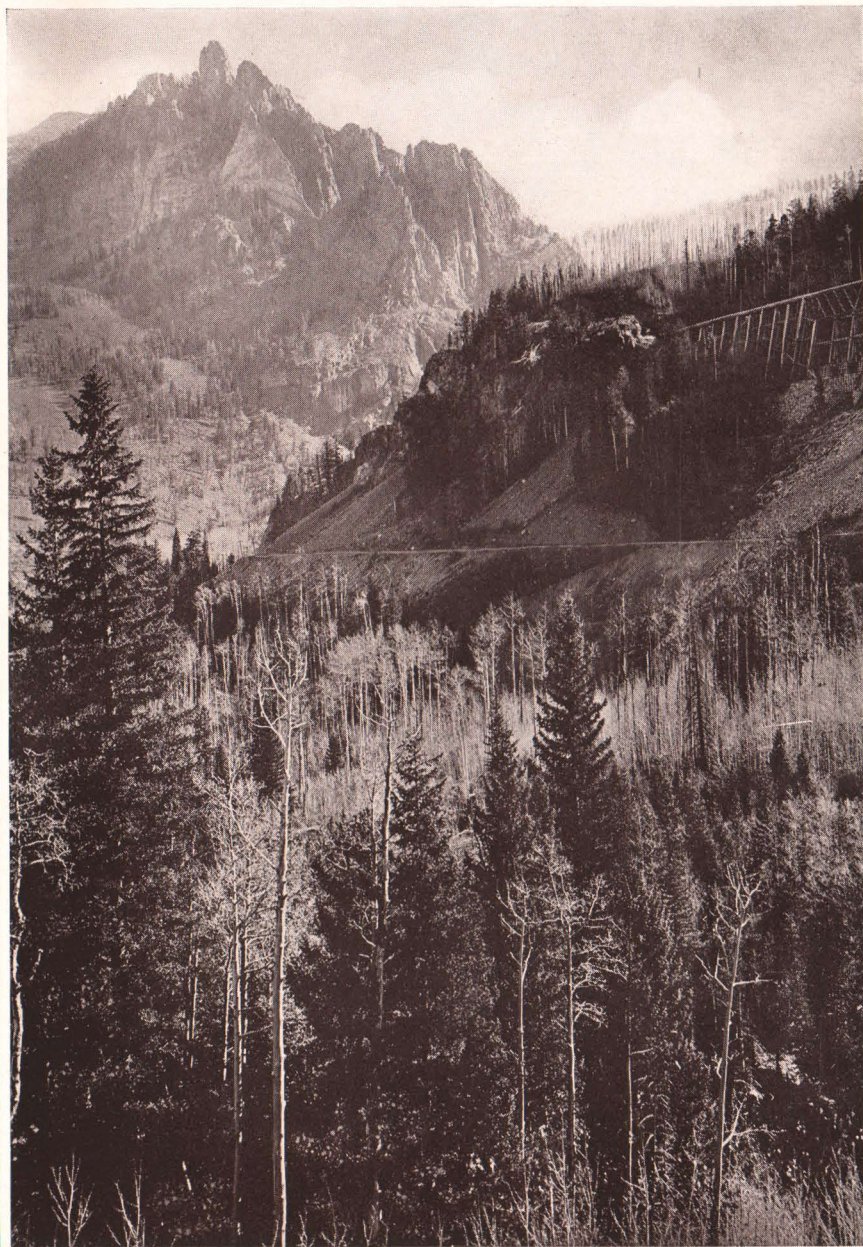
Berthoud Pass—Over the Crest of the Continent. It is through this pass, 11,300 feet above sea level, that the return trip of the Rocky Mountain National Park two-day Circle Tour is made. From this point to Denver the route leads through Clear Creek Canyon and Denver Mountain Parks.



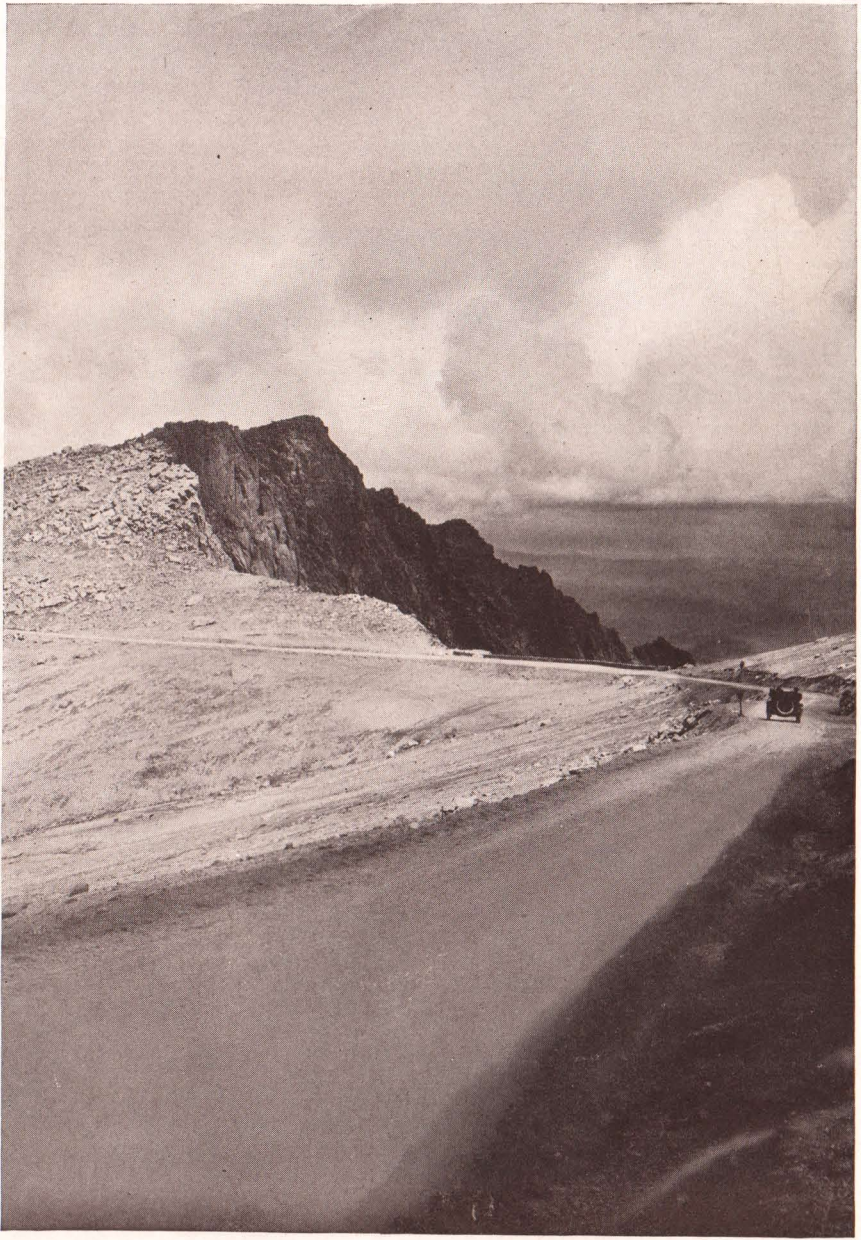
On the western slope of Colorado are many wonderful scenic spots. At Glenwood Hot Springs there are mineral springs, natural vapor caves and a great outdoor swimming pool used the year 'round. The Rock Island operates through Pullmans daily via the Colorado Way to Glenwood and other western Colorado points.



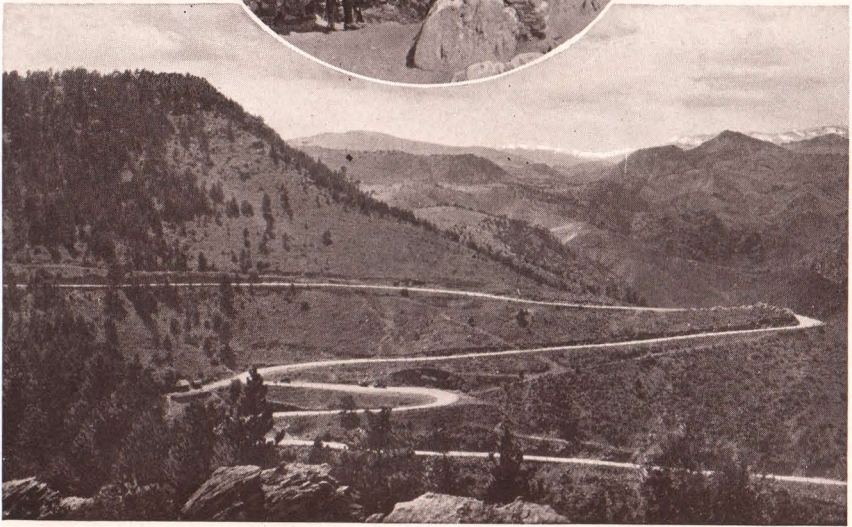
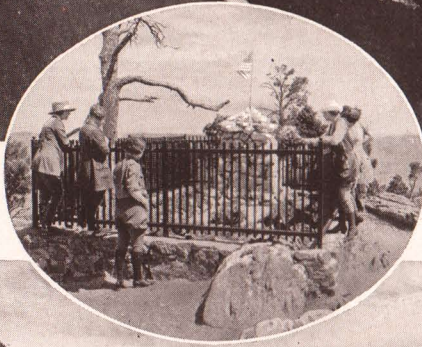
Grand Lake—Rocky Mountain National Park, one of the largest and most beautiful bodies of water in Colorado. There are hotel and cottage accommodations here for the vacationist who may fish, bathe, sail or just loaf in quiet comfort. There are numerous other vacation resorts in the Park to suit every requirement.



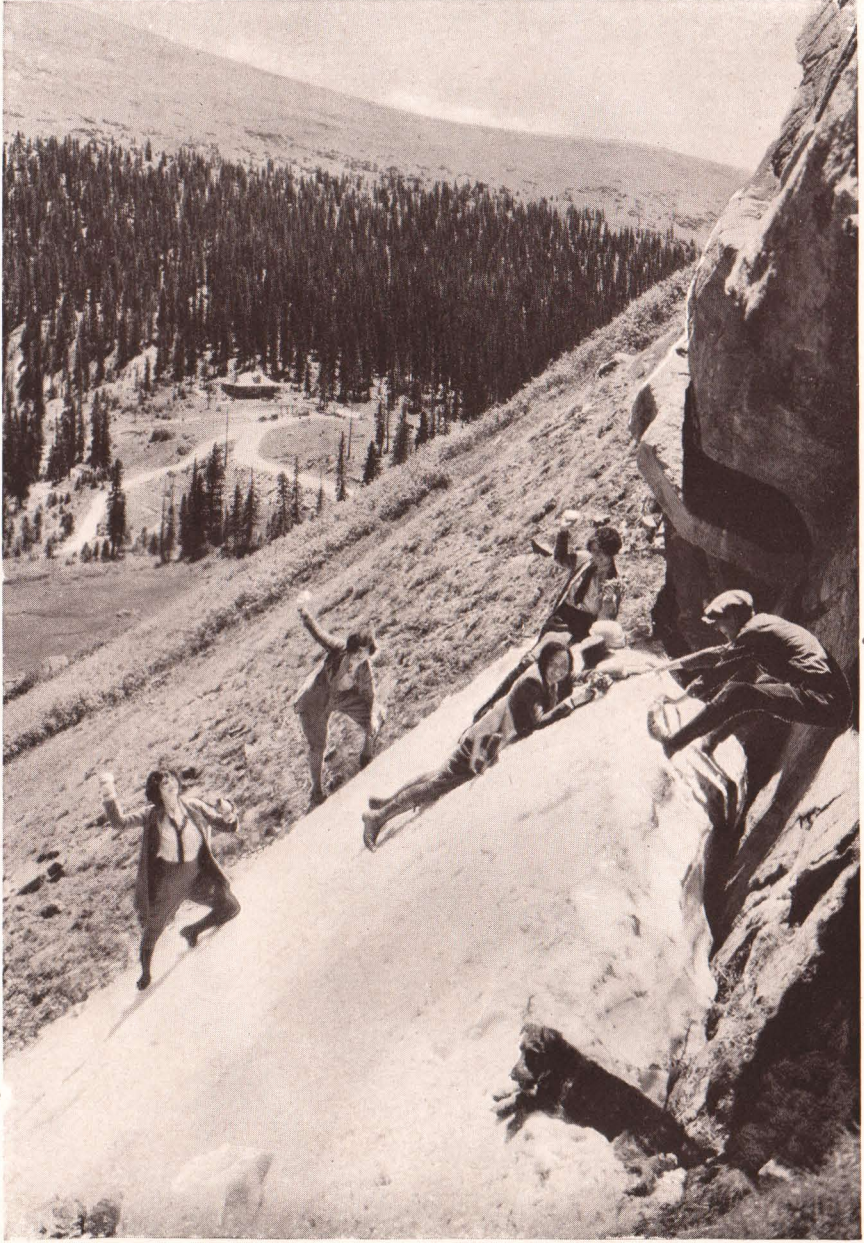
“From every mountain side let freedom ring.” Freedom is a Colorado specialty. In contemplation of such peaks as the Cathedral Spires here shown, it is impossible to remember the business or domestic worries of everyday life. As James Whitcomb Riley said, “Jes’ git out, rest and not work at nothin’ else.”



Pikes Peak Auto Highway—Turning, twisting, winding, writhing, but always upward around the mountain sides, this famous road excites admiration not only because of its views into illimitable space and immeasurable depths, but also because of the engineering problems it has solved.



In the towering hills west of the City, Denver has set aside a beautiful district of peak, gorge and upland plateau known as Denver's Mountain Parks—a great scenic domain in its primitive beauty. "Buffalo Bill's" Grave (center) lies there at top of Lookout Mountain.



Snow in the shadows, sunshine in the open—that's Colorado in midsummer. Children thrive best in the clear, cool air of the Colorado Rockies. You can leave Chicago or St. Louis via Rock Island Lines today and be in Colorado tomorrow. Try it this Summer and you'll go every Summer.

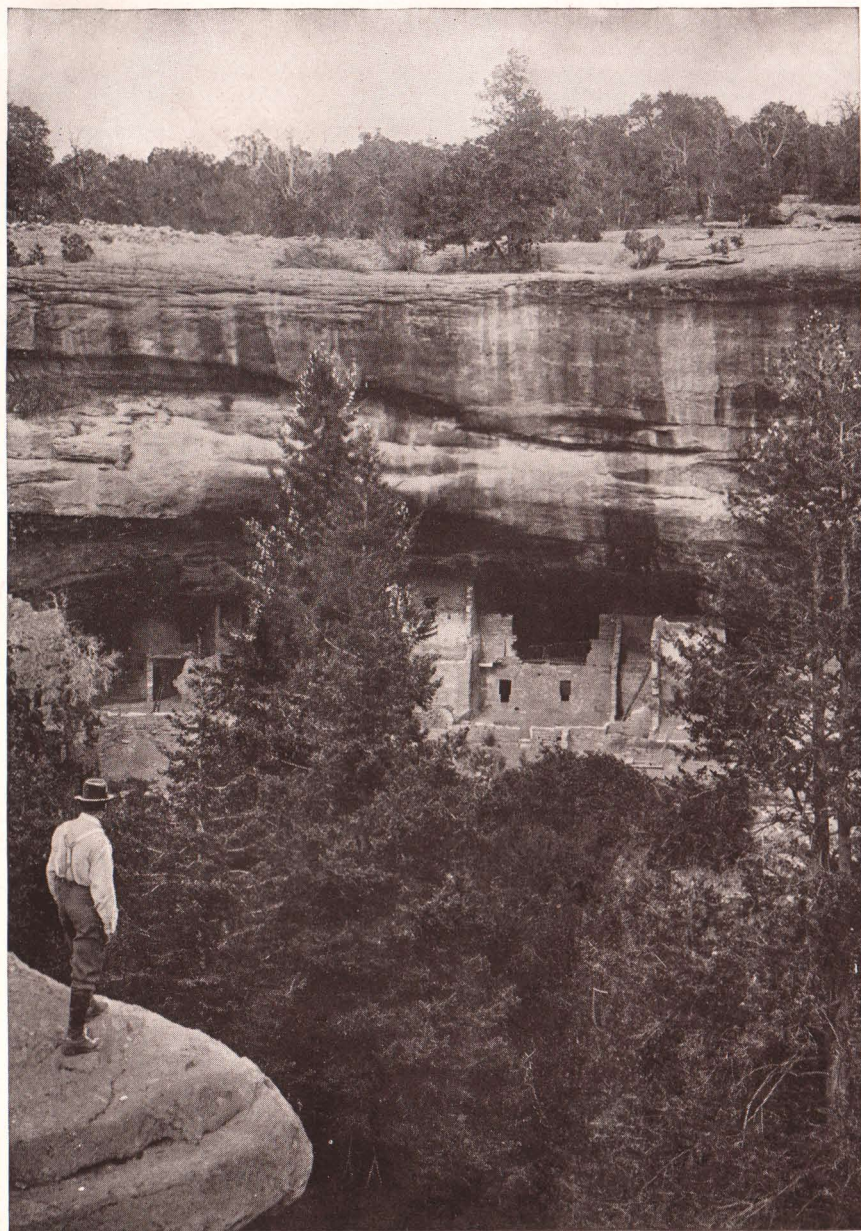


A railway trip to one of the highest eminences on the globe—Fikes Peak. The famous cog road built at a cost of nearly a million dollars extends from Manitou to the summit, a distance of nine miles. An unobstructed view of the grand Front Range of the Colorado Rockies is limited only by the bounds of vision.

COLORADO—UNDER THE TURQUOISE SKY



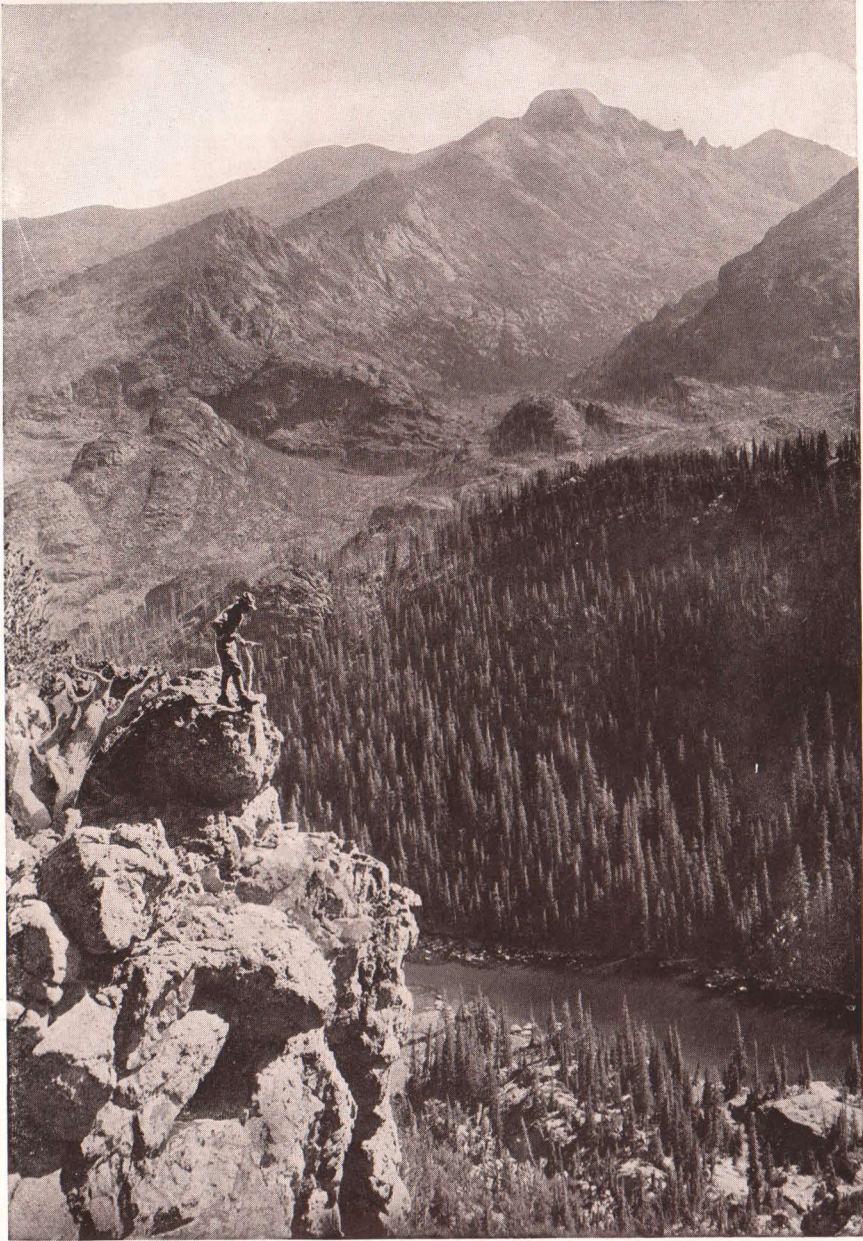
No effort or hardship to reach such beautiful and inspiring spots as this in the Colorado Rockies. This party has just stepped from a comfortable auto on the Echo Lake Road in the Denver Mountain Parks. Comfort and convenience are big factors on your vacation trip via Rock Island Lines.



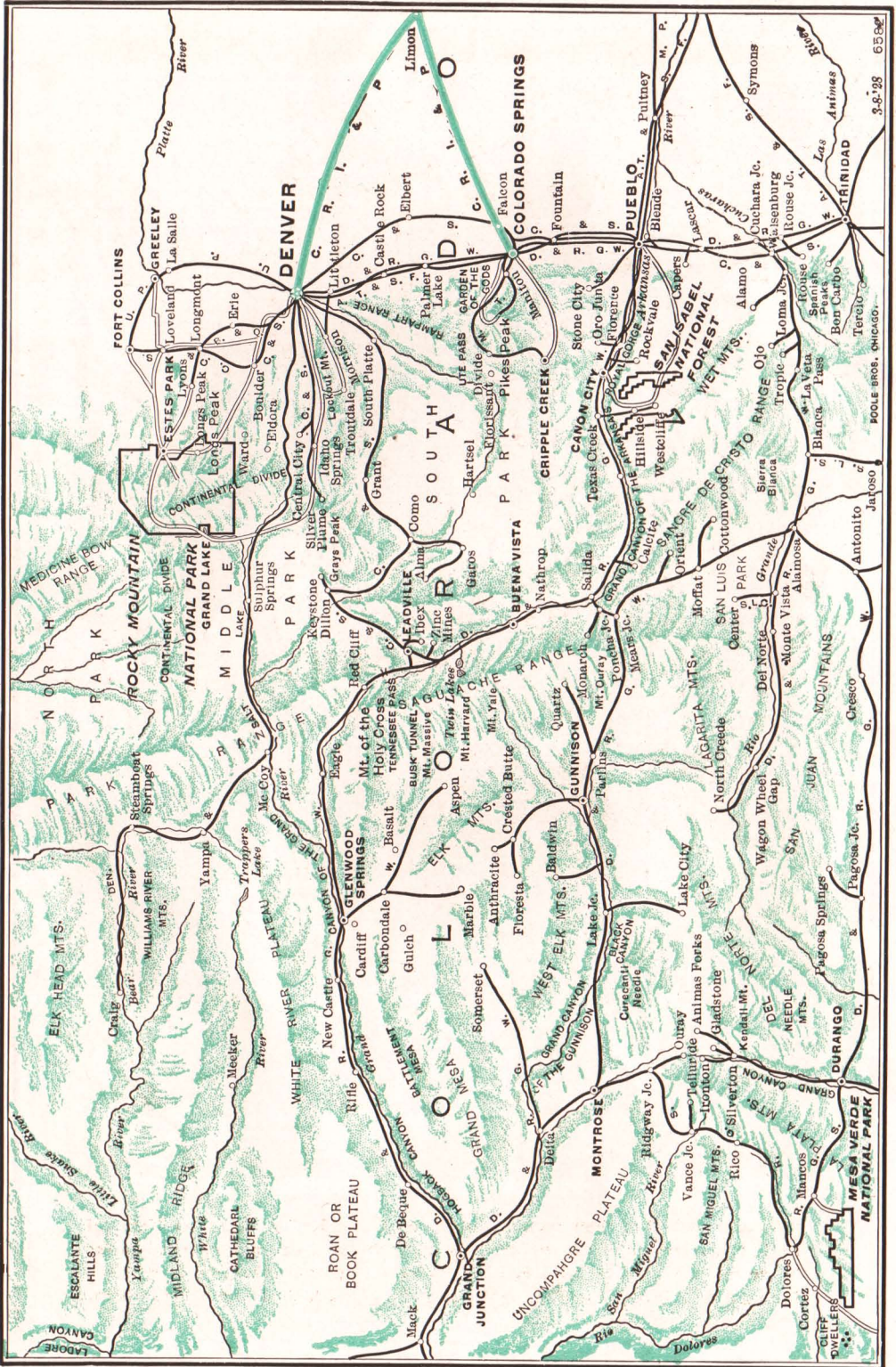
Spruce Tree House—Mesa Verde National Park. An archeological attraction of exceptional interest. Whole villages of a by-gone people have been unearthed—their cliff dwellings, public meeting houses and religious centers. These discoveries point to a near-civilization unparalleled by any other early American people.

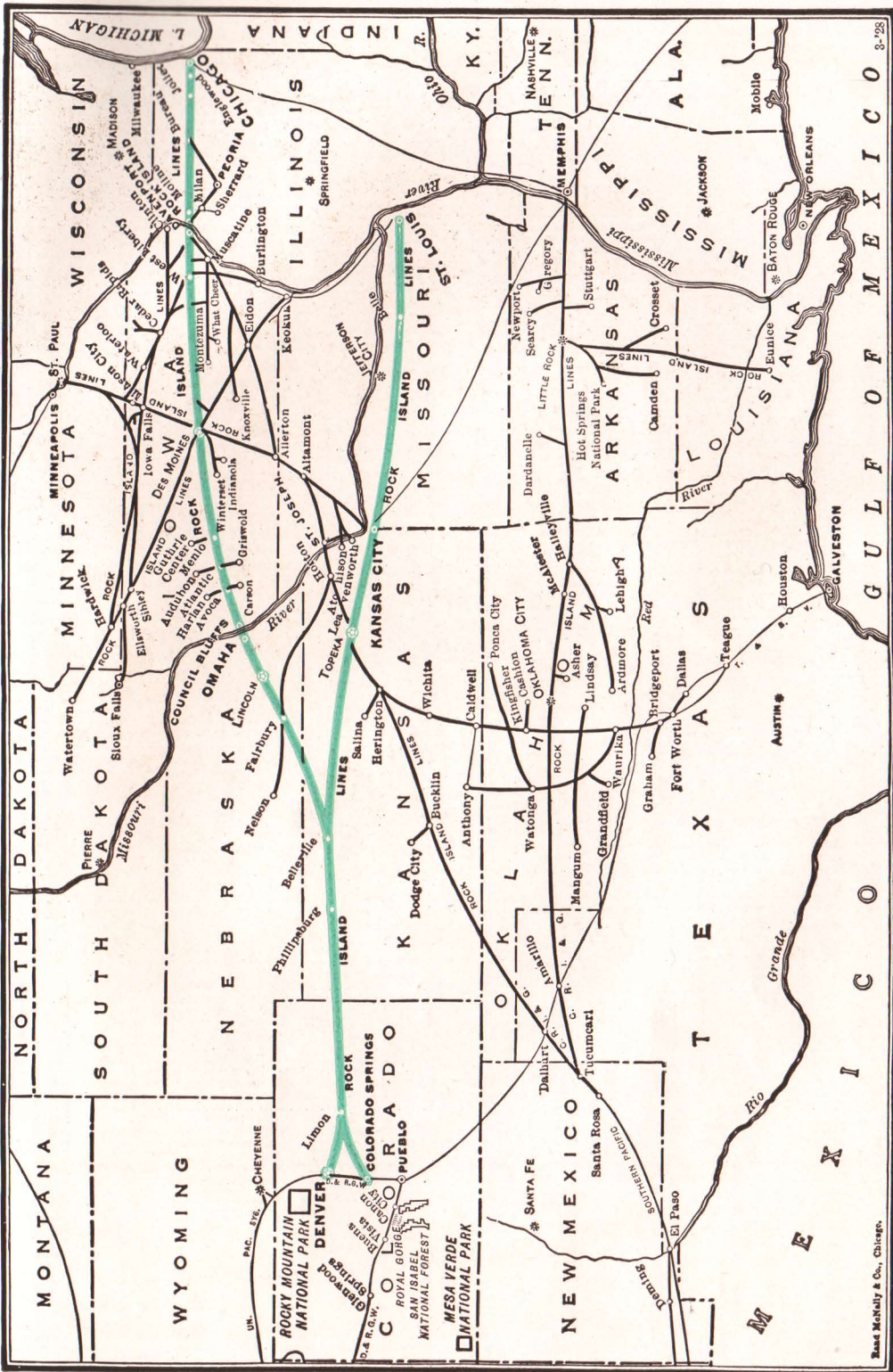


Horseback riding is a favorite recreation in Colorado. Bridle paths criss-cross the mountains and often lead to hidden fastnesses that only the favored few are privileged to know. The horse knows his way and his rider misses none of the beauties of Nature.



“What is man that thou art mindful of him?” In Rocky Mountain National Park, where mountains in tremendous mass thrust their snow-crowned peaks heavenward, man is belittled and his affairs of importance become as nothing. Here grandeur is the all-embracing theme and magnitude the foremost impression.





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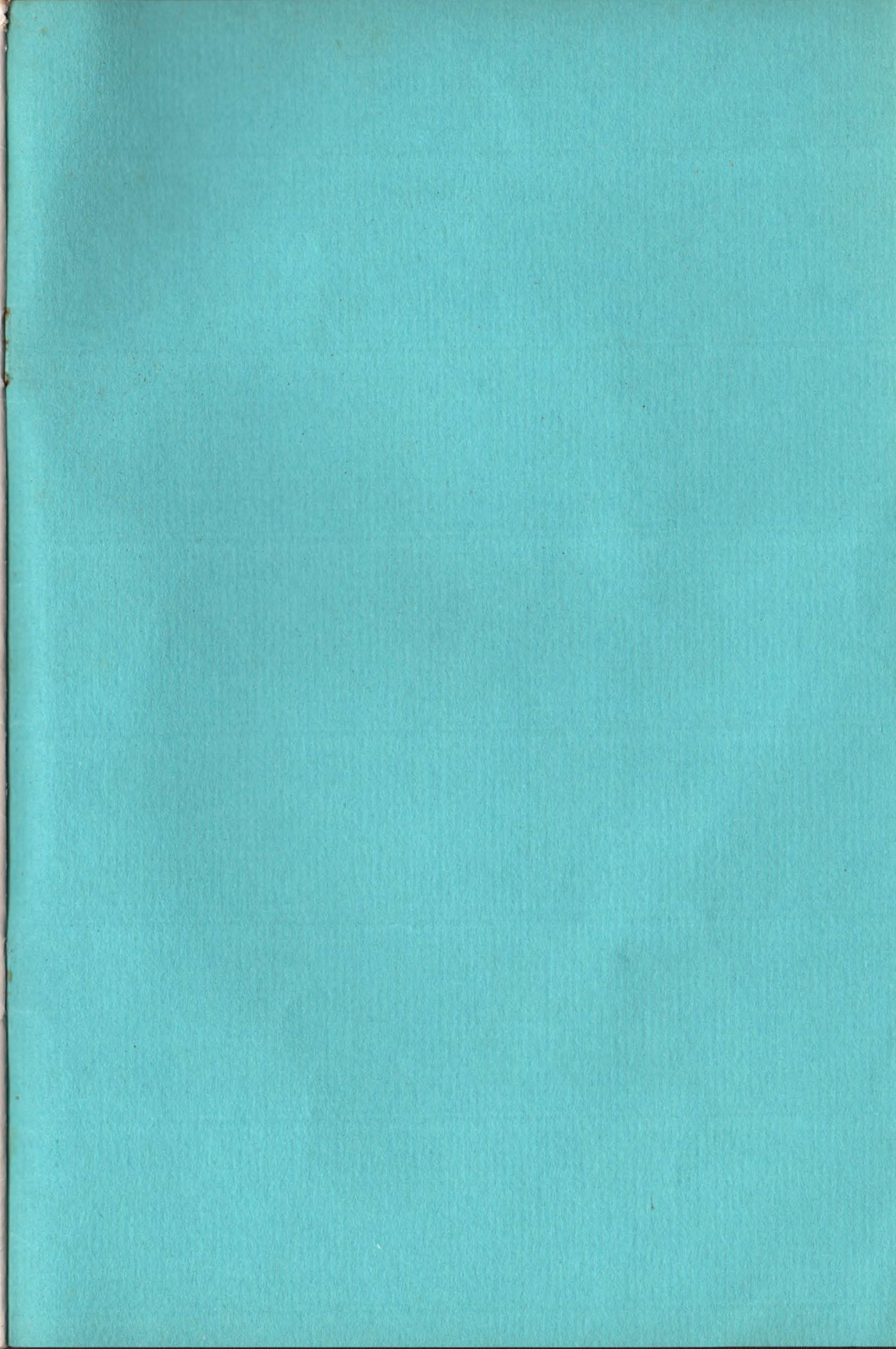
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