

11. Far to the south, there is no winter. Instead of skating and sleigh rides on Christmas and New Year's, people are working in their fields and gardens; and a few days later the ground is green with growing plants, and the roses and other flowers are in bloom. How would you like to live in such a place?

12. This great, rich, and beautiful plain is only one small portion of our country. Do you know what the name of our whole great country is? It is the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. It reaches north and south as many as fifteen hundred miles, through the very best part of a great land, called *North America*; and it stretches east and west twenty-five hundred miles, from the borders of the Atlantic Ocean to another great ocean, called the *Pacific*.

III.—AMONG THE HILLS AND VALLEYS.

Tren'-ton.

Del'-a-ware.

Phil-a-del'-phi-a.

Fair'-mount.

In-de-pend'-ence.

Schuyl'-kill [*Skool'*].

1. WE have spent a long time on the hilltop, looking back toward the east, and studying the plain. Now we must go on with our journey. But the country through which we now pass is quite unlike that which we left behind us. It is not so pleasant to be going up and down, up and down, for hours together. But that is what we must do here; for there are many ridges to be crossed, and, almost as soon as we are over one, we find another to be climbed.

2. As we go down the long slope of this first ridge, do you notice the green belt of land at the bottom, before the slope begins to rise to the next ridge?