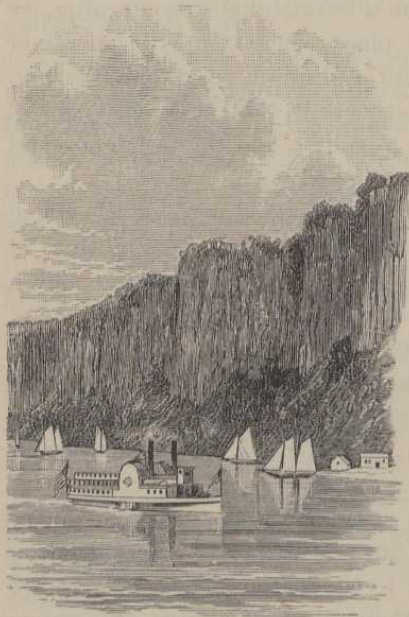


4. The west side looks very different. There rises, near the river's edge, a great perpendicular wall of naked rock, reaching very much higher than the tallest tree. It begins opposite the upper part of New York, and extends several miles up the river.

5. This wall is called the *Palisades*. That sloping bank seen at its foot, is made of pieces of rock that occasionally fall from above. Here and there, at the foot of the slope, is a little cottage or other small building; but there are none of those fine houses and parks that make the other bank so beautiful.



Palisades of the Hudson.

6. Just above the Palisades, the river spreads out into a broad sheet, like a lake. This is called

*Tappan Bay*. The

banks are high, and covered with handsome houses and parks, like those already seen; and here and there, are pretty little villages almost hidden by trees. Beyond the villages, are fine farms, with orchards covered with their fragrant pink and white blossoms. Plowmen and sowers are working in the fields; and flocks of