

he let us aboard again. We came very near having a regular fight with the rascally driver, but we thought discretion was the better part of valor, as we were altogether in his power, and the descent from the mountain might give him a chance for revenge. It was the opinion of our fellow travelers that his action was in concert with the landlord, who got pay for his breakfast, which we could not eat, and which was good for the next arrivals.

During conversation, I found that one of our fellow travelers was Amos Kendall, ex-postmaster general under President Jackson; the other was a gentleman from New Orleans.

Our road led through a handsome country of well cultivated farms, all surrounded by fine orchards; the trees were loaded down with fruit, reminding me of the orchards of Germany and France. I believe the region was settled by what were called "Pennsylvania Dutch." The views were fine, the road was in excellent condition, and we traveled with great speed. Towards evening we began our descent, but the driver did not check his speed. Although the scenery became more picturesque, the recklessness of our driver kept us in a fever. Many a time we were on the brink of a precipice, into which the least obstruction in the road would have thrown us. But we reached Uniontown in safety, where a steamer was ready to take us to Pittsburg, at which place we arrived at nightfall, and stopped at the Monongahela hotel.

After having seen all that was worth seeing in that city of smoke and coal dust, we took passage on a steamer down the Ohio River to Cairo, and up the Mississippi to St. Louis. Our chapter of accidents was not yet exhausted. The Ohio was at a low stage of water, and we had proceeded but a few hundred yards when we ran aground. Travelers on the Upper Mississippi River are familiar with these detentions. We got off after some hard labor; but experiencing a repetition of our accident every few minutes, it became evident that further progress by water was **unadvisable**. When we came in sight of Wheeling, the captain offered to refund our passage money; and hailing a lumber raft that