

WHERE SHALL WE GO THIS SUMMER?



THE first stage making the Yellowstone Park tour leaves Mammoth Hot Springs, June 1st; the last, October 1st. The equipment is the best obtainable, consisting of Concord coaches of a special pattern, made to fit the necessities of park travel. While strong and durable, they are light and roomy, easy to get into and out of, and open at the sides. To reach the park the main line of the railroad is left at Livingston, from which point a branch line runs to Cinnabar, on its northern border. At Cinnabar the stages of the Yellowstone National Park Transportation Company are taken to Mammoth Hot Springs seven miles distant, and the first of the

natural wonders the tourist has come to see. Mammoth Hot Springs,—there are more than seventy five of them—occupy a mound upwards of 170 acres in extent, nearly 200 hundred feet high, and embracing eight separate and distinct terraces, composed

mainly of lime deposited by their own (the springs) action. The temperature of the spring-pools varies from 80 to 165 Fahrenheit. About the rims of their bowl-shaped basins and on the sides and bottoms of the numerous little rills formed by their bubbling wave-like overflow, coloring matter more or less striking, and varying in tint from the most delicate shades of cream and pink to deep red, is constantly being deposited, though the greater bulk of the formation is devoid of color—resembling in



HOTEL, YELLOWSTONE PARK

general appearance frozen cascades more than anything else. At the base of the mound stand "The devil's thumb" and "Liberty Cap"—the latter forty-three ft.



JUPITER TERRACE

in height by twenty feet in diameter at its base—cones or chimneys of Hot Springs or geysers (possibly) long since extinct. The several cave-like openings, visible from the hotel veranda, are merely the crumbling vents of ancient springs similar to those upon terraces above. The altitude of the Hot Spring mound, 6,587 feet is 1,000 feet higher than that of the Gardiner river into which its scalding overflow drains, and 2,000 feet higher than the railroad terminal at Cinnabar.

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