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Lake on whose glittering surface are gracefully gliding several noble swans with their snow white Bosom & Majestic appearance but on & on we dashed with our fine horse through these delightful scene & frequently through many a mile of forest full of tall & stately trees with leaves of an endless variety of shades of colour & very frequently would be seen peeping forth from the rest of the forest trees the much admired sugar maple with its bright scarlet leaves very frequently on our route there would be accidents happening to the ^{engine} which would detain us for an hour & sometimes two when numbers would get out in search of water & some would go wandering through the shady & winding mazes of the forest in search of wild grapes which were hanging forth in large purple clusters their exterior appearance was most pleasant to the eye & their lucious Juice was most refreshing & agreeable to the taste others was most assiduous in their search for presimmon while some was dashing through the woods with great rapidity (so fearfully apprehensive that the train would go off without them) in search of the much admired papaw while many other would be seen with bunches of wintergreen in their hands & when the cry of all aboard was heard it was amusing in some respects to see the passenger dashing through the green leaves of the forest leaping over ravines tearing their way through break & brier to the great disfiguration & damage of their fine broad cloath with perspiration streaming from every pore of their body & many of them in great danger of getting broken arms heads & legs then on we sped through towns & cities with amazing rapidity untill the great & unparalleled thriving city of Chicago which a few years ago was a Wilderness but now blooming with all the beauty & verdure of the ^{Rose}