

In addition to the Kansas Pacific Railway, which opens Denver to the Eastern country, there are five other lines of railway extending towards the mountains and great resorts; and she is possessed of horse railroads, gas and water works, fine churches and school-houses, public baths, breweries, a U. S. Assay office, elegant restaurants, &c. The population in April, 1874, was 22,300. John Russell Young, Esq., now managing editor of the New York *Herald*, as long ago as December 17th, 1871, wrote to Mr. Blake, of Denver, as follows: "Colorado possesses a deep interest to me, and Denver and Paris are the two cities with which I fell in love at first sight, and in which I have a constant yearning some time or other to reside. I have seen no prettier town in Europe or America than your same Denver." I heartily concur with Mr. Young in his admiration of this lovely place, and can add my personal testimony that never, in all my wanderings, have I met with a city whose natural surroundings and attractions were so intensely beautiful. And again I cannot but recur with wonder to the fact that as I write, the delicious breezes from the mountain tops of the great Rockies are puffing in at my open window, and three days and a half ago I was looking down from my hotel, on the crowded noisy thoroughfare of Broadway, New York.

Having thoroughly recruited my energies after the long trip, and "done" the city of Denver pretty thoroughly, I prepare to visit the world-renowned resorts of the mountains, the beauties of which have during