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The whole country on the East side of the Tappan Sea, is a region fertile in Indian legend and Revolutionary tradition. A rugged and romantic tract begins at the Gothic creek ^{named} called by the Indians Paparimian; but commonly called Spitting Devil and extends quite to the Kitauan alias, the Croton river. A line of rocky hills stretches through it like a backbone sending out ribs on either side. Many of these hills are too rude for cultivation and are covered with primeval forests but they enclose a

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