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Picturesque America; or, the land we live in

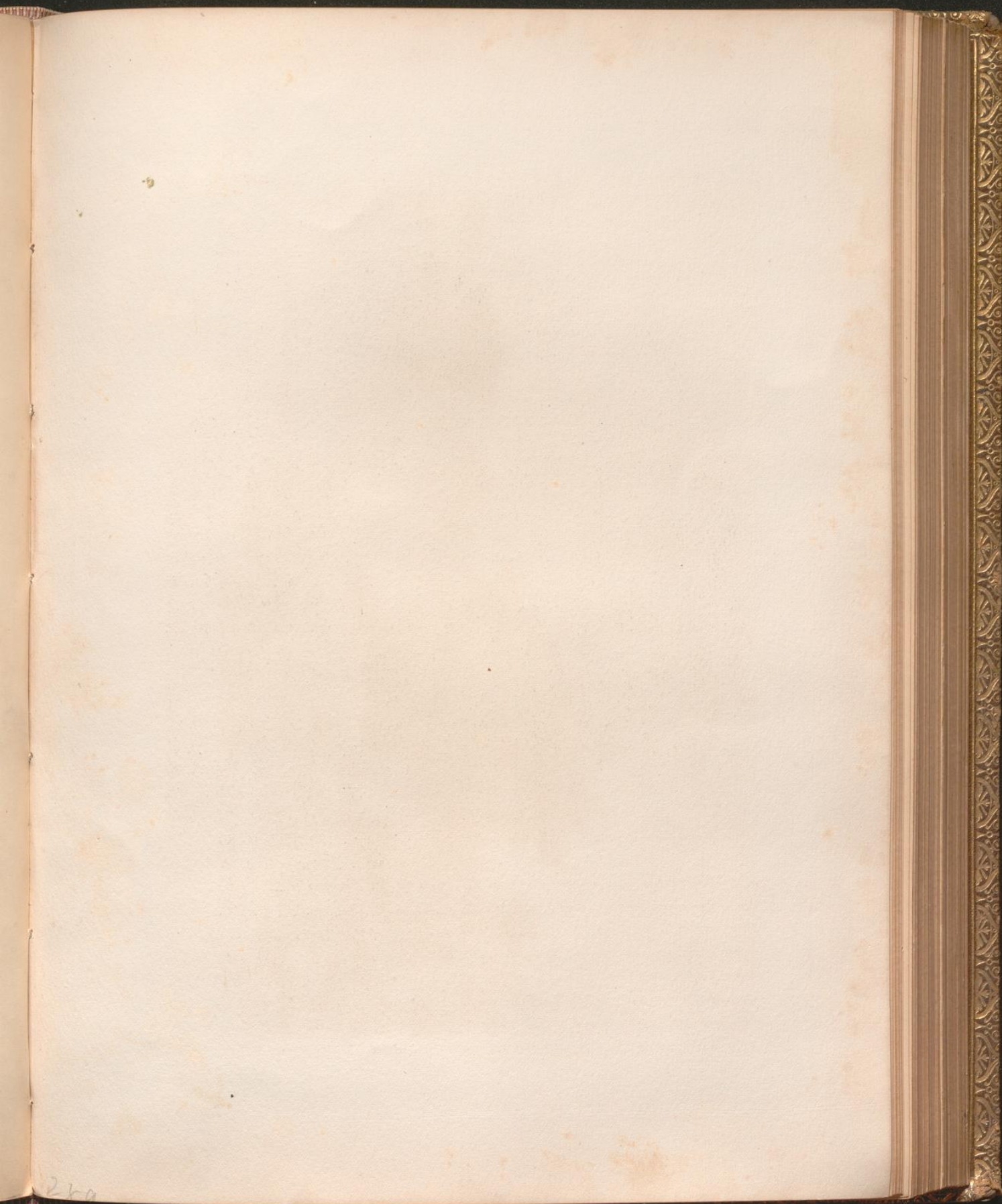
a delineation by pen and pencil of the mountains, rivers, lakes, forests, water-falls, shores, cañons, valleys, cities, and other picturesque features of our country ; with illustrations on steel and wood, by eminent American artists

Bryant, William Cullen

New York, 1874

The Housatonic.

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The Homestead

FROM A SCETCH BY A. F. BELLOWS.

New York, D. Appleton & Co.

The Housatonic River is no exception to this rule. It springs in the beautiful Berkshire region of Massachusetts, where its first ripples reflect the crests of grand hills; and, after flowing for a century of happy miles amid scenes that do not suffer it to quite forget its mountain-cradled birth, it glides gracefully enough through the plains of old Stratford, on the Connecticut shore, and recedes thereafter in the expanse of Long-Island Sound.

The journey along the valley of the Housatonic and beyond it to that of the Hoosic,



upon which the valley of the Hoosic seems to have been himself to accompany it, may be fitly symbolized to him by the ~~mountain~~ ~~with~~ whose faint, early light it was begun. The gray, misty peaks of the Hoosic are well harmonized with the broad, pale shimmering of the river, and yet ~~seem~~ ~~to~~ ~~be~~ ~~lost~~ ~~in~~ ~~the~~ ~~wide~~ ~~waste~~ ~~of~~ ~~waters~~ ~~beyond~~ ~~it~~. There was beauty enough, however, in the

