

## NEW SUMMER HOTELS.

### ONE BUILDING IN THE CATSKILLS AND ANOTHER IN DUTCHESS COUNTY.

Dutchess County and the Catskills are each to have a new hotel that for size and completeness will eclipse anything existing in either of these favorite Summer resorts. The plans for both have been prepared by Mr. J. A. Wood, an architect of this City, and under his supervision the two buildings are rapidly nearing completion. The contracts require them to be finished and in readiness for the upholsterers on the 25th of May. The opening of the Summer season will find the hotels prepared to accommodate visitors. The Dutchess County hotel is located on Quaker Hill, 62 miles from New-York and three miles east of the little station of Pawling, on the Harlem Railroad. The name of the new hotel is the Mizzen Top—a peculiar name, suggested by the fact that on the same ridge is a spot selected by Admiral Worden, of Monitor-Merrimac fame, as a residence, and by him called the Main Top. The gentlemen interested in the scheme are all residents of this City, who have Summer homes in the vicinity of Pawling, and whose desire to see a first-class hotel among the Dutchess hills is actuated more by pride than by a hope of profit from their outlay. The hotel will be of wood, 200 feet in length, three stories in height throughout its greater portion, and four stories in the remaining part. It will accommodate 170 guests. The location is 1,300 feet above sea level, and in point of altitude is the highest chosen for a hotel in the vicinity of this City. The view from its windows includes a broad stretch of hilly country terminating on the south in the glistening waters of Lake Mahopac. The house is piped for gas and for water, which comes to each floor from a clear, sweet spring about a mile distant. Electric bells and steam-heating apparatus are among the conveniences. A few of the rooms will have hard floors, the rest will be laid with Brussels carpets, and the furniture throughout will be of black walnut. The billiard-room is in the main building and the bowling-alley in a structure built especially for this purpose. A livery-stable will be one of the adjuncts of the hotel, and this, with the carriage-house, will accommodate 40 horses and carriages, and provide quarters for grooms and liveried attendants. Two handsome Summer houses—one of the Chinese and the other of the Moorish style—will be erected on the grounds. A telegraph line will communicate with this City. The old-fashioned coach, with its spanking leaders and sturdy wheelers, will convey guests to and fro between Pawling and the Mizzen Top. The cost of the hotel and its appointments will border upon \$100,000. The gentlemen most prominent in contributing to the funds for the undertaking are the Hon. John B. Dutcher, a Director of the Central Railroad and President of the hotel company; Mr. Albort Akin, a retired merchant; Mr. F. B. Wheeler, and the Messrs. Toffey. The Mizzen Top can be reached in three hours from New-York.

The new hotel in the Catskills will be known as the Summit Mountain House. It is situated near the crown of Pine Hill, an eminence on the westerly side of the range. When completed it will be among the largest and best appointed hotels in the Catskill region. The plateau on which it stands is 2,200 feet above the sea level, and 200 feet higher than the Summit station on the Ulster and Delaware Railroad, one-quarter of a mile distant. Back of the building and towering almost directly over it is an elevation of 200 feet, whose top is the crest proper of Pine Hill. From the hotel as well as from the crest is obtained a commanding view of the farm lands of Delaware County on the north and west, and of the wooded hills and cultivated valleys of Ulster on the south. The dividing line between these two counties runs through the office of the Summit Mountain Hotel. The building fronts to the west and has a length of 400 feet, including the frontage of one wing, which deviates from the direction of the main building at an angle of something like 22°. When the corresponding wing is built, work on which is postponed for the present, the entire frontage of the hotel will be 620 feet. At the intersections of the wings with the main building two towers, each 75 feet in height, are to be erected. A piazza 300 feet in length runs along the front—the columns for one-third of this distance being two stories in height—with a width of 20 feet, affording a handsome entrance, much in the same style as the Tremper House entrance, but more spacious. There are also piazzas at the rear, and a baggage elevator. At the left of the entrance on the main floor are the reception rooms and the parlors, at the right the office, and at the end of the hall a dining-room 130 by 20 feet. On the second floor is a complete dining-room for the use of children and their nurses, a fact which will be appreciated by mothers, for the necessity of having their children presentable for the parlor at every meal hour will be obviated. With the exception of the kitchen, carving-room and bakery, the working part of the house will be in the basement, where also the wine and billiard-rooms and the barber shop will be. The building will be three stories in height, topped by an attic. The smallest room in it is 10 feet 6 inches by 15 feet, and nearly all of the rooms have large clothes presses. The walls will be hard-finished throughout and the plumbing as perfect as can be furnished. Each floor will be supplied with water brought in pipes, and electric bells and steam-heating appliances will be provided. A carriage-house, barn, stables, and bowling-alleys are also on the grounds. About 300 guests can be accommodated. The chief point in favor of the Summit Mountain House is its accessibility. The 3:30 train may be taken any afternoon at the Grand Central Depot, and at 8 o'clock in the evening the traveler will find himself on the broad piazza of the hotel in season for a hot supper. It is also proposed to run through trains from Jersey City, by the Erie Railroad, for the accommodation of visitors to this portion of the Catskills. The capital required to build the hotel (about \$100,000) is chiefly furnished by Mr. William H. Romeyn, formerly of the *Kingston Journal*; Mr. Israel Snyder, and Mr. D. C. Overpaugh, both of Kingston, and the Messrs. Ryder & Son, of Rhinebeck.