

we passed two days at the White Sulphur Spring  
& how I have been able to enter into the scene I might  
have gathered much to relate - it is an exquisite  
spot - surrounded on all sides by noble Mountains  
from which the mist is seen to roll in columns  
until the sun is many hours high - but the Mountain  
blast was too much for me & I gladly hoveid over the  
fire in my cabin & night & day - from the 1<sup>st</sup> to the 10<sup>th</sup>  
of July - the arrangement is singular - there are no accommo-  
dations in the Hotel but rows of cottages or cabins are erected  
at the base of the Mountain in an area of about 300 yds  
in diameter - & we reside in them & take our meals at the  
hotel - where every discomfort reigns - the food the coarsest  
the least palatable not even common trades observed - &  
the appetite created by the waters which are used most  
indiscriminately & of course destructively by many - is only  
satisfied by each one caring for himself & plunging in to the  
food more like cormorants than human beings - we numbered

upwards of 300 - the ride & the security of the - the  
healthful & the invalid from Boston to  
Georgia - and the Proprietor a Mr  
Caldwell formerly a poor merchant in Baltimore  
is now in the receipt of at least \$40,000 per annum - for what  
cost him originally only his hand in marriage to a  
widow who owned the site - & his expenditures for this  
extraneous of God living cannot exceed 10,000 - he says  
people will come for the water - no matter what the living  
is!! the board is \$8 a week - we have a number of the  
Faculty on the ground & they ordered me not to touch the  
water (it is very exciting) & to come here as soon as I  
could a ride it is only 20 miles distant - this I effected  
in one of my interval days & we found every comfort that  
could be desired even at Barren - the company not  
exceeding an hundred & every thing desirable - The water  
only differs by a slight chalybeate added to the Sulphur  
qualities - --- Thus have I talked a whole  
sheet full - supported in my bed by pillows - but  
I hope to report better next week - if not I shall touch  
my face home directly - I feel bound to make trial  
of the waters & that cannot be done while fever