



NIAGARA FALLS, the greatest natural wonder in the world, is situated about twenty-two miles from the beginning of the Niagara River at Lake Erie and fourteen miles from where this river empties into Lake Ontario. It is divided into two distinct falls known as the American and Horseshoe Falls, by Goat Island, which is now a government reservation. The American Fall is 167 feet high, 1,060 feet wide, Horseshoe Fall is 158 feet high and 3,010 feet wide. It is estimated that 15,000,000 cubic feet of water pass over both falls each minute. The total fall of the Niagara River, from its source at Lake Erie to Lake Ontario, is 336 feet, as follows: From Lake Erie to the brink of the falls, 70 feet, at the falls, 161 feet, from the falls to Lake Ontario 105 feet. About twenty-two miles south of Niagara Falls, where the Niagara River leaves Lake Erie, is located the city of Buffalo, a prosperous, rapidly growing city, with a population of about 600,000.

AMERICAN FALLS.

The American Falls are properly speaking, two distinct Falls. The lesser being known as Luna Fall, which divides Luna Island from Goat Island, and behind which is the celebrated Cave of the Winds. The view here given is taken from the east side of the Falls. The American Falls are 167 feet in height, and the width is 1,100 feet.

HORSESHOE FALL.

The view here given of the Horseshoe Falls is taken from the spot where formerly stood Table Rock, and shows the foaming torrent descending 160 ft. in depth upon the moraine of rocks beneath.

AMERICAN FALLS FROM GOAT ISLAND.

Including the Luna or Central Fall, the American Fall is about 1,000 feet wide; and has a fall of 164 feet. The rapids above the falls descend some 40 feet in the last half mile of their course before plunging into the Gorge.

HORSESHOE FALLS, FROM AMERICAN SIDE.

Here can be seen the angular shape of the Canadian Fall. It is in this angle that the water falling with the accumulated force upon a mass of rock halfway down the precipice, dashes itself back again, as if in baffled rage at the obstacle. It is historic ground.

ROCK OF AGES AND CAVE OF THE WINDS.

Behind Luna Falls is situated the celebrated Cave of the Winds. This vacant recess, 100 feet high and 60 feet in depth, is reached by means of a perpendicular winding stairway from Goat Island. The cave derives its name from the constant pressure of the atmosphere, caused by the reflex of the falling water, which resembles a storm of great violence.

THE FALLS FROM PROSPECT POINT.

This view of the Falls gives a good impression of the irregular contour of the Cataract which, although divided by Goat Island, is essentially a single torrent, exhibiting the complete volume of the flow of the Niagara River.

GORGE OF THE NIAGARA RIVER.

Seven miles of the wildest beauty encompasses the river after it plunges from brink to bottom of the precipice. The Gorge of Niagara River extends from the Falls to Queenstown, seven miles below. In the course of its tortuous and tumultuous winding it has an additional fall of 100 feet.

AMERICAN FALLS, FROM "MAID OF THE MIST".

This view gives a good idea of the chaotic masses of rock that are the debris of the precipice after it has been undermined by the erosive power of the water. The American Falls is composed of two separate falls and the total width is 1,100 feet.

ROCK OF AGES AND AMERICAN FALLS FROM BELOW.

Rock of Ages and American Falls from below, Niagara Falls. Centre Falls issues from between Luna and Goat Island, shown in the photograph. At the shore foot under the fall is a place called Cave of the Winds, formed by thirty feet of projecting limestone that has resisted the action of the corroding waters while the shady substratum directly under the ledge has been eaten away. The so-called cave is one hundred feet in height and sixty feet in depth and can be reached by a perpendicular winding stairway from Goat Island. The cave derives its name from the constant pressure of the atmosphere caused by the reflex of the falling water which resembles a storm of great violence.

CANADIAN FALLS, FROM TERRAPIN POINT.

The process of erosion is clearly visible in the angle, near the left of the Fall, where the mighty onrush of the current has eaten away, bit by bit, the flint-like substance of the precipice. A mile further west, within sound of the mighty roar of the Cataract, was fought, on the 25th day of July, 1814, the battle of Lundy's Lane, between the British and American forces.

AMERICAN FALLS, FROM CANADA.

Niagara Falls at one time presented the spectacle of one solid wall of water emptying the entire river, but centuries of erosion have diverted the flow until now, and for many years beyond the memory of man, the cataract is divided into what are known as Horseshoe Fall and American Fall.

HORSESHOE FALLS FROM TERRAPIN POINT.

This singularly beautiful and most impressive view, showing the entire perspective of the Canadian Falls shows very clearly the tremendous volume of water that rushes madly over the angular precipice. It is estimated that the water in the center of the Horseshoe is at least 20 feet deep.

PANORAMA VIEW OF NIAGARA FALLS.

Niagara Falls is between Lakes Erie and Ontario. This view shows a marvelous picture from the Canadian side 192 feet above the water. In this view of the falls, the beauty and vastness of the scene is most impressive.

HORSESHOE FALLS, FROM CANADA.

The "Maid of the Mist", having passed underneath the American Falls, over 1,000 feet in width, and the foaming precipice of Goat Island, 1,300 feet in width, is here seen sailing right into the mighty vortex of the Horseshoe Falls; straight into the blinding storm of white water.

VIEW OF NIAGARA GORGE FROM GOAT ISLAND.

The Gorge of the Niagara River extends from the Falls to Queenstown, a distance of seven miles, and in the course of its tumultuous winding it has a fall of 100 feet. The whirlpool is located about half way between the Falls and the mouth of the River.

LUNA ISLAND BRIDGE.

The Luna Island Bridge is reached by a stairway from Stedman's Bluff, on Goat Island and leads to a small island, dividing the American Fall, known as Luna Island.

CLIFTON HOUSE FROM LUNA ISLAND.

Luna Island is reached by a small cement bridge from Goat Island. It divides the American Falls into two separate Falls and from here one can get the most impressive view, the iron railing being placed at the very brink of the Falls.

WHIRLPOOL RAPIDS.

The Whirlpool Rapids occur three miles below the Falls and just immediately below the Single Arch Steel Bridge of the Grand Trunk Railway System. The tremendous current of the Niagara River is here contracted into a narrow passage, between the cliffs and the downward grade of the river is extremely abrupt.

"MAID OF THE MIST" AT LANDING.

The "Maid of the Mist" makes hourly trips from the foot of elevator, at Prospect Park going up the River to the foot of both the American and Canadian Falls to Canada. Cost of round trip 50c.

THE WHIRLPOOL, NIAGARA RIVER, FROM CANADIAN SIDE.

The Whirlpool is the natural result of the mighty body of water rushing into a confined space and seeking an outlet. Bodies, driftwood, everything in fact that goes over the Falls must eventually find its way to the Whirlpool, where, after circling for days, perhaps it is either thrown out upon the bank or is carried by the outlet into Lake Ontario.

TROLLEY LINE THROUGH THE GORGE.

The ruggedness and picturesque nature about Niagara Falls, has been seriously modified by the arts of man, the latest invasion being the construction of a trolley line through the gorge, starting at Prospect Park and passing close to the Whirlpool Rapids and the River until it reaches Queenstown Heights.

AERO CAR CROSSING THE WHIRLPOOL.

The cables which operate the Aero Car span the gorge above the Whirlpool Rapids 3 miles below the Falls where the tremendous flow of water is confined to a narrow space and becomes a seething, leaping, maddened torrent of foaming water.

LEWISTON BRIDGE AND QUEENSTOWN HEIGHTS, NIAGARA RIVER.

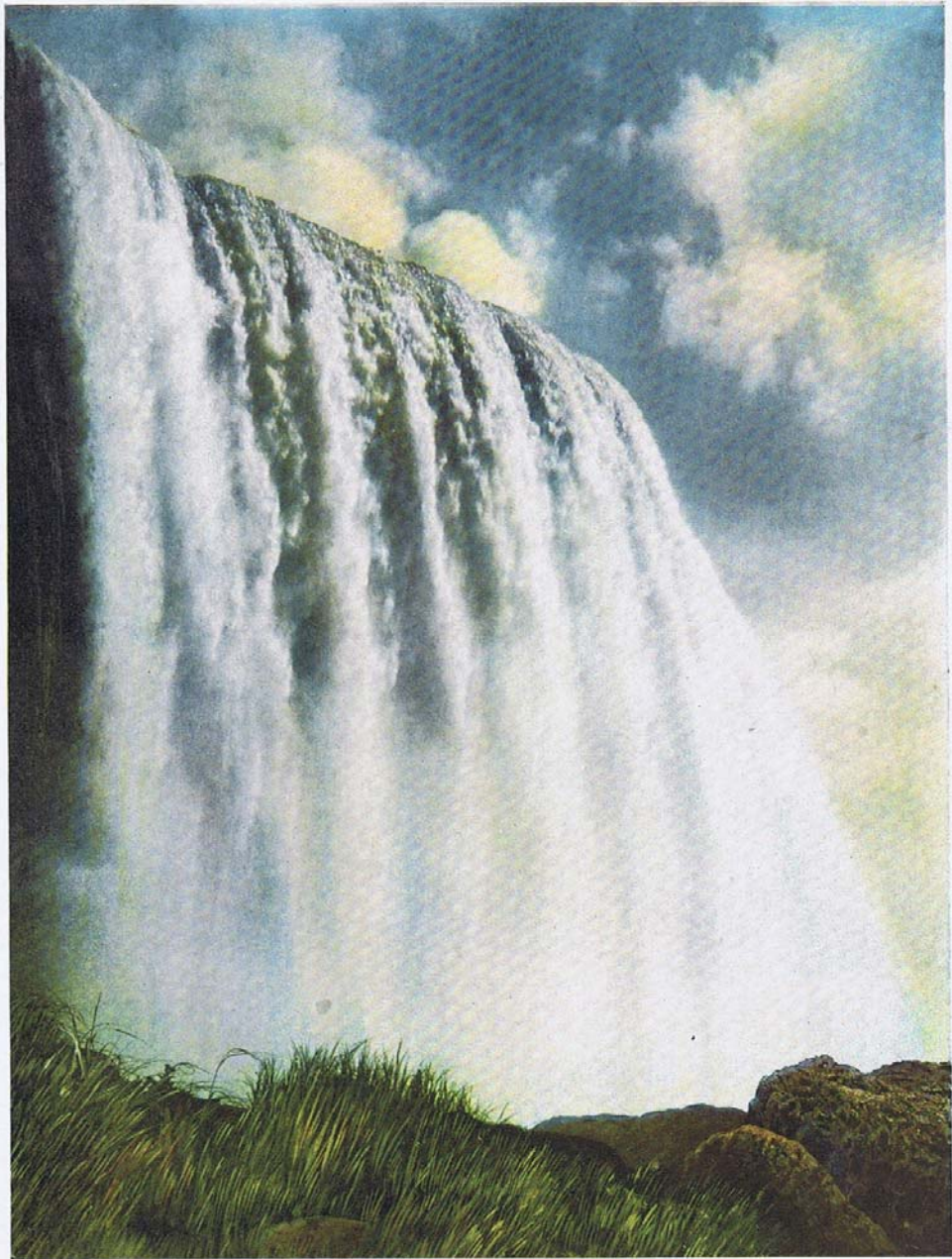
The Suspension Bridge of the Niagara River, above Lewiston, is 1,050 feet long and stretches 60 feet above the surface of the water. It was opened to the public in July 1899. It is the only suspension bridge crossing the river, the others constructed on the arch or cantilever principle. The bridge practically connects Lewiston on the American side and Queenstown, named after Queen Charlotte, on the Canadian side. The first Suspension Bridge at this point was erected in 1850, and was wrecked by a hurricane in 1865.

CAVE OF THE WINDS IN WINTER.

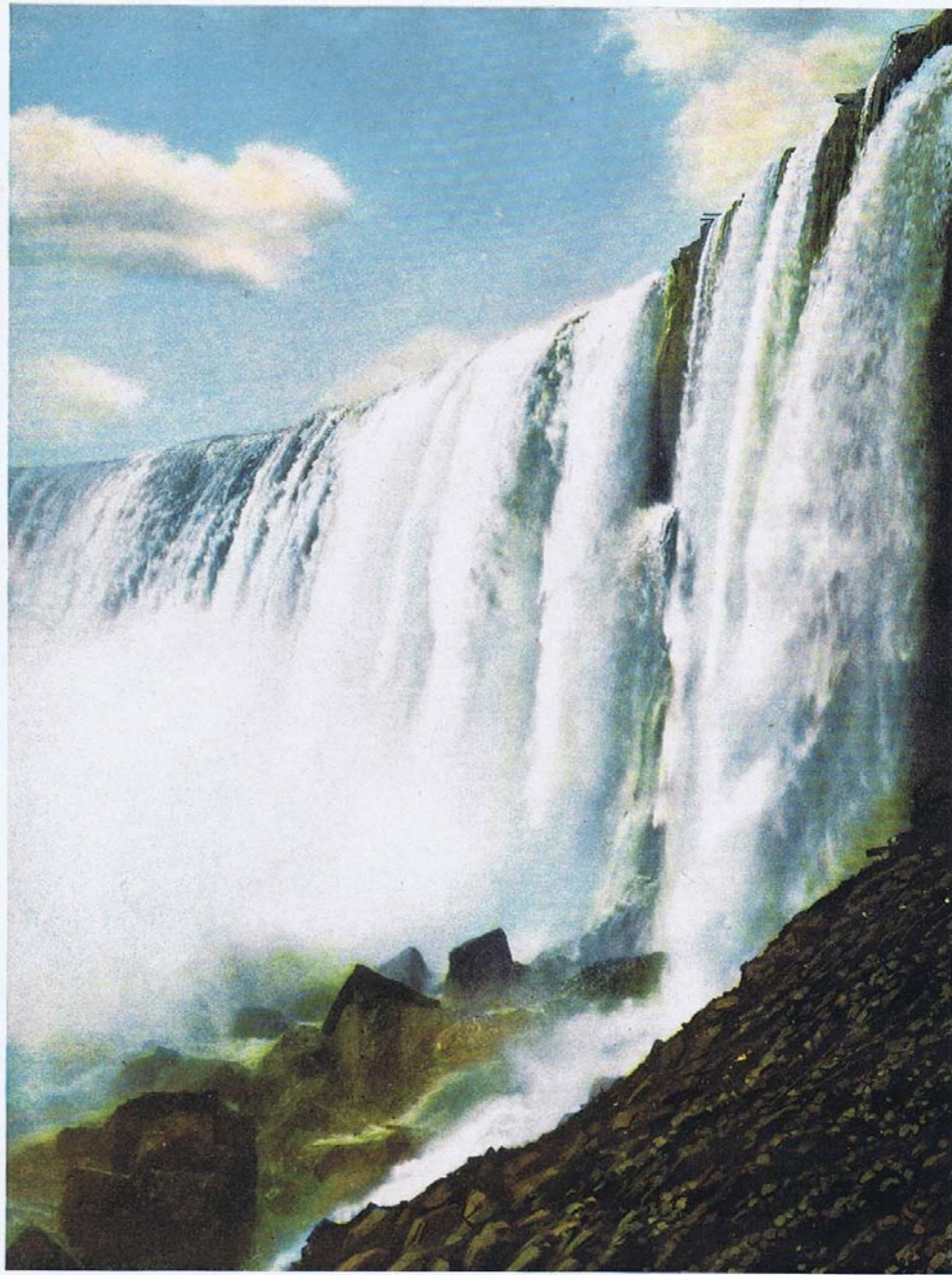
The Cave of the Winds, gavel with a marvelous accumulation of ice, and the great flow of water completely hidden by crystalline helmets. Such a sight is rarely to be witnessed, however, for history records only three, the last time in 1886, when, it is said, a million persons visited Niagara to see the marvelous exhibition of the ice king.

ICE MOUNTAINS AT THE FOOT OF AMERICAN FALLS IN WINTER.

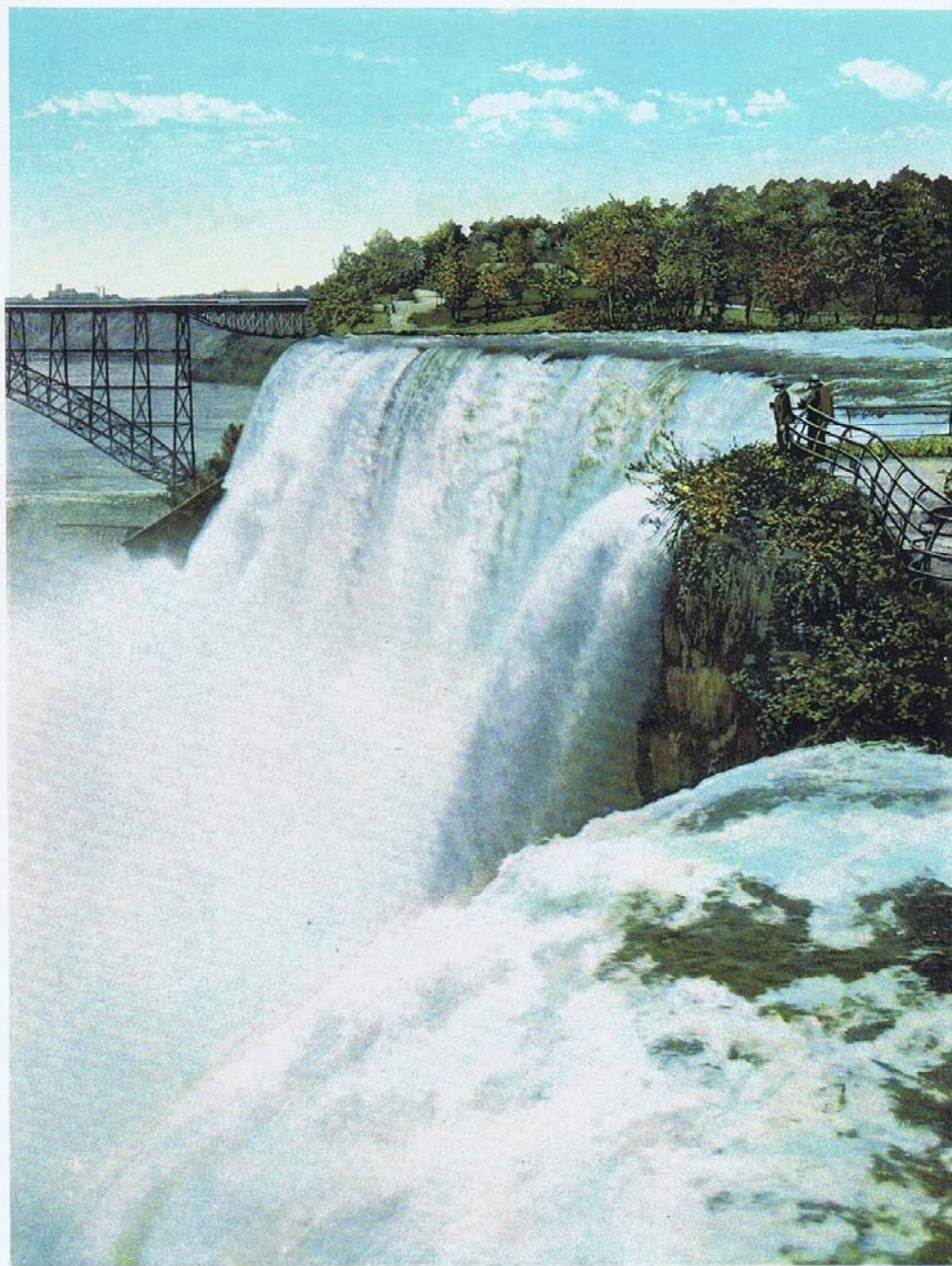
This wonderfully effective view at close range of an ice mountain at the foot of the American Falls gives a good idea of the pleasures of the winter season. Thousands of tons spray have been transformed to a dazzling cone of ice, from the top of which the most impressive view of the Falls can be obtained.



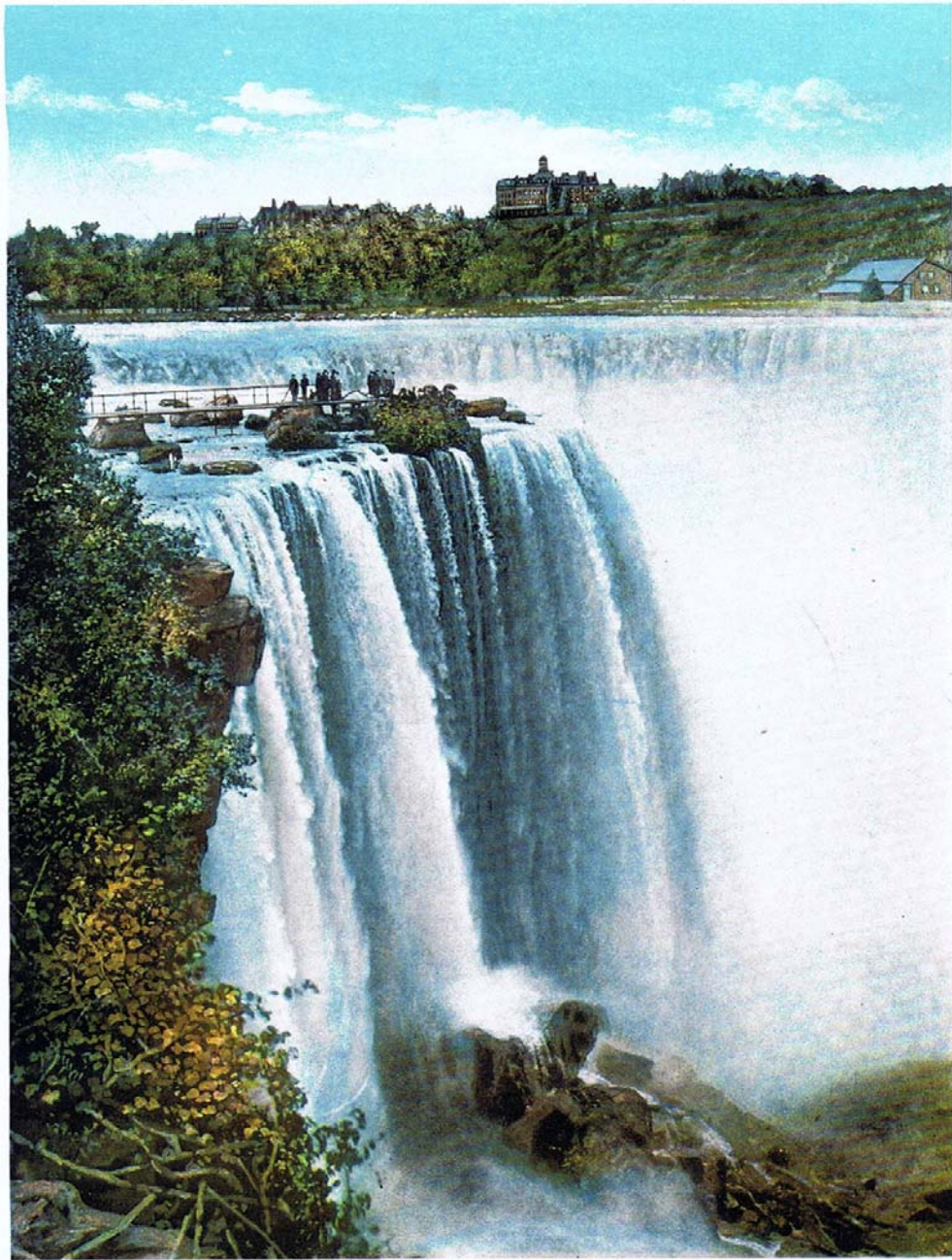
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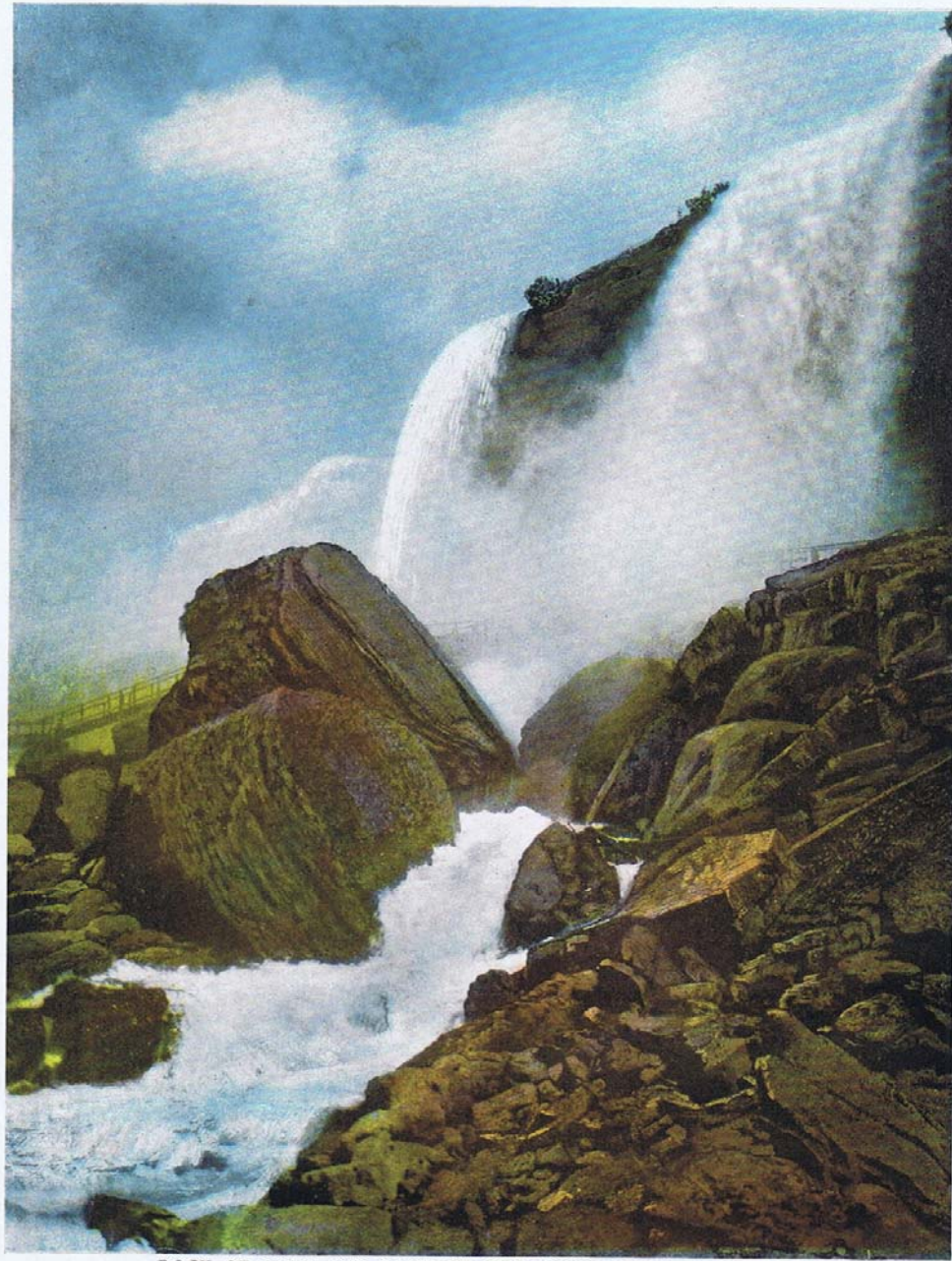
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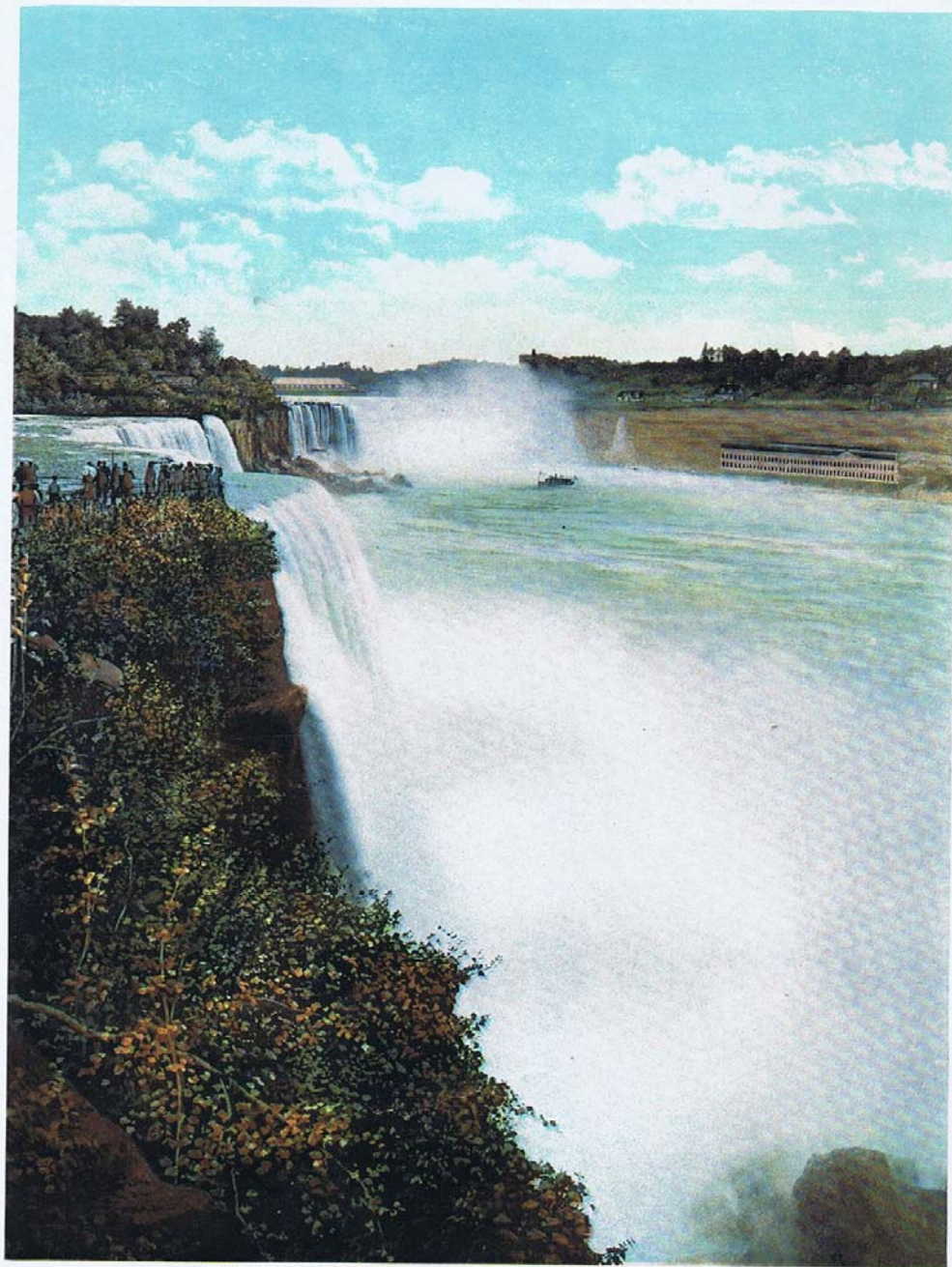
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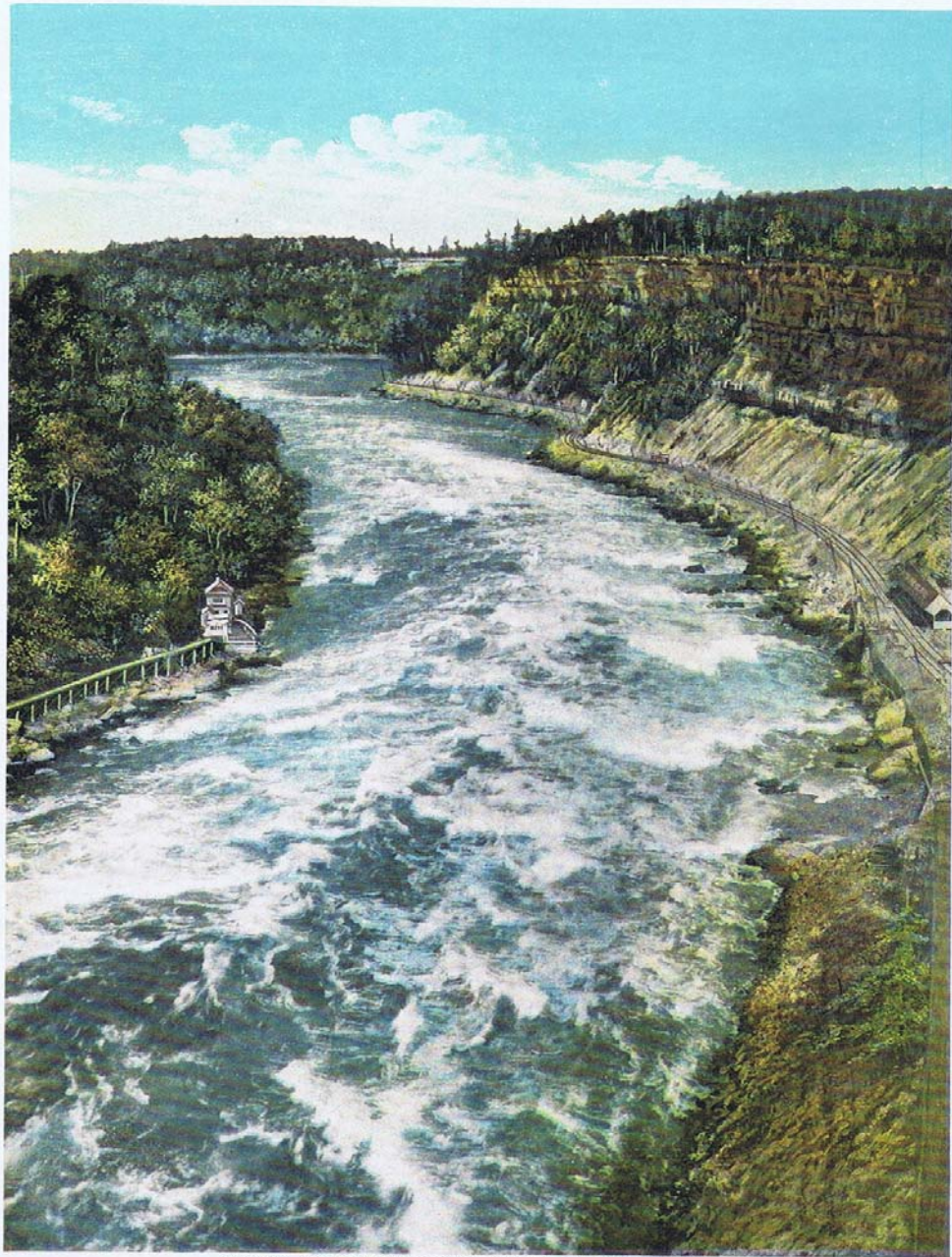
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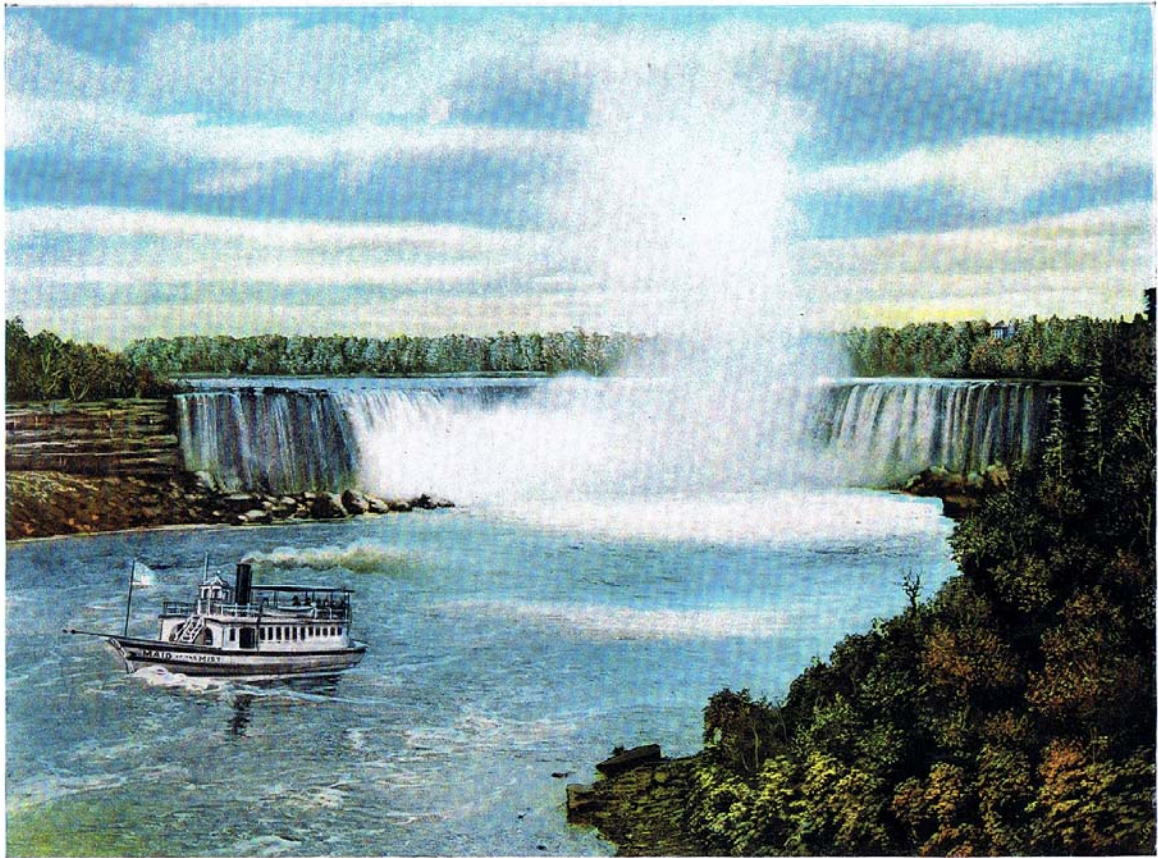


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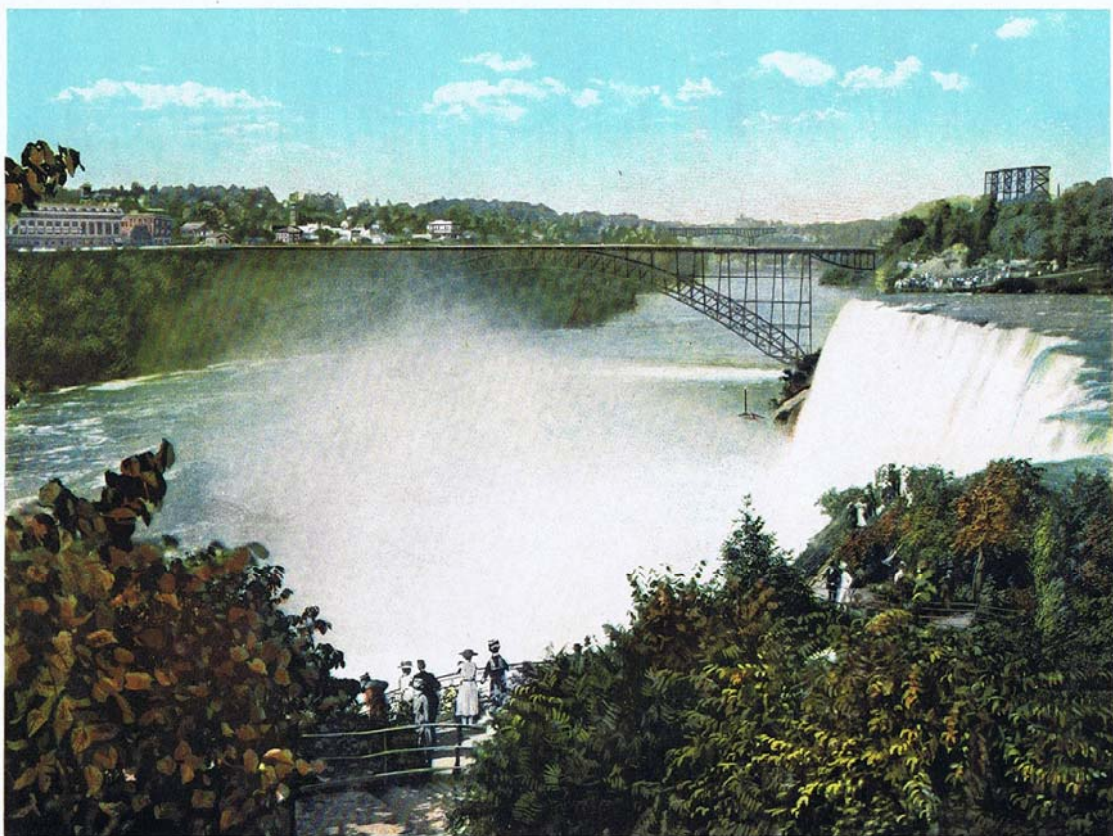
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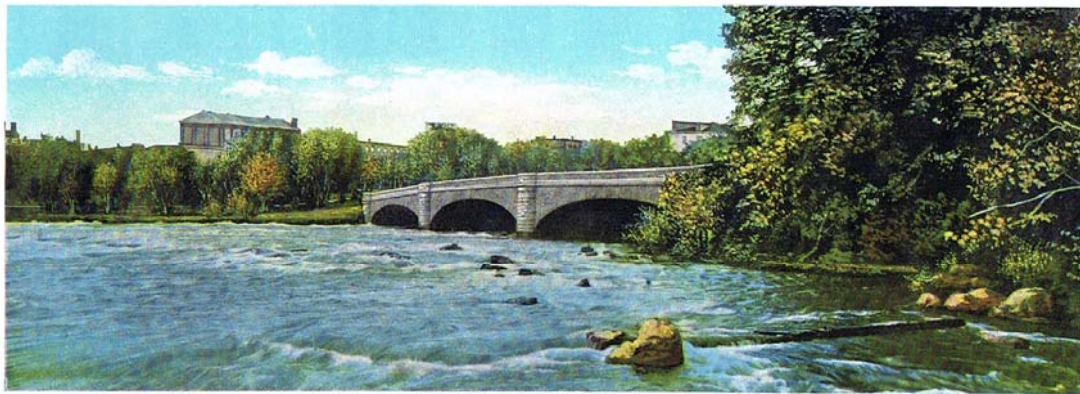
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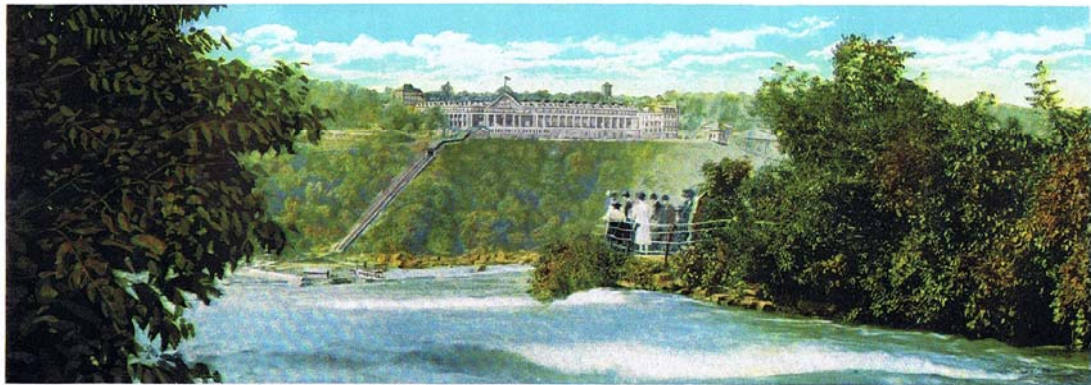
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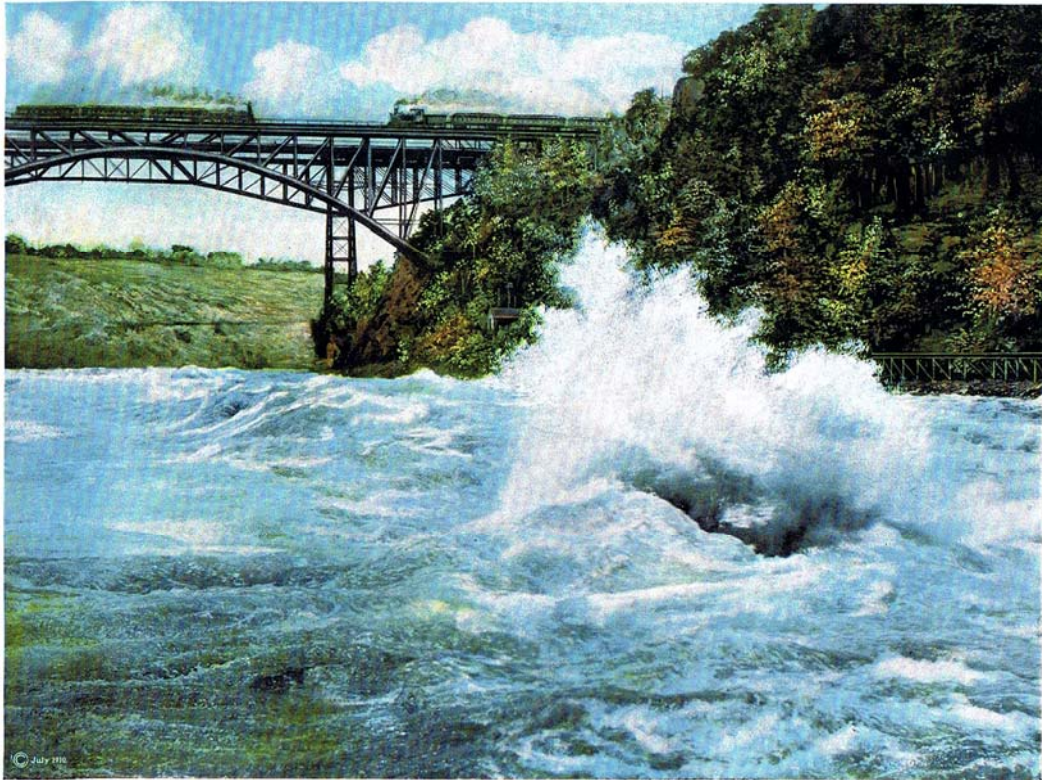
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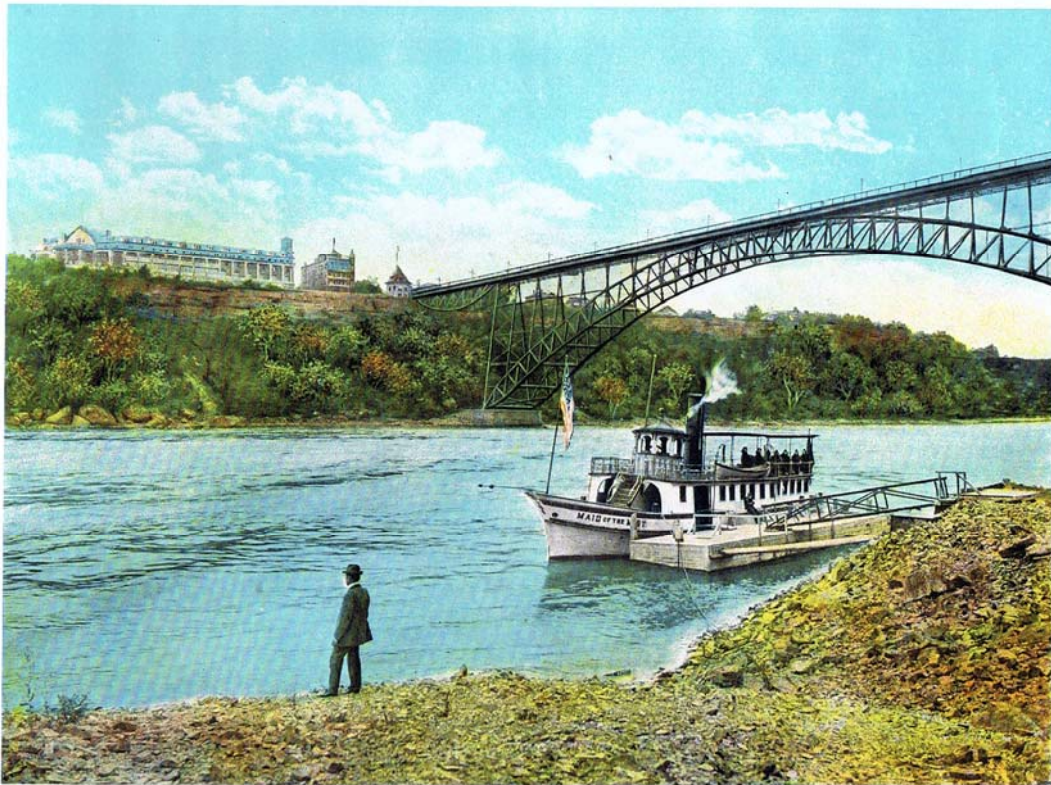
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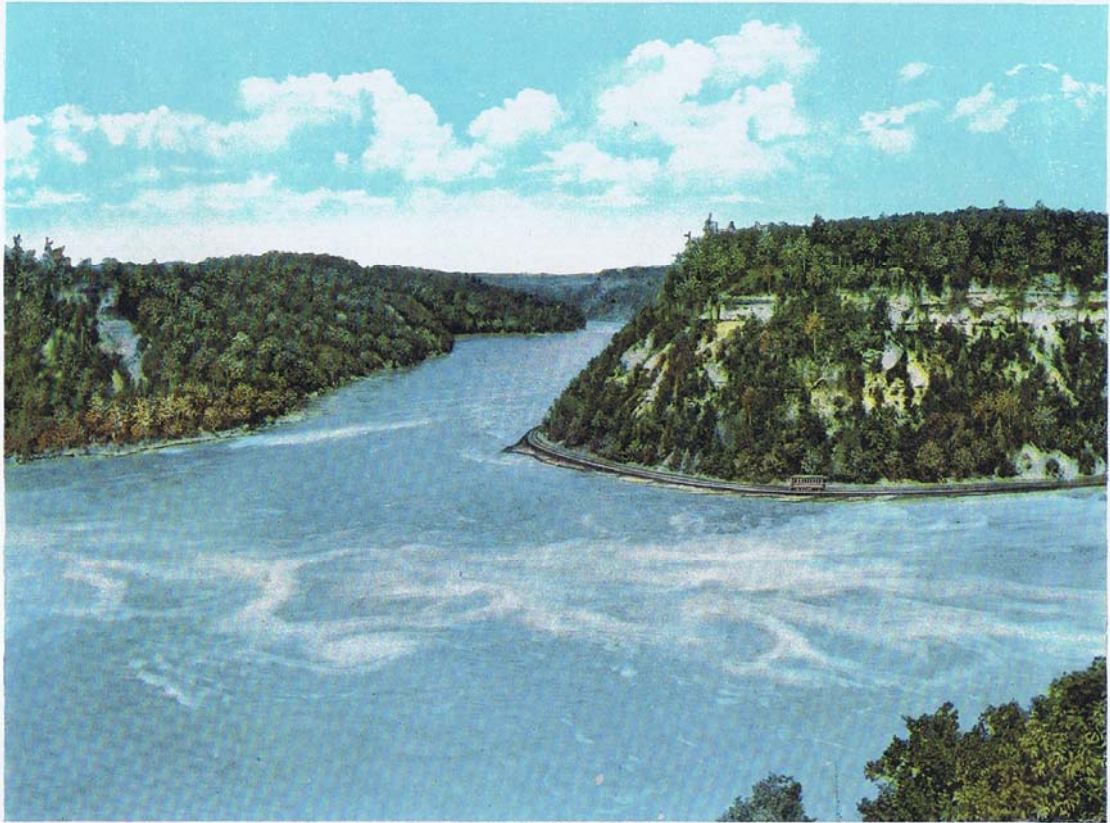
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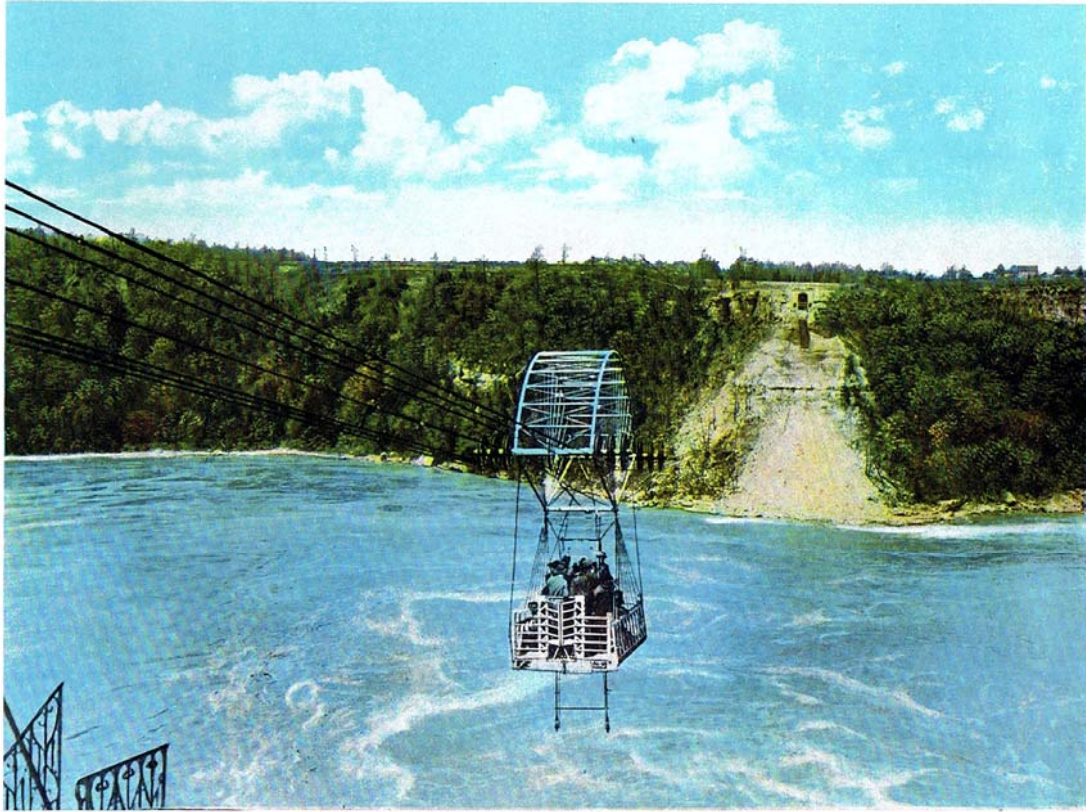
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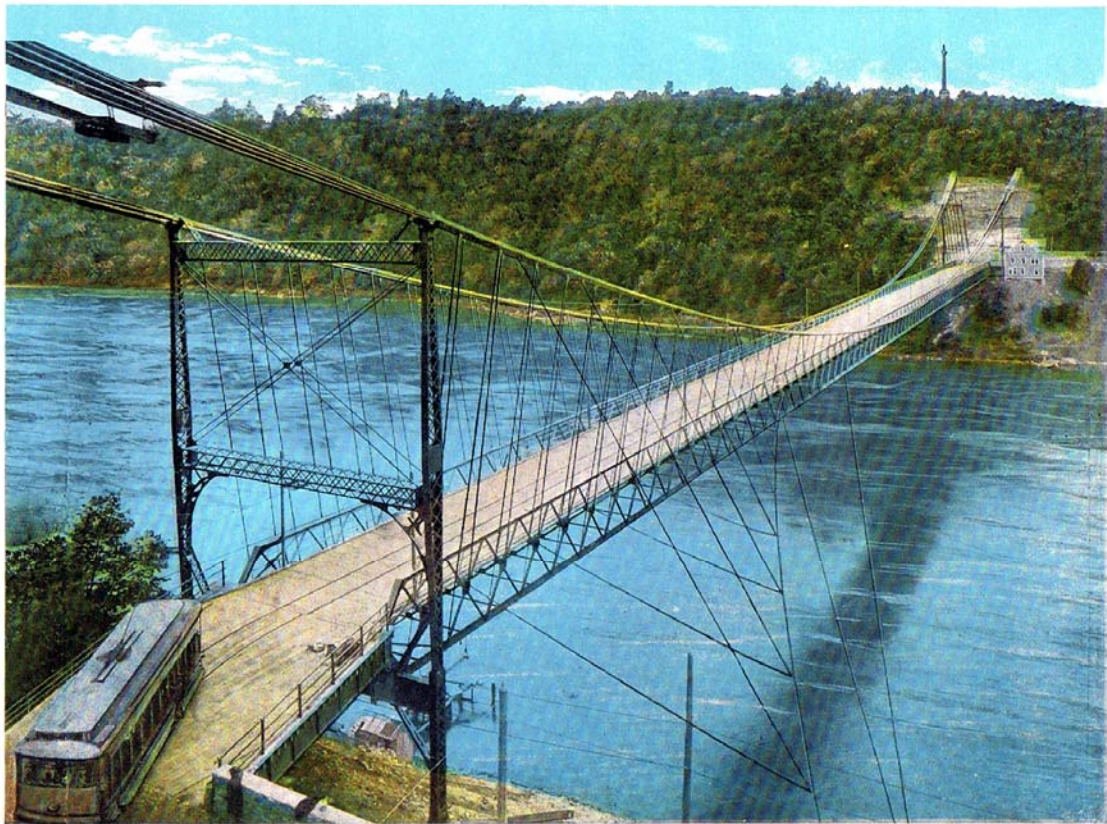
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