



### ON THE ROAD TO MT. RAINIER.

THE nearer one approaches Mount Rainier, the more impressive its great mass becomes. One first begins to realize fully the immensity of the peak in the fine view obtained from the National Park Inn at Longmire Springs. This grows on one as the ascending visitor follows the fine Government road upward from the Inn. The view shown above is taken from this road about half way between the Inn and the great frozen face of Nisqually glacier. The road winds and twists fantastically. One may look down the hillside and see three or four switchbacks snaking through the trees below. Foothill peaks that would be real mountains to an Easterner rise as mere pigmies at the base of the mountain that was God. Huge firs grow thickly over the tops of these lesser peaks and give rise to wonder at the extent of the forests that clothe the altitudes to the snow line. The air is perceptibly keener and thinner and long before the glacier is in sight, reminds one of a refrigerator.