

high - Here on the alps they appear to grow erect
so long as they appear at all. The peculiarity is
that on the upper range they are scattering, therefore
much exposed to winds, so that a tree of less
feet diameter (and then plenty of Norway Fir
and Larch that size) is not over 70 feet high
and has not a branch near the ground that ex-
tends over 20 feet from the tree, though it may be
twice as long, drooping very much - Towards the top
the branches are more short thick shoots. The soil ap-
peared to very rich, though the mountain side
was so steep as to be very difficult of descent.
My new german friend is very inquisitive, a common
trait, especially in Poland and Russia where all
asked me whence I came where I had been, where
I am going, If I return to America, and when,
and if I have a family, These the Germans
also asked me, and are mostly asked nearly
every day, but never to me offensive at
all. We are together at a very good village
hotel with excellent Rhone wine. The very first

