

THE SILVER KING.

Look at a map of Washington and British Columbia, and you will observe the outlet upon the Columbia of the Kootenay river, not far north of the British boundary; and there, a little to the eastward, you will see Kootenay lake, a mirror set among the high alps, and reaching away beyond limit north and south. You will see that the lake has an arm branching a score of miles westward, from which the river finds its course down a stairway of white cataracts to the Columbia. And now look upward from these nameless falls strung like great diamonds about the bases of the southward hills—the foot hills that spread from Toad mountain like the rays of a star that reach outward from the central crags and snow fields over the valleys of Cottonwood creek, Salmon river and the Kootenay.

Three years ago some Colville men were prospecting, and some of the horses were lost. Two young half breeds went in search of them over the high shoulder of the eastern spur in the deep snow. They found mineral, and on the return of the party to Colville the specimens proved to be very rich in silver. Rumor was soon abroad, and very early in the spring, upon such slight clues as were to be had, a party set out to discover, if possible, where the mineral had been found. The original discoverers, the Hall brothers and their party, informed and helped them to such a degree that they were presently involved in a river trip that would take several weeks at least, by way of the Columbia and Kootenay. Meanwhile the Hall party set out overland, and took but very few days to reach the ridge of the eastern spur, where they camped by what is, in summer, a lovely lake bordered with alpine lilies, but then a deep snow field. Two hundred feet down the north face brought them to where the stakes were planted of the Silver King, the Kootenay Bonanza and the American Flag; and another prospector, who found the party in camp, located an extension called the Dandy. These, with the three locations made by Dick Fry, of Bonner's Ferry, form the nucleus of the camp at an elevation of 5,400 feet above the sea.

A deposit, supposed to be sixty feet wide, of copper ore assaying \$400 per ton in silver, has been disclosed by a little digging, and this extends 3,000 feet. It is a treasury of gleaming violet with lustrous of ruby and cobalt, every fragment a jewel save the dull rough patches of brittle silver that deface the surface. The peacock copper has from twenty-seven to forty per cent. of the bulk, twenty-two per cent. is sulphur, nine per cent. water, and earthy matter, and there are smaller quantities of antimony, magnesia, nickel, iron, gold and other minerals. From the summit of the mountain, a bare crag at a height of 7,000 feet, the course of the Silver King and Iroquois ledges may be seen reaching across the forks of Giveout creek and over the northeast spur some two and one-half miles. On the northern slope extends the vast gold belt, looking down upon the Kootenay and its cataracts, with hundreds of claims, in most of which free gold may be seen in the quartz. Opposite, under a high crag on the north side of the river, is a copper belt with ledges from 100 to 200 feet wide. Another gold belt covers the eastern slopes of the mountains on Cottonwood gulch; and joining that is the fourth great mineral region of the camp, the galena belt. Thus there are in one mining camp five distinct mineral districts totally unlike, and it would take too much space to tell of curious nickel and iron discoveries and divers complicated ledges that give scope for the varied misinformation of "experts." This wild and lonely crag, the star of hills, so rich a treasury of hidden wealth, the web of tangled torrents seeking the Cottonwood, the Salmon and the Kootenay, these glittering streams themselves, and the wide west arm that leads to Kootenay lake, seem to be set at the nucleus of the world. Wide and wild, to north and south and east and west, one stormy sea of hills, vast, dark, terrible! and behold the crested seas beyond—their gleaming waves of snow spectral beyond the limits of the world, with glaciers and ice fields reaching away, like the sea's white tracts of foam, into the haze of white light into the infinite!

H. R. A. Pocock.

Dr. Talmage says that we would all be rich but the Lord can not trust us. Still it is not pleasant to think that the Lord can trust some of the millionaires of this country in preference to us.—*Chronicle-Telegraph.*

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