

BEFORE THE SHRINE.

I built a shrine and set my feet there. And moon and sun and night my eyes I bent, beseeching his cold rays to give me light.

A HUT IN THE PRAIRIE.

I checked my horse, and after one long, straining look around owned to myself that I was lost. I had suspected the fact some time since, but had stubbornly fought down the suspicion.

I felt this as I gazed about me, disconcerted and even a trifle anxious, for the sun had set some minutes before in a cloud heap, which, closing over it like a red-hot iron, deposited its king, overran his monarchy with its blood-red herald.

Now that the sun was gone, I found my knowledge of the points of this compass gone with it. As I sat perplexed and worried the gloom of twilight gathered fast and the chill of coming rain smote me through and through.

The Texan are a fine people, in some respects the most admirable of hosts, but individually and collectively they lack any appreciation of distance.

It is surprising how some people will continue to use things in daily life without any attempt to learn how properly to use them. There is, for instance, the man who can never learn to sharpen his razor.

Volta, an Italian, made the discovery that two or more different metals are necessary in the production of electricity.

Miss Adeline Patti Baird, a gold-digger of the diva and daughter of a rich English lord, from London, has a string of pearls collected from the days of her childhood.

What we know as peeps of England are not the only hereditary functionaries in Great Britain. The court of queen's bench has just been led to decide that there is a certain number of hereditary pawnbrokers.

SUNDAY UNDER THE TENTS.

Elephants get a Dunge Bath and Lions Have Their Tails Manicured. Orang-outangs, lions, tigers, hippopotami, elephants and the other representatives of the animal kingdom.

The managers go to Sunday school, the performers recapture, the cavary men and drivers sleep, and in fact every body rests except the attendants in the menagerie.

When the representatives of the city papers visited the menagerie they found the lions roaring and much excited. Near one of the cages two men held down on the ground a cub, while Lion Tamer Cookling with a large pair of nippers was clipping its toe nails.

The elephant seemed to be having the best of the day. They were being sponged with soft warm water and enjoyed the bath hugely. An old elephant had a corn on one of his feet and he gratefully rested it in a stall while his attendant removed it with a razor.

Do the Deaf Dream of Hearing? Dr. J. M. Buckley, an expert in matters pertaining to the deaf and dumb, has the following curious note to contribute concerning the dreams of persons born deaf.

A Treasured Bible. Miss Nina Cromwell, of Detroit, who claims to be a lineal descendant of the great Oliver Cromwell, owns a venerable Bible which is thought to be the identical volume which the protector used.

Dakota Girls. The scene was not a thousand miles from Fargo. As they sat on the steps on a moonlight evening he claimed the right to a kiss for every shooting star.

More Than the Ship Can Carry. The Japanese have a remarkable arrangement that keeps vast quantities of fish into an enormous bag of netting hanging beneath the bottom of a vessel.

William Archer's criticism on Mrs. Langtry's Cloopatra is everywhere pronounced to be the most severe on record. Here it is: "Purple patches of Shakespeare swimming in a prismatic whirlpool of maelstrom of spectacle."

Until late years the salutation of "Merry Christmas" was almost unknown in many southern homes. After the fashion of the "twos," in many places negro men and boys come from door to door singing, in the hope of receiving gifts of money or eatables.

WORK OF A CLOUDBURST.

THE COMPLETE TRANSFORMATION OF A LOVELY VALLEY.

In Fifteen Minutes the scene changed from Paradise to Desolation—Wild Race of Animals Before a Wall of Rushing, Foaming Water.

Here, between the fir-covered sides of the parallel ranges of mountains, is a valley half a mile wide and ten miles long, its upper end beginning far up in the grim hills.

A carpet of green grass—here and there a grove—birds flying up and down—a warm and gentle sun pouring down from out of a clear June sky.

There is a herd of buffaloes grazing in the grass. There are deer in the groves. There are foxes, wild horses are strolling in the grass a few yards away.

The coat of arms of Kentucky is two men standing with clasped hands under the motto, "United we stand, divided we fall." One of these men is the coat of arms.

The black cloud approaching. Away up among the dark hills we see a black cloud rising up into the clear sky. But for its blackness one might believe it a signal smoke made by the Indians.

The cloud lifts itself up and up, and in its struggles it always like a balloon. As it nears the mountains the vapors are condensed and become heavier, and as the weight increases the struggle becomes fiercer.

What a sight! The mountain side is a wall of rushing water. The water is white with foam. The rocks are being pounded by the water. The trees are being uprooted.

Look up the valley. No man will ever see such a sight twice in his lifetime. There is a wall across the valley—a wall of roaring, tumbling, seething, foaming waters.

It is over. Looking up the valley we see—what? Never a blade of grass or flower or bush or tree! Stupor! A track of desolation which nature cannot restore in a dozen years.

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He knew the woman. A few years ago the writer was on a train on an Indiana railroad, and in front of him sat a woman in deep mourning.

"You must pay your fare or get off the train," said the conductor bluntly. "You certainly will not be so inhuman as to keep me from reaching my dying child!" said the woman as the tears came to her eyes.

Without a word the woman got up and left the train when it stopped, and the indignation of the passengers melted away as she disappeared.—Indianapolis News.

Round to Come. The coat of arms of Kentucky is two men standing with clasped hands under the motto, "United we stand, divided we fall."

People grow in this world, whether they want to or not, and the day is coming when Kentucky men will stand shoulder to shoulder with the men of Wyoming on the question of equal rights.

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