

SEEDS OF THE DESSERT IN AN HOUR

By H. W. LORRELL. A handful of sand, from the hot clime of Arab deserts...

TAKING THE CHANCES.

The following narrative is from a translation of a Mexican book. A Captain of the insurgent army, during the war of Mexican independence...

cautions to take," said the Colonel. "He who shall be condemned by the lot shall ride backward. It will be but a feeble chance of escape for him, I admit; but, in short, there is a chance, and especially in favor of the winner."

The Spring Trade. The New York Daily Bulletin of March 4 has an article giving the result of its inquiries as to the prospects of the spring trade in New York. It says: "Appearances leave no room for question that the worst point of depression has been reached, and that we are now fairly on the way towards a healthy condition of business."

MOURNING AN EMPEROR. How They Do the Thing in the Flowery Kingdom. The London Weekly Dispatch has the following: "The Emperor of China being dead, all his subjects, according to their rank, will be required to mourn for his decease."

British Newspapers. George Washington Spangley writes from London to the New York Tribune: "The Daily Telegraph came out on Monday 'considerably enlarged,' as it has for some weeks been promising it would. The enlargement consists in adding one column to each of its pages, and stretching each page about two and one-half inches."

How a Cat Won a Wager. A number of persons were in the American House billiard saloon recently, when a man came in with a cat in his arms. A momentary wonder was expressed as to what the companionship-shipping was for. The cat was to be used in going about with cats in their arms.

The Sun's Eclipse. The eclipse of the sun on the 5th of April next is now exciting nearly as much interest among astronomers as the late transit of Venus. According to the British astronomer Hind, it will afford the best opportunity for the observation of totality likely to be offered till toward the close of the century.