Scenes in the High Sierras.

[Written for the Pages by J. G. LEMMON.]

No. I-Lake Tahoe.

"I'll never do it again, never," solitoquised the schoolmaster, half-aloud.

I did not look up from my work. 'No, I'll never be caught at this again," he continued,

raising his voice.

I was deeply absorbed in my occupation. It was what I loved passionately, so I scarcely heard him.

"It isn't natural, tisn't necessary," he exclaimed in ap-

I had found during the day a number of rare and beautiful plants, and some I hoped that were entirely new to ctanists. With the eagerness of one hopeful of discovery, I was now analyzing and carefully placing them in my

"This thing is getting monotonous," came in deliberate

adence upon the evening air. I was getting nervous in consequence of the muttering of the storm over in the direction of my comrade. Another volley admonished me to accelerate my motions, and also caused me to make my concluding determinations

"Brianthus Breweri," I said, "a very beautiful sprucelike, low ever-green, each spray surmounted by a capitalum of crimson, resaccous flowers. Grows on high mountains, very rare."

What is the use?" demanded the school-master, 'Draba aurea," I said, continuing, "one of the prettiest

of the Crucifers. Grows on Alpine summits. Never be-fore found in California," hastily placing the treasure in the well-filled press. "Can't I start you there ?" called the teacher. *Cyclademia humilis," I said, in a louder tone, born of conscious discovery, "an interesting glabrous Heather, resembling the Pyrolas. Never but once found before in

"Look here!" yelled my generally very quiet comrade, ome down to practical common sense and help me out

this scrape."
"Another Cyclademia, smaller in size and covered with
the hairs. A new species, or at least, a new variety,
lory enough for one day!" I said, hurriedly concluding

Tightly strapping the flower press and hanging it in Tightly strapping the flower press and hanging it in a stree, I hastly approached the samp-fire, where stood the school-master funning and fretting over a too hot fire, trying to hake biscuit, brid vention, and steep tea, all at once in the furfalent flames. He face was smorthed with soot, his clothes showed signs of proximity to sputtering grease, and he was snapping his fingers from recent burns. "I couldn't come before," I said applicationally, "What is the matter?"

grease, and he was snapping his fingers from recent hurns, "I couldn't come before," I said appliogetically, "What is the matter?"

We had slid for half a mile down the wet, hollowed-out, snow-covered side of Lassen's Peak that afternoon, after enjoying a long glorious survey of the country for him dieds of miles around its grandly elevated summit. We had returned to our camp of the previous night, cared for our poines, dried our clothes, and now the supper was being prepared, from choice, by my comrade while I attended to the trophies of the excursion.

"When I agreed on the highest spar of old Lassen, you-der," said the school-huncter, now in a midder tone, pacified by my presence and assistance, "to go with you to Shada nearly year, I should have stipulated that I won't good. The very pleasant memories of this long trip are embittered but by one pang; but that is a sharp one," said he, estibiting a row of blusters across his fingers.

"I won't costs on the Shasta trip," he resterated. "There is no need of my doing it," he added.
"So you need not," I said assuringly, "I'll do it myself, and you shall care for the houses."

"No, you'll not," he rejoined, "Neither of us need to cook. We'll get some lades to accompany us,
"Always thinking of the gis," I retorted teasingly, However, that is acapital dea, but ladies are scarcer here than in old Ohio."

"Thave found it so," he said, mountafuly, "hut I have you a last care."

a on Ohm. have found it so," he said, mountfully, "but I have if ew, and believe I can coax one to go with us if you

will get another."
"Just to make it pleasanter for you, and also to allow others to share in the glorous scenes of California, Pll rry." I asserted, "Init you know I am always entertained with flowers, am not a favorite with the Judies now, and on't care how my fond is cooked. Indeed I learned in a dear school to take it raw, and only too glad to get it in

that condition.

"Sadly true, my dear old soldier," said the school-master, sarming with sympathy. That those hornble prison experiences happily are passed forever, and now our rescuest country offers us better fare, and the loyal women, flood bless them, are ever ready to prepare it for us."

"Nery well. Let's see if we can get two of them for the Shasta trip, next year."

And so if was planned. At the close of that excursion we separated—he to continue his teaching in Indias Valley. To certain to Siera Valley, and organize a select thool During the Autum, letters from my friend colliamed frequent references to the pleasant vacation excursion to Lawen, with jufful anticipations in regard to the longer more varied, grander trip to the laftier Mt. Shasta,—but reported no progress in the obtaining of Lady's companies to the continue, had consented, was that by diligent correspondence and glowing representations, a haly—an acquaintaince—and fact, his late traveling formpaisem to that country, had consented, was even asked to take a mountain excursion. She was now teaching nor Marywelle, but deared a school in the cool money in take a mountain excursion. She was now teaching nor Marywelle, but deared a school in the cool money in take a mountain excursion. She was now teaching nor Marywelle, but deared a school in the cool money in take a mountain excursion to the continue, had content to the longer must be loving ones, or at least a loving one to welcome him and cheer him with her presence.

There must be home amusements and recreations to keep the boys at home, especially in the evening. If parents could only realize that money judiciously spent in beautifying their homes is, in reality, a necessary of the school-instant region of the evening promises of a require transmitted that we could not want sold autumn, here are not of the school-instant region of the school-instant region of the country had contained for the school-instant region of the country had contained for the large of the country had contained for turn we found his lady friend in waiting. During the trip we had concluded that we could not west suits autumn, the proper time to vest Shoria, but must make an excursion sharing the summer semes bette. Why not go southward along the summer semes bette. Why not go southward along the summer of the Surras, where are found the world-farmon objects. Lake Talne, the lag Trees and Younite? To the plan the lady resulty assented, and I countries for the valley at once to present her 10 to bottomical acquaintance of must there; lay our scheme before her and see if she would not make the fourth party to the arrangement. The assente was surpressingly prompt, "Yes, I'll go, and let's be off right away. I'll declare an odd-finite variation in my school to commence next Saturday."

And so the sort of lime last, after a burned and labori-And no the with of lime last, after a hurried and labori-cos preparation, she our excutation party moving out of Sarria valley, equipped with a join of pomes, a covered vagor, a light chalt tent, a those proce, fishing tackle, blankets, provisions, cooking strength, etc. The school-mater and myself were perfectly bappy in reflecting upon our suspervingly good link is a securing larly's company, and set secretly hoped to be gone all automore, but in common of the whole obtained the Labor's account.

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night in a green valley to the music of new bods, tool o out numerous lumber chittes and dains, strop at last over soky run and Phine—the broad shunnering sea lies beto

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Pulsa.

Now if any of my readers wish themselves in the posi-tion of those bules, or if there any destrong the good for-tion of the school-marker and myself, we will be char-taile and myste them all in magnitude, to accord with its the deck of a strainer while it makes an excursion assumd the lake; gave upon the glorious accurry and attempt its descentation.

I also Tahor is a custural wonder. It is a crystal sea caught in a grunder scalled, availantemed havin, two-thirds of the way of a virele of firest-closined snow-helmeted momentains, goods feet high!

The lake is so high—5, we feet—that the water does not evaporate, but maintains the virgin parity of its snow-delectivement, so deep—scarry view feet—that the center take the treatment as of deep—scarry view feet—that the center take the line of the sky, blue as indigo, and not even a film of her.

ice forms upon it in winter; so clear that a hoat seems floating in air, and visitors are constantly deceived in the depth of the water—easily distinguishing the scales on a trout or the lines on a pebble, seemingly but so feet deep, which proves to be 60; so large—35 miles long by 15 wide—that the rotundity of the earth is beautifully illustrated, and ocean storms are experienced; so advantageously situated on the line between two enterprising States, and connecting main thoroughfares leading to the principal towns of each, that prosperous villages and beautiful simpler resorts are springing up along its shores, and several steamers with a host of sail craft and row-boats are required to transact its commerce; so densely bordered with valuable forests as to afford occupation to hundreds of laborers in cutting timber which is rafted across the lake and sawed into lumber by a number of large factories; so filled with delicious trout as to furnish subsistence to tribes of Indians, and superb angling to throngs of tourists, but above all, the climate of Tahne is so ethereal and salubrious, its sailing privileges so cheap and delightful, its depths so blue and mysterious, its expanse so convex and sail-flecked, its shallow coves so clear and pebble-strewn, its skiring forest so dense and verdant, its vistas of meadow so brilliant with sunlight, its mountain slopes so rock-ribbed and picturesque, its surmounting peaks so hold and snow-striped, its overarching sky so near and aure-lined by day, so star-filled and glorious by night, that it is no wonder that every summer its spiendd hotels are thronged and its cool-groves filled with tourists from far and near-who return again and again to revel in the fascinations of Tahoe.

Mark Twam, after looking upon the famous lakes of Europe, exclaimes, "Compared with the crystal Tahoe, come is a freq pond." He concludes a unique description with, "Tahoe is a sea in the clouds! A sea that has character and a soure-time of the conducts a unique description.

with, "Tahoe is a sea in the clouds! A sea that has cha acter and asserts it in solemn calms, at times in savag storms. A sea whose royal seclusion is guarded by a codon of sentinel peaks that lift their frosty fronts 0,000 fe above the level world! A sea whose every aspect is in pressive, whose belongings are all beautiful, whose lonel majesty types the Delty!"

Such is Tahoe. Such is its glorious surroundings! Is any wonder that the departing ted man thinks it the happy hunting ground?" Can anyone be unhappy, there dissatisfied?

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That anyone can become sick at Tahoe has been utterly preposterous. I say "has been," implying, of course, by the tense of the verb, that the rule has been violated.

Yes. In the divine atmosphere of Tahoe—the ether that angels breathe—and in the presence of its meffable glories, at the close of the second week, one of our ladies, the school-master's friend, was taken sick. It was an unbeard of occurrence at Tahoe, but no lessa fact. Actually sick, and we took her to the hotel for more careful treatment than we could give her in the tent. But medicines and nurses, powders and careful diet were all unavailing. She grew wome. Must go home. When told that she was too unwell perhaps, for the journey, she railled. Was just able, if we would hurry off.

The sickness of one, of course, involved the loss of both ladies. With feelings that cannot be described, we took them to Truckee, for home, then returned to camp, for in our extreme dejection we had become deranged, and we resolved to continue the journey, to the fig. I rees, Yesemite, Los Angeles, the Virginia deep mines—anywhere.

Make Home Beautiful.

Home is, or should be, the loveliest spot on earth—the happiest place this side the pearly gates of heaven, and it is a part of 's mission to make it so.

The humblest home may be made so attractive that the loved ones will have no desire to leave its sheltering roof. father, husband and brother, instead of being absent as much as possible, and returning only when hunger demands it, fornia. when weary and in want of a place of rest, or sick and in need of a nurse, will linger lovingly around the cheerful hearth, and if compelled by business to go out into the cold world, the reluctant footstep will testify to an unwillingness to give up the comfort and happiness of an evening at home.

But whose home is happy? Is it his

who has thousands of dollars at his command, whose walls are lined with exquisite pictures, and whose rooms are furnished like those of a palace? Perhaps so. It may be a very happy home, but it is not the money, the pictures, or the costly furniture that make it so. These may add to the enjoyment of the heart, but they are not indispensable to happi-

clothes and jewels is a premium them away to places where they attract them away to places where they attract the most admiration and envy, there would the most admiration and envy, there would the most admiration and envy there would the most admiration and envy there would be a "previous engagement," so cannot disappoint ber; she trusted me. streets and saloons, fewer cases of shame and disgrace to be borne by the loving ones at home. Furnish the children with innocent amusements-home games and interesting books. Join them in their sports. Make them feel that you love them, and care for their happiness; and as they grow older, there is little danger of their spending their evenings where they ought not.

On the other hand, compel them to sit quietly down with folded hands as soon as they enter the room; make them feel that they are in the way, and the work is begun which ruins hundreds. As soon as they can break away from parental authority they will go where they are made welcome and urged to come again; where every one seems to be happy; where the social glass is passed round; where cards and dice are handled, and the click of the

billiard balls is heard. While beautifying the house, do not neglect the yard. A person who owns a foot of ground or has the lease of a southern wall and lets May and June go by without planting a rose bush or climbing vine, is remiss in an important duty. No matter if you do not own the land, plant the roots and seeds and have sweet flowers springing up and blossoming around you. Not even the hardest heart can withstand their softening, subduing influence. - lowa Homestead.

A Wire's Rights. - It is a great mistake for a husband to keep his wife in igno-rance of his business affairs. In ordinary families it is she who regulates the outgo, and she ought to know what is the in-A few weeks ago I heard a young wife just in the early experience of house keeping, say, "How shall I know whether we are living beyond our means? I can't get any idea of what we have to spend: and while I try to be very careful, course, I might spend less on our table if we were getting in debt." Surely she ought not to be blamed if the debit and credit accounts are not prosperous. loving and anxious wife suffers untold imaginary fears if she sees a tired or perplexed expression on her husband's face, unless she is assured of the truest confi dence between them, and knows that no great concern of his is kept a secret from

PICTURES.-A room with pictures in it, and a room without pictures, differ by nearly as much as a room with windows, room without windows. Nothing, we think, is more melancholy, particularly to a person who has to pass much time in room, than blank walls and nothing on them; for pictures are loopholes of es-cape to the soul, leading it to other scenes and other spheres. It is such an inexpressible relief to a person engaged in writing, or even reading, on looking up, his soul escaping, as it were, through the frame of an exquisite picture, to other beautiful, and perhaps idyllic scenes, where fancy for a moment may revel, refreshed and delighted. Is it win-ter in your world? Perhaps it is summer in the picture. What a charming momen-tary change and contrast! And thus pic-tures are consolers of loneliness; they are a sweet flattery to the soul; they are a relief to the jaded mind; they are windows to the imprisoned thought; they are books; they are histories and sermons which we can read without the trouble of turning over the leaves.

Young Forks' Corumn.

Tom's Gold Dust.

"Uncle," said Tom, one day, "it seems to me your things don't look as well as they might." They were in the garden, and "the things" the boy had his eyes on were the currant bushes, "Well, sir, what can you improve?" said his

"I can try on the currants," said Tom, "They

want to be trimmed out, the wood cut off, and the right suckers trained." 'Suppose you try, my boy," said the uncle. His uncle did not believe much would come

it; but he had reason to change his mind. Much did come of it. People, when they walked in the garden, exclaimed, "What splendid currants you have got!"
"That boy knows how to take care of his gold-

dust," said his uncle to himself.

Tom went to college; and every account they

heard of him he was going ahead—laying a solid foundation for the future.

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"Certainly," said his uncle—"certainly; that boy knows how to take care of his gold-dust."

Gold-dust! Where did Tom get gold-dust? He was a poor boy. He had not been to California. He never was a miner. Where did he get gold-dust? Ah! he has seconds and minutes; and these are the gold-dust of time-specks and particles of time, which boys and girls, and grown-up people are apt to waste and throw away. Tom knew their value. His father had taught him that every speck and particle of time was worth its weight in gold; and he took care foothern as if they were. He never spent them footishly, but only in good bargains, "For value received" was stamped on all he passed away.

Take care of your gold-dust, boys and girls.

Keeping Faith.

Sir William Napier was one day taking a long country walk, when he met a little girl about five years old sobbing over a broken bowl. She had dropped and broken it, in bringing it back from the field to which she had taken her father's dinner, and said she would be beaten on her re-turn home for having broken it. As she said this, a sudden gleam of hope seemed to cheer her. She innocently looked up into Sir William's face, and said: "But you can mend it, can't you?" He explained that he could not mend the bowl, but the trouble he could overcome by the gift of a sixpence to buy another However, on opening his purse it was empty of silver, and he promised to meet his little friend on the same spot at the same hour next day, and to bring sixpence with him; bidding her mean-while to tell her mother she had seen a gentleman who would bring her the money for a bowl next Jay. The child, entirely trusting him, went on day. her way comforted. On his return home he found an invitation awaiting him to dine in Bath following evening to meet some one whom he especially wished to see. He hesitated for some little time, trying to calculate the possibilities of giving the meeting to his little friend of the broken bowl and still be in time for the dinner party at Bath, but finding this could not be, he wrote to decline accepting the invitation, on the saying, "1

A LESSON OF GRATITUDE.-A gentleman was once making inquiries in Russia about the method of catching bears in that country. He was told hat to corrap them, a mit was due several feet deep, and after covering it over with turf, leaves, etc., some food was placed on the top. The bear, if tempted by the bair, easily fell into the snare.

"But," he added, "if four or five happen to get in together, they all get out again."
"How is that?" asked the gentleman.
"They form a sort of ladder by

on each other's shoulders, and thus make their "But how does the bottom one get out?"

"Ah! these bears, though not possessing a mind and soul such as God has given us, yet can cel gratifude; and they won't forget the has been the chief means of procuring their lib erty. Scampering off, they fetch the branch of a tree, which they let down to their poor brother, enabling him speedily to join them in the free-

Sensible bears, we should say, are a great deal better than some people that we hear about, who never help anybody but themselves. - The Carrier

"LET ME, MA'AM."-"Let me, ma'am, let ne," said a little boy to a lady, who, on a rainy, me, said a little boy to a tany, who, on a ball, windy day, was struggling to open an umbrella, and at the same time to keep hold of several little parcels, and he took the umbrella from her hand, opened it, and then tied her parcels together in

ne with a stout string.
"Thank you very much," sald she. "You are very polite to do so much for a stranger."
"Of it's no trouble, ma am," said he, with a smile: "I like to help people."
Can't some of our readers look out for a chance

to go and do likewise ?

Good manners are the blos soms of good sense, and, it may be added, of good feeling too, for if the law of kindness be written in the cart, it will lead to that disinterestedness of little things as well as greatthings—that desire to oblige, and attention to the gratification of others, which is the foundation of good man-

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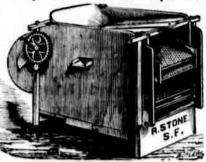
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