

THE INDEPENDENT.

REMINISCENCES OF THE SANDS.

We wandered away from the camp. The wind was blowing from the north. Over the hills and across the sands...

Hattie's Vacation.

Only a minor teacher in a village school, with a salary of fifty dollars per month. I was an orphan, and lived with my aunt, my mother's sister, to whom I owed a debt of gratitude.

I had no sister nor brother, therefore was devotedly attached to my aunt and cousin, Gertrude, whom my mother reared from infancy. We naturally looked on each other as sisters and the dearest of companions.

"Oh, how I waited and longed for letters from Gertrude! I thought often, as the weeks went by, that she had forgotten me. It was probable that she was married, and had found a new and nobler love than mine.

Never did letter bring so much pleasure to a deary spirit as Gertrude's brought to me. I think the schoolmaster was a little kinder to me, and I was more contented with my lot.

"What in the world has happened, Gertrude? You are excited; is anything wrong?" "Nothing, Auntie. I have received a letter from Gertrude, who is married, and sends me a pressing invitation to spend my holidays with her."

"But, child, surely you would not think of such a thing, Gertrude, as leaving home; the distance is long for a young girl."

From the Frozen Zone.

The arrival of two hundred Londoners on Wednesday evening was a most welcome visitation at this season of the year. The temperature has been entirely comfortable since they struck the town.

"I am glad you have come, Miss Hattie," he continued, "to lonely at the grove! I hope your visit will be a pleasant one."

"I thanked him with as much composure as I could muster, and we relaxed into silence. At last my journey was ended; for Gertrude's family had arrived from the portals of a pretty villa, and a minute later we embraced each other.

"I kissed the sweet child carefully, lest I should interrupt the peaceful slumber, and then followed Gertrude to the dining room, where she met George, Gertrude's husband, whose hearty welcome and generous hospitality made me feel quite at home."

"It is needless to describe how pleasantly my vacation passed. It seemed to me as if I were coming into new life, as it really was, when I returned to my aunt and was the promised bride of Phillip Dent. Gertrude and I live near each other. We often take long drives together, and she goes to her last resting place, where she has met her well-earned reward."

Flooding the Sahara. The plan of Donald Mackenzie for opening the interior of the African continent to European commerce by admitting the waters of the Atlantic through an artificial channel into a vast depression in the area of the arid desert, which for ages has been the impassable barrier that has retarded the progress of civilization.

"I hope you can trust yourself to me," I said, and he helped me to the carriage. In a few minutes we had left the depot and the village far behind. The gentle animals leisurely trotted along as we gained a grand view of the road, which was an unbroken view of one of the most beautiful landscapes I had ever seen.

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"Perhaps," says an article in the Times, "if Freemasons disclosed their secrets they would lose little worth keeping, and the world would be the poorer for the loss."

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FASHION NOTES.

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Twenty-four-buttoned jackets are the most recent mode for the feminine wardrobe. Brown Holland is being embroidered with chenille, and also gold, for summer under-vests, pinks and fawns.

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