### YELLOWSTONE PARK.

## A Section Where the Most Wonderful Freaks of Nature Are Massed.

In any other country than our owr the opportunities of finding such a section of land, where all the most wonderful attractions of nature are massed, would have been impossible.

The first real information of Wonderland, with its geysers, its volcanic formations, its rushing waters, its canyons, came in 1863. Before that, save the vague stories of the trappers, there was nothing known of the Yellowstone region. These adventurous hunters had told the truth, but they were not believed.

Captain De Lacy's report, written by a competent officer, at once attracted attention. In 1871 Dr. Hayden went to the Yellowstone region, studied it in detail, and presented a careful summary of his explorations to Congress. Above all, Dr. Hayden urged that the whole section should be set apart by Congress "for the benefit and enjoyment of the people," and this wise meesure was carried out in 1872.

The Yellowstone National Park lies in the northwestern corner of Wyoming, with small portions of it extendtains 3575 square miles, or 2,228,000 Gazette. acres. The lowest level, at Gardiner's river, is 5360 feet, the highest, Electric Peak, in the Gallatin range, being lana, is said to be the greatest bear-11,155 feet above the sea. The aver- hunter in the South. He is also an exage elevation of the plateau is from pert deer-hunter, and has followed 7500 to 8500 feet. The summer days more than one panther into the jungle. are hot, the nights always cool. In the He keeps a pack of hounds and bearwinter the climate is arctic. Here the dogs and his kennels are famous past changes of this planet, its present through the South. disturbances, are visible. The forces are her lesser escape pipes.

of geysers. One, known as the Grand, thirty-five years ago." that Nature carries a stop-watch in her term in Dartmoor prison. pocket. Old Faithful is, however, the

agitation compounds of siliceous clays, habits she gets rid of them." which are pink, brown, blue, and gray.

ure's solvents.

There are many extinct geysers, but a cook to prepare their food. when they ceased to spout no one can tell. There is nothing normal about the Yellowstone Park, because it is a center of volcanic activity. It is Wonderland, and in Wonderland, as far as the staid matter-of-fact contours of the earth go, there can be nothing which is rigid.

Mount Evarts owes its name to a Mr. Evarts who was one of the exploration party that visited the geyser basins in 1869. Mr. Evarts, when near the head of the lake, was lost, and only joined his party after suffering great hardships. Not far from Mount Evarts to the widow she carefully went over are the Mammoth Hot Springs, which cover an area of three square miles. Here are terraces glittering in all colors. Certain portions of the Yellowstone country are known as "bad lands." Wherever volcanic action of a recent date has destroyed the fertility of the soil, this name is given.

With its superblakes, rushing rivers, water-falls, its canyons and geysers, this Yellowstone National Park is one of the wonders of the world .- Harper's Bazar.

## Prince Alexander's Shadow.

Now that Prince Alexander of Battenberg has accepted the consequences of his marriage, and retired into comparative obscurity for the moment, all career will be forgotten; but no one's life has been more full of incidents of romance. He was adored by his army, which would have followed him to the death, and by his own immediate followers, to whom he was a real hero in every sense of the word. Through his Servian career he was attended by a tall and handsome jaeger, who never left him for a moment, and who on many occasions ran great risk of losing his own life in his determination not to lose sight of his master. At night he slept on a couch in the ante-room outside his bed-room. and at least one plot to assassinate Prince Alexander was frustrated by his vigilance. After Prince Alexander left Bulgaria, the servant who followed his master disappeared, and the solution of the mystery-for mystery it was to those who knew the Prince-was then discovered in the fact that the hardisome jaeger was a woman in disguise, who, being madly in love with Prince Alexander, determined to devote her life to guard him from danger during his stormy reign in the Bulgarian kingdom. What became of her was not known, but she was not seen again with the Prince after he left Sofia -Chicago Harald

### "A LITTLE NONSENSE."

-Most persons who cross the ocean for the first time pronounce it a very swell affair. - Baltimore American.

-She-"Did your uncle leave you any thing, Henri?" Henri-"He did." She-"Henri, I am yours." He-"He left me his blessing." She-"Henri, I am not yours."

-Diplomacy.-Mrs. O'Kay-"I'm going to Cutlet's, Horace. Shall I order the Sunday dinner?" Mr. O'Kay-"By all means, no! Just ask for it. Last month's bill is still due."-Time.

-A clam was walled up in a building at Syracuse ten years ago as an experiment. When taken out the other day it was found alive and reasonably well, but not much given to

-Fond mother-"Tommy, darling, this is your birthday. What would you like best to do?" Tommy, darling (after a moment's reflection) - "I think I should enjoy seeing the baby spanked!"-Paris Figuro.

-The young man in Montana who shot himself because his sweetheart rejected him, missed one of the keenest pleasures of life. He should have married her neighbor and bought for ing into Idaho and Montana. Its his wife the prettiest spring bonnet length is 55 miles, width 65. It con that came to his town.—Fort Worth

-- Congressman Robertson, of Louis-

-Empress Eugenie, drawn by a Paris within this globe of ours never are at special correspondent on the spot: "A rest. If through the funnels of vol- fragile form, valled and robed in black, canoes Nature finds her safety-valves, a pallid face and snow-white hair, and in the Yellowstone Park the geysers the infirm gait of a rheumatic invalid -such is the image now presented by Around what is called the Upper her who was the famous beauty and Basin is the Beehive, with its cluster the world's queen of fashion some

throws a jet of water 25 feet in diame- Thomas Thompson, who recently ter to a height of 250 feet, and this died in Rockport, Mass., at the age of superb water-spout has a duration of ninety-four, was the oldest inhabitant not less than twenty minutes. There of the town. He was a sailor in the is another famous geyser called Old United States navy during the war of Faithful. Geysers are more or less 1812, and served the Government for capricious as to their eruptions, and twenty-five years. While a privateersare disappointing to those who expect man he was captured and served a

-"I heard of one Parisian lady," says most methodical of geysers. Out of Mrs. Frank Leslie, "who dismisses the cavern beneath him he draws up every servant in her employ every six the water and shoots it into the air at months. Her theory is that the conregular in cryals of every fifty-seven stant renewal of her household personnel tends to keep her domestics in Paint Pots are small basins about good order. She gets the cream, so to three feet wide, where the escaping speak, of their services, and just about steam finds an exit, and they hold in the time they settle down into lazy

-Countess Tolstoi, it is said, is the The Pulpit Terraces are a series of daughter of a Moscow physician, who singularly beautiful stalacite basins, married the Count thirty years ago, containing water charged with car- when very young. She has borne him bonic acid, which holds in solution thirteen children, and upon her rests carbonate of lime. As the surplus the whole management of the housewater trickles over them lime is de- hold. To the Count the possession of osited by evaporation as a solid crust. a house superior to that of a peasant Liberty Cap owes its peculiar shape to is a sin, and in his eyes his family the well-known action of one of nat- lives in culpable luxury because they have serv atts to clean their boots and

> -A Brooklyn coroner, while examining some papers, unearthed a receipt for valuables that were found on the person of a man who dropped dead near the bridge. Among the things acknowledged by it were almost \$1,000 in currency, several large books, some jewelry and papers. The widow of the man was known, and the officer, to save her the trouble of going to his office, sent the effects to her residence. There were a score of articles in all, and they made a pretty bulky bundle. When the messenger delivered them each. Upon concluding her examination, instead of thanking the messenger, she startled him by saving: "There was a pair of scissors. Where are they?"

-Fond mamma (who knows him at home)-"Frankie, I nope you have been a nice, quiet boy at school this afternoon." Frankie-"Yes, indeed, mamma. I went to sleep in my seat right after recess, and the teacher said she would keep in the first boy or girl that waked me up."-Puck.

-Under the terms of a will! left by an Iowa man the same gold watch was left to thirteen different persons. He was not friendly with any of them, the story of his short, though brilliant, and he probably did it hoping they would fight each other, which they are doing in a lively manner.



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