

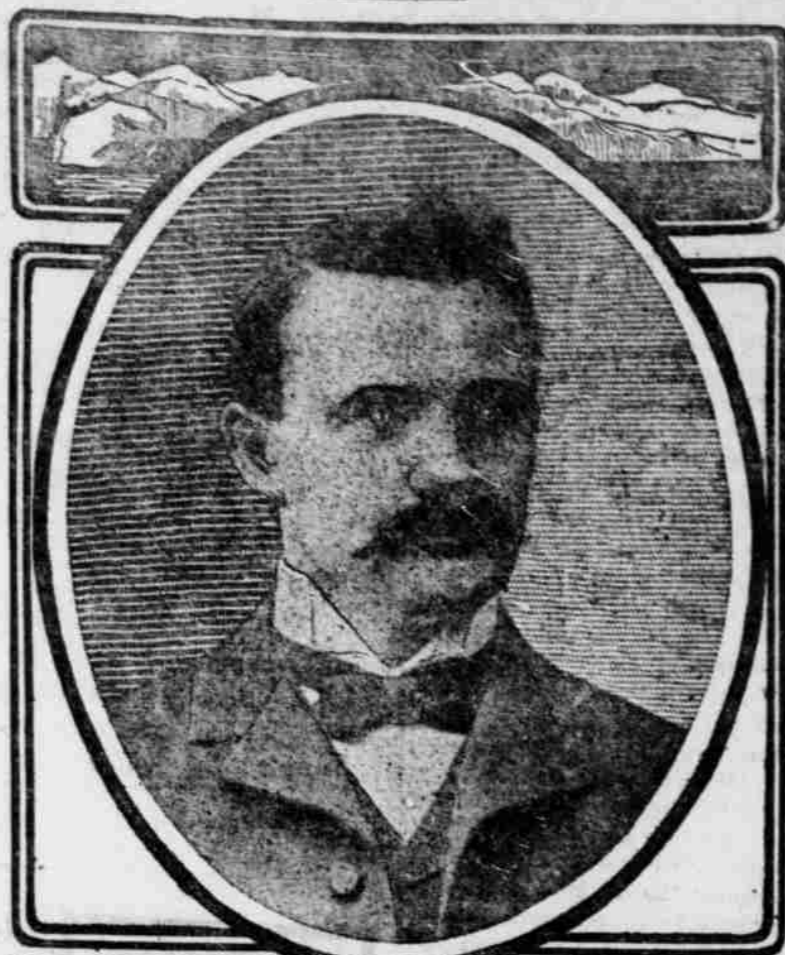
THE SWEET, LONG DAYS.

The sweet, long days when the morning breaks over the mountains in rose and gold...

SUSAN'S LUCKY SHOT.

I was a very pretty prospect that confronted Miss Susan Galton Brown. The scattering white blossoms among the trees in the valley...

AMERICAN ARCTIC EXPLORER



EVELYN B. BALDWIN.

The head of the celebrated Baldwin-Ziegler north pole expedition was forced to return from the arctic with his playship because the reserve of food was getting low...

So she plined a brilliant leaf to a tree trunk and at twenty paces—split it at the first trial.

The sun was still high above the hills when she started to return to her aunt's. As she went down the old state road a sudden clattering caused her to turn her head.

A few moments of brisk walking brought her to the brow of the hill where the road turned sharply and ran at an oblique angle...

Miss Susan's eyes were good ones and the air was very clear. She saw a horseman sitting in his saddle at the bank door. He was holding the bridle of two riderless horses.

Then an indescribable impulse seized her. She let herself over the edge of the bank and began a mad scramble down the steep declivity.

The horse of the fleeing man suddenly leaped to one side and dung his rider heavily to the earth.

SNAKES OF ARIZONA.

THE TERRITORY NOTABLE FOR ODD REPTILES.

Natural Breeding Ground for Them—Illustrations of the Power of the Serpent to Fascinate—Experience with a Coach-Whip Snake.

The Smithsonian Institution authorities say that more varieties of poisonous snakes are found in Arizona than in any other part of the United States.

"No other region in the United States is so much of a natural breeding ground for the rattlesnake as is southern Arizona," said he to a correspondent of the New York Sun.

There are literally tens of thousands of rattlers in the sage brush and chapparal along the edge of southern Arizona wastes.

"Hog-nose snakes are quite plentiful in the mountainous parts of Arizona. After all the talk about serpents hissing, this is the only specimen of the ophidian family which I have ever heard utter a sound.

"Many writers on reptiles in America say that thunder snakes are common in Texas, New Mexico and Arizona. They are really uncommon in the territories.

"Flashes of lightning and claps of thunder, which are terrifying to bipeds and quadrupeds, seem to have a charm for these members of the ophidian family.

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"Not endowed with poison, it has tremendous power of constriction. It forms its body into coils which are capable of crushing sheep, dogs and coyotes.

"When I was in Lower California in 1890 I was told by a Mexican peon that he had a 10-year-old boy squeezed to death by a coach whip a few years before.

"She was too frightened to do more than scream and fall to the ground, when her daughter came running up and quickly released her by merely unwrapping the snake's tail.

"Over in the pine woods I saw a ground squirrel fascinated by a black gopher snake. The forked tongue darted out of the snake's mouth almost as regularly and rapidly as the needle of a sewing machine rises and falls.

"When the gopher snake was within two or three inches from the squirrel it gave a leap and threw three coils about the squirrel. Instantly the spell was gone.

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"Oh, Jack," she murmured on the way. "It was so unwomanly and so cold-blooded!"

"I'm afraid it was, my dear," said Jack in a painfully-solemn voice, "but as it saved the bank in which I am intimately interested \$37,000 in cold cash, and at the same time appears to have broken up the most desperate gang of thieves the State has ever known, I fear I must condone the fault.

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never so, perhaps, a great producer of fruits for export, but the raising of fruits throughout the country is becoming more and more of an industry.

"Fruits originally cultivated, and probably native to Japan, include the orange, pear, peach, sour plum, almond, grape, persimmon, loquat, pomegranate, ginko or salisburia, and fig.

"The persimmon comes next to the orange in the number produced, and is a favorite with the natives, but its season is comparatively short.

"The persimmon of our Southern States. The sour plum is extensively cultivated and yields a good crop, but the other fruits named above, though more or less widely grown, are produced in much smaller quantities.

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HONESTY IN WALL STREET.

How J. P. Morgan Taught a Lesson to Some Shrewd Brokers.

A few weeks ago a Wall street firm was agent for a coterie of street railroad capitalists in Philadelphia. The agents held about 60,000 shares of stock for the capitalists on margin—shares that the Philadelphians were under moral obligations to control.

This was a scheme that in other years would have worked, and to the serious injury of many more than those immediately concerned. But a new power had come into Wall Street. The Philadelphia men took a special train to New York and went to J. Pierpont Morgan. They informed him of their predicament.

HIGH FRENCH NAVAL OFFICER IN DISGRACE.

Two distinguished naval officers, Vice Admiral de Beaumont, maritime prefect of Toulon, and Rear Admiral Servan, commanding the Atlantic division, have been summarily relieved of their commands by order of President Loubet.

Rear Admiral Servan's downfall is attributed to sensational developments



VICE ADMIRAL DE BEAUMONT.

which led up to the recent suicide of Commander Barry, who shot himself in the cabin of the cruiser Tage while off Martinique.

De Beaumont's discipline is said to be due to a recently published, but denied, interview severely criticizing the Minister of Marine, M. Pelletan.

Told by a Tourist.

One of my favorite trolley rides in Denver had its terminal a road leading to a country village. The latter was perched nest-like on the summit of a lofty hill and was reached by a primitive horse car.

Officials of the patent office overlooked the device of Heron when they granted patents on machines, notwithstanding that previously Thomas Edison, Commissioner of Patents in 1850, illustrated and described Heron's invention.

An Old-Fashioned Salutation. A salutation has been formed in Paris for the purpose of restoring the old-fashioned method of saluting a lady by kissing her hand.

Wireless Reports to Press. Wireless telegraphy is about to be applied to press work in France for the first time.

Syndicate for Paris Tenants. A syndicate has been started in Paris to promote the interests of tenants. The landlords already have their syndicate.

When it is said that a man is rich, some little old woman present pipes up with, "Well, then, why doesn't he do something for his poor kin?"

FRUIT GROWING IN JAPAN.

Sweet Oranges, Persimmons and Figs Raised in Abundance. Japan is generally looked upon as a land of flowers rather than of fruit, but it has an abundance of both. It will