

MOTHER NATURE AS SCULPTOR

Marvelous Beauty of Yosemite Valley Due to Erosion of Water Through Uncounted Ages.

After the visitor to the Yosemite valley has recovered from his first shock of astonishment—for it is no less—at the supreme beauty of the valley, inevitably he wonders how nature made it. However did it happen that walls so enormous rose so nearly perpendicular from so level a floor?

It will not lessen wonder to learn that it was water which cut most of this deep valley in the solid granite. Originally the Merced river flowed practically at the level of the canyon top. How long it took its waters, enormous in volume then, no doubt, to scrape with tools of sand this val-

ley thousands of feet into the living shape, no man can even guess. And, as it cut the valley, it left the tributary streams sloping even more sharply from their levels until eventually they poured over brink as giant waterfalls.

But geologists have determined, by unerring fact, that the river did by far the most of the work, and that the great glacier which followed the water ages afterward did little more than square its corners and steepen its cliffs. It may have increased the depth from 700 to 1,000 feet, not more.

During the uncountable years since the glaciers vanished, erosion has again marvelously used its chisel. With the lessening of the Merced's volume, the effect was to amazingly carve and decorate the walls.

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Got Ring Lost Thirty Years Ago.

A boy was playing along the rocky coast of North Wales, a short time ago, and trying to lift many of the loose rocks, saw a sparkling object lying underneath one of them. On being fished up this proved to be a valuable gold ring. When inquiries were made, it was found that it belonged to an old resident of the district, who had lost it in the sea over thirty years ago, when bathing.

Great Wrong Done Willie.

There ought to be a severe penalty for an alarm clock striking a blue note. One of these things got Willie out of bed an hour too early under the suggestion that he was an hour late, and landed him at the office like a runaway horse, before the janitors had finished their morning's work.—Seattle Post-Intelligencer.

Really Fine Eulogy.

Here is a eulogy of a dead emir which Ibn Khalikan declares the Commander of the Faithful, as the Caliph of Bagdad was known, pronounces incomparable: "Now let misfortune do its worst, and time inflict its evils. There is no excuse for eyes which have not shed their tears."

Snakes Bred for Profit.

Most of the snakes used by showmen are procured from a large "snake farm" at San Antonio, Tex., where all kinds of reptiles are bred. This farm consists of eight acres for snakes alone, besides the land required for raising rabbits, chickens, frogs and other "snake feed."

"Telephone Probe."

The inventor of the Bell telephone, Alexander Graham Bell, has another invention to his credit that very few know of. Yet it is in constant use in France. It is called the "telephone probe," and absolutely locates the exact position of a bullet in the human body.

Seek Fuel Oil Substitute.

Experts in the employ of Uruguay are experimenting with bituminous schist, which exists in great quantities in that country, in the belief that it may replace fuel oil in government electric plants.

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HOW TO MEET MIDDLE AGE

Imperative That One Should Keep Up With the Progression of Human Thought.

Margaret Deland gives some useful advice on how to meet middle age in such a manner as to insure future happiness. Among other things, she says: "To hold on to our appreciation of nature, we must spur our dull and lagging memory of beauty; to keep our appreciation of human nature, we must refuse to be laid on the shelf; we must keep up with the procession of human thought. Only so can we see the sweat, the tears and smiles of our fellow-creatures."

"These are the two tasks of middle age; if we perform them worthily our souls will never grow old. And, plainly, it is 'up to us' as these slangy youngsters of ours express it—it is up to us to keep young; to make sure that our inner vision is open to beauty; and to the joy and sorrow, the squalor and glory of our fellows. If we do this, the 'compensation' is immediate!

"So, what difference does it make if the body is rheumatic and near-sighted—and a little deaf when it comes to the song sparrows; what do such things matter, if the eyes of the soul still see that crater mirroring the sky, if the ears of the spirit hear the bird's note in dawn and dew?

"Nor does it matter that the body declines a game of tennis and shudders at a plunge into the surf when the thermometer registers only 55 degrees—if the body's tenant is able to say to the young people, 'Go ahead! Have a good time! But take my word for it.

"The best is yet to be!"—Woman's Home Companion.

ADAPTED TO MODERN NEEDS

Seeming Proof That Fact of Women Have Developed With Enlargement of Their Work.

The different sizes chosen for the standard boots for women did not apparently include size one, which raises an interesting point, remarks the Manchester (Eng.) Guardian. Some little time ago an old curiosity shop in a country town showed in its window a woman's shoe of ancient date. It was made of a gray-blue brocaded silk, with a large square-cut tongue and fastened with a buckle. The heel was very high, made of wood and covered with red-brown leather. It was a beautiful shoe, and might have belonged to a lady of Marie Antoinette's court, or even have trodden dances in the time of our Merry Monarch. But it was so extraordinarily small that 999 women would have failed to get it on.

The thousandth happened to see it, was fascinated by its appearance, and asked if she might try it on. It fitted exactly.

Was the normal size foot of that age the abnormal one of this? One wonders. And have women's hands, feet and waists developed to suit the work which nowadays they have to do?

Attractive Tiled Roofs.

One of the most romantic touches of old Spain and Mexico is transferred to southern California through the medium of its tile roofs on the better class of domestic work. The work left by the old Franciscan priests in their missions throughout southern California and mostly done by the Indians, who were good potters and who became expert under the direction of the monks, is the source of this new departure. It is claimed that the variations in the tile, making it possible for them to fit together, was done over the calf of an Indian's leg, the wet clay being molded by that method and then laid aside to dry. The character of these old tiles consists not only in the rich red and reddish-brown tones in the clay or the texture, a sort of semi-rough matt glaze, but from the irregular, many-sized and shaped pieces going into the roof.—Dwight James Baum in Architecture.

Value of Thunderstorm.

A thunderstorm is one of the best of physicians. In fact it is worth a whole army of doctors working day and night. What they can only assuage it can cure, clear out, absolutely abolish.

Lightning makes the atmosphere fresh. It is the cleansing fire of heaven. Where it passes no germ can live. But an even greater cleanser, for it leaves no nook or corner untouched, unwashed, unflushed, is the torrential rain which almost invariably accompanies a thunderstorm. Think of billions of tons of water passing through the atmosphere, carrying down with it thousands of tons of solid matter in the shape of smoke and ashes, and effluvia, and germs untold and swilling all these things from street and alley and court and roof. Why, no spring cleaning could effect in a century what a thunder shower does in ten minutes.

Destructive Civil War.

Civil war in England lasted from 1642 to 1660—eighteen years—being contemporaneous part of the time with the Thirty Years war, which divided all Germany into two opposing camps. It found the empire with a population of 16,000,000, and left it with less than 5,000,000.

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