

LOST RIVERS.

The Tributaries of a Stream That Does Not Exist. There is one remarkable case in New Mexico where the lost tributaries are plentiful but the main stream does not exist.

In the valley lie the ruins of the Gran Quivira, the existence of which is not only attested by the ruins themselves but also by the accounts of the earliest Spanish settlers.

TRAFFIC IN BABIES.

Women Who Adopt Poor Children for Purposes of Speculation.

I know of one woman out Penn avenue who makes a business of going to the poor-farms and other institutions and securing babies.

A Swimming Lesson in Venice.

If the day is warm we shall see plenty of Venetian boys swimming in the canals, wearing nothing but a pair of light trousers, and they care so little for our approach that we are afraid our gondolas will run over some of them.

"SHARK" LAWYERS.

How They Work Up Testimony in Damage Cases and Prosecute the Suits.

"I don't believe the tax-payers of this city have any idea of the number of schemes which are being concocted to bleed the city treasury," said City Attorney Washburne to a reporter.

"Last year we defended forty-one personal-injury cases. The total damages sought to be recovered amounted to \$312,500. That a majority of these cases were unjustly brought, in the hope that sympathetic juries would give dishonest judgments against the city is evidenced by the fact that but \$8,780 out of the \$312,500 claimed was paid.

"Since January 1, the beginning of the present year, we have defended ten of these cases, where a total of \$105,000 was claimed as damages. The amount recovered was \$900. The limited success attending the efforts of the prosecutors of these cases is discouraging the speculation which has heretofore been indulged in to so great an extent, and I am glad to say that there are very few new suits being filed against the city at the present time.

"What do I mean by speculation? I mean that nearly all of these cases are brought ostensibly by the injured parties, but in reality by attorneys who, for a certain percentage of the judgments obtained, assume control of the suits, pay the costs, and undertake to furnish their own time in conducting them free of charge in case nothing is recovered.

"It is this class of men I am after, and one of these days I am going to get enough evidence against some one of them to send him down to Joliet and make an example of him. I recently caused a warrant to be issued against a witness in one of these cases, against whom I had all the evidence necessary to convict him of perjury.

"If you want to know how many of our lesser legal lights gain a livelihood to the county coroner's office regularly every day and watch the clerks of law firms as they carefully scan the daily record of casualties and copy the testimony of inquests.

THE TOBOGGAN.

Graphic and Veracious Description of the Great Canadian Sport.

The toboggan is a sled with a single runner, which spreads clear across the bottom of the sled. The top of the toboggan is just like the bottom. It is somewhat thicker than a sheet of writing paper and about as long as an after-dinner speech.

NO REST FOR HIM.

The Victory and Consequent Tribulation of a Criminal Lawyer.

Major Gassaway, a prominent San Antonio lawyer, seemed tired and worn out on returning to his residence.

EGYPTIAN PROGRESS.

Natives Destroying and Carrying Off Historical Monuments.

Egypt is not at a standstill at present; it is moving faster, for better or for worse, than it ever moved before.

FOREIGN GOSSIP.

The King and Queen of Sweden have joined the Blue Ribbon army.

European papers remark upon the good imitation of celluloid now manufactured from potatoes.

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An interesting discovery is reported from Faversham, Kent, England. In the course of some excavations for brick earth in King's Field, near that town, a collection of old coins and other valuable relics was discovered.

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HAY FEVER.

This malady is in index of a condition of the system which should be thoroughly changed.

From Rev. T. J. Taylor, Warrenton, N. C., Oct. 21, 1888. "Some time in August I ordered a Treatment of Oxygen for my aunt. She had suffered with hay fever regularly every year for fifteen years.

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PERILS OF INFANCY.

"Do not, why is it that so many children die before the age of 5 years?"

"The subject is a complex one, and in its analysis we have to consider not only the various conditions surrounding the infant, but the still more important one of the latent tendency to disease.

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