## LAND OF MIRAGES

Death Valley and Its Treacherous Lures of Beauty.

WORK OF A GOOD SAMARITAN.

Beck, the Prospector, Who Has Made the Desert Bloom With Guideposts Pointing the Way to Water and Saved Many Men From Death.

In the American Magazine is an article about Lew Westcott Beck, who is known as the "good Samaritan of Death valley." He and his dog, Rufus, have saved many prospectors from a horrible death by making the desert blossom with guideposts showing the way to water. The following is an extract from the article:

"Time was when Beck was a plain prospector in the Cripple Creek coun-He was in on the diggings at Leadville, and he panned around in Montana awhile. Likewise he rushed into the Big Horn at the time of the mineral strike there, but he never struck a lead that made him rich.

"Eventually be drifted down through Nevada and into Death valley, chasing rainbows. Wild rumors about 'Death Valley' Scotty's blg find in that section electrified the country, and scores of prospectors rushed into the desert, expecting to make their fortune in a few days. Beck was among those pres-

There were several in Beck's party. mirage land, finding nothing worth while and worrying constantly lest they exhaust their supply of water, For two days they sought water holes, and when out of water they went for hours with tongues swollen and lips parched from want of moisture. Then when death seemed inevitable they suddenly discovered a tiny stream trickling out of a canyon at the base of the Panamint mountains.

When Beck returned to civilization be was a changed man. He had seen sands that were strewn with skulls, and that sight had put a big idea into his head.

"Came spring, and Beck made an his side was a Newfoundland dog. The prospector carried a bundle of tin strips. They were signboards to guide the wanderers' steps aright.

"Each summer since then the pros pector and his dog have made a journey to the land of the purple mist, piling up rocks and attaching signs to them, searching for lost travelers and incidentally keeping a lookout for a Rufus has led his master to prospectors who, after long suffering from thirst. had fallen upon the burning sands to

"In signboarding the desert Beck has saved a number of thirst mad rainhow chasers and has also in remote districts stumbled upon the bleaching bones of dead men who may have found fortunes in the silver sulphuret district, but who did not live to tell the world about it. At one time he assisted at the burlat of four men who died of thirst within two miles of a

"The country that Beck traverses is the most arid section of the American dividualists. Their philosophy, poetry, premises at "- and so on. At the end dreds of miles of desert, dotted here and there with footbills, buttes, dry creek beds, chaparrai, prickly pear and diance. They defy every known law asgebrush. Springs are miles upon miles apart. Most of them are bitterly alkali, and some are poison.

"On an ordinary summer afternoon the thermometer runs up to about 134 degrees in the shade out in Death valby, and the most unpleasant thing about it is that there is a dearth of shade. When man ventures out upon this trackless expanse the shimmering heat dazes him, the scarcity of water cruzes him, and the mirage-treacherous, lying thing of beauty that it isboms ever before him, flashing upon the canvas of his mind's eye a verdant valley, gorgeously green with growing things fresh with flowers, wet with water and waiting to welcome him.

"Liv can see grassy hill slopes just shead, and the mirrored lake appears to ile just beyond some beckoning meadow. He follows on and on and afterward drains the last drop from his canteen. Then his throat becomes purched, his tongue cleaves to the roof of his mouth, and strange things pass before his eyes. The buzzards begin to sour over him, and the coyotes sit chase rathbows until he pitches forward upon his face and closes his eyes | alone." upon a world that is too mysterious and merelless for him to linger in

Song of a Little River.

There's no music like a little river's It plays the same tone and that's the favorites over and over again, and yet It does not weary of it like men fid dlers. It takes the mind out of doors. and, though we should be grateful for good houses, there is, after all, no house like God's out of doors. And fastly, sir, it quiets a man down like saying his prayers.-Robert Louis Ste

## Relected.

He-He mine and you will make me the happiest man in the world She-I'm very sorry, but unfortunately I want to be happy myself.-Boston

Evil connsel is swift in its march.-

Germany is said to have an oversupply of forests; so that well-educated men have hard work to secure even is quebracho, particularly rich in tan- on his last, Inferior positions.

Many a humble lover makes a boss

Humanizing Houses.

Houses are curious things. We take a morsel of illimitable space and wall it in and roof it over. Suddenly it eases to be part of God's out of doors and becomes an entity with an atmosphere of its own. We warm it with our fires, we animate it with our affections, we furnish it with such things as seem good in our eyes. We do this to get shelter for our bodies, but we acquire as well an instrument for our spirits that reacts on us in its

In other words, as we live our way nto a house, adapting it to our need, the bricks and mortar, the paint and plaster, cease to be inert matter and pecome alive. Superficial sociologists have taunted women with being "more anabolic or plantlike" than man, but I count it her second glory. The plant is an organism that "slowly turns lifeless into living matter," and this is the thing that woman has done from the beginning with her shelter. In our houses we achieve almost an organic extension of our very selves.-Cornella A, P. Comer in Atlantic.

Ortolans as Food.

The ortolan, a bird smaller than our quail, an inhabitant of southern Europe in summer and of Africa in winter, is highly prized, especially among French epicures, for the delicate flavor of its flesh. The ortolan is netted alive, kept in a dark place and fed on millet, oats and other seeds until it ecomes enormously fat, when it is killed for the table. This artificial fattening of the ortolan dates back to anclent days of Rome. A Parisian paper of a financier who invited four friends to a dinner at his country place and sent to Paris to a famous They biked many miles through the restnurateur to provide a feast for six persons. When the account was presented it footed up 1,200 francs-that ls, \$240. "Outrageous!" said the finan-"Monsieur," said the restaurateur, "you have had twenty ortolans at 25 francs each. That alone is 500 francs." This would be much like paying \$5 each for well fattened Eng-

Once in a year and at one place in the world there is a crush that surpasses anything else of its kind in the world. It is the great fair of Bawa Farid, which is annually held in the town of Pak Pattan, in British India. other trip through Death valley. At It is held in honor of the famous St. Farid ud Din, surnamed Shakar Ganj, or sugar store, from the fact that his body had become so pure by continual fasting that whatever was put into his mouth, even earth and stones, was instantly changed into sugar. The principal ceremony consists of passing through an opening made in a wall adjoining the shrine mensuring 5 by 215 feet and always fervently called "the piece of precious metal. Once or twice gates of paradise." Whoever between noon and night is able to pass through this opening is assured of paradise, and when there are 50,000 striving to pass through at the same time the crush is something terrific. Women faint, bones are broken, and the heat

No Team Work In France.

The French nation is a mass of indision. They are incapable of team work, of human gravitation and fly off in a million fragments, careless of results. In truth, they never think of results. They have the child's love for the doing and the child's scorn for the thing done. They begin more processes, inventions, contrivances, experiments, and end fewer than all the rest of Europe put together. The French propose; the Germans and the English dis-

Magnetized by Booth, The late Bishop Potter of the Episopal church and Edwin Booth, the ictor, were very great friends, and the bishop, in telling of his first meeting with Mr. Booth, said: "I was preach ing a sermon at Newport, R. L. and it was a very bot summer's day. The

door of the church was open, and I noticed a gentleman get up from a rear pew and go and sit down on the door step, but thought nothing of it until after a while I realized that I was talking to this man only. When the serv less were over I found out that he was Edwin Booth-that I by some unknown upon their hunkers and watch him influence had been drawn to speak to him-as if my sermon was to him

Then She Recovered.

"For weeks and weeks after my husband died I was unable to sleep." "I hope you are all over that now, er sympathetic friend replied.

Yes. The lawyers flually found his surance policy in a safety deposit box that he had never told me about." -Chicago Record-Herald.

Where He Drew the Line.

"Come, come, don't be too angry at your son You ought to make allowances for the extravagances of youth." "Yes, but not cash allowances."-Baltimore American,

Broadminded.

"I have no grudge against fat people," said the steamboat agent, "but I always give them a wide berth if i can."-Boston Transcript.

Cruelty and four shake hands together.-Halme,

Paraguay has valuable forest re-

If all prayers were answered the majority of men would quit work.

One Hundred Varieties of Marble. Although Vermont occupies only a small space on the map when compured with the great area of some of the other states of the Union, yet its mineral resources are very important. This little state leads the world in the production of marble and granite, and the deposits apparently are inexhaustible. The greatest center of the marble industry of the world is in the vi-Proctor and West Rutland, while the greatest center of the granite industry. of the world is in and around Barre

and Hardwick, Vt. Although twenty-six states furnish marble. Vermont supplies about 70 per cent of the finer grades suitable for monumental work and statuary. This state furnishes 41 per cent of all the building marble used in this country, and the demand for this kind of stone is increasing. There are about a hundred varieties of marble quarried in Vermont, ranging from the purest white, suitable for statuary, to jet black.-Walter H. Crockett in National

Seventeenth Century Civility. If the seventeenth century Englishman failed in his manners it was not for want of instruction. "The Rules of Civility," a book published in 1675 contains the following hints on good behavior; "Being in discourse with a man, 'tis no less than ridiculous to pull him by the Buttons, to play with the Bandstrings, Belt or Clonk; or to punch him now and then on the Stomach! 'tis a pleasant sight, and well worthy of laughter, to see him that is so puncht, fall back, and retire; whilst the other, insensible of his absurdity pursues and presses him into some corner, where he is at last glad to cry quarter, before his comrade perceives he is in danger." And again; "It argues neglect, and to undervalue i

Somersault by Aeroplane.

ing, gasping or dribbling."

man, to sleep when he is discoursing

or reading; therefore good manners

command it to be forbid; besides,

something there may happen in the

act that may offend, as snoring, sweat-

Captain Aubry of the French army accomplished a complete somersualt while aboard an aeroplane high above the earth. "I was returning after a thirty-five minute flight," the captain said, "facing a wind of about twentytwo miles per hour. My altitude was about 2,500 feet. At the moment of de scent a series of violent gusts struck the machine. As I dipped the nose of the machine a couple of quick gusts struck the top of the main planes and placed me in a vertical position. Whill endeavoring to manipulate the elevator I found the machine had taken me in a perfectly vertical chute to less than 1,500 feet. It here adopted a horizontal attitude upside down and proceeded to effect a fail first volplane." Continuing, he said: "The machine then grad unly took up the vertical position unnin, describing a gigantic 'S' while doing so. Flattening out, I flew to a spot about two miles distant."

Corrected the Inspector.

In a police court an inspector was vidual particles, scintillating, assertive giving evidence of the arrest of th strangers to all the ethics of cohe prisoner. "I went to No. 27," he said uport tilly. In a discilled staccate writes Samuel P. Orth in the Atlantic. fashion that came from long practice, You never read of French football or "where I saw the prisoner in hed. I baseball or organized sports. They are said, 'I have a warrant for your ara nation of individualists, brilliant in rest for burgiariously entering the art, music, science, literature, all bear of the inspector's evidence the magisthe imprint of a superindividualism trate usked the prisoner, "Any ques-"Yes, sir." said the and he intimated that the inspector had not given his evidence correctly. say, 'Now, then, Ginger, 'op out of it- friends, I want yer? "-London Mail.

tron Mold Stains.

fron mold stains spread in any fab in a dessertspoonful of lemon juice terial well into the hot water; after and ye may bear the gree!" ward rinse very thoroughly in colo water.-Exchange.

In the Same Boat.

"Sir, could you give me a little assistance?" said the weary wayfarer. "I don't know where my next meal is ming from."

"Neither do ," replied the prospero looking individual. "My cook left this morning too."-New York Globe.

Thumbs Down.

The turning down of the thumbs in the old Roman games did not signify death. There was no such sign. To signify that the spectators desired the death of the vanquished gladiator the fist, with the thumb hidden inside it, was turned down.

is why I want to slap it.-Judge.

Quaint Description.

Little Elsie, sitting in a street car opposite a man with twitching eyelids. whispered to her mother, "Mamma that poor man has the hiccups in his eyes."-Boston Transcript.

The most delicate, the most sensible of all pleasures, consists in premotin; the pleasures of others.-La Bruyere.

Shouting "Hey, there!" might at tract the attention of a grass widow. But what's the use?"



Curling, like its sister Scottish game "I'm sure," he said, "Mr. Jackson," the of golf, has its own vocabulary. Here inspector, "don't want to say only is a dialogue in which a Scot in the what is true. Didn't you come to my antipodes tried to illustrate the "kittle room," turning to the inspector, "and pints" of the game to his New Zealand

"What's a pat-lid, Mr. Macpherson?" asked an inexperienced member of the venerable "skip."

"Div ye no see, ye gowk?" said the ric they come in contact with in the skip. "Ye ding yer stane cannily, but that prices are going to be much higher, 90c@\$1.00 per dozen. wash. To remove them stretch the use sae fine as tae bog it; nae halfin' stained part over a basin nearly full of deg nor jinkin' tura, ye ken, but tenboiling water so that the steam may tiely, that it aye gangs snoovin' an' penetrate the fabric and apply with a straucht as an elder'd walk, hog feather a teaspoonful of salt dissolved snoutherin' amang the guairds, till ye fan' on the verra tee. When ye've When the marks disappear dip the ma- dune that, laddie, ye've made a pat-lid,

## COMB SAGE TEA

Ladies! Try This! Darkens Beautifully and Nobody Can Tell-Brings Back Its Gloss and Thickness.

Common garden sage brewed into a heavy ten, with sulphur and alcohol addeed, will turn gray, streaked and faded hair benutifully dark and luxuriant; remove every bit of dandruff, stop scalp itching and falling hair. Mix-Captain-If I see your face in my ing the Sage Tea and Sulphur recipe at house again I shall slap it. Noble For home, though, is troublesome. An easeigner-Ah, but it ees a punishable of hier way is to get the ready-to-use tonic, fense! Captain-Of course it is. That costing about 50 cents a large bottle, at drug stores, known as "Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur Hair Remedy," thus avoid ing a lot of muss.

While wispy, gray, faded hair is no sinful, we all desire to retain our youthful appearance and attractive ness. By darkening your hair with ton, Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur, no one can tell, because it does it so naturally, so evenly. You just dampen a sponge or oft brush with it and draw this When a girl begins to call a young through your hair, taking one small currants, 10e; apricets, 12@14e; peach sources, the most important of which man by his first name, she has designs strand at a time; by morning all gray es, S@ile; prunes, Italian, S@10c; sll halrs have disappeared. After another ver, 18c; figs, white and black, 64-60 application or two your hair becomes 75c; raisins, loose Muscatel, 64@ countifully dark, glossy, soft and lux- 719c; bleached Thompson, 114c; uneriant and you appear years younger, bleached Sultanas, 814c; seeded, 7146 Local Agent, J. C. Perry,

## The Markets

Sold in this community only at

J. C. Perry Drug Stores

Salem, Oregon.

Hops are at a standstill as growers | Coffee-Roasted in drums, 18@32c are not listening to the song sung by per lb. the sirens with the refrain of 25 cents. Nuts-Walnuts, 171/2@18c per lb. That is why there are no sales. The Brazil nuts, 121/2c; filberts, 15c; algrowers have arrived at the conclusion monds, 16@18c; pecans, 17c; cocoanuts, and they know no reason why they | Salt-Granulated, \$14 per ton; halfshould not have at least a part of this ground, 100c, \$10 per ton; 50s, \$10.75 increase. They can see no reason why per ton. hops should be selling at 42 cents in Beans-Small white, \$6.50; large, New York and 25 cents here. The crop White, \$5.50; Lima, \$5.30; pink, \$4.15; could be sent east by mail and then red Mexicans, 5c; bayou, \$4.10. leave a profit for the growers over the 25-cent price. A few sales are report. grades, 4%c; southern head, 5%@6c. ed at 25 cents, but they are small and few. The egg market is a live one, and the price tends steadily upward. The and berry, \$5.35; beet, \$5.15; Extra C. quotations are now 40 cents. The \$4.85; powdered, barrels, \$5.60; cubes. wheat market is dead and produce re- barrels, \$5.75.

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PORTLAND MARKETS.

Grain, Flour, Feed, Etc. Wheat - Track prices: New Club, 70c; new Red Russian, 77c; Fife, 79c; Valley, 79c.

Millstuffs-Bran, \$23.50 per ton; shorts, \$24; middlings, \$31. Flour -- Patents, \$4.70 per barrel;

straights, \$4.10; exports, \$3.65@4.65; box; pineapples, 7c per lb. valley, \$4.70; graham, \$4.60; whole wheat, \$4.80. Corn-Whole, \$37; cracked, \$38 per

Hay-Fancy Idaho timothy, \$17@18 fancy eastern Oregon timothy, \$15@16; timothy and clover, \$14@15; timothy and alfalfa, \$13@15; clover, \$8.50@10; oats and vetch, \$10@11; cheat, 10@11; valuey grain hay, \$10@11. Oats-No. 1, white, \$25@25.50 pe

Barley-Feed, \$25.50 per ton; brew ng, nominal; rolled, \$27@28.

Groceries, Dried Fruits, Etc. Dried Fruits-Apples, 10c per 1b.

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Rice-No. 1 Japan, 5@514e; cheaper

Honey-Choice, \$3.25@3.75 per case. Sugar-Dry granulated, \$5.35; fruit

Fruits and Vegetables.

Apples - New, 60c@\$2.50 per box; apricots, 75c@\$1.25 per bex; cantaloupes, \$1.25@1.50 per crate; peaches 40@60c per box; watermelons, \$1,25 per 78e; new Bluestem, 88e; new Fortyfold, cwt.; plums, 30@50c per box; pears, 75c@\$1.50 per box; grapes, 50e@\$1.15 per crate; casabas, \$1.75 per dozen.

Tropical Fruits-Oranges, Valencia \$4; navels, \$4.50@5:50; Florida grapefruit, \$5.50@7; 1emons, \$8.50@10 per

Vegetables -- Beans, 3@4c per Ib.; abbage, 156c per lb.; cauliflower, \$2 per crate; corn, 10@15c per doz.; en umbers, 20@40c per box; eggplant, 5@7c per pound; hend lettuce, 35@40c per dozen; peas, 5@7c per pound; peppers, 6@8c pound; radishes, 10@12c per dozen; tomatoes, 40@60e per box; garlie, 10c per pound. Potatoes-New, 75c@\$1 per ewt.;

weets, \$2.25 per crate. Onlons-Oregon, \$1.50 per sack, Dairy and Country Produce.

Butter-Oregon creamery, solid pack, De per lb.; prints, box lots, 34c. Eggs-Oregon ranch, 34@35c per doz. Stock ogs, per lb Cheese-Oregon Triplets, 1614c; Dai- Ewes, per lb . ies, 17e; Young America, 18e. turkeys, live, 20c, dressed, 25c.

Veal-Fancy 15@16c per pound. Pork-Fancy, 121/2c per lb. Provisions.

14 lbs., 21@22c; picnics, 14%c; cottage roll, 1716c. Bacon-Fancy, 29@30c; standard, 25

@26e; English, 21@22e. Lard-In tierces, choice, 1419c; comound, 9%c.

Dry Salt Meats-Backs, dry salt, 13 @14c; backs, smoked, 1414@1514e; bellies, dry salt, 141/2c; smoked, 16c. Smoked Meats-Beef tongues, 25e; dried beef sets, 22e; outsides, 20e; in-

sides, 23c; knuckles, 21c. Pickled Goods-Barrels, pigs feet, \$14; regular tripe, \$10; honeycomb tripe, \$12; lunch tonngues, \$22; lambs'

tongues, \$40. Hops, Wool, Hides, Etc. Hope-1913 contracts, 271/2c; 1912

rop, nominal. Wool-Eastern Oregon, 10@16e per

b.; valley, 16@18c. Mohair-Choice, 25@26c per lb.

Hides-Salted, 12c per lb.; salted ealf 16@17c; salted kip, 12c; salted stag, 61/2c; green hides, 111/2c; dry hides, 21c; dry calf, No. 1, 25e; dry stags, 12@

LOCAL WHOLESALE MARKET. Bran, per ton . Shorts, per ton . Wheat, per bushel Oats, per bushel .. 32/6/33e Chittim Bark, per lb. Hay, Timothy ... \$15,00 Outs and vetch \$11.00 Clover, per ton ... .\$9.00 Cheat, per ton .... \$11.00 Butter and Eggs.

Butterfat, per lb., f. o. b. Salem ... Creamery butter, per lb. ... Country butter, per lb. . Eggs, per dezen ..32e Hens, per lb. Roosters, per lb. Steem 7@80 Cows, per ewt 4@5e Hogs, fat, per th. 8@9e 7 to 734e pring lambs, per lb. 414@5e ...11@13e

Veal, according to quality .... Pelta. Dry, per lb. Salted country pelts, each Hams-10 to 12 lbs., 21@22e; 12 to Lamb pelts. each .65c@#1