ANDERSON INTELLIGENCER

AN AMERICAN DESERT.

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BY ANNIE WESTERN WHITNEY.

Life on the great desert of Sahara would seem to the world at large an the eastern part of the State, and the impossibility. With its vast extent famous Comstock gold mines were of sand and its lack of water, except opened. The mining town of Virginia in spots where nature has generously | City, with its own water-works, was provided rest and refreshment for the result of this. Other gold and man and beast, the thought of any- silver mines were opened, towns thing like home life would seem an sprang up, and in some cases substanabsurdity. In our own United States, tial cities were built. Ardent citizens however, there are deserts naturally predicted a great and growing prosas barren as Sahara, and on them live perity for the State. But, alas for people whose lives, to those who love these hopes! the price of silver went the trees, the birds, and the flowers, down, the grade of ore in many mines would seem the essence of desolation. These deserts are in Nevada, Utah, and ere long, baffled in the struggle Arizona, Wyoming, and California, and on some of them no trees, grass or weeds grow naturally, while what water is found on them in spots is so salty as to be unfit for man or beast. The State of Nevada, whose whole population is only forty thousandhardly enough to make a good-sized city-is practically one vast desert. Its lack of verdure and of water has always made it a dangerous State for emigrants to pass through. At times ranchmen and cattlemen have under-- taken to drive their cattle across the State but in the majority of cases the experiment has proved disastrous. There is a record of an attempt some years ago, by experienced shepherds, to take eighteen thousand sheep from California to Wyoming. While passing through Nevada eight thousand sheep died in five days for want of water, while the men themselves were only saved from terrible suffering by finding pools too small to supply the sheep.

But the great iron horse has found his way across the State, and now travelers complain of the "alkaline plains," whose dust sifts through the double windows of the trains and irritates their throats as they fly across the State as fast as steam can carry them. Few of these travelers realize the desolate lives of those living in the tiny settlements they pass, nor do they know that before and behind them are "water trains" bringing from a distance the only drinking he is a man of good habits and reguwater these people have, as well as lates his life aright, the better for him water for the very engines that carry and the service, as both in marches them along.

And little, in turn, do the people living on this desert know of the lives of those passing in these same trains. A bright little fellow recently informUtah, and, returning into the State | creasing in length until the men beby a more northern road, must take a come hardened to the service. "A recruit should be taught not to two hundred mile stage drive. carry any more weight than the "After that." said the farmer, "you can drive to my place."

Government imposes in the way of equipment. It is very important that In 1861 gold was discovered in he should know what to carry. He should restrict his belongings to abso-

should be theoretically instructed how

deadly range of small arms runs up to

lute necessity. "In camp the drill should be not less than an hour and a quarter, and of not more than an hour and a half duration. If they are prolonged beyond that time the men lose attention and the instruction ceases to be of value.

"As to the use of ammunition in battle recruits should be taught to be proved too low to be profitably worked, careful not to waste any of it, and not to fire unless there is something to fire with fortune, men abandoned whole at, unless, of course, they are ordered towns and cities to the owls and to do so by the commanding or compaprairie dogs and coyotes. Naturally, ny officers. At the present time arms since the desert opened no other opare so well and accurately constructed portunities for profitable labor to the that a thorough knowledge of them, disappointed miners, this has affected of their powers and capabilities, is the population of the whole State. essential to success. Recruits should Therefore we have in Nevada the receive accurate instruction in the method of becoming good shots, in anomalous condition of one State in theory at least, if not in practice. the Union that is decreasing instead They should know how to handle their of increasing in population. weapons, and possess the knowledge that makes skilled marksmen. They

TRAINING RAW RECRUITS.

to become good marksmen, as the How the Newcomers will be Drilled for the Army. 3,200 yards, and in the hands of skill-

ed marksmen, a Springfield or other One of the most interesting features good rifle is a very deadly weapon as of the camp life of the various stafar as the enemy can be seen. tions of the United States regular and "The duties of a soldier in actual volunteer armies is the training of the warfare are trying even under the most raw recruit. In all the camps there favorable conditions. It is, therefore, are at least two drills a day for the reabsolutely necessary that he should cruits, in which they are taught the be physically as near perfect as attainuse of arms. There are many other able. He is obliged to endure long, things for the recruit to learn, and a fatiguing marches without food, rest or description of what is expected of water, sometimes under a boiling sun him, as told by Capt. John Conlin. at that. Again, he will sometimes be who has charge of the recruiting work compelled to march in the rain, through at Chickamauga, will be interesting. mud, and ford rivers that will take him "In the training of a volunteer for up to the waist. The conditions in service in the American army," says Cuba, during the season of the year the captain, "he should have at least when our men could go down there with from three to six weeks of practicecomparative safety, may be different, the longer the better-in order to fabut rest assured of this: There is no miliarize him with his duties ; and he romance in war and the recruit should should be as nearly perfect, physicalmake up his mind to anything in the ly, as it is possible for him to be. If way of hardship when he offers himself for service in war.-Philadelphia Times. and in engagements he will be subjec-

-- Scarlet flowers are said to stand ted to fatigue and other hardships, drouth better than any others. which fall least heavily on the soldier - The man who doesn't shovel the of correct habits and good physique. dirt is always willing to give advice. "The few weeks necessary for in-- No man knows just what he can ed a stranger that his mother had struction before proceeding to the do till he tries front may appear as being too short a - A man who is true to himself is time for the serious work of armed a friend to everybody. conflict, but it will be remembered by

tive battalions.

day and night.

preliminaries they should be next

given arms and equipment, and taught

the manuel of arms. loadings and

firings; that is, put through the vari-

"The guard remains on for twenty-

post and challenging. The duty of

the sentinel on post is to observe

closely, using his eyes and cars to the

best advantage. He must promptly

report any violation of the regulations

or orders received when he goes on

post, and, in addition, anything which

excites his suspicion. He reports to

"Regarding drilling, the general

exercise includes these steps: Squad

drill, without arms; company drill,

with arms; battallion and regimental

evolutions, and in case of three or

four regiments being in the camp of

instruction, brigade drill is included.

roll calls, especially when the soldier

is undergoing instruction. There are

the reveille. fatigue or policing camp,

"There are usually a good many

the corporal on duty.

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THE RETIRED BURGLAR.

Very Lively Experience Following Visit to a Farmhouse

"As a general thing," said the re tired burglar. "I stuck close to my legitimate line of work and never took anything but what I could carry off myself and dispose of easily. but occasionally when I was hard pressed I would take bulky things and do the best I could with them. But it never paid, and something happened once that made me give up that sort of thing for good.

"A farmhouse that I was looking over one night had nobody in it,

not a soul. They hadn't gone for long; that was plain enough. Everything was left just as it was. They'd just gone off for the night some where, maybe to a party or some thing of that sort, but they was just as far away now as they'd been in China, and I might have carried the house off and they not know it, and that's what I did pretty near.

"There was scarcely any small stuff worth carrying off, and after I'd looked around a little I thought I might as well take a load. I could dispose of it for something. I got together in the hall a wagon load of stuff, trunks and one thing and another, all ready to load. I had been around to the barn previously to see if there was a horse left, because I didn't know but what they might rian. have taken the only one, but there was a horse there. He was a big, solid looking horse, nothing particular about him one way or the other, except he looked like a strong horse that could pull almost anything. I got the harness on him and hooked him into a farm wagon and got him around to the side of the house. I suppose 1 might just as well have taken him to the front, but there was no use of being reckless about it.

"Well, I loaded the wagon with the trunks and things till I'd got a pretty fair load, about all I thought I could carry and make time with, and then I started, and we jogged along the road comfortable as could be for a quarter of a mile or so, when there was a squirrel or a chip-

munk or something run across the road, and I'm blessed if it didn't scare the old horse, and in about a second and a quarter he was running away. And I sat there, hanging on to the reins and yanking and sawing and trying to hold him up and having just about as much effect on him as though I'd been a baby

"About a quarter of a mile farther on-I knew it because I had come that way-there was a bridge over a brook that ran across the road, just a common little bridge with barked poles on each side for a railnnocence? ing. There was a road on one side of the bridge, too, through the water. There was a house just the other side of this brook, and I was afraid if the old horse went across the bridge hammering in that still night he'd wake up the folks and rouse the neighborhood maybe, so I tried to steer him off through the brook. I thought he'd make less noise going through the water, and porizing and for his own enjoy-I thought maybe the cold water ment. I do not think that he was would sober him, too, and make him conscious he had an auditor. But stop, and I got a twist on the reins in his extemporizing he wove in and a brace on the dashboard and snatches of familiar strains, espepulled, and I did get him turned off cially one splendid German choral. a little at the fork toward the brook, and I thought I had got him started across the church to his assistant, for it all right, but he sheered again 'Who is it playing, M-- or for the bridge, and I couldn't begin K-f" "K-," replied the asto stop him. sistant. Then the sacristan called "The bridge railings were supout to him. The music stopped, and ported in crotched sticks, and from the organist, getting down from his these railings there were poles along seat, appeared from behind the keythe little approach on each side of board, which had hidden him from the bridge, the ends of these poles view. And, behold, a workingman being in lower crotched sticks. in his blouse! It was, if you please, When the old horse sheered back a German mechanic, the tuner, and from the ford road to the bridge he had been giving us such an imroad, he got the approach to the provisation as I have not often heard bridge all right himself, but he in either England or America.swung the wagon just enough to Outlook throw the hind axle over the end of the pole protecting the approach, and it jammed in some way between to college: in Scotland one in 520: in the pole and the crotched stick supthe United States one in 2,000, and porting it and busted the reach of in England one in 5,000. the wagon and tore off the hind axle and wheels before you could think, and the old horse went pounding across the bridge and half a mile The Only Cure. farther yet with the tail end of the wagon trailing on the ground and scattering trunks and comfortables and I don't know what not all along and no skin remedies can cure it. The doctors are unable to effect a cure, and the road. When I finally got him their mineral mixtures are damaging held up, I was sitting in an empty to the most powerful constitution. The wagon with the dashboard up in the whole trouble is in the blood, and Swift's Specific is the only remedy air and the floor sloping down to which can reach such deep-seated blood the ground. diseases. "I might have got another wagon Rezema broke out on my daughter, and con and gone back and gathered up the tinued to spread until goods, but there was too much risk her head was entirely in that. Maybe I could have taken covered. She was treated the horse along and got something by several good doctors. essarily turn his back upon half the for him, but I might have been but grew worse, and the taken up for horse stealing, and I dreadful disease spread to her face. She was didn't fancy that, so I just turned taken to two celebrated the old horse round and started him health springs, but re-/ ceived no benefit. Many for home and then I started myself, and that's the last try I made on patent medicines were taken, but without re-sult, until we decided to try S. S. S., and by the time the first bottle was tinished, her head be bulk goods." -- New York Sun. and to heal. A dozen bottles cured her com-pletely and left her skin perfectly smooth. She is now sixteen years old, and has a magnificent growth of hair. Not a sign of the dreadful disease has ever returned.

Bad Village Sanitation.

Village houses are always poor sanitary structures. The cellars and foundations are improperly constructed, and as a result ground air permeates the whole dwelling, especially in winter. A dampproof course in the walls and a cellar floor of concrete and asphalt would be considered a luxury rather than a necessity in the country. Another point about cellars is the fact that they are frequently the receptacle for decomposing potatoes and other vegetables, a fact which certainly does not add to the healthfulness of the house

In the winter the heating and ventilation are very poor because almost all village houses are stove heated, and for a house to be effectually heated by stoves there must be a series of fresh air inlets and foul air outlets suitably arranged, and these do not exist in village dwellings. Outside the house the first thing

that strikes the sanitarian is the garden, filled perhaps with decaying cabhage, kitchen refuse and the like. It is needless to state that a lawn is the best thing to have about a dwelling. If there is a garden, it must be cultivated thoroughly, or it will be worse than none at all. Decaying vegetables-in fact, all putrescible refuse-should be buried.-Sanita-

An Awkward Predicament.

Professor Max Muller in Cos mopolis recalls the story of what happened once in the coinrooms of the British museum, where, during a visit of a number of gentlemen and ladies, it was observed that a very valuable and almost unique Sicilian coin had disappeared. All the gentlemen present in the room at the time had to be searched, and no one objected except one. He protested his innocence, but declared that nothing would induce him to Bran, Molasses, in Car Lots. allow his pockets to be searched. All the other visitors were allowed to go home, but he was detained while the coinroom was swept and every corner searched once more. At last the missing coin was found

Every apology was made to the suspected person, but he was asked why he had so strongly objected to being searched. He then produced from his pocket another specimen of the very same coin. "I came here," he said, "to compare my specimen, which is very perfect, with the only other specimen which is thought to be superior to mine and almost unique in the world. Now, suppose," he added, "that you had not found your coin and had found my specimen in my pocket. Would anybody have believed in my

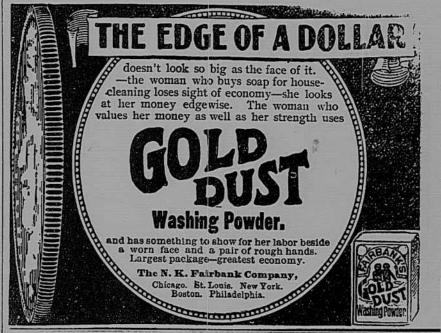
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taken him away on a train, "and," he said, with all the delight a child takes in telling of something wonderful, "I saw a'tree !"

Think of a boy with his eyesight, living in the heart of our United States, who had never seen a tree! Yet many of the children living on this great desert have never seen a blade of grass, and have never eaten a fresh vegetable, except such as can be brought from a distance; while horses cows, sheep, and even cats and dogs would be curiosities to them. They know nothing of the delight to be derived from a flower or vegetable garden, nor do they know anything of life in the woods, or of how the singing birds build their nests among the trees and care for their young. And it is not the children alone who have not seen these things, but often their methers and fathers as well.

Into one of these settlements, where there are five families and eight children, a young girl has recently gone to teach. The country around her is level, there are no trees, no grass, nothing green, for the ground is covered with a white deposit of alkali which is death to plant life. There are no roads, for there are no neighbors: and no horses, for there is no place for them to go, no work for them to do, and nothing for them to live on. The railroad on each side of the station is straight as far as the eye can see, but no "next station" can be seen, for it takes an express train an hour to go from one station to another. How strange a life this young teacher's will be. How many beautiful stories she will have to tell these children of the everyday life elsewhere that will seem to them like wonderful fairy tales, yet are true, for she has seen and lived in them.

This great desert is not all one vast plain. There are mountains and valleys, but they are bare and desolate. A kind of sage-bush and a low, short grass, which grows only in the spring, are to be found, and on these a few cattle can be pastured, but forty acres are required for pasturing each cow. Where streams of fresh water are to be found or where wells can be dug, the hand of man, through irrigation, has caused oases to be formed; and trees have been planted, crops grown, farms formed. Those seen by the traveler from the car windows are beautiful to look upon, while others. to those accustomed to "rapid transit." would be pronounced "inaccessible."

"I would like," said a gentleman recently to one of these farmers, "to visit your place.'

"I would be very glad to have you, was the reply, "but you won't come. Then he explained that in order to recall from drill, parade, supper, rereach there he must first cross the treat, tattoo and taps-lights out. itor. "I think," said Tommy, and takes much pleasure in recom-mending it whenever an opportunity

-- The curvature of the earth is many that whole regiments; officers eight inches per mile.

included, went into the civil war with - How much pain the evils that little more than the most rudimentary never happened have cost us. knowledge of arms. The men receiv-- There is great ability in knowing ed their training on the march and in how to conceal one's ability. front of the enemy. Many of them - If you want to find out how great had no taste for military life, they man is, let him tell it himself.

cared nothing for martial glory, yet - The greatest cataract and the these raw regiments were speedily highest trees in the world are Amerimolded into well-disciplined and effeccon - The mines of the world produce If a move is not made on Cuba at every year 540,000,000 tons of ore and

once there will be ample time to teach coal. the men. In the various camps of - The heart beats ten strokes a State militia instruction should be minute less when one is lying down

carried on daily. Recruits should than when in an upright position. first be formed in squads of from six - It will probably beta case of to twelve, and instructed by a com-Greek meeting Greek when the cowpetent non-commissioned officer in boys meet the bullfighters. setting up exercise and facings, the - If a man knew as much about

length and cadence of the step. They himself as he does about his neighbor, should also be taught the position of he would never speak to himself. the soldier, that is, standing in an - The mind tolerate on long vacaerect position. When they are contions; the busy brain not only does sidered sufficiently instructed in these

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- "Work, but don't worry," the old saw says; but some people don't four hours, when the relief takes its work, so they take it out in worrying. place. Ordinarily the soldier is on - The Pacific ocean covers 78,000. duty two and off four hours. The 000 square miles ; the Atlantic 25,000,recruits are taught how to walk the 000 ; and the Mediterranean sea 1,000. 000

> - An old lady being asked to subscribe to a newspaper, declined on the ground that when she wanted the news she manufactured it.

- It is vain to hope to please all alike. Let a man stand with his back in what direction he will, he must nec-

"The recruits are taught how to world. pitch and strike tents, and how to - A woman may not be able to keep camp properly policed, and in a sharpen a pencil or hold an umbrella, sanitary condition by observing all but she can pack more articles into a the rules of cleanliness possible. trunk than a man can in a one-horse They are taught how to pack their wagon. knapsacks and how to care for their

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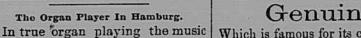
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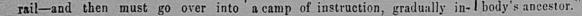
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