THE BARTARNOLES.

Skeletons and an Abandoned Placer That Recall an Arizona Tradition.

Ever since the days when people in this country considered all new comers, even the track layers on the railroad, as tenderfeet, there has been a tradition among the old inhabitants about the Bartarnole mines. Three or four old fellows earned a living for years by telling strangers about them, and many a drink has been obtained by some chap who pretended to know all about them and the fate of the men who worked them.

"The Bartarnoles," the ancient Ezra Bowen used to say, when he could get a crowd around the barroom stove and there appeared to be a prospect of a few drinks ahead. "The Bartarnoles, quartz and placer, were the richest mines ever found in this country. Nobody used to talk about them like they did of other diggings. The Bartarnole ore was so mighty nigh solid gold that we'd figure, not how much gold there'd be in a ton of quartz, but how much rock and refuse. It was easier."

If anybody in the crowd manifested a desire to know about the Bartarnoles, Ezra would observe that it was a long story, and he didn't know as he could finish it that evening, but if urged, and if a little liquor was produced just at the right time, he would proceed something like this:

"When the Apaches had this whole bloody country in subjection, except a few spots which us pioneers held by sheer valor, some strapping young men came in here one day and showed us some nuggets that they'd found up between the Sierra Colorado and Sierritas. They were after supplies, and they were that well heeled with gold that they didn't make any note of the value of it. If they saw anything they wanted they bought it and gave all that anybody wanted to take for it. They came down here several times before we found out much about them, and then they told us that they had a gold mine, or a lot of gold mines that they called the Bartarnoles. Some time after that, when they disappeared, we had a great time remembering the name. It slipped every man's memory, and we used to meet night after night and figure on it. I'll bet there were over five hundred names suggested, but we all shouted 'No,' to every one. Finally, one night after we'd been asleep awhile, I woke up, looked around on the boys, and it came to me.

"'Boys,' says I, 'It's the Bartarnoles!'

"'Bartarnoles she is,' they all yelled, and from that day to this I've been the sole custodian of the name.

"Well, as I was saying, the young men used to come down once in a while and report progress and lay in supplies. They didn't raise no liars in this country in those days, I want you to understand, and when they told you what they were a-doing you could depend upon it the story was straight. They had found a regular mint. There were no transportation facilities, and the young men said they were just hiving the stuff, and when they got enough they would hire a regiment of regulars at fifty or a hundred dollars a head, with a little extra bonus to the commissioned officers, to escort them over to the coast with it. The Injuns were powerful thick in them days, and three or four times the Bartarnoles got a bad scare on, but as near as we could make out they got along all right. One time two of the boys came over here and said they were going to start for the coast in about ten days; that they'd got a regiment of soldiers and a lot of wagons, and that when they got all ready to start they would send a messenger down here to let us know and escort a few of us out, and that if we'd watch the mine when they were gone we could have all we could get out of it during their absence. That struck us as being a pretty nice thing, and the six of us as was invited got ready for the excursion. I guess we spent thirty or forty dollars apiece laying in supplies and things, and when the ten days was up we were all ready and mighty anxious. At first we didn't worry much because nobody came down to escort us up; but after five or six days had gone by, and nothing had been heard from the Sierritas, there was a good deal of grumbling, and one or two of the boys began to swear that the Bartarnoles was a fraud.

"After we'd waited two or three weeks and heard nothing, we drank up our supplies and went out in search of the miners. After we got out about fifty miles we ran foul of a party of Apaches, and they drove us in. We didn't get out that far again for a month, but, though we laid low for the boys for years, they never come.

"Now, what became of them? We've hunted this whole country through and so have others. Prospectors have been all over the Sierritas, and hundreds of men have crossed and re-crossed the place where those fellers must have worked, and slid out without finding any trace of them. Some of our boys died with the belief that the Bartarnoles was a fraud, but I always insisted that there was some pretty good reason why they didn't keep their agreement with us."

Ezra died about a year ago in total ignorance of the explanation of the mystery, but profoundly impressed with the belief that he was in possession of a prodigious secret and conscious of his great importance on that account. He would have given a good deal to know what is known now, even though it might have convinced him that they did raise liars in this country in those days. Of late the territory between the Sierra Colorado and the Sierritas has been occupied to some extent by stock raisers. The other day several herders in the employ of one of these men, while out on an expedition in search of lost cattle, came upon a primitive sort of a fortification, behind which they found the remains of four or five skeletons. Nothing else was in sight except a rust-eaten knife blade. Everything that the men had owned in their day had been taken away. About half a mile from this fort was a creek whose banks showed unmistakable signs of placer mining. The ground has been pretty thoroughly gone over in the last few days and it is the unanimous opinion of all who have been there that these are the Bartarnoles; that there may have been a little surface gold there at one time, but that the amiable youths who used to visit Ezra Bowen and his companions were talented liars; that they met death at the hands of a strolling party of Apaches, probably after a desperate resistance, is certain.—*Tucson Cor. N. Y. Sun.*

LATE FASHIONS.

Something of Interest to Those Who Would Dress Well.

A very handsome costume made by Worth is formed of dark Neapolitan blue Ottoman silk, trimmed with wide bands of golden brown plush. A Louis XIV. coat of the silk opens over a very deep waistcoat of the plush, and a narrow ruffle of the same shows beneath the panels and kilt pleatings on the skirt front.

An exceedingly beautiful fabric of shot satin, shading in the sunlight from deep crimson to palest gold, was recently made into a superb toilet for a lady in Washington. This costly material was combined with a very deep shade of wine-colored velvet, the latter fabric forming the petticoat, which was richly embroidered in silk in shades of red from palest rose to deepest crimson.

The mode of adding paniers to the plain clinging skirt for evening dress seems to find fresh favor with the leaders of fashion. These paniers as now worn are composed of very short, full draperies, rounding over the hips in true Watteau style, and joined to the adjustable train at each side, in the back. The paniers and braid are usually of a different material from the skirt. This style of dress is an admirable one where two "short-length" fabrics are to be utilized.

Pretty house-dresses for girls are made of striped linousine, with the deep yoke and the outside of the sleeves braided in one of the shades in the stripe. Corslets or girdles, also braided, are often made to match, and the full "housemaid" skirt is tucked to within a few inches of the belt.

Bonnets made of small white natural flowers, and "good for one occasion only," are in high vogue for bridesmaids' wear.

Polonaises and basques divide popular favor almost evenly, the latter displaying an unusual variety in style and variety in style and ornamentation. All basques, if fitted at all, set to the figure with the closeness of the cuirass bodice; and many handsome costumes of heavy goods will be worn during the early spring without any additional garment except the graceful little shoulder cape, which is considered the most stylish accompaniment of the newest French polonaises. Additional warmth is imparted by a chamois-skin vest worn beneath the waist.

The newest sashes are made of colored silk surah. After being finished with a deep hem all around, they are about three-quarters of a yard wide and two and two and three-quarters long. Made in any number of bright colors, they are worn over black lace or other suitable gowns, to which they make a very tasteful addition. Many slender young ladies wear them in Oriental fashion carried loosely around the waist and knotted at one side, the ends of unequal length; or, again they are draped as paniers; while another method of arranging these scarves is to gather the ends of two lengths of silk under the brooch at the throat, let it fall blouse style to the waist, where it should be confined with a clasp of some description, the remaining portions being caught up as paniers over the hips. For full dress many of these sashes are lace-edged, and in one instance the sash itself over a surah toilet was made wholly of lace.

Some of the newest matinees and other costly house dresses have deep pointed yokes, made wholly of handsome lace or net, underneath which is placed a silk lining matched to the shade of the dress material. An uncommonly beautiful robe in this style has a yoke of cream-colored rose point-net, joined to "Hubbard" skirts of bebe-blue surah. The yoke lining shows delicately through the meshes of the airy lace.

In some of the fashionable stores of the city are displayed large cloaks of gray tricot, or basket cloth, and others made of Tartan plaids of unusual size. These are presumably for traveling use, and as wraps to be easily put on or off, they are to be commended, but upon the second small cape, which nearly covers the shoulders, and around the edge of the whole garment, is placed a chenille fringe about four inches deep. No more useless ornamentation could have been added, as tags and balls and fringes of any sort have a specialty for catching at the most hurried and inconvenient times, and are given to flying about in the wind or rain to the great discomfort, and wear and tear of temper, of the owner.

Golden brown, gray, dark blue, or olive are the most serviceable shades in plain woolen goods for suits for utility purposes, and young ladies who have leisure can easily braid or embroider these dresses in soutache or other braid of a deeper color than the dress. Embroidery is, of course, richer, but braiding, in many handsome designs now procurable, is almost as effective and really more appropriate for such a dress and the use to which it is put. Braid is a most inexpensive trimming, and as for the designs—formerly, the price for having these patterns stamped upon the various portions of the gown was absurdly high, but in these days the use of the transfer patterns, which by the aid of a warm iron enable a lady to do all her own stamping, renders a braided garment quite within the reach of the most ordinary purse. These designs can be purchased by the yard or the special piece at almost any of our fancy dry goods stores as well as embroidery patterns, from the smallest vine specimen to those most elaborate and intricate.—*N. Y. Evening Post.*

—While out shopping recently a lady purchased from a large Japanese establishment in New York ten thousand dollars' worth of rare articles and ornaments in one day.—*N. Y. Graphic.*

A SCENE IN MADAGASCAR

Incidents on the Anniversary of the Coronation—Bath of the Queen.

A remarkable and interesting ceremony, which is fully described in the *Madagascar Times* of November 26th, was performed at Antananariyo on the 21st of that month. It was the Fandrvana or Festival of the Bath. This ceremonial always takes place on the Malagasy new year, which the Queen fixed to be held on the anniversary of her coronation. Ranavalona III. received her principal subjects and all the members of the foreign community—English, American and Norwegian—at the palace. The reception hall was embellished with objects of native workmanship, including several handsome silver vases of large size. The Queen was carried into this hall in a palanquin borne by four officers, and when she had taken her seat on the throne, the choir sang an English hymn. All the Malagasy present were dressed in home-made fabrics which looked very picturesque. A large earthen jar filled with hot water having been conveyed to an adjacent apartment, the Queen retired, and after her bath she returned and resumed her seat. The Malagasy nobles then filed, three at a time, before the throne, after which Mr. Vice-Consul Pickersgill, on behalf of the foreign community, made a congratulatory speech to her Majesty. Subsequently the guests were all served with refreshments, which chiefly consisted of rice mixed with honey, called "sosoa." All present, according to custom, handed the Queen the "hasina" or crown fee. The Prime Minister wound up the proceedings with a patriotic speech, which excited much enthusiasm among the natives.—*London News.*

POPULAR FALLACIES.

Notions Which Cause Disease or Add Unnecessary Burdens to Domestic Life.

It would add many years to the average longevity of our species if we could free the next generation from the curse of the following fallacies, which are either direct sources of disease or add an unnecessary burden to domestic life: The idea that cold baths are healthy in winter and dangerous in midsummer; that rain water is more wholesome than "hard" water; that bedrooms must be heated in cold weather; that the misery of everlasting scrubbing and soapsuds vapors is compensated by the comfort of the lucid intervals; that a sick-room must be kept hermetically closed; that it pays to save foul air on account of its warmth; that "draughts" are morbific agencies; that catarrhs are due to low temperature; that even in midsummer children must be sent to bed at sunset, when the air begins to grow pleasant; that an after-dinner nap can do any harm; that the sanitary condition of the atmosphere can be improved by the fetor of carbolic acid; that there is any benefit in swallowing jugfuls of nauseous sulphur water; that rest after dinner can be shortened with impunity; that out-door recreation is a waste of time; that athletic sports brutalize the character; that a normal being requires any other stimulant than exercise and fresh air; that any mechanical contrivances can compensate for manly strength; that any plan of study can justify the custom of stinting children in sleep; that the torpor of narcotism is preferable to insomnia; that the suppression of harmless recreations will fail to beget vice and hypocrisy; that stimulation is identical with invigoration; that fashion has a right to enforce the wearing of woolen clothes in the dog-days.—*Boston Budget.*

—An enterprising newspaper reporter hunting up statistics in connection with the prevailing report regarding the unhealthiness of the season, consulted an undertaker, who, with considerable sadness of manner, said: "No. It has not been particularly unhealthy as far as I know. About the same as usual. I thought business would look up at one time, but it didn't. Still, there is no use complaining, for that won't make trade any more lively. There's nothing to do but to hope for the best."—*Boston Saturday Evening Gazette.*

—Dr. Leland, a Georgia physician who died recently, was for a long time unconscious before death. Reviving, he told his family and friends that his soul, separate from his body, had seen them all weeping around his old frame as it lay dead in the chair. He was loath to return to it, but was forced by an impulse he could not resist.

COAT SLEEVES.

The Distinctive Features of Ladies' Dresses, and How They are Modeled.

Coat sleeves still prevail, and are cut to conform more closely to the arm at the top than they were last season; indeed, there is scarcely any fulness when they are sewed in the armhole. If the high effect is desired, instead of giving it by inside padding, it is now made by a cap outside the sleeve consisting of three or four bias folds of the material passed under the arm and lapping on a curve on top. The cuffs are exceedingly simple, and nothing detracts more from style than a bunchy trimming about the wrists. Some of the prettiest cuffs are made by cutting the sleeve an inch and a half too long, then ripping the inside seam, turning the extra length backward, and facing it with velvet; this gives a pretty revers, which can be made very dressy by gathering lace inside. The new way of putting lace in sleeves is to have two frills, each containing seven-eighths of a yard of lace not quite three inches deep; these are gathered to lap, the upper frill nearly covering the lower, and most of the fullness being massed at the outside seam of the sleeve. A small, tightly-strapped bow of ribbon is set on the inside seam at the wrist of some sleeves; turned-back cuffs are preferred, but there are also simple bands of bias velvet three inches wide set inside the sleeves at the wrist, and coming out like under-sleeves; these are to match military collars. When lace frills are not used, folds of silk muslin in three layers, or of canvas in one or two layers, quite plain or wrought with gilt, are put in the sleeves and collars of dresses.—*Harper's Bazar.*

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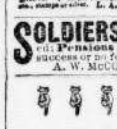

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