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PLUCKY GIRLS IN SOUTH AFRICA.

YANKEE GIRLS IN ZULU LAND. By LOUISE VESCELIUS-SHELDON. Illustrated by G. E. GRAVES, after sketches from life by E. J. AUSTEN. 12mo., pp. 287. Worthington & Co.

The illustration and the printing and general mechanism of this beautiful little book so closely approach the excellence of the best French work of the kind as to entitle it to rank among the very daintiest American productions of its kind. The illustrations are in process, and resemble those of the Figaro edition of "Tartarin de Tarascon" and "Tartarin sur les Alpes"; the paper is heavily calendered; the type is clear and bright; the cover is strikingly decorated with active figures of Zulu warriors. As to the contents of the volume so attractively prepared, they are fresh and original enough to secure general interest, for they relate the adventures of three American girls who travelled, unchaperoned and unguarded by masculine protectors, all over South Africa; who went to the diamond mines at Kimberley and visited the homes of the Boers, who were just then on the eve of their declaration of independence; travelled hundreds of miles in ox-wagons, camping out on the road; and enjoyed themselves in the most thorough and natural way from beginning to end.

The object of all this travel was the restoration to health of one of the two, whose lungs had weakened under a protracted course of London fog and smoke. South Africa was prescribed as a sanitarium, and thither these courageous young women proceeded. There they wandered for five years; there the invalid not only fully recovered health, but got married happily; and all this one of them has set forth with a modesty which makes no account of the hardships undergone, and even ignores the manifestly abnormal exhibition of truly American pluck and "grit" involved in the whole enterprise. Indeed, it may be said that if the young lady who is the historian of the party had presented somewhat more fully the difficulties and inconveniences of travel in South Africa, the general interest would have been increased for the majority of her readers. But these Yankee girls evidently prided themselves upon their endurance, and with reason, and so they say as little as possible about even the most intolerable discomforts; such for instance as their experience in the old California overland coaches, which have been transferred to South Africa, and in which the unhappy passengers are bumped and jolted and trituated, so to speak, amid perennial clouds of choking dust for days and nights together. For it is a country of magnificent distances, and in the absence of railroads, our travellers were obliged to use the coaches, no matter at what personal cost.

Fortunately the climate more than made up for the hardships of travel, for the invalid improved so rapidly that she was able to bear the rough usage of the stages as well as her companions, and in a short time had fully recovered. The girls spent several months at Kimberley and helped to work out diamonds, but do not appear to have gone to the bottom of the great hole in which the mines are situated, though they often watched the diggers from the brink. While here their house was ransacked by thieves, and they do not seem to have recovered any of the stolen property, but the author wastes no time in vain regrets over the misfortune. The happy, sanguine disposition of these wonderful girls indeed must strike every reader. They never complain of anything, and very seldom of anybody. If the lodging is bad, the food uneatable, perhaps they state the fact, but that is all. So much recorded, they hasten on to some point of interest, something new to be seen, some odd phase of uncivilized human nature to be examined. They are quick of observation, unfailingly cheerful, full of resource, and troubled with none of the fears, doubts, or conventional shackles which commonly make women miserable while journeying in savage or semi-civilized lands.

The pleasantest episode of their wanderings, evidently, was their long trip in an ox-wagon, when they took their meals by the camp-fire, slept in their wagon, tramped bravely over the interminable veldt day after day, and drank in sunshine and fresh air enough to add ten years to their lives. They had no disagreeable encounters, saw no leopards or wolves or poisonous snakes or insects, though they passed through regions said to abound with such creatures, but enjoyed themselves thoroughly, and only laughed when a sudden downpour of rain stalled the wagon, or a freshet made the fording of some stream a ticklish proceeding. A happier party, in short, never travelled, or a more sensible one, and the record of their strange experiences is so well, yet simply told, that we should think it must stimulate other Yankee girls to go and do likewise.

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There was no feature of novelty in the cereal markets yesterday. Shippers refuse to buy at the prevailing range of values, only 8,000 bushels of wheat and 16,000 bushels of corn being sold for export. But cash wheat held steady, while spot corn was 1-4@1-2 cent better. The wheat speculation was moderate (4,500,000 bushels changing hands), and there was a variable movement of prices within small limits. Reports of rain at the West and a lessening of the bull excitement in California were bearish influences, but their effect was offset by continued belief in a shortness of the crops. The market closed steady with June down 1-4 and July 1-8 cent at 93 1-2, and the other months unchanged at 94 1-2 for May, 93 for August, 93 1-4 for September and 95 12 cents for December. Speculation in corn options was better in tone, but only a few months scored a gain over Wednesday night, most of the deliveries being unchanged. Final prices were: May, 64 7-8; June, 62 3-4; July, 63; August, 63 1-8; September and October, 63; November, 61 3-4; December, 57 cents. Oats were without feature and the options ended about unchanged at 37 3-4 for May, 38 1-8 for June and 28 5-8 cents for July. The lard market was duller than is has been in months. Only 250 tierces changed hands in the option line, yet prices are quoted up 12@6 points as follows: May, 68 40; June, 68 35; July, 68 42; August, 68 44; September and October, 68 42.

The receipts of grain and flour reported yesterday at New-York, Philadelphia, Baltimore and Boston were as follows: Wheat, 7,855 bushels; corn, 19,619 bushels; oats, 101,562 bushels; total grain, 229,040 bushels; flour, 35,003 packages. At Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Louis the arrivals were: Wheat, 29,875 bushels; corn, 257,351 bushels; oats, 196,839 bushels; total grain, 494,065 bushels; flour, 24,172 barrels.

THE TRADE IN CHICAGO.

Chicago, May 3 (Special).—July wheat started at 83 1-2 cents and touched 83 3-8 before it was turned up. It sold to 84 1-4 cents and with several ups and downs closed at 83 5-8 cents. The vessels that have started for the straits carry 3,035,000 bushels of corn. This appeared on the blackboard this morning as having been shipped. A crowd from the provision pit began to cover May, there being little of that option for sale at any price. The result was that it ran up from 55 7-8 to 57 1-4 cents, the tip-top price reached thus far on the crop. No. 3 sold up to 54@54 3-4 cents. July opened at 55 3-8 cents, sold between 55 1-4 and 55 5-8 and 55 3-4, and closed at 55 5-8@55 3-4. May closed at 57 cents. The selling of the fleet affected oats as it did corn. The blackboard showed that 682,000 bushels had been shipped. May opened at 32 3-4 cents and closed at 33 1-8 cents. Provisions were enlivened by the buying of lard by the English crowd and the arrangements for the shipment of about 5,000 tierces of lard at a 1-8-cent rate from here to Liverpool, ocean steamers taking it for ballast.

Lost and Found.

LOST.—Bankbook No. 203,286, GREENWICH SAVINGS BANK, 73 6th-ave., New-York City. Payment stopped. Please return to Bank.

LOST OR STOLEN.—Bankbook issued by the SEAMAN'S BANK FOR SAVINGS, New-York, to the subscriber as trustee. If not found or returned to the Bank within 30 days from this date, I will apply to the Bank for a new Book. FREDERICK MULLER. New-York, May 4, 1888.

LOST OR STOLEN.—Bankbook No. 110,470, issued by the GERMAN SAVINGS BANK in the City of New-York, to German Brotherly Society. All persons are cautioned to negotiate the same and requested to deliver the book to the Bank, corner of 14th-st. and 4th-ave. If not restored on the 25th day of May, 1888, application will be made to the Bank for a duplicate. New-York, May 4, 1888.

Proposals.

PROPOSALS OF THE CHILEAN GOVERNMENT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF OVER 700 MILES OF RAILWAY. No. 15 Cortlandt-st., New-York, May 2, 1888.

New-York, May 2, 1888. No. 15 Cortlandt-st.

The undersigned, Consul-General of Chile, calls the attention of Railroad Contractors to the invitation of the Government of Chile for proposals for the building of over 700 miles of railway in that Republic, published in "The World" on the 1st inst.

Further information will be given at the Legation of Chile in Washington, at the office of the Chilean Consulate in Boston and at the Consulate-General in this city. FRED'K A. BEELEN.

AQUEDUCT COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE, ROOM 209 STEWART BUILDING, NO. 280 BROADWAY, NEW-YORK, April 20, 1888.

TO CONTRACTORS.

BIDS OR PROPOSALS for furnishing and delivering and laying 48-inch cast-iron pipes and their appurtenances from 135th-st. and Convent-ave. to the proposed Gate House in the Central Park Reservoir, and doing all other work in connection therewith necessary to complete Section 16 of the New Aqueduct, as called for in the approved forms of contract and specifications on file in the office of the Aqueduct Commissioners, will be received at this office until Wednesday, the 9th day of May, 1888, at 12 o'clock p. m.; at which place and hour they will be publicly opened by the Aqueduct Commissioners, and the award of the contract for doing said work and furnishing said material will be made by said Commissioners as soon thereafter as practicable.

Blank forms of the approved contract and the specifications thereof, and bids or proposals and proper envelopes for their enclosure, and forms of bonds; and also the plans for said work and all other information, can be obtained at the above office of the Aqueduct Commissioners on application to the Secretary.

By order of the Aqueduct Commissioners. JOHN C. SHEEHAN, Secretary. JAMES C. SPENCER, President.

Copartnership Notices.

54 Wall-st.

THE INTEREST OF MR. RICHARD R. TYERS in our firm, and his liability therein, ceases on this date. Dated New-York, May 1, 1888. CARTER, HAWLEY & CO.

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THE LANGHAM.

One or two desirable suites, elegantly furnished, for balance of season. H. C. SHANNON, Manager.

AGUILA APARTMENT-HOUSE. S. W. CORNER 41ST-ST. AND 7TH-AVE. Seven rooms; rents, $30 to $50. New building. Apply on premises.

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18 WEST 51ST-ST.—Large handsomely furnished room on third floor to rent, with board.

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A FURNISHED SUITE of three rooms and bath to rent for a few months. HOTEL WINTHROP, 7th-ave., Boulevard and 125th-st.

ELEGANT ROOMS, corner brownstone house, near Gramercy Park; cool, commodious and central; all neatly furnished, with private table, at summer prices; references. 122 East 19th-st., corner Irving Place.

5TH-AVE., 337.—Handsome rooms, singly or en suite; also physician's office; good table.

10 EAST 42D-ST., near 5TH-AVE.—Handsomely furnished second floor en suite or singly, with board.

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18 WEST 51ST-ST.—Two square and two hall rooms furnished to rent with board.

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$3.75 ROLL for White Mattings, Fancy $4; extensive assortment; fine mattings, carpetings, rugs, oilcloths. Examine before placing your orders. ANDREW LESTER'S SONS, 733-741 Broadway.

Steamboats.

A.—TROY BOATS—Steamers SARATOGA and CITY OF TROY lighted by electric lights, leave pier 44 N. R., foot of Christopher-st., daily, except Saturday, 6 p. m. Sunday steamer touches at Albany.

ALBANY BOATS, PEOPLE'S LINE. Steamers Drew and Dean Richmond leave Pier 41, N. R., foot of Canal-st., at 6 p. m. daily, Sundays excepted. Staterooms warmed. Freight received until the hour of departure.

BAY LINE to OLD POINT COMFORT, NORFOLK, VA., and SOUTH. Leave via Penn. R. R. 4:30 p. m. Parlor cars to Baltimore, thence palace steamers, arriving at Old Point at 8:15 a. m., Norfolk 9 a. m. H. V. TOMPKINS, Gen'l Pass. Agent, 317 Broadway, N. Y.

BOSTON, PROVIDENCE and EAST, Via STONINGTON LINE. Inside Route at Lowest Rates. Steamers leave new Pier 36 N. R., one block above Canal-st., at 5:00 p. m. daily except Sunday.

BOSTON via FALL RIVER LINE.—Only $3 for first-class limited tickets. Reduction to Newport, Fall River and all other points. Steamers PILGRIM and PROVIDENCE. Leave Pier 23, N. R., foot of Murray-st., at 5 p. m. daily, Sundays included. Connection by Annex boat from Brooklyn at 4:30, Jersey City 4 p. m. AN ORCHESTRA ON EACH STEAMER. Tickets and staterooms secured at principal transfer and ticket offices, at office on Pier 28 and on steamer.

CATSKILL EVENING LINE. Boats leave for CATSKILL and all intermediate landings daily; for STUYVESANT and NEW BALTIMORE, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. All from foot of Jay-st., N. R., at 6 p. m.

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NORWICH LINE.—Favorite Inside Route. Fares reduced to Boston, $3; Worcester, $2 50; Norwich, $1 65; New-London, $1 40. Corresponding reduction to all points East. Steamers CITY OF WORCESTER, CITY OF BOSTON and CITY OF LAWRENCE leave Pier 40, N. R., at 5 p. m. G. W. BRADY, Agt.

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Miscellaneous.

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