Literature.

WHEN SANTA CLAUS COMES.

A good time is coming: I wish it were here!—
The very best time in the whole of the year:
I'm counting each day on my fingers and thumbs,
The weeks that must pass before Santa Claus comes.

Good-bye for awhile, then, to lessons and school;
We can laugh, talk and sing without "breaking the rule;"
No troublesome spelling, nor writing, nor sums;
There's nothing but play-time when Santa Claus comes.

I suppose I shall have a new dolly, of course—
My last one was killed by a fall from her horse;
And for Harry and Dick there'll be trumpets and drums,
To deafen us all with, when Santa Claus comes.

I'll hang up my stocking to hold what he brings;
I hope he will fill it with lots of nice things;
He must know how dearly I love sugar-plums;
I'd like a big box full when Santa Claus comes.

Then when the first snow-flakes begin to come down,
And the wind whistles sharp, and the branches are brown,
I'll not mind the cold, though my fingers it numbs;
For it brings the time nearer when Santa Claus comes.

—*The Nursery for December.*

MARA; OR, THE GIRL WITHOUT REFERENCES.

(*Continued.*)

II.

This was how their love-affair had begun. After this they saw each other frequently, then daily; and Halsey took an early opportunity of apprising Butts that he had better show himself reserved in talking about Miss Child. This was not cautious. Butts, who could no more comprehend a threat than he could a joke, discoursed more than ever about the girl, her advertisements, and her water-colors; and it soon became hinted from one end of Sandbeach to the other, that the designing adventuress (certain others said "the minx" or "the creature") had formed an improper connection with the most bearded of the four Oxonians who were staying at No. 3 on the Parade.

It is a curious symptom, by the way, that alacrity with which moral people jump at the idea of an improper connection. One would really think that certain moralizers did nothing but muse upon improprieties from the rising of the sun till the return of the same next day.

There was, in truth, no impropriety between Mara and Halsey. A day or two after the little episode at Butts's, he accosted her on the beach; and breaking through the conventionalities which are very well between people who do not know each other, and do not much care to do, but which are absurd when hearts are already more than half united, he told her frankly that he had heard she was seeking employment, and offered to assist and serve her by every means in his power. She thanked him, but probably both felt in that moment, that, if he ever placed her beyond reach of want and care, it would not be by procuring her a situation as a governess, as a dressmaker, or even as an artist.

From that time their love was not a thing which either sought to conceal from the other; and soon he fell into the habit of meeting her every day on the beach. He deserted his books, took long rambles with her by the sea-side, returned, said good-by to her at her door, and passed all his evening in recounting her praises to us. We smoked, nodded, and listened. Then he introduced us all three to her. She blushed on first presentation; but we soon became good friends, for there was no affectation in her nature. She was artless, gentle, and, when amused, would laugh so innocently and sweetly, that we regretted her habitual mood should be one of pensiveness, and rather sad pensiveness. At her request, we often joined her and Halsey in their walks on the beach; and one day the good idea occurred to one amongst us to charter a sail-boat and go a series of coasting trips and picnics to places of interest in the neighborhood. She was not afraid of the sea, and liked these expeditions; but the first time we set out on a sunny morning with our boat fresh painted and sails new bleached; when we men in our jerseys and straw hats marched down to the beach carrying a hamper between us, and installed Mara on a throne-like pile of scarlet rugs in the stern; when, above all, on putting out, Merry broke out into one of Tom Dibdin's songs, in the chorus of which her pure, bright voice was soon heard to join; then there was a pretty to-do indeed in Sandbeach. It so happened that for that very day, and under plea of a prior engagement, we had refused an invitation to a croquet-party where Miss Ada and Miss Ida Wilkins were to shine; and the fiat thereon went forth from one end of the town to the other, that "the minx" had formed an improper connection, not with one amongst us only, but with all four. God bless us all in this island for the charity we bear our neighbors!

A few annoying consequences now began to crop up. There is certainly not an inhabited country, save this one, where a man,—by which I mean a male,—even when he has attained to Butts's age and virtuous insensibility, could bear to speak otherwise than with gallantry of a woman so lovely and defenceless as Mara? But Butts, who kept no gallantry in stock, except for Mrs. Butts—who probably exacted it as tribute without leaving it to his option—and for such lady-customers as subscribed to his rooms, bought stationery of him, and had references,—Butts babbled about Mara as if he were one fish-fag and she another. The Rev. Joel Grones, the pastor of the Jumper Chapel, taking his cue from Butts, warned our landlady, who jumped under his guidance on the road to salvation, that our conduct was becoming a stumbling-block and an occasion for offence. The Anglican rector, who had called on us on our arrival, and introduced us to some of the local tea-tables, looked severely at us over his prayer-book when he walked up his church one Sunday, and, during the whole service, seemed to be deliberating whether he should write to the dean of our college, or remonstrate with us after the sermon in the vestry. He took the third course of coming to No. 3 on the Parade whilst we were at dinner, and dwelling apologetically on the shock our behavior was causing to all sensitive Sandbeachers. It is to be noted that we had never done a thing which ought by rights to have shocked a soul not predisposed to cry "Shocking!" We were strangers to the town, and quite old enough to take care of ourselves. If it shocked people to see us go out sailing with an unchaperoned young lady, all they had to do was to shut their eyes, and not talk of the grievous sight. But no: the morals of the Sandbeachers demanded that our own morals should be impugned; that we should be whispered about under the church-porch, and anathematized over tea and muffins. It was only after an exasperating piece of vigor on the part of Merry that the conversation about Mara and us grew a little more guarded.

Being in Butts's reading-room one day, he heard a Sandbeach quidnunc—one curly-haired Snigge, son of Snigge & Snigge, attorneys—crack a pleasantry of the Sniggish sort concerning Mara. He strode up to him, and gave him a slap on the face which sent him reeling over a cane-chair, and then under it. Merry was a muscular Christian; and his slap must have sounded uncomfortably to a few in the room who had often earned quite as good a title to it as young Snigge, if Merry had only been present to hear and reward them.

But what was to come of all this? If Halsey had been not necessarily a libertine, but one holding French views of life, his love for Mara would have led to the same results as do ten thousand similar *liaisons* every year; but Halsey's passion for the girl was too deep for the projects of ruining her to cross his head. One of those cool-headed virgins who bring actions for breach of promise he might have laid siege to without scruple, being neither better nor worse than most young men of his age. But Mara excited in one all the instincts of protection. She was so good, guileless, and confiding, that a man felt the wish to shield her and keep her from harm's way: to seduce her would have seemed more than usually heartless and brutal. When their acquaintance was but a very few days old, it was easy to see that Halsey had already resolved to marry the girl. He was of age, had taken his degree, and would be independent of his profession, having six hundred pounds a year of his own. This was enough for comfort, and could be accounted wealth by living abroad. On the other hand, Halsey had parents very well connected, and aspiring to see him do great things in life. It was not to be expected they would give their consent to his marriage with a girl in Mara's equivocal position: indeed, it was certain they would endeavor to thwart such a match by all the means their alarm and indignation could suggest. It was this that worried Halsey. Week after week passed, and he had not yet proposed to Mara; nor had she, on her side, given him or us the slightest clew to her history. She never talked of the past,—never alluded to it by the slightest reference to people she had known, events she had witnessed, or places she had visited. Yet she did not appear to be acting with a settled purpose at concealment. Had she just recovered from a terrible fever, which had obliterated all the pictures in her memory, she could not have acted otherwise than she was doing.

When a man is placed in such circumstances, and has three friends at hand, he is generally favored with tripletongued advice of the most impressive sort about the rashness of committing himself, the folly of hasty marriages, and so on. Halsey got no such advice from us,—not even from Clowes, who was never averse to showing one the seamy side of schemes. Each of us well knew, that, had it been his luck to be loved by Mara as Halsey was loved, he would have overridden all the scruples, cautions, and relatives in the world; and, this being so, we should have considered it uncandid to tender counsels we ourselves should never have followed. Therefore, when, one August evening, Halsey came in and told us quietly that the matter was settled,—that Mara had agreed to be his wife, and that he would push on the marriage as promptly as possible,—we regarded the conclusion as natural and fitting, and held out our hands in congratulation.

We had all—Mara included—been out for a sail that afternoon; and, on landing, Halsey had, as usual, been left to accompany Mara to her door. From various indications,—of which a greater timidity than ordinary on Mara's part was chief,—we had guessed that a consummation was imminent; and on our return we had not waited dinner for Halsey. He came back later, however, than we had expected. It was nearly ten o'clock; and he found us leaning out of our bow-window which fronted the sea, and smoking. He took a seat after we had shaken hands with him, asked for water, drank off two glasses, and then, by the moon's light, which shone on his face, we saw that he was pale and looked excited. Here let it be said, that Halsey was nearly six feet high, and proportionately strong. He had a mass of brown hair, and a precocious beard, luxuriant and golden; but he was not a slouchy kind of giant, one of those rough, human Newfoundlands. He was, on the contrary, very careful about his dress, and not slovenly or lazy in his conversation. Talk about business, book-work, or sport, drew out all the shrewdness in him; but in matters where the heart was involved he acted impulsively as an Italian.

"Yes: we must get the marriage over at once," he exclaimed abruptly, after he had been silently stroking his forehead a minute or two. "There is no chance of my people ever consenting; so I shall go up to town to-morrow for a license, and make the rector marry us on Thursday."

"Is there really no hope with your people?" asked Clowes. Clowes was slight, dark, and deliberate. If he had been in Halsey's case, he would have married Mara without hesitation; but he would have asked his parents' leave for form's sake. He was going to be a clergyman.

"Yes: it's as well to give one's people fair play," suggested Merry, drawing his cigar from his lips. "I wouldn't listen to them, if they made objections; but you know how much better women like it when they can be married without secrecy, with friends, bridesmaids, and all that sort of thing."

"If I could marry her before all England, and with twenty bishops behind the altar-rails, I would do it!" exclaimed Halsey vehemently. "Do you think it doesn't wring my heart to marry the little thing as if I were ashamed of it? But what is the use of bringing all my people down on her to persecute her and make her miserable? You fellows know Mara, from the first day you heard of her coming innocently to a strange place, and trying to get a situation without having any recommendation to offer but her own truthful face and honest voice: from that first day you felt there could be no harm in the girl; and when you set eyes on her, she seemed to you an angel, which she is. But what is the use of trying to prove to my people that? They would bully me and her; and, if I told them her history, they would think me mad for believing it."

He continued for a time more in this strain and then confided us Mara's history, which she had told him that afternoon, "crying," said he as, "as if her little heart would break, and hiding her face in her hands, as if it were a crime she were confessing to." Mara's mother had never been married. She had been a sempstress, and when deserted by her seducer, who had kept her for some years in comfort, she had resumed her old calling, and supported herself and her child by the needle. By and by Mara had been able to earn her living by her needle too; but, at her mother's death, a rich family—perhaps related to her father—had taken her under protection, finished her education, and given her a comfortable home under their roof. She remained with them until she discovered that the master of the house, whose wife was her chief benefactress, and who was himself an honorable man and father of a family, was in love with her. Then, foreseeing that if she staid she could only be a cause of sorrow and disgrace, she had fled, leaving a note behind her, to say that she would never return, because she had been unhappy in the house, and was going to seek a home elsewhere. "They had been kinder to me than if I had been their child," was her grateful acknowledgment; "but I thought, that, if I made myself out to be thankless and wicked, they would not endeavor to follow me." So she had come to Sandbeach, not knowing the town, but thinking that from its loneliness it would be a good place to hide in. She had ten pounds when she arrived,—the savings of her pocket-money; and she had hoped, in her ignorance of the ways of the world, that she could obtain a situation by simply saying that she was willing to work. How soon she had been disappointed we knew; but Halsey had met her just in time to save her from grinding want. Since then she had been living on the proceeds of her sketches. She painted three or four of them a week; and for each Halsey gave her a sovereign, saying he knew a dealer in London who sold them. Being unimaginative, she had never doubted this was a fact. Such was the simple history of Mara, as Halsey told it us.

Looking back upon that time, it strikes me as a symptom of the enthralling fascination Mara had exercised over us all, that we all accepted her account of herself as if it had been gospel. There were no questions and no doubting; yet we were not, I believe, fools. On the morrow Halsey started early for London to get his license; and by the following train Merry went there, too, under commission from Clowes and I, to buy Mara a wedding present in our three joint names. By clubbing our resources we had lumped some sixty pounds; and Merry brought back the same evening a watch and chain, a bracelet, and a pair of ear-rings, all tasteful and well made. Halsey also returned about the same time with his license and a trousseau that had cost him a hundred pounds. He went off at once to Mara's, and brought her back to tea with us, the landlady being invited up for the occasion, to play propriety.

Mara found her presents on her plate, in the place of honor at the head of the table; and I fancy I can see Halsey now, fastening the ear-rings to her tiny ears, then turning round to us with his eyes moist, and saying, "What good fellows you all are! and what a lucky dog I am to have such a wife and such friends!"

The presents drew a little color to Mara's pale cheeks, for she was extremely pale; and it escaped none of us that she wore an abstracted, dreamy expression, which we had noticed on her face before, but which now seemed settled there. We attributed this to natural emotion. Later, however, I remembered an episode of that evening to which we none of us attached much importance at the time, though it seemed to have rather struck Clowes, who was the most observant of us. When the tea-things were cleared away, Halsey asked if there were any thing in that day's paper. Our landlady, who read her newspaper religiously from end to end, advertisements included, answered, "Oh, yes, Mr. Halsey, the shockingest murder in the world,—a policeman killed in London with a poker! There's a column of particulars most dreadful to think of." Lifting my eyes at that moment, I saw that Mara's face had grown livid. Her eyes were haggardly fixed on the speaker, and her lips parted as if in abject terror. Seeing me looking at her she endeavored to recover herself, and put up her hands before her eyes; but a moan broke from her lips, and her head fell back senseless. All of us rose in alarm. The window was opened, salts were fetched; and Halsey, falling on his knees, chafed her hands distractedly between his: but, as she was soon restored to consciousness, the incident was ascribed to the heat, which had, in truth, been oppressive that day.

The next morning Halsey took his license to the rector, and on the day following the wedding came off. One need scarcely describe the commotion spread throughout Sandbeach by the event. Although the rector had been given but four and twenty hours' notice, this was quite enough to let the news circulate in every nook of the town; and, at the hour appointed for the ceremony, not a pew in the small parish church but was crowded, whilst the concourse outside would have given one to suppose that every spectator had a deep personal interest in what was going on. The Misses Wilkins were there, with their hair down their backs, fresh and still wet from sea-bathing; young Snigge was there, with the female Snigge connection, prying and excited; Mrs. Butts was there and the entire clan of Butts' lady subscribers mustered to a woman, chattering, whispering, and talking in all the coigns of vantage. But the wedding was not quite the thing some of these good Smaritans had foreseen. The rector was a worthy man; and, after scanning Halsey's license, he had said, "A gentleman in your position, Mr. Halsey, would not do any thing to disgrace his family name; so I conclude that your intended bride is in every respect worthy of you." And, on Halsey replying with a powerful adjuration which would have exploded into an oath but for the ecclesiastical presence, that his bride was the purest woman in all Christendom, the rector had proceeded, "Well, if the young lady has no relatives to assist her, my wife shall lead her to church; and perhaps you will let the wedding breakfast take place at the rectory." Accordingly, when Mara stood at the altar railings, she had the rector's excellent wife in a gray silk dress behind her. Clowes gave her away, I was acting as best man, and Merry kept an eye to the marshalling of six little national-school girls in white dresses and with crowns of rosebuds in their hair, whom Halsey and the rector's wife had arranged together should act as bridesmaids. Mara was exquisitely dressed in white silk, and wore a bonnet trimmed with orange blossoms. Her beauty, her bashfulness, and the tranquil innocence that seemed to clothe her, stirred a murmur of admiration as she descended the aisle on Halsey's arm; and such of the congregation as had not been moved to indulgence by seeing the countenance which the rector's wife lent to the wedding were shaken in their prejudices by the pride and admiring love with which Halsey appeared to regard his bride. These were not the looks of a man putting the finishing touch to an "improper connection." The ladies, with woman's unerring connoisseurship in such matters, felt it; and Mara, who entered the church as an outcast, left it almost popular. There were carriages outside, with postilions and favors, just as if the marriage had been in London; but as the first of these carriages drove off with Halsey, his bride, and the rector's wife for the parsonage, I heard a woman say, "It's a fair and harmless face; but she looks as if her mind were not with her body: she seems thinking of something else."

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THE WHEELER & WILSON.

After all that is said about other sewing machines, and after examination of not a few of them we retain our old preference for the Wheeler & Wilson. Its astonishing *durability* is one great recommendation of this machine. The first Wheeler & Wilson machine (with possibly one exception) ever brought to Burlington, is still in town. It has been in daily use for over fifteen years. It has had some of the new improvements added from time to time at trifling expense; but the main working parts have been untouched, and seem absolutely to show no wear. The machine is as good as new to-day, and its owner would not exchange it for any other ever invented. We regard the claim that a good Wheeler & Wilson machine will, with care, last a lifetime in constant use, as literally true; and as the merits of the machine, as respects quality of work, and ease and rapidity of operation, are unquestionable, it is a consideration which should decide many a purchaser in its favor.—*Burlington Free Press.*

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LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES,

PASSED AT THE SECOND SESSION OF THE 42d CONGRESS.

[GENERAL NATURE—No. 63.]

AN ACT to authorize the Commissioners of Claims to appoint special Commissioners to take Testimony, and for other Purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the commissioners of claims shall have the authority to appoint special commissioners to take testimony, to be used in cases pending before them, who shall have authority to administer oaths and affirmations, and to take the depositions of witnesses: *Provided*, The claimants shall pay the fees of such special commissioners for taking the depositions of witnesses called by them; but such fees shall in no case exceed ten cents per folio if the claim is less than one thousand dollars.

SEC. 2. That any person who shall knowingly and willfully swear falsely before the said commissioners of claims or either of them, or before any special commissioner appointed by virtue of this act, in any matter or claim pending before said commissioners, shall be deemed guilty of perjury, and on conviction thereof, shall be punished in the same manner prescribed by law in cases of wilful and corrupt perjury.

SEC. 3. That the commissioners of claims may appoint and employ agents, but not more than three at any time whose duty it shall be, under the direction and authority of said commissioners, to investigate claims pending before them, to procure evidence, to secure the attendance of witnesses on behalf of the government, and to examine the same, and to cross-examine the witnesses produced by claimants, and to perform such other duties as may be required of them by said commissioners, who may discharge them at any time. The said agents shall be allowed their actual and necessary travelling expenses; the expenses paid out in investigating claims, procuring witnesses, and taking testimony, and six dollars per day while employed in the discharge of their duties; of all which, at the end of each month, they shall make statements in detail, specifying the amounts by them paid out, to whom paid, when and where and for what purpose, and the number of days employed in their duties, and shall transmit the same, duly certified, to the commissioners. But no claim where the amount exceeds ten thousand dollars shall be examined, decided, and reported by the commissioners to Congress, except the testimony on behalf of the claimant in such case shall have been taken orally before the commissioners or some one of them personally, or shall have been taken previous to the third day of March, eighteen hundred and seventy-one, to be used in the court of claims or before some department of the government.

SEC. 4. That the commissioners may employ three additional clerks at a salary of one thousand two hundred dollars per year; and may employ at the usual rates, such assistance for the short-hand reporter as may be necessary, from time to time, in reporting, copying, and preparing for Congress the oral testimony taken in cases before the said commissioners.

SEC. 5. That all the expenses incurred under the provisions of this act shall be allowed and paid in the same manner, and out of the same appropriation provided for in the act organizing the said commissioners of claims, being an act entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of the army for the year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and seventy-two, and for other purposes," approved March third, eighteen hundred and seventy-one.

SEC. 6. That it shall be the duty of the said commissioners of claims to receive, examine, and consider the justice and validity of such claims as shall be brought before them of those citizens who remained loyal adherents to the cause and government of the United States during the war, for stores or supplies taken or furnished during the rebellion for the use of the navy of the United States, in the same manner and with the like effect as they are now required by law to do in the case of stores or supplies taken or furnished for the use of the army.

Approved, May 11, 1872.

[GENERAL NATURE—No. 64.]

AN ACT to Establish certain Post-roads.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the following be, and are hereby, established as post-roads:

ALABAMA.

From Crossville, via Big Wills Creek and Redentown, to Atalla.
From Crossville, via Grove Oak, Newville, and Park's Store, to Scottsboro'.
From Tuscumbia, Saint's Store, to Newburg.
From Rocky Head to Raw Ridge.
From Kemp's Creek to Bowdon.
From Ashland, via Hillabee, Millersville and Bradford, to Rockford.
From Louina, via Davidson and Dudleyville, to Dudeville.
From Louina, via Wood's Ferry, Wesobulga, and Mullins, to Blakes' Ferry.
From Biga Shoals, via Roanoke, Wief's, Higgins', and Buffalo Wallow, to Chambers'.
From Rock Mills, via Bacon Level, Hickory Flat, and Wehadka, to Antioch.
From Pinckneyville to Childersburg.
From Tuskegee, via Honey Cut, to Union Springs.
From Hines Precinct to Tuskegee.
From Wedowee, via Jordans and Arbacoochee, to Bell's Mills.
From Cole's Station to Tallasee.
From Wetumpka to Robinson Springs.
From Society Hill to Hurtville.
From Troy, via Pea River, Buck Horn, and Louisville, to Clayton.
From Blake's Ferry, via Fox Creek, to East Mill.
From Tuskegee, via Cross Keys, Culhatchee, and Mount Meigs, to Montgomery.
From Dederville, via Pinckneyville and Sylacoogga, to Childersburg.
From Opelika, via Oak Bower, to Dudleyville.
From Letohatchee, via Hickory Grove, Mount Carmel, Argus, and Helicon, to Oinstee.
From Chulafinnee to Cambardville.
From Jasper to Somerville.
From Bullock to Rutledge.
From Rock Mills to Houston, Georgia.
From Smith's Station, via Warcoochee, Beulah, Ossinippi, Trammell's Factory, to West Point, Georgia.
From Hillians to Collinsville.
From Springville to Violy.
From Fertiles to Athens.
From Somerville to Decatur.
From Somerville to Gleander.
From Rogersville to Gilbertsboro.
From Lagrange to Brickville.
From Rock Creek to Dickson.
From Bezar to Pikeville.
From Chester to Democrat.
From Jasper to Jonesboro.
From Petterville to Athens.
From Handy to Jasper.
From Houston to Hanby's Mills.
From Tuscumbia, via Saint's Store, to Newburg.
From Florence, via Rice's Store, to Waynesboro, Tennessee.
From Tuscumbia, via Fink's Store, to Frankfort.
From Tuscumbia, via Fike's Store, to Frankfort.
From Florence, via Saint's Store, to Waynesboro, Tennessee.
From Pikesville, via Bozas, to Fulton, Mississippi.
From Allsboro to Iuka, Mississippi.
From Smith's Station, via Warcoochee Valley, Beulah, Mechanicsville, Ossinoppi, Georgia and Alabama Manufacturing Company, to West Point, Georgia.
From Abbeville to Clopton.
From Columbia to Fort Gains, Georgia.
From Bullock to Rutledge.
From Dadeville, via Mountreal, Mt. Zion, Fish Pond, Bulger's Mills, Kowaliga, Guthries, Cotton Store, Sand Tuck, Howle's Store, to Wetumpka.
From Waverly via Rome, Walnut Hill, Melton's Mills, to Chamahatchee.

ARIZONA TERRITORY.

From Tubac to Monument.
From Tubac, via Sonolta Valley, to Crittenden.
From Hardyville, via Mineral Park, to Prescott.
From Bradshaw, via Walnut Grove, to Wickenburg.

ARKANSAS.

From Hamburg to Lake Village.
From Marshall to Harrison.
From West Plains, via Wright's Mill, to Mountain Home.
From West Plains, via Spear's Mills, to Gainesville.
From Cambria, to Marcyville, in Missouri.
From Maysville to Vinita, Indian Territory.
From Lewisburg, via Howard and Union City, to Gibbon's Landing.
From Clarksville, via Spada, Morrison's Bluff, Calico, and Anderson, to Reveille.
From Arkadelphia, via Rome, Gray's Ferry, Moscow, Mount Moriah, and Rosston, to Magnolia.
From Brinkley, via Cypress Ridge, Hickory Ridge, and Dades, to Trenton.
From Marshall to Baily Hill.
From De Vall's Bluff to De Witt.

CALIFORNIA.

From Santa Cruz to Pescadero.
From Bear Creek to Yo Semite.
From Mendocino City to Noyo River.
From Ukiah City to Moonville.
From Upper Lake to Bartlett's Springs.
From Chico to Dayton.
From Dayton to Butte City.
From Butte City to Princeton.
From Woodland, via Cacheville, to head of Capay Valley.
From Wheatland to Spencerville.
From Calistoga, via Great Geysers, to Cloverdale.
From Camptonville, in Yuba County, via Indian Hill, to Brandy City, in Sierra County.
From Shasta City, via Millville, Phillip's Ranch, Round Mountain, Lutrell's Ranch, Caton's Valley, Birney's Valley, Birney's Falls, Pitt River, Bingettville, Fall River Valley, Big Valley, Davidson's Ranch, Meyfield's Mills, Whitley's Crossing, Ash Creek, Adin, McDevitt's Mills, Townsend's Ranch, Steel Brother's Ranch, Hot Springs Valley, Butte Mountain, Dorrisburg, Franklin's Store, Goose Lake, and Ford Bidwell, to Lake City.
From Strawberry Valley, via Scales' Diggings, Port Wine, Saint Louis, and Whiskey Diggings, to Gibsonville.
From Jehama via Paskento, to Newville.
From Lower Lake to Bartlett's Springs.
From Taylorville to Reno, Nevada.
From Sebastopol, via Forbesville, to Guernville.
From Antioch to Bantas.
From Red Bluff, via Roaring River, Janesville, Igo, Piety Hill, Horsetown, and Middletown, to Shasta City.

COLORADO TERRITORY.

From Badito, via Gardner, Cristome, San Isabel, and Bismark, to Villa Grove.
From Canon City, via Greenwood, Mace's Hole, and Dotson's to Greenhorn.
From Greenwood to Colfax.
From Badito, via Gardner, to Colfax.
From Fort Collins to Livermore.
From Trinidad, via San Francisco, to La Tinchera.
From Garland to Zapata.
From La Lorna to Capote.
From Colorado Springs, to Fairplay.
From Creswell, via Burgess Park, to Junction.
From New Hartford, via Berkhamstead and Hartland, to West Greenville, in Massachusetts.
From Redding to Bridgeport.
From Pleasant Valley to Riverton.

DAKOTA TERRITORY.

From Richland to Sioux City, in Iowa.
From Yankton, via Welchtown, Ashville, Skunk Lake, and Sisseton, to Breckenridge.
From Yankton, via Scotland, Milltown, Rockport, Firesteel, Batesville, Diamond Hill, and Eldorado, to North Pacific Railroad.
From Fort Sully, via Cheyenne Agency, Grand River Agency, Fort Rice, Fort stevenson, and Fort Bradford.
From Whetstone Agency, via White River Forks, to Spotted Tail's Agency.
From Elden, via Lodi, Turkey Creek, and Thompsonville, to Yankton.
From Canton, via Turnersville, Swan Lake, Ashville, and Wolf Creek, to Milltown.
From Sioux Falls City, via Rockport, to Fort Thompson.
From Vermillion, via Pilot Grove and Morry's Crossing, to Yankton.
From Medera to Big Stone Lake.
From Yankton to Norfolk, in Nebraska.
From Owego to Breckenridge, in Minnesota.
From Norfolk, in Nebraska, via Santee Agency, Springfield, Dayton, Scotland, Maxwell City, Red Earth, and Skunk Lake, to Dell City.
From Crow Creek Agency, via Cocesh, Gray Cloud, Alwilda, Central City, Bangor, Cecelia, and Brisbine, to Flandreau.
From Springfield, via Marshton, Woodbine, Laurel, Rockport, Aichate, Flandreau, Lake Shetek, and Mahoka Lake, to Mankato, in Minnesota.
From Sioux Falls City to Wicklow.
From Sioux Falls City to Worthington.

GEORGIA.

From Jasper to Dawsonville.
From Louisville to Way's.
From Tunnel Hill to Dirt Town.
From Rainbridge, via Swann's Bridge, to Steam Mill.
From Harrell, via Calvary, to Concord, Florida.
From Athens, via McCleskey's and Jug Tavern, to Lawrenceville.
From Monticello to Hillsborough.
From Madison to Rhesmer.
From Oconee Station, on Central Railroad, to Norris' Store.
From Hawkinsville to Vienna.
From Valdosta, via Ashley Lawson's, to E. J. Williams.
From Cartersville, via Ball Ground, Walasco, and Dawsonville, to Dahlonega.
From Mt. Pleasant on Brunswick and Albany Railroad, to Owen's Ferry, on St. Ilis River.

INDIANA.

From New Garden to Arba.
From Bethel to Helansburg.
From Martinsville, via Pine City, to Eminence.
From Martinsville, via Monroe Mills and Oak Farm, to Nashville.
From Morgantown, via Cope, to Waverly.
From Newberg to Marco.

INDIAN TERRITORY.

From Perryville, via Bushby and Goodland, to Paris, in Texas.
From Parker, in Kansas, via Coody's Bluff, Shanta-Sapba (or Black Dog Creek), Choteau Station, and Locust Grove, to Tahlequah.
From Roseville, via Nu-Schotibe, Lynch's Mill, Grand Salim, Locust Grove, and Fourteen-mile Creek, to Fort Gibson.
From Maryville, in Arkansas, via Spavinaw and Moravian Mission, to Tahlequah.
From Talequah, via Flint, Clear Spring, and Lee's Creek, to Van Buren, in Arkansas.
From Coyville, Kansas, via Seal Agency, Okmulege, Barnett, Bruner, Stonewall, and Tishamingo, to Preston, Texas.

IOWA.

From Harper's Ferry, via Elon and Dalby, to Waukon.
From Fairbank to Grove Hill.
From Duncombe to Gowrie.
From Chegokee to Worthington.
From Jefferson to Mansion.
From Davenport, via Amity, Allen's Grove, and Buena Vista, to Calamus.
From Platteville, via Mormontown, to Redding.
From Florence, via Robin and Doebell, to Shellsburg.
From Iron Hill, via Emeline and Canton, to Cascade.
From Easton, via Platteville, to Bridgeport.
From Le Mars to Wolfdale.
From Sibley to Beloit.
From Ottumwa, via Oak Springs, to Unionville.
From Iron Hill to Crab's Mill.
From Centre Junction, via Madison, to Hale.
From Spirit Lake, via Sibley, to Beloit.
From Cherokee, Iowa, to Washington, Minnesota.
From Union Mills to Hopewell.
From Donelson, via Dover, Clay Grove, and Pilot Grove, to Salem.
From Woodbine to Shelby.
From Le Mars, via Orange City, Ocheyedan, and Sibley, to Worthington, Minnesota.
From Miami Valley to Garner's Mill.
From Franklin to Washington Prairie.
From Waukon, via Red's, Dorchester, and Wilmington, to Caledonia, Minnesota.
From Neola to Glenwood.

ILLINOIS.

From Colchester to Fandon.
From Mill Shoals to Belle City.
From Robinson, via Hardinsville, Chauncey, and Sumner to Mier.

IDAHO.

From Silver City to Fairville.
From Tynesville to Washington.

KENTUCKY.

From Fordsville to Peilville.
From Owenton, via Squiresville, to Springfort.
From Buffaas to Siloma.
From Prestonburg to Warfield.
From Grumville, via Deer Creek, to Rolling Fork.
From Morton to Rockville.
From Hickman to St. John, via Lodgetin, Morse Station, Lynnville, Murray, Good Bridge, New Providence, and New Concord.
From Moscow to Milburn, via Clinton and Spring Hill.
From Clinton to Wingo Station, via Sullivan's Store, and Baltimore.
From Clinton to Mayfield, via Dublin.
From Columbus to Blandville, via McClure's.
From Clinton to Blandville, via Cummin's Mill.
From Blandville to Barlow City.
From Dublin, via Fancy Farm, Wilson's Creek, and Kansas, to Paducah.
From Mayfield to Barlow City, via Wilson Creek, Loveiacville, Hinkleville, and Hazlewood.
From Hodgenville to New Haven.
From Calhoun to Sevia or Owensboro and Russellville Railroad.
From Samuels Depot to Chaplin.
From Lancaster, via Buckeye, Mouth of Paint Lick, and Sulphur Mill, to Nicholasville.
From Benton, via Birmingham and Vogle's Lime Kiln, to Eddyville.
From Benton, via Fair Dealing, Aurora, Hico, Shiloh, to Murray.
From Calvert City, via Palmas and Simpsonia, to Florence.
From Eddyville, via Parkersville, to Cadiz.
From Princeton, via Simms' Store and Walloria, to Montgomery.
From Montgomery, via Cherry Hill, to Roaring Springs.
From Cadiz, via Trillis Store, to Cherry Hill.
From Smithland, via Salem, Marion, Fredonia, to Princeton.
From Cypress to Marion.
From Hurricane to Marion.
From Morganfield to Dixon.
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From Caseyville to Morgansfield.
From Dixon to Princeton.
From Dixon to Marion.
From Mayfield, via Stubblefield, and Cuba, to Linsville.
From Brewer's Mill, via Farmington and Huverd's Mill, to Boydsville.
From Princeton, via Parkersville, to Cadiz.
From Cadiz to Rockcastle.
From Cadiz to Linton.
From Caseyville to Providence.
From Fredonia to Dixon.
From Fredonia to Eddyville.
From Calvert City, via Haddock's Ferry, Dycusburgh, to Fredonia.
From Mayfield, via Fair Oaks and Clear Springs, to Simpsonia.
From Dixon, via Providence, to Croswell.
From Warsaw to Sparta.
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KANSAS.

From Attica to Cawker City.
From Twin Mounds, via Valley Brook, Michigan City, and La Mont Hill, to Lyndon.
From Middle Creek to Lincolnville.
From Cawker City to Wilson.
From Elk Falls, via Belknap and Cloversdale, to Cedarville.
From Wichita, via London and Wellington, to Caldwell.
From Solomon City to Wichita.
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