

For four miles this excitement lasts. When the half-way down the stage suddenly halts, and around a sharp curve, the road, and the view, the look at the Falls green in the sunset, shouts the bold driver as he cracks his whip and the leaders spring forward, while the brake snaps ominously as if about to give away. "Ain't it grand? Ain't that rain-bow magnificent?"

"Yes, indeed," echo the terrified passengers, while they look in an altogether different direction and cling closer to their seats, at the same time wishing themselves a thousand miles away, up in a balloon, or some other equally safe place compared to their apparently precarious position.

At last the excitement is ended and the valley is reached in safety. Then you look up at the towering mountains and smile at your fear, and wish there was a tunnel bored through them so you could go on level ground. A ride of a few miles in the valley, along the banks of the clear Merced river, and the hotel at this place is obtained.

THE BEST VIEW OF THE VALLEY. In front of Glacier Point towers 3,200 feet above the canyon, while in the rear of the hotel, and less than half a mile distant, roar the Yosemite Falls, which tumble in the wildest and most fantastic manner.

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During the afternoon the road lay through a parched and withered country, with only an occasional green spot, to relieve the monotony. In the distance the placer gold-mining region of California was entered, and on all sides appeared the evidences of the miner's labor in the washed and barren condition of the country.

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opinion, and are very interesting to talk to. And how busy they are, and how full of system. They live by rule; they have an hour and a minute for everything; their hunting dreds; they lose a bit of valuation; they are like them. They are practical and they are not sentimental. They appear to have no sentimentality, but they are full of it. They keep it for their husbands, actual or potential. Beneath all their composure, they are intense and fervid, and capable, when sufficiently moved, of volcanic eruptions.

THE CHARACTER OF THE CAT is such that we must not wonder at the position it has taken as the popular superstitions and sayings of many nations. Its appearance and movements have been regarded as ominous, and it has supplied an excellent theme for proverbs and comparisons. The latter will form the subject of the present paper, and of interesting. We must risk the taunt of Lady Macbeth—

Letting I dare not wait upon I would Like a poor cat in the adage. The saying which is not a complimentary one suggests an idea. Thus Shakespeare's "I'll do, hang me in a bottle like a cat, and shoot at it," is a reference to a barbarous sport of which Dr. Brewer says: "In olden times a cat was for sport inclosed in a bag or treacle bottle and hung to the back of a tree, and the hunter was to shoot at it. Among the many expressions which are comparisons, either in form or in reality, the following occur: Grinning like a Cheshire cat; living a cat and dog life; to be like Kilkenny cats; as a cat loves mustard; as gray as grannum's cat. The meaning of these is as obvious, as they are, either as a metaphor or as a simile. For "Living a cat and dog life," the French say "To love like cats and dogs"; and this leads us to observe that many of the sayings which are current in one language appear in others, more or less modified. Thus, we find a proverb in a book: "To buy a cat, Flanboy or pig in a poke." And elsewhere they say "To buy a cat in a bag."

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