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Five Days Without Water.

Sixteen surveyors in the employ of the Government left Trinidad, Colorado, a few weeks ago, for a tour eastward to the Indian Territory line. Major Medary commanded the party, among whom were S. M. Winchester and his chum, William Johnson, both Baltimoreans. Straddling south from the Santa Fe track and east from the town of Trinidad are sterile plains. Water on these plains is very scarce, there being a few trickling streams that are far apart and made almost unfit for use by the strong impregnation of alkali. The corps worked eastward, locating townships on the way, until the 5th inst. Then a squad of five men, commanded by Mr. Sheets, was sent from a point on Willow creek with orders to run a transit eighteen miles due north. The task having been performed the five set out at nightfall for camp. In a few hours they realized that they were lost, with nothing but thirst and boundless sterility before them. On the morning of the 6th a consultation showed that Winchester and Johnson wanted to go one way and the other three another. Sheets, with two companions, they left the Baltimore boys with the idea of striking Cariso spring. After sixty hours of constant labor, during which they suffered the torments of the cursed, no water passing their lips, the three arrived at the spring. As soon as they could communicate with camp they did so, and men at once set out to find Winchester and Johnson. The search was conducted with an excitement bordering on frenzy. On Monday the 9th inst. about 2 o'clock in the afternoon, poor Winchester was found lying on the open plain. He was still alive. A few drops of water were given him. He took them, and said in a weak voice: "Bless you, bless you, tell mother—" He died in five minutes. Near by was a rock which towered strangely above the plain. In a crevice of the rock was found a note from Winchester, dated the 7th, and telling of their aimless wandering. Six miles from the rock was found Johnson's cautions. The prairies were scoured for three days, and on the 12th inst. Johnson's body was found. All around the ground had been clawed and the brush torn in the delirium of his thirst. The Denver Republican says that the bodies were buried on a green hillside. The Trinidad News and the Denver Tribune state that within two months Winchester would have come into possession of \$30,000 left him in Baltimore.

Learn to darn stockings neatly, and then always see that your own are in order.

Don't let a button be off your shoes a minute longer than needful. It takes just about a minute to sew one on, and oh, how much better a foot looks in a trimly-buttoned boot than it does in a top-sided affair with half the buttons off! Every girl should learn to make all the simpler articles of clothing, and we know a little girl of 7 who could do this, and who also made the whole of a blue calico dress for herself, and pieced a large bed-quilt. She was not an over-taxed child, either, but a merry, romping, indulged, only daughter. But she was "smart," and she did not die young, either. Indeed, we have seldom known children "too smart to live." Very few die of that complaint, whatever their grandmothers may think. So never be afraid a bit of overdoing the business. Help all you can, and study over the business daily. Once get in the habit of looking over your things, and you will like it wonderfully. You will have the independent feeling that you need not wait for any one's convenience in repairing and making, but that you can be forehand in all such matters. The relief to you weary mother will be more than you can ever estimate.

Threatened Extermination of the Wild Pigeon.

Sportsmen are waking up to the fact that the indiscriminate and wholesale slaughter of pigeons is rapidly thinning out the species. Sporting papers are full of complaints about the manner in which netters and trappers capture and kill the birds at their nestings in Michigan and elsewhere. It is suggested that a law be passed by all States in which the pigeon brings forth its young, prohibiting the killing or trapping of the birds for three years. It is claimed that this would give the flocks a chance to recuperate to such an extent that similar laws would not have to be passed for years afterward. As a substitute for the pigeon during the years that pigeon-destroying is barred, the marsh blackbird is suggested. This bird is very abundant on the Calumet, Kankakee, and Illinois rivers. It is claimed that they are great corn and grain destroyers, and that they could easily be spared. To show the way in which sportsmen themselves massacre pigeons, 14,000 birds have recently been caged for slaughter at Peoria. The Illinois State Sportsman's Association is holding its great annual shoot there this week.—Chicago Journal.

Single trees have been burned in America in log heaps, which, cut into veneers, would sell for more net cash than the whole farm where it grew.

When our forests are as well cut except by the advice of a forest engineer.

Excessive Eating.

"I live to eat," was said to an old Grecian sage. "I eat to live," was his reply. Now it is a well-known law that pleasure fails us in proportion as it is sought as an end. Socrates was right when he told the luxurious Athenians that, after all, he got more real pleasure from his plain food than they did from their richer viands. But there is another fact in the case—that people who live to eat, eat to die; while those who eat to live, live on long after apoplexy, heart-complaint, or pulmonary congestion, has suddenly ended the lives of the former. Most great eaters die in their prime. Few pass three-score years and ten. The long lives are the small eaters. Even in families remarkable for longevity it is mainly those who are temperate in eating who inherit their birthright. Says a medical writer in the Herald of Health: "In 1872, I spent some months in the British Museum Library, reading up the subject of longevity in the literature of which that library is surprisingly rich. I was struck with the testimony, on this very point. Where anything was known of the habits of a person remarkable for longevity, it came out almost uniformly that he was a very small eater." He adds: "It is a constant drain on the vitality to digest more food than is necessary to run the machine."

How one Phrase Originated.

The phrase "acknowledged the corn" is variously accounted for, but the following is a true history of its origin: In 1828 Andrew J. Stewart, M. C., said in a speech that Ohio, Kentucky and Indiana sent their hay-stacks cornfields and fodder to New York and Philadelphia for sale. Wickliffe, of Kentucky, called him to order, declaring that those States did not send their hay-stacks or corn-fields to New York for sale. "Well, what do you send?" asked Stewart. "Why, horses, mules, cattle and hogs." "Well, what makes your horses, mules, cattle and hogs? You feed a hundred dollars, worth of hay to a horse; you just animate and get upon the top of your hay-stack and ride of to market. How is it with your cattle? You make one of them carry fifty dollars, worth of hay and grass to the Eastern market; how much corn does it take at thirty-three cents a bushel to fatten it?" "Why, thirty bushels." "Then you put that thirty bushels into the shape of a hog and make it walk off to the Eastern market," said: "Mr. Speaker, I acknowledge the corn."

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