

Underground River that Yields an Exhaustible Supply.

Artesian Wells at Alvarado that Furnish 6,000,000 Gallons Daily—An Embodiment of Early Days.

Did any reader of THE CALL ever see a torrent of water bursting forth from the earth from a 7-inch pipe ascending high into the air to descend again into the earth to cover the surface of the surrounding fields with a rapidly forming lake? It is not a slight that can be seen every day, but it is worth going a long distance for. Down in the western part of Alameda county is a spot where such a sight is possible. It is only necessary to drive the casing that forms the artesian well down 170 feet to strike a flow of water, containing a large amount of gas, sparkling and delicious. Just what is the source of the supply the scientists have not fully determined. The general belief is that an underground river flows through that section of Alameda, where the land is lower close to the bay, which down there is scarcely more than a long, narrow arm, the flow is struck at a depth of 170 feet. There are a number of wells, each with a daily capacity of nearly 1,000,000 gallons. As toward Alameda, at a greater level above the sea, it is necessary to go down twice that depth before water is reached, and the water is somewhat saltier. It is not only the same supply, cool, refreshing and delicious. There is an endless fascination in the thought of the mysterious river flowing darkly in those subterranean depths. How does it flow? Where is its supply? How did it get lost in the cool earth? Are there trees and flowers along its banks? If so they are such as we know not of. One theory is that it is a branch of the ocean, but it is not very deep, after all, and at just that depth this cool, delicious river would be quenched by the world's chief of people.

But, hush, hush! Don't say anything about that. What would become of the water companies who supply us with nice, cool, and delicious ground-water, if that notion got abroad.

ONCE A THRIVING TOWN. Alvarado is a pretty little village of perhaps 2000 inhabitants. It is situated on a hillside that is a fair to be a great city. When Oakland was a tiny hamlet, Alvarado, then called "City of the Future," was a thriving town, and already a thriving town. The first steam railroad ever built in this country was built here, and it was here that afterward laid out Horner's Addition to the city of San Francisco, because it was the only place where the railroad could be built. It was here that the first steamship was built, and it was here that the first steamship was built. It was here that the first steamship was built, and it was here that the first steamship was built.

A CALL reporter visited the place a few days since to see the wonderful artesian wells, and he found that the property was now owned by the city of Alameda. The wells are in operation for years, and the water is of the highest quality. The wells are in operation for years, and the water is of the highest quality.

Colonel Granger took the reporter over to the scene of operations from the hotel at Alvarado. The wells are already down to the depth of the wells. The wells are already down to the depth of the wells. The wells are already down to the depth of the wells.

What little water remains is almost fresh, and the great artesian supply having nearly conquered the sand and dirt water. A peculiar feature of the landscape near here is a number of great piles that at a distance are like a range of mountains. The reporter learned with surprise that they are piles of salt, which is produced by the evaporation of the sea water. The reporter learned with surprise that they are piles of salt, which is produced by the evaporation of the sea water.

WOMEN AND HOME.

Beautiful Gowns Intended for Summer Wear.

These warm days, says the New York Recorder, have brought out a brave array of lovely summer frocks and things that are especially conducive to comfort, as well as being exceedingly beautiful to look upon. Muslins and lawns in quaint, old-fashioned designs appear along with wondrous crepe delaines that are softness and grace materialized. They are made up with ribbons and lace in profusion, and are as charmingly feminine as one could possibly desire.

One of these very crinkly delaines is made up in a simple, dainty fashion. It is in a light, light green, scattered over with a dim, snowy design of quaint, old-fashioned flowers. It has a trained belt, trimmed about the bottom with a flounce of sheer black lace, set under a band of pale green ribbon. The bodice is plain, and headed about with a luted corsage of the same, edged with ribbon velvet and having a graduated flounce of lace about the bottom. The sleeves are especially chic, being made in two soft, pointed, and headed about with ribbon velvet. A full of the lace falls over the arm, and a full berthlike gather of it decorates the slightly pointed neck.

For country and general outing wear fashion has provided liberally this season, with very wooden benches fitted into the corner. The pillows are filled with the most also, and are covered with gay ticking in different colors.

Across the corner, about seven feet above the floor, are the only two seats. Made simply of lathes and painted, or in rustic style of rough sticks and twigs. A rope is stretched across the seats, and fastened against the wall just under one end of the lath work, is trained up over the lath work and given a good twist at the corner. The little table is made of two screw baskets placed one upon the other, the top being covered with a green cloth.

A SUNFLOWER HEAD-REST. The sunflower head-rest, shown in the illustration, is a very pretty and appropriate for a piazza. It is made of a single piece of wood, and has a puffing of brown plush sewed around the top, and a band of white ribbon around the bottom. The center of the flower is the top of the head-rest, and the petals are the sides. The head-rest is made of a single piece of wood, and has a puffing of brown plush sewed around the top, and a band of white ribbon around the bottom.

BACK FOR A LITTLE GIRL. The sack here illustrated is made of cream-white extra flannel and requires one-half yard of 27 inches wide. The back measures eight inches across the shoulders, and the front is 12 inches; the sleeve 8 inches at the longest part; the collar is 4 inches deep and the neck measures 10 inches.

THEY CAN RIDE WELL. A Company of Cosacks Now Giving Exhibitions in London.

Everybody has heard of the marvellous riding of the Cosacks—those bright and clever children of the steppes, to whom horsemanship is as natural as eating or sleeping. A little band of these Cosacks is now performing in London, under the leadership of Prince Ivan Makharadze. These men of the East are of noble blood, and are of a fine physique. They are now performing in London, under the leadership of Prince Ivan Makharadze.

THE CONVENTION ORATORS.

Depew and Cockran are the Only Two Who Shone.

Wolcott a Disappointment—Both The New York Men Unlike, but Both Brilliant on the Floor.

One who sat in either of the great national conventions at Minneapolis and Chicago will forget the impressive scenes which occurred as the time approached for the election of a candidate for the Presidency. Then the two men, Depew and Cockran, were called upon to deliver addresses, and they shone like the sun.

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ERNEST LAVASSE, THE NEW MEMBER OF THE FRENCH ACADEMY.

An Historian of Note and an Orator of Unusual Power—Some of His Personal Traits.

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A CLOAKROOM STORY.

George D. Wise Tells How He Carried a Precinct in Virginia.

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