

IN WONDERLAND.

A Visit in the Fall to Sonoma County.

WILD MOUNTAIN SCENERY.

A San Francisco Lawyer's Country Residence.

MINES THAT ARE ABANDONED.

In the Plutonic Regions Amid Escaping Steam and Sulphur Vapors. The Devil's Postoffice.

The degree of pleasure that you derive from a trip into the country when you flee from the busy scenes of a great city depends in a great measure upon the attention you bestow on the section you pass through, the strange sights you see, the odd characters you meet and on what you hear from the lips of those who seek to enlighten you as to those matters of which you have but an imperfect knowledge.

If, when you are bound for a particular point in the great State of California, the rays of the sun, and you will have no difficulty to take in all the grand mountain scenery as you go upward and onward.

Out of pretty Cloverdale, with its many attractive homes, around which thrive the orange and the lemon as well as they do in the southern part of the State, and across the Russian River, you find yourself upon the highway that runs through as picturesque a region as you care to see.

One thing that is remarkable about this road, and which is appreciated by those who travel over it, is that it is almost free from dust. At the conclusion of the long ride the passenger does not encounter as much flying dust as he can in half an hour's drive in the city.

Charley, the driver, is a living directory as to every point of interest on the road. As you ride along gazing down the precipitous sides of Pluton Canyon and ask yourself if there is any trout in the clear stream that meanders along the rocky bottom, leaving here over a small aggregation of gray rocks, turning there to one side to get around an obstruction in the shape of a fifty-ton boulder, which at some time has rolled down from the mountain top, he draws your attention to a break in a high rocky formation on the road, and through which he has to drive.

This, he informs you, is the Devil's Postoffice, and it looks as if it would be the place that the gentleman from the lower regions would select at which to levy tribute on those who seek to enter his domain beyond. Then your attention is drawn to the Blue Slide, which is a portion of a mountain, the surface of which is very sliding, but is very slow in reaching bottom.

As you move along the road, a serpentine one with many turns in it as there are days in the year, you cannot help noticing the grandeur of the natural scenery, also the fact that the bed of the creek at places is so narrow that you imagine you could almost jump across it, while at others it is

wide as a river. Then you reach the active geysers and boiling springs, some having greater heat than others. You look with awe as the guide tells you of the Devil's Punch-bowl, the Devil's Tea-Kettle, the Devil's Inkstand, the Devil's Grindstone, the Devil's Footstool, the Devil's Safety Valve, the Witches' Caldron and all the different things that have been dedicated to the devil. You are told by the guide that the water that gurgles and bubbles striking the earth, and there is no sound but the grist mill to compare with it. The Devil's Inkstand is a hole in which iron-charged water is continuously boiling at 100 degrees of heat. The water is so hot that when mixed with a pen it leaves a mark on paper that looks like pale ink. The average writer prefers writing fluid that is not quite so heated as this, but the grist mill to compare with it. The Devil's Inkstand is a hole in which iron-charged water is continuously boiling at 100 degrees of heat.

The main geyser in this spot throws water up a distance of nearly two feet, while all around it are innumerable little geysers that bubble and hiss and growl and flow on forever, their contribution serving to keep up the maximum heat. Within a few feet of this cauldron, the steam of which is hot enough to scald the face, there is a hole in the side of the canyon. It is no larger than the mouth of a tea cup, and it has been christened the Devil's Safety Valve. The noise that proceeds from it is so realistic that you imagine yourself near some great engine that is letting off its steam.

Above this there is a large mound of nearly pure sulphur, from the top of which hundreds of geysers send forth whitish steam that rises and swirls about. It has never been explored, for it is so soft that it will not bear any weight. What it is, is the mystery of the canyon. Then you are shown a large number of geysers of various sizes and degrees of heat, and an arsenic spring, a few mud springs, soda and alum springs, and are given an opportunity of viewing the land of the Saddle, a strange formation of rock. You place your hand upon it. Nobody tells you to remove it. You do so after being soon impressed that the water that flows upon it has a bewilderment sort of way gazed upon so many curious things you are led to a hurry of other things to see and try to realize what they are, but what you have passed through and the apparently uncanny objects you have gazed upon, which a hurried observer has explained to you, leave such a confusion of ideas that you are scarcely able to understand the magnitude of them and to comprehend the extent of nature's works.

From the pulpit you obtain a grand view of the canyon you have passed through, look upon the perennials that flourish in the early days and acquire a wonder how it is possible for flora or tree to live in such an atmosphere. You may wonder, but the fact is that trees and plants are growing in a more favored locality. Then you are taken over ground that trembles as you walk over it and are led to a pretty shaded spot where geysers gush and immerse one, a trunk of which hollow. This has been named the "Devil's Postoffice." It runs itself, for no one has yet had the time to go in and see what is in it. Within the hollow trunk there has been deposited at various times by those who have passed it screws, written letters, and other things, and are not at all complimentary. Then in the line you follow you are directed to a spring of ice-cold water that is parched lips after the long tramp. This is the water of the long ago, and is as good as new. Leaving this curio of nature, a cold spring so close to almost unbearable heat, you traverse beds of sulphur which are so hot that you can hardly walk upon them through the soles of your footwear, and reach the far-famed Steamboat Geysers, three or four and a half miles from the first. These are the exact same as that produced by a steamboat exhausting steam, and it is heard at times miles away from the source.

A hot trail from the Devil's Postoffice is an acetic and a few mud springs. The acetic, which maintains a heat of 60 degrees, furnishes water that when there is a sudden change of temperature, it is filled with a white precipitate. But his interests are not alone confined to banking, for his property interests are wide. His father, Edson Adams, Sr., came to Oakland in the early days and acquired a huge land property consisting of hundreds of acres around the northern arms of Lake Merritt and in other portions of the city and county.

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