

BEFORE THE SHRINE.

I built a shrine and set my idol there. And more and more and slighter I knew I bent, and cried aloud with my strength was spent, beseeching his cold pity with my prayer.

A HUT IN THE PRAIRIE.

I checked my horse, and after one long, straining look around owned to myself that I was lost. I had suspected the fact some time since, but had stubbornly fought down the suspicion, though my horse evidently realized it.

In place of the ranch, the hearty welcome, pleasant words, bed, supper and fire I had expected to reach by sunset, there was nothing to be seen—before, behind, on either hand, but the dead level of the plain.

The house, which consisted of the large room, a smaller kitchen and a shed, where I found a quantity of hay and fodder, seemed quite bare of food, but by dint of searching in the hay I discovered a nest, which Nelly informed me was there, and in it two fresh eggs.

When day dawned I was able to discern at some distance from the house a line of telegraph poles, and taking the child with me I followed these to the nearest town, where I notified the authorities of the death.

The Texans are a fine people, in some—in many—respects the most admirable of hosts, but individually and collectively they lack any appreciation of distance.

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A MODEST CHURCH.

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When a church is to be built one of the principal things mentioned by those immediately interested is that the entire space within the structure shall be made available for hearing and seeing.

building. People come on a cold or rainy day, take off their wraps and overshoes, and arrange themselves in a way to disturb those who are on the inside.

In case of fire it is argued that the church can be emptied much more rapidly. Now, in truth, the extra door will not be used in this building, and in a one story structure there is not much danger of being injured by fire.

There is nothing plentier outside a church than fresh air, and it is almost universally true that the air inside the church is nasty.

The furnace should be ample, the air inlet large and the air outlet large. The coal pile should be ample, because large quantities of outside air are brought into the furnace and heated by it, distributed through the registers in the floor to the room above, breathed and allowed to pass out.

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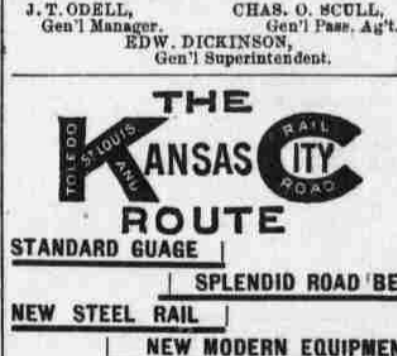
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