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THE INCREDIBLE FORCE OF THE STREAMS THEY THROW.

Mountains Have Been Moved, Valleys Dug Out and the Whole Face of Nature Changed in Parts of California by Small Streams of Falling Water.

One of the most noteworthy features in many portions of the gold region is the elaborate system of water supply for the use of the hydraulic mines and the tremendous changes which were the result of the few years during which hydraulic mining was at its height. So great have been these changes—hills washed away, valleys filled up, others created—that in many localities the entire landscape has been altered.

The old proverb ascribing the power to remove mountains to such as had faith only to the amount of a grain of mustard seed has never been exemplified, but the hydraulic miners have afforded the most ample demonstration of their ability to move mountains in the search of wealth. Lofty mountains have in fact been brought low through no other agency than the pipe line, the monitor and the sluice, and the tremendous power of water never received such an exemplification as in the history of the hydraulic mines of California.

There are indeed so many remarkable facts connected therewith that, were they not abundantly substantiated, one might well be pardoned for receiving their relation with incredulity. One might not believe that a stream of water issuing from a nozzle or pipe six inches in diameter, and with no other force but gravity behind it, would have much effect at any considerable distance from the aperture, yet such an apparently insignificant stream, with a fall behind it of 375 feet, will carry away a solid boulder weighing a ton or more at a distance of fifty to 100 feet, while at a less distance it will toss such a boulder about as a boy would throw a pebble.

POWER OF WATER.

The velocity and force of such a stream as it issues from the nozzle of the monitor is something terrific. The column of water is solid—so solid that if one were to undertake to thrust any object into it it would make no more impression than if it were iron instead of liquid. If a crowbar or other heavy object be thrust against the stream it would be snatched from the hand and thrown to a great distance as if it were a feather weight, while the man who should firmly grasp an ax and attempt to cut through the stream would undergo an experience that he would remember for many a day.

If a man were to receive the full force of such a stream at a distance of a couple of hundred feet, even though the impact be momentary, he would be killed as quickly as though struck by a cannon ball. He might escape being mangled, but the breath would be most effectually and suddenly expelled from his body.

At 400 feet from the nozzle a 6-inch stream, with 375 feet fall, swung momentarily against the trunk of a tree will denude it in a second of the heaviest bark as cleanly as if an ax had been used. Whenever such a stream is turned against a gravel bank it cuts and burrows into it in every direction, gouging out great caves, causing thousands of tons of earth to fall, which in turn is quickly disintegrated and washed into the sluices.

Boulders so heavy that a man can scarcely lift them are tossed about like chaff, stumps and trunks of trees are thrown to one side like straws, and the work of destruction goes on at a pace that is appalling. If one who has never seen a monitor in operation under full head could imagine the ordinary stream from a fire hose magnified about a thousand times he would be able to form some conception of its power.

THE MONITOR IN ACTION.

The water is brought in open ditches or flumes, sometimes from a great distance, around mountain sides and across valleys and ravines. When the vicinity of the mine is reached a box is put in, from which a pipe conducts the water to the point where it is to be used. It is the distance between this box and the level of the monitor that gives the pressure. With from 300 to 450 feet fall the execution done is tremendous.

At the monitor the water is conducted into a still smaller pipe, with nozzle about one-third the size of the supply pipe, the compression giving it still greater force. The monitor is constructed something like the ordinary hose nozzle, but has a ball joint that permits it to be swung in any direction. Almost the weight of a finger will suffice to direct the movement.

Easily as it is managed, however, the monitor sometimes becomes uncontrollable, and when this happens a scene of destruction and even death ensues. The pipe sways to and fro at its own volition, and the stream flies first in one direction and then in another. If the miners are not warned in time to get out of range they may be mowed down as if by the discharge of a volley of grape. Sometimes the runaway monitor seems as if manipulated by some bloodthirsty monster, and appears to be deliberately turned upon the fleeing men, following them as they fly in every direction and overtaking them before they can reach a place of safety.

When a monitor gets away from control in this manner there are two things that can be done. The water may be shut off at the headgate, a process involving much delay and perhaps loss, or some brave man may rush in and get to the monitor without being struck by the stream. To do this requires agility and pluck. The stream is liable to box the compass inside of a minute, and its course must be watched and the probable direction noted. Then over the rough surface the man must hasten, careful not to make a misstep, and at the same time ready to flee should the erratic stream betray a tendency to change its course so as to endanger life.—San Francisco Chronicle.

At Mme. Recamier's.

The salon of Mme. Recamier was not in any sense philosophical or political, but after the cruel persecution of La Harpe, the banishment of Mme. de Staël, and the similar misfortunes of other friends, her sympathies were too strong for her diplomacy, and it gradually fell into the ranks of the opposition. It was well known that the emperor regarded all who went there as his enemies, and this young and innocent woman was destined to feel the full bitterness of his displeasure.

We cannot trace here the incidents of her varied career, the misfortunes of the father to whom she was a ministering angel, the loss of her husband's fortune and exile, the second period of brief and illusive prosperity, and the swift reverses which led to her final retreat. She was at the height of her fame in the early days of the Restoration, when her salon revived its old brilliancy, and was a center in which all parties met on neutral ground. Her intimate relations with those in power gave it a strong political influence, but this was never a marked feature, as it was mainly personal.

But the position in which one is most inclined to recall Mme. Recamier is in the convent of Abbaye-aux-Bois, where, divested of fortune and living in the simplest manner, she preserved for nearly thirty years the fading traditions of the old salons. Through all the changes which tried her fortitude and revealed the latent heroism of her character, she seems to have kept her sweet serenity unbroken, bending to the passing storms with the grace of a facile nature, but never murmuring at the inevitable. One may find in this inflexible strength and gentleness of temper a clue to the subtle fascination which held the devoted friendship of so many gifted men and women long after the fresh charm of youth was gone.—Amelia Gere Mason in Century.

Behavior at Table.

Keep your mouth closed when eating. Never play with food, nor mince your bread, nor handle your knife and fork or the glass or silver near you unnecessarily. If a fishbone, etc., should inadvertently get into the mouth, the lips must be covered with the napkin while removing it. Never pick your teeth at the table. Do not put large pieces of food in your mouth; if you are addressed when your mouth is so filled, you are obliged to pause before answering until the vast mouthful is masticated, or run the risk of choking by swallowing it too hastily. To eat very fast is a mark of greediness, and should be avoided. Never soak up gravy with bread or scrape your plate. Never, if possible, cough or sneeze at the table. Do not lean back in your chair.

The hostess or host should not insist upon guests partaking of particular dishes, nor ask persons more than once, nor put anything on their plates which they have declined. It is ill bred to urge a person to eat anything after he has declined. A half ladleful of soup is enough to serve, unless it is a country dinner, where a full ladleful may be given; but do not fill the soup plate. Avoid the appearance of self engrossment when eating, unless you wish to be considered entirely devoted to your food. Never overload the plate of a guest or any person you would serve. If you are to serve anything of which the supply is limited, use discretion that all may enjoy some of it.—Mrs. S. H. Snider in Housekeepers' Weekly.

Properties of Aluminum.

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Women in the Bank of France.

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