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Desert in California. Desert in California.

most fatally famous part of the American Desert is Death Valley, ifornia. There is on all the globe her spot more forbidding, more to, more deadly. It is a concent of the horrors of that whole area; and it has a bitter history. Of the finest interesting and its stories I ever listened to was elated to me, several years ago, by the survivors of the famous Death y party of 1849 the Rev. J. W. an aged Methodist clergyman now the companient of the constant of the constan

ren. In a short time there was ion of opinion as to the proper route is that pathless waste in front; and day five wagons and their people cust, to reach Santa Fe (whence were dim Mexican trails to Los Au1), and the rest plunged boldly into the cert. The party which wont by of Santy-Fe reached California in imber, after wast sufferings. The year traveled in comfort for w days until they reached about to Picche now is. Then they entered cand of Thirst; and for more than nd of Thirst; and for more than nouths wandered lost in that realm months wandered lost in that realm trur. It was almost impossible to agons through a country furrowed canons; so they soon abandoned vehicles, packing what they could the backs of the ozen. They gled on to glittering lakes, only to hem deadly poison, or but a mirage rren sands. Now and then a wee g in the mountains gave them new One by one the ozen dropped, day the scanty flour ran lower. Nine v the scanty flour ran lower y men who separated from the rest, stalwart and unencumbered with ies, reached Death Valley shead of thers, and were lost. Their bones found many years later by Governaisdell and his surveyors, who gave by Valley it a page.

hander and his surveyors, who gave he valley lies in Inyo County, and sout one hundred and fifty miles In width it tapers from three at its southern end to thirty at the nern. It is over two hundred feet with leavel of the new The mein hern. It is over two hundred feet with elevel of the sea. The main by crossed it at about the middle, re it is but a few miles wide, but suffect frightfully there. By by day se of their number sank upon the ming sands never to rise. The surps were too weak to help the fallen. Le strongest of the whole party was wous, little Mrs. Brier, who had come colorado an invalid, and who shared her boys of four, seven and nine so f age that indescribable tramp of e hundred miles. For the last three ks she had to lift her athletic husband the ground every morning and m the ground every morning and adv him for a few moments, before he lid stand. She gave help to wasted nits any one of whom, a few months ore, could have lifted her with one

At last the few survivors crossed the go which shuts off that most dreadful descrits from the garden of the world, I were tenderly nursed to health at harienda, or ranch house, of a court-Spaniard. Mr. Brier had lost one barded pounds in weight, and the others to thin in proportion. When I saw a last he was a hale man of seventy-s, cheerful and active, but with strange rows in his face to tell of those by-be sufferings. His heroic little wife still living, and the boys who had the abitter experience as perhaps no er boys ever survived, are now stalart men.—[St. Nicholas. t last the few survivors crossed the

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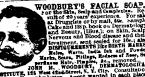
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