

THE LAND OF DESERTS.

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The most fatally famous part of the American Desert in California is Death Valley. There is on all the globe no spot more forbidding, more more deadly. It is a concentration of the horrors of that whole world; and it has a bitter history. One of the most interesting and true stories I ever listened to was related to me, several years ago, by the survivors of the famous Death Valley party of 1849—the Rev. J. W. An aged Methodist clergyman now in California. A party of five emigrants started on the last day of September, 1849, from the southern foothills to cross the desert to the new mines of California. There were one hundred and five canvas-topped wagons, drawn by sturdy oxen, beside the rugged the shaggy men, and in hand, while under the awnings rode the women and children. In a short time there was opinion as to the proper route that pathless waste in front; and they five wagons and their people went to reach Santa Fe (whence were the Mexican trails to Los Angeles), and the rest plunged boldly into the desert. The party which went by of Santa Fe reached California in October, after vast sufferings. The company traveled in comfort for many days until they reached about the Pecos now is. Then they entered the Land of Thirst; and for more than six months wandered lost in that realm of error. It was almost impossible to pass wagons through a country furrowed and canvas; so they soon abandoned their vehicles, packing what they could on the backs of the oxen. They trudged on to glittering lakes, only to find them deadly poison, or but a mirage in the sands. Now and then a weeping in the mountains gave them new hope. One by one the oxen dropped, day by day the scanty flour ran lower. Nine men who separated from the rest, reached Death Valley ahead of the others, and were lost. Their bones were found many years later by Government and his surveyors, who gave the valley its name. The valley lies in Inyo County, and about one hundred and fifty miles long. In width it tapers from three to its southern end to thirty at the north. It is over two hundred feet above the level of the sea. The main valley crossed it at about the middle, for it is but a few miles wide, but suffered frightfully there. Day by day one of their number sank upon the shifting sands never to rise. The survivors were too weak to help the fallen. The strongest of the whole party was Mrs. Brier, who had come from Colorado an invalid, and who shared her boys of four, seven and nine years of age that indescribable tramp of several hundred miles. For the last three weeks she had to lift her athletic husband in the ground every morning and help him for a few moments, before he could stand. She gave help to wasted patients any one of whom, a few months before, could have lifted her with one arm.

At last the few survivors crossed the go which shuts off that most dreadful deserts from the garden of the world, and were tenderly nursed to health at a hacienda, or ranch house, of a court-Spaniard. Mr. Brier had lost one hundred pounds in weight, and the others were thin in proportion. When I saw last he was a hale man of seventy, cheerful and active, but with strange frowns in his face to tell of those bygone sufferings. His heroic little wife was still living, and the boys who had had a bitter experience as perhaps no other boys ever survived, are now stalwart men.—*J. St. Nicholas.*

Death Rates.

People die much more rapidly in some countries than in others; for instance, twice as fast in Hungary as in Sweden. In the year 1889 out every 1,000 persons living in the following countries there died, in England, sixteen, in Norway, seventeen, in Sweden, sixteen, in Austria, twenty-seven, Hungary, thirty-two, in Germany, twenty-three, in France, twenty-one, and Italy, twenty-five. How many died in the United States we do not know, because no account of them was kept in the earlier part of the country; but it was probably seventeen or eighteen out of each 1,000 living. We do know, however, that they died faster in some cities than in others. For example, out of each 1,000 persons living there died during the year ending May 31, 1890, in New York, twenty-seven, in Brooklyn, twenty-one, in Boston, twenty-four, in Philadelphia, twenty-two, in Chicago, twenty-two, in Detroit, twenty, in St. Louis, fifteen, and in Minneapolis, fifteen, while in the country districts the loss was only eleven or twelve out of each 1,000.—*Louisville Courier Journal.*

According to Gunter.

The phrase "According to Gunter" remains in our language as a perpetual memory of Gunter, the English mathematician, who was born in 1581 and died in 1626. Almost to the present time the works of Gunter were considered standard. He was the inventor of the surveyor's chain; of the logarithmic line; the quadrant; of the scale-bearing line, and anything in mathematics to which right might be "according to Gunter."—*St. Louis Globe Democrat.*

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