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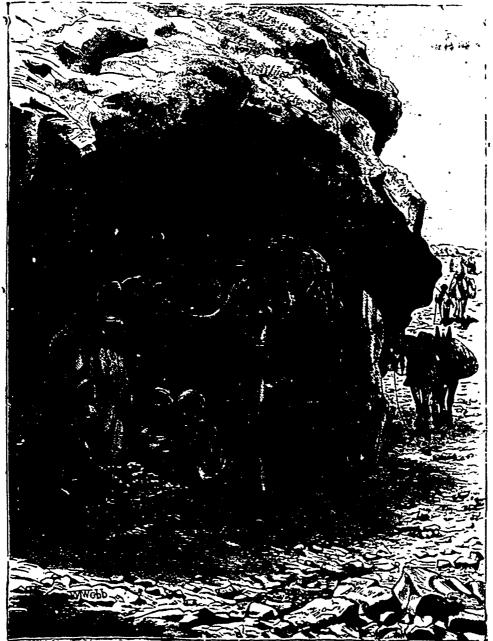
HALT IN THE DESERT.

In crossing the desert the shadow of a rock or of a few trees is hailed gladly as a restingplace and shelter from the hot beating sun. We see in our picture s caravan halting in such a place. The tired animals as well as the men find the shade pleasant and hasten to In our Christian pilgrimage a talk with Jesus and the grace which comes in consequence is like one of these cool spots in the desert; it is where the soul gets rest and refreshment. To one who goes to Jesus for help in daily life, he is indeed like "the shadow of a great rock in a weary land."

SUGAR-CANE

SUGAR-CANE! almost everyone likes sugar in one shape or another; to children, especially, the sweet product of the juice of this tall and graceful plant is always welcome. We are told that the people of the United States consume more sugar than any other of the

rincipal countries in the world, and that is used here at the rate of forty pounds beach individual every year, which appears to be a very liberal allowance of sweets.



HALT IN THE DESERT.

The sugar-cane is a native of the East spring from the Indies, and was first brought into the tion does not resouthern countries of Europe by the several years; Crusaders; but it has never been much always the best.

cultivated there, except in Spain, and on the Island of Stedy. It is extensively grown in China, in India, and inthe West India Islan!

The thick jointed stoms of the sugar camreach a height of from eight to twelve feet the leaves are riblest shaped, and from tour to five feet long, in some varieties covering the stem almost entirely The stalks are filled for about two-thirds if their length with a soft, sweet, juicy pulp, from which, when pressed in the sugar-mill, a clear, transparent liquidilows. from which, by boiling, filtering, crystallizing, and other processes, the sugar with which we are all familiar is made.

The sugar-cane is usually grown from cut tings, for which the upper joint of the stalks are used. The plant grow rapidly in a rich. moist soil, and are ready for cutting in about ten months from the time of planting When fully ripe, they are ut alittle above the ground, and tied in bundles to be conveyed to the sugar-mill. Fresh stom.

spring from the root, so that the plantation does not require to be re-planted for several years; but the first crop of cancal always the best.