

passengers. The Doctor was a young practitioner from Chicago, whom we had engaged on our way out, a stranger to the wilderness, but who nevertheless bore the hardships of our expedition without complaint. His skill was greatly in request amongst the Indians, and the medical stores he had brought with him proved of immense use.

Captain Ramsey was an old friend of ours. We had made his acquaintance in California, when a sudden shock of earthquake brought all the five occupants of a tiny hotel together into a pathway, under an ominously swinging oil-lamp. We were on the point of starting into the mountains, and Ramsey, who had heard of our plan, begged to be allowed to come. The son of a substantial ship-owner of South Shields, he had been brought up to a sailor's life, and having visited every port in the world, and seen life in a hundred different countries, was an immediate volunteer for anything that promised novelty. In camp he showed a genius for usefulness that made him an indispensable ally, and when we regretfully parted, we readily acceded to his request, that in the event of our making another expedition we should let him know. This I had done just before leaving England, and the rendezvous being made at a distance of 7000 miles, it