

But the Warm and the Hot springs are the most wonderful of all.

The largest of the warm water springs is said to throw up forty-five thousand gallons of water every hour; and the water, which is slightly tinged with blue, is so clear that you could easily see a pin at the bottom, although it is five feet deep. Gases are constantly bubbling up, some of the bubbles of the size of a tiny pebble, and others as large as a hen's egg: they come racing up from the bottom of the spring, chasing one another, and looking so merry and full of life.

There is something very curious about one of the Hot springs: you can stand up to your chin in water so hot that it almost scalds you, and at the same time put your foot on a particular spot and feel the cold water coming up through the pebbly bottom.

Near this spring is a cave, whose farthest extent has not yet been reached, and still further on is the "sunken chimney." This is a large hole in the ground or rock, over which the road lies. How deep this hole is, no one knows, for the rocks that have been thrown into it have never been heard to strike the bottom; they go bounding down, down, until the sound is lost, and they are hid from view by the heavy cloud of vapor which arises.

No one has yet discovered where this immense body of hot water comes from. Just think, how much fuel it takes to warm one little kettle of water, and then think of this hot water pouring itself night and day out of the ground! Does it not seem very wonderful?

Some persons tell the little boys and girls who visit the springs with their parents, that they keep an old woman up in the mountain, and pay her to heat the water. This is wrong: they should tell them that it is one of the works of our Creator, and thus lead them to praise and to love Him who has made all things so wonderful and so very beautiful.