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**The Dying Klondiker.**

If the stories of the horrors, tragedies and fatalities of the trails, and the privations, sufferings and death which awaited many who ventured far into the interior could be faithfully narrated they would fill a pretentious volume. This view represents the death bed of an unfortunate adventurer. Encased in his sleeping bag and furs he finds himself alone and exhausted, with none to hear his cry save proud, cold and pitiless Nature, whose irrevocable laws exact sore sacrifices in the waste places of God's universe.

In this stampede more than one met death alone and friendless, and if there is a sadder hour in all time than the hour of hopeless and friendless death, let us pray that we may never know it.

## No. 95.

**Placer Mining Near the Yukon River.**

Having endured the hardships of the trails and passed the dangers of the lakes and rivers, the Klondiker has arrived upon the gold fields; but there are weeks and months of tedious labor and many trying vicissitudes intervening between the advent to the gold fields and the realization of a fortune. Having constructed a cabin and cached his supplies, the work of prospecting begins. The miner selects from his stores such provisions and implements as may be required for a trip of a few days, or perchance a month, along the streams and in the hills. Tests for "colors" of the precious metal are made in every ravine and nook of the mountains where there are the slightest indications promising a lucky find. The gold pan is ever ready, and a small portion of the gravel is carefully washed and the results noted with eager interest. It often happens that weeks go by without the discovery of gold in quantities that would pay for the labor necessary to separate it from its native bed. In the Klondike the actual mining is done in winter. Wood is hauled to the claim, a fire built, and inch by inch, foot by foot, the shafts are sunk and the rich gravel brought to the surface. It is a slow and expensive process. No cleaning up or "sluicing" is done