

The following chapters are recast, with only the most obviously necessary changes, from a series of letters printed in the Pioneer Press newspaper of St. Paul, Minnesota, in the midsummer of 1881. Their only aim is to reflect some of the impressions crowded into a hurried journey, and they make no claim to a greater degree of historical and scientific accuracy, or to profounder reflection, than it is customary to look for in the columns of a daily journal. The illustrations are from photographs taken by Mr. F. Jay Haynes, of Fargo, Dakota, who accompanied the writer with a field camera upon the excursions described. It is proper to remark that the whole trip was made in five weeks.

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