

NATURAL BRIDGES.

The Biggest In the World Are In the Utah Desert.

WONDERS OF WHITE CANYON.

Three Massive Towering Arches, Majestic In Their Rugged Grandeur, Span the Lonely, Picturesque Gorge, Far From the Beaten Paths of Man.

Among the wonders of the west which the government has taken under its care are the remarkable natural bridges of Utah, which are, so far as is known, without a peer. In 1908 these three bridges, the Caroline, Augusta and Edwin, were set aside as national monuments, and later certain caves and springs near by were added to the reserved area.

It is difficult to give an adequate idea of these stupendous arches, and so far they have been seen by few persons, for it is a trip of days across the desert to reach them, but accurate measurements have been taken and convey some notion of their size and shape. The popular way of reaching these curiosities is from Bluff, Utah, where one can obtain a guide and outfit. Thence you proceed through dry washes, old stream beds and sage covered mesas to the great bridges, which loom up in White canyon far from the beaten path of man.

The White canyon itself is many miles long, and the bridges spring from its steep, light buff walls, the three being within a distance of five miles. They seem carved by Titanic forces, for the largest is 222 feet high and 65 feet thick at the top of the arch. The arch is 25 feet wide, the span is 201 feet, and the height of the span is 157 feet.

The Natural bridge of Virginia is a baby in comparison with any of the three Utah formations. It is to be regretted that these wonderful bridges are not easier of access. Figures give little idea of their immensity, and words but suggest their beauty.

The first account of them given to the world was that of Horace J. Long, who visited the bridges in 1903. Long was an engineer and prospecting in Utah. One day he fell in with a cattleman named Scorp, who was familiar with Utah and in particular with the region lying around the San Juan river.

Scorp, after some preliminary conversation, said that he had seen some remarkable bridges so immense and wonderful that he disliked to talk about them for fear he would be accused of manufacturing the story. He added that though he had seen them in 1898 he had always desired to go back and he would accompany him and take photographs he would guarantee to guide the engineer to the place.

Accordingly the two men set out with pack horses and provisions, and after a lonely trip through deserts and canyons and wide stretches where no animal was to be seen they descended into the gorge of the White canyon, the sides of which are filled with deserted cliff dwellings. Two days later they came to the wonderful bridges, the first of which, of pink sandstone, Scorp called Caroline in honor of his mother.

Long was fairly dazed at the beauty and size of this natural wonder. The pink walls were streaked with delicate colored lichens and stood out in bold relief against a sky of blue. More than this, both men felt that they were gazing on one of the wonders of the world. They rushed rapidly down the canyon and came to another arch, more symmetrical and more beautiful than the first, with a lightness and grace and charm of coloring that made it a splendid work of nature. Long named this the Augusta after his wife and managed to get a fair photograph. The arch was so high that the trees of California would seem dwarfed beside it, and the men took what measurements they could by climbing and clinging to the canyon's sides.

They found the Edwin, or Little bridge, several miles down the canyon, the arch in reality of immense dimensions, but small in comparison with those that they had measured. All around these bridges are crags and strange formations, cave dwellings, springs and other objects of interest, but the center of attraction is and will always be these three towering arches which span the White canyon.

Undoubtedly these bridges are of great scientific interest, not alone because they are so far as known the largest natural bridges in the world, but because they are extraordinary examples of stream erosion. An ancient river probably carved these great arches, which may have been known to prehistoric dwellers of the desert west.

—New York Sun.

The Crowded Way.

"The late General Booth," said a Salvation Army captain of Philadelphia, "used to admit freely that the bad man had more fun—at least while carrying on his badness—than the good man."

"Stroking his white beard, he put the matter in a neat epigram one night in New York."

"They say the way of the transgressor is hard," he said, "any rate it certainly isn't lonely."

A Difficult Order.

Willie (at table)—I want my pudding now. I don't want any old meat and—

Father (sternly)—You keep your mouth shut and eat your dinner.—Boston Transcript.

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Beggars' Day In Costa Rica.

In Costa Rica the beggars are privileged characters on Tuesday—that is, they are allowed that day of the week in which to beg from shop to shop. It is the custom for business houses to prepare for the weekly visit of the mendicants and to hand over to them small coins or articles of little value. In some instances where merchandise is given away the beggars peddle it about the poorer quarters and so earn a few cents apiece.—Argonaut.

Simple Locomotion.

"I was just thinking," said one weary tramp to another, with a long, long journey in front of them, "about bad roads and the wonders of science. This earth is spinning round faster'n a railway train behind time."

"Well, we ain't fell off yet."

"No, but think o' what a convenience it would be if we could have some place to grab on to while the territory slid under our feet until the place we wanted to go to came along!"

The Turkish Fex.

The Turk's devotion to the fex is clearly explained by Duckett Ferriman: "The prejudice against the hat rests on a religious basis. If the rains (form of prayer) is rightly performed the forehead must touch the ground. The brim of a hat or the peak of a cap would prevent this."—London Globe.

A Beautiful Sight.

"There is no such thing as true friendship."

"Oh, yes, there is. Did you never remark the implicit trust and confidence existing between two girls who have known each other for about a week?"—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Intellect.

Knecker—Is Jones smart enough to set the river afire? Bocker—No, but he is smart enough not to get up to build the fire himself.—New York Sun.

Grim Humor.

Hokus—I will tell you, an operation for appendicitis is no joke. Pokus—No, but if it were it would be a sidesplitting one.—Life.

When men are friends there is no need of justice, but when they are just they still need friendship.—Aristotle.

FINE OLD BORROWERS.

Leigh Hunt Was a Champion, and Dr. Johnson Levied on Books.

In a book of essays, "Americans and Others," Agnes Repplier collects some notable instances of a certain condensation in borrowers. Leigh Hunt and William Godwin had the trait developed to magnificent proportions.

"It would be interesting to calculate the amount of money which Hunt's friends and acquaintances contributed to his support in life. Shelley gave him at one time £1,400, an amount which the poet could ill spare, and when he had no more to give wrote in misery of spirit to Byron, begging a loan for his friend and promising to repay it, as he felt tolerably sure Hunt never would. Byron, generous at first, wearied after a time of his position in Hunt's commissariat (it was like pulling a man out of a river, he wrote to Moore, only to see him jump in again) and coldly withdrew. His withdrawal occasioned inconvenience and has been sharply criticized."

As for Godwin, when his daughter ran off with Shelley he refused to take Shelley's check for £1,000 if it were not made payable to a third person or "unless he could have the money without the formality of an acceptance."

Crab Robinson introduced him one evening to a gentleman named Rough. The next day both Godwin and Robinson called upon their host, each man expressing his regard for the other and each asking Robinson if he thought the other would be a likely person to lend him £50.

Dr. Johnson was more scrupulous. He "paid back £10 after a lapse of twenty years" and on his deathbed begged Sir Joshua Reynolds to forgive him a trifling loan. But in the matter of borrowed books the case was altered. "Johnson cherished a dim conviction that because he read and Garrick did not the proper place for Garrick's books was on his—Johnson's—bookshelves, a point which could never be settled between the two friends and which came near wrecking their friendship."

Alaska's Two Climates.

Official reports indicate that the coast region of Alaska has much rain and snow, but an equable temperature, and that the winter at Sitka is no colder than at Washington. The snowfall at Valdez has reached sixty feet and the rainfall at Sitka 111 inches in a season. The Yukon basin, on the other hand, has a continental climate, very cold in the winter, although the summer temperature may reach 90 degrees F. in the shade. The rainfall is small. The soil is permanently frozen for several yards below the surface, but a thin surface layer thaws out every summer.—Harper's.

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Social Calendar of Today.

Women's Musical Club, 3 p.m.

Musical at Mrs. Frank Leeming

4.30 p.m.

Whist Club at Mrs. Creighton's.

Bridge at Mrs. H. McK. Wilson's.

Mrs. George Watt, St. Paul's av.

enue, leaves for Toronto on Monday

and will attend the reception tendered

Lady Aberdeen by the National Council of Women in the

city on Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. Andrew D. Muirhead and

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. H. Muirhead

formerly of Brantford, have taken

up their residence at the Alexandra

Apartments, University Avenue

Toronto.

After spending the holidays at his

home, Mr. F. J. Charlton has re-

turned to Calgary, in the interests of

the Canadian Order of Foresters.

Miss Goulding, an aunt of the

Misses Minchin, and who resides

with them and their mother on West

street, met with a nasty fall on Monday

last, sustaining a broken wrist.

Mr. and Mrs. John Fair, Mr. T.

Darwin, Mr. T. W. Standing and

Rev. R. D. Hamilton left for London

this morning to be present at the

funeral of the late Mrs. Zinn.

One of the saddest features in con-

nection with the lamented death of

the late Mrs. Zinn, is the fact that

she was to have been in Brantford

and the recipient of a purse of gold

from the congregation of the Wel-

lington Street Methodist church

where for so many years she was a

valued highly esteemed member.

Mrs. Dowsley and two daughters

who have been guests of Mrs. Lid-

dell for the past week, returned to

their home in Kingston yesterday.

Citizens generally will be pleased

to hear of the good work taken up

by the Daughters of the Empire in

Brantford, commencing with Mon-

day 13th, sewing meetings at the

various homes of the D. O. E. are

being planned, the first at the resi-

dence of Mrs. C. J. Watt, Lorne

Crescent, I believe, for the purpose

of making up the linen sheeting, etc.,

donated at the "showers" held in No-

vember last at the Collegiate Insti-

tute; all of which when finished

goes to the new Tuberculosis Hos-

pital.

Slowly but surely the good work

of the local Y.W.C.A. is extend-

ing, one of the latest innovations

being lectures on Home Nursing.

Conducted by Miss Forde recently

of the Johns Hopkins Hospital staff

at Baltimore.

An evening much looked forward

to is the "Evening of Plays" which

the Literary Club are presenting at

Victoria Hall on January 16th.

London, Jan. 9.—Maud Hobson,

the first Gaiety girl is dead. Her

real name was Jeannie Manson. She

was an Australian and the niece of

John Hollingshead. She created the

title role of the "Gaiety Girl" with

which production she toured Amer-

ica. Miss Hobson married Capt.

Holey, of the British army with

whom she went to Honolulu where

her husband became the Premier of

the Hawaiian King Kalawaua, and

she was appointed the maid of hon-

or to Queen Liliuokalani. After the

death of her husband she rejoined