

long after the danger had passed. The well is over 200 feet deep and the shaft about 20 feet in diameter. But the unique feature is the provision made for bringing the water to the surface. Unable apparently to devise a pump that would raise it so high, Sangallo cut in the rock a double spiral staircase around the shaft, one for descent and the other for ascent, large enough to enable oxen or mules to go down to the bottom in a steady procession and return laden with casks of the precious fluid. The well remains in such perfect order that the procession might begin again to-morrow. But the city is no longer dependent on this source for its water supply, and the water, led out by a pipe through the face of the cliff is now used only to feed the engine that drives the elevator by which we descend from this city of cloudland to the level of the valley below.

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Thou must be true thyself
If thou the truth wouldst teach ;
Thy soul must overflow if thou
Another's soul would reach ;
It needs the overflow of heart
To give the lips full speech.

Think truly, and thy thoughts
Shall the world's famine feed ;
Speak truly, and each word of thine
Shall be a fruitful seed ;
Live truly, and thy life shall be
A great and noble creed.

—Selected.