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TRADITIONS OF OLD LAND

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In its brief day of promise it had

HOW THE NATIVES QUENCH

THEIR THIRST.

In the deserts to the northeast mid

most secret crevices of the trees

and rocks-the aborigines draw water

short lengths and letting them drain

drop by drop, into a wooden bowl. But the worst may come to the worst

"Ah, well," said the bushman, "they do with what they have."

"Ah, well, they lick the dew from

Failing the rains, failing the soaks

apparently, like obscure fosil

"a spherical little chamber, about three inches in diameter in which lay

"What have they!"

perishing travellers.

the leaves and grass.

-there may be no "water trees," or the roots may shrivel and dry up. "What thea?"

The Australians still live astonish-

-England. This is noticeable in

#### The Flaming Wilderness of Australia's Deadly Dry Belt

able thirst are found stark naked, -all have left their trail in bleached she tittered like a school-girl, chaffed, did not have to stir outdoors. warning to those who would venture far into its deadly embrace. In Harper's Magazine there is a most

of the waterless tracts of sand and spinnifex is obtained from Government-periodically return to very sorriest hatitable Australian hardy scrub: its remoter parts, where a sullen wind lazily stirs, with civilization, and cache their garhaze of heat and crimson ments against the time of return, and north like a deathless army, and edge of the wild lands tales are told there vanish, discouraged by the aw- of these aboriginal maids who have ful prospect beyond where the dry been to Adelaide and returned for a lands, glowing red-hot, form an ef- breathing spell to the bush.

An expedition of proportions, out-ingly close to the caste traditions of seasoned leader with his camels and the most out-of-way inns, where the not advance through the centre from resort of unquestioned gentility, and Kalgoorlie and come safely to the is set apart by a curtain and except by grace of those fortuitous of distress call the goodness of

Such is Australia's No Man's Land made a great noise in the Western on which the Asiatic has cast covet- Australian world. They had planned match gives the experienced bushman the desert, they would surely have a ready clue to the trail in these remade it large, with Australian vigor gions, and his sharp, sure sight in and determination to thrive big and gions, and his sharp, sure sight in and determination to thrive big and picking up the right track is astonishing.

In a baffled attempt to reach the deserted vista of which the bitter red

centre of the continent, one of the dust was blowing, was wide enough first explorers, being forced long ago for the traffic of any metropolis; and to summer in this selfsame latitude— the disintegrating skeleton of a magnificent boulevard, conceived with much as an Arctic explorer winters high courage in these dry lands, im-ca his ground—found far to the east plied a splendid vision of that lovely a shade temperature of 132 degrees, maturity to which the town had never which rose in the sun to 157 degrees.

The mean temperature for January, the week of any aspiration—as any in that situation and exceptional sea-young promise which has broken in son, was 104 degrees in the shade. the test and at last got past the time "The ground was thoroughly heated when faith can endure to contemplate to a depth of three or four feet," he the habitations with them, in the records; "and the tremendous heat go'd fields' manner, to new fields of had parched all vegetation. Under its promise. They had not left much to effects every screw in our boxes had mar the site of their brave ambition been drawn. Horn handles and A hot, listless group of corrugated iron dwellings remained—a public combs were split into fine laminae. house, too, and a spick-and-span sta-The lead dropped out of our pencils, tion and a sad little graveyard. Our hair as well as the sheep's wool, ceased to grow, and our nails became brittle as glass. The flour lost more than eight per cent of its original continent when the sun and dry wind weight. We were obliged to bury our suck the moisture from deep in the wax candles. We found it difficult to ground and all the world runs drywrite or draw, so rapidly did the fluid dry in our pens and brushes.

Truly a shrivelled and terrible from these roots by cutting them into world to journey through.

## SEVERE COLD ON LUNGS AND CHEST QUICKLY RELIEVED

by Na-Dru-Co Syrup of Linseed, Licorice and Chlorodyne Mr. J. Seward, Bromptonville, Que.,

and gnamma-holes, failing roots and the morning's dew, the aborigine of 'Two weeks ago I took a severe cold which settled on my lungs and my chest was very sore, breathing tight and severe hacking cough. I was feeling miserable. I bought a bottle of Na-Dru-Co Syrup of Linseed, Licorice and Chlorodyne and after a few doses I felt great relief and I went into a sound sleep, a thing I was not able to do for some nights. Next day I was able to be around again, and before completing the bottle, felt as well as ever. It is a fine cough and cold

a firty yellow frog." It was a water holding frog; and it was distended with its supply—a store suffi-Na-Dru-Co Syrup of Linseed, Licorice and Chlorodyne relieves the irritation and "stuffed-up" feeling in the air pass-ages, soothes the tickling which makes you cough, loosens the phlegm and drives out the cold before it gets trouble-

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Fifty Below Zero

(By William Rittenhouse.)

Up in nosthwestern Canada thermometer may drop as low as fifty below zero, and yet a woodcutter, when hard at work, will be likely to makes him too warm. This is when wind. But let the wind begin to blow and fifty below zero becomes so cold, so piercing that no amount of clothing can keep a man warm. If the wind increases to a blizzard, bringing snow with it, neither man nor beast can live without taking to shelter. The frozen particles of snow Bands of native women are some with sharp edges, drive like shot out times encountered, with a minimum of a gun and will cut a man's cheeks of dress, dirty and dishevelled. Not to ribbons if he faces the storm. Out on the Canadian prairie, one

by one of these in good English, and winter day, the sky looked as if a in one case the giggling "gin" (black blizzard was coming, and the farmers woman) archly informed her aston- set to work to prepare for it. Those ished questioner that were he to ad who were wise put a large supply of dress her in French she would have hay and fodder down before their no difficulty in comprehending him. horses and cows in the barns enough King George Confers Order of Lady their hands bloody with digging for It turned out that this aboriginal for two or three days, for a blizzard maiden had, according to her story, often lasts that long-and made every their tongues swollen. No rivers wa- been reared from childhoud by a lady thing weatherproof and tight. They ter this desolate tract. There are no of Adelaide; that she had reverted to carried enough firewood into the ferred on Mrs. W. R. Miller of Monthe bush and was then with her tribe. houses to last for days, and fastened treal, the Star of a Lady of Grace of wandered from the way may drink Whether for good and all she did not up the houses, too, to keep out the the Hospital of St. John of Jerusand live. Convicts who escaped in know; she might return to the lady storm. Then, when the wind began to alem. olden days, prospectors of later times some day—to play the piano. And blow, everything was safe, and they Mrs. Miller has taken an active in-

and giggled, and chattered in the The blizzard came. It raged for organizations of Montreal. She was most flirtatious manner of the settle- two days and two nights. It never first directress of the Maternity Hosments, not in the least perturbed, abated its fury for one instant. The pital for thirteen years, and her demoreover, being now in the bush, by screeching, roaring hurricane blew the votion and untiring zeal, coupled with graphic description of this dry region the shocking fact that she was in the ground clear; only drifting up the executive ability, did a great deal in garb of the bush. It seems that abor- snow here and there. But there was promoting the growth and efficiency igin's of both sexes, employed in the enough snow to fill the air and blind of the hospital. It was while Mrs. Australia, and the first towns—the employment of aboriginal the eyes, so that even from the Miller was at the head of the comwomen is rigorously restricted by the houses the barns could not be seen.

a rocky elevation at the edge of the the bush. They remain content for a anxious about his cattle. He had put proved quarters. One farmer, so the story runs, was the present greatly enlarged and imtime, sufficient servants, in some two days' feed down for them, but he cases, if lazy. And then the inevit- feared they might need more. Sudden- had its origin in the sucient order esable interval; off they scamper, withly the blizzard slackened; the air tablished in Jerusalem for the relief out warning, and they ettip themcleared; and the barn-only thirty feet of Crusaders. The British order was selves of the last clogging connection away-could be plainly seen. It is the re-constituted by Royal charter in way of a blizzard to blow itself out in 1888 by Queen Victoria. It is conthis way, and the farmer felt that he nected with hospital work, notably dust. The lean trees—the quick and run wild to their satisfaction, return-this way, and the farmer felt that he nected with hospital work, notably the dead—run diminishing to the ing by-and-by as if they had not been could now attend to his stock. He the control of St. John's Ambulance put on his boots, coat and cap, and Association and Brigade, and of the went to the kitchen door. His little British Ophthalmic Hospital at Jer-

> father. Take Lucy." The farmer hesitated. But it was on ladies, as Ladies of Grace and only ten yards to the stable, and the Ladies of Justice.

air would do the child good, after bewrapped the child in it, so she could nearest settlements of Sydney side price for liquor sold from the same not possibly catch cold, and the farmer took her in his arms and started out. The blizzard was slack-A graphic description of a broken mining town is given by Mr. Duncan. ening every minute. He easily crossed to the barn, set Lucy down in safety and unwrapped her from the shawl. She went about with him while he fed ous eyes. A dislodged pebble, a bro- it large, with quick, leaping enthus- the horses and cows, and some time ken twig, or the stub of a burnt and though it was here set back into farmer had cotisfed bushman. everything was safe and comfortable, he wrapped Lucy up again and opened the door to go back to the house.

But he opened it to find no housenothing but the blizzard again. It was raging more flercely than ever. The house had disappeared from view. Nothing could be seen but a whirling wall of white snow, driven onward by the raging wind. Still the house was only thirty feet away, and he knew the direction exactly. If he did not run across his wife would soon become alarmed. She might think that he and Lucy were lost in the storm, and would probably come out herself in search of them. If she ventured out, she might not get to the barn, for nothing is easier than to lose one's way during such a storm.

Gathering the shawl closer about Lucy, the farmer took his direction, bent his head down and plunged forward toward the house. The driving hurricane fairly took away his breath. He ran a dozen steps and judged he must be close to the kitchen door. He stretched his arm before him, still holding his head down, and swept his hand all about to reach the door. But there was no door anywhere. Then he knew that he had missed his direction, and gone one side ofthe house, instead of striking it anywhere.

Which way was he to turn toward it? He had no possible way of knowing. He could not tell on which side of the house he had gove, therefore, by turning the wrong way he would strike out into the open prairie. Yet he dared not stand still, or he and the child would freeze where they stood. Crouching in a half run, he the central dry-lands has a last occa-sional source of supply. A keen na-tive guide discerned little tracks on the ground-faintest indications of struck out again-not very far-- in the direction in which he hoped the house stood. He was wrong; there

was nothing there.

traces and, having hacked into the clay to a depth of a foot, unearthed He turned, and tried to get back. He found nothing in front of his groping hand. A third time-a fourth-he changed his direction. It was barely five minutes since he had left the barn so he could not be far away from cient, perhaps, to mable it to survive either barn or house. Yet he might. a drought of a year and a half. The have been miles out on the prairie as water was quite pure and fresh. If they are squeezed, these frogs may yield a saving draught to lost and far as danger was concerned. The cold was intense, piercing to the very marrow of his bones. He began to give up all hopes of ever reaching his \$22 Minard's Limiment Cures Colds, etc. Coor Out in the storm, within a

stone's throw of his warm, safe home, he and little Lucy must perish. Then, suddenly, a faint sound

caught his ear. It sounded like-yes, it was the barking of his dog-his own house dog inside the house. Had the dog sense enough to know that his master was in danger? It sounded a long way off, but in that howling gale, it might be near, after all. He turned toward the sound and ran as hard as his half-be-numbed limbs would let him, Again the sound came- ag. " it was nearer—there was hope of reaching it. To his unspeakable joy, the dog continued to bark, and before hard object lying on the ground. It was a post-he felt it and recognized it as one that had fallen down close by the corner of the house. One more heroic, staggering effort against the icy blast, and he fell against his own door, exhausted, powerless - but saved .- The Comrade.

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