

It is possible for the patient, when he has been some little time in Arizona, to secure the accommodation and the comforts he requires at one of the numerous ranches in the vicinity of towns in the southern part of the Territory. This is the cheapest way of living, but life on a ranch presents unknown terrors to the sick tenderfoot, and he very naturally seeks for quarters in one of the established resorts. The best of these are Phoenix, Tucson, Oracle, Castle Creek, Hot Springs, and Prescott.

*Phoenix*, with an altitude of 1,180 feet, is the largest city in the Territory, and the most hospitable to consumptives, several thousands of whom flock to it for the winter months. Its population is variously estimated at from 12,000 to 18,000, according to the time of year, but on comparison with the census these estimates appear to be unduly high. Its municipal improvements include a waterworks system, gas and electric lighting plants, a telephone system, and an electric street railway. For the care of invalids there are besides a sanatorium and a Sister's hospital, several hotels and restaurants and a considerable number of lodging houses and furnished rooms—while good accommodation may be had at some of the ranches in the outlying country. The hotels are generally unsatisfactory; the principal one has excellent accommodation, but provides a poor table. Many of the lodging houses are attractive; and a number of them are provided with screened balconies for sleeping-out, but the cooking, as a rule, is ill done. Furnished houses and cottages are to be had for the winter, and, if domestic help can be got, the patient who has sufficient means finds this by far the best way of living. There are good roads for driving and horseback riding, and there is also a small golf course—the only one in Arizona.

Situate in the centre of the Salt River Valley, the climate of Phoenix during the months of October to April, inclusive, is delightfully mild and sunny. The thermometer rarely falls to the freezing point. The coldest month, February, has a mean temperature of 54°, a mean maximum temperature of about 75°, and a mean minimum temperature of about 43°. There is, therefore, between nightfall and sunrise, a daily drop of 30°. This is the case throughout the year. In the winter months a decided chill is felt at sunset, overcoats are *en règle*, and log fires are comforting. The annual precipitation is about 7 inches. The humidity has very markedly increased in recent years with the development of irrigation, but even now the mean relative humidity for the year is only 38 per cent., being noticeably less in the summer months than in January and February. During the year 1903, Phoenix enjoyed 266 clear days, 60 partly cloudy days, and 32 cloudy. The average hourly velocity of the winds is between four and five miles. The months