

## WHEEL NFORMATION...

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Vehicle. But you don't know how a good wheel is made. We do. In the first place it is made from the very best selected second growth North Carolina hickory. It is not only the best wood, but it must be air-dried and
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turages of the desert. Mr. B. W. Baker of Union County,
Living in Arizona Five Years Living in Arizona Five Years
Has Become to Love the Deser and Writes of Its Wonders. Wrutes for hie Journal.
Considered from an industrial standpoint, Arizona is entitled to be
called "tbe land of copper," for it called the land of copper, for in leads serery State in the Union, con-
tributing nearly one third of the entributing nearly one third of the en-
tire production of the United States. tire production of the United States.
There is one mine in the territoryThere is one mine in the territory-
the Copper Queen-that yields a million dollars worth of the red
metal per month. Copper mining metal per month. Copper mining
seems to be a more stable and deseems to be a more stable and de-
pendable business than the mining pendable business than the mining
of silver and gold. It's true the price sometimes "slumps," in which case the mining men find themselves in
deep water like the cotton planter when the price of cotton goes down.
It may seem a little strange that in a section of country where copper is so plentiful that the copper cent
is not in use. Not even the postis not in use. Not even the post
office here has any use for pennies. office here has any use for pennies.
Tucson (pronounce it two-son, not tuck son) is not the place where the stingy man puts a copper in the contribution box at church and where
the least tot who attends Sunday school contributes less than five cents. And away with the coppe cent from the face of the earth!
If I were asked what features of the Southwest appeal most strongly
to me, my answer would be "The things which God hath made." Here the light is very strong, the sun-
stine is rarely clouded, the atmosshine is rarely clouded, the atmos
phere is singularly pure and bracing. Under these conditions man
borizon is greatly extended, his world is enlarged. On the moun-
tains, plains and valleys he sees tains, plains and valleys he sees
beauty, charm and grandeur. You may fall in love with the desert, fal it is not strange. Perhaps you
me have met an individual in whom at
first sight you could see nothing to first sight you could see nothing to
admire, yet upon a closer acquaint admire, yet upon a closer acquaint.
ance you would discover many noble ance
traits of character which would attract you until a permanent friend-
ship would ripen it ship would ripen. It is so with the
desert. When first I looked out from desert. When first I looked out from
a moving train upon miles and miles a moving train upon miles and miles
of desert covered with cacti, mes-
quite, creosote bushes and the quite, creosote bushes and the ac-
cursed acacia, or catclaw-all con
cursed acacia, or catclaw-all con-
temptible and dwarfed vegetationtemptible and dwarfed regetation-
the prospect was not inviting. Now the prospect was not invitung. No
stter a stay of five years, I must con
ess myself a lover of the desert. ess myself a lover of the desert.
When one wanders out on When one wanders out on the
broad desert, miles beyond the wire ences of civilization, beyond the
tound of human voice and the noise If all men's inventions, he feels the subtile charm of the desert stealing ver him, bringing to the soul a fine
repose. Like the sky and like the epose. Like the sky and like the
iea, the desert is one of the great
primordial things. In the far away pnountains is strength, the strength
it the eteraities. In the presuct I the eteraities. In the presence of
he Infinite, man's finiteness is forced heon him, the religious impulse is
iwakened and he finds himself echo ng the words of Israel's sweet sing $r$, "Lord, what is man that thou ar nindful of him."

Sometimes a newcomer seesstrange and mysterious things. High up in
he sky he sees a city with church spires and towers all pointing downward, or maybe he sees a herd of
cattle crawling on the sky lied cattle crawling on the sky like flies
on the ceiling of a room. Then angin, he may see a lake of water when those acquainted with the country assure him there is no lake
near. These appearaces are very oear. These appearances are very
wonderful and are known as the wonderful and are known as the
Mirage. The explanation is inter dirage. The explanation is in oprinciples underlying this phenomenon-refraction and reflection. In the case of the lake, it is an example of reflec-
tion: a reflection of the sky without any lake being near to contribute to ane delusion. In the case of the city
the dite
or cattie, the bent or cattle, the bent or refracted rays
of light deceive us as to their real of light deceive us as to their real
position. The city and cattle are matters of fact, but in a different po-
sition from where they seem to be We have been accustomed to think
we always see along straight lines we always see along straight lines,
when in fact we see along the rays wh light, if rays of light are straight
we see in straight lines, but if the rays of light are curved by excessive heat and other peculiar conditions of atmospbere,
follow the curves.
Suppose rays of light could be so refracted by the excessive heat, that a man standing in front of Mrr. F. B.
Asheraft's store in Monroe c ruld see Ashcraft's store in Monroe c ould see
a man on horseback in front of the Heath hardware store, the horseman would seem to the beholder to be,
not around the not around the corner, but in a
straight line abead-I straight line ahead-I 1 would say
about opposite the People's bank about opposite the People's bank.
We have in this illustration a duplicate of the Mirage in its relation to the position of objects seen. In
these strange appearances there is these strange appearances there is a
distortion of the objects and they distortion of the objects and they
appear in reversed position. This is appear in reversed position. This is
due to the diferent thicknesse o
the atmosphere through which we


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