

DOWN IN A CRATER.

Wonders Witnessed by a Mountain Explorer.

Native Legends of a Famous Mountain Volcano in the West—Strange and Breathtaking.

—Gainesville.

Crate mountains is one of the Central Indians' great spoke depots from ancient times, says the Baker City Democrat. Rocks that are now white with the heavy frost of many winters received hanging in the trees tightly strung to their nursing boards, while their mothers roamed the forests in search of game for the lords of creation or wood for the tope, and from infinity love to relate how the great spirit spoke to them with the awful voice of terrific thunder in the bowels of the earth. Many are the stories and legends of Indian lore told of Crate mountains. One of the favorite ones is told of a great war between the Shoshones and Comanches. When the Comanches had conquered their foes they proceeded to slaughter old and young, regardless of sex. One beautiful Shoshone maiden, seeing that death was inevitable from her passing foes, plunged headlong into the burning crater, and instantly the volcano eruption ceased, much to the consternation of her pursuers, who on the following day found, on looking down the chasm of inky darkness, a resplendent light with the form of the Shoshone maiden in the midst of the apparition. They told it to their deadly enemies, and to this day Crate mountains is looked upon with reverence from an Indian point of view.

The following is from the diary of J. A. Wright: "Crate mountain is located some eleven miles from the Camp of Crowsfoot, on the south side of the range whose caps are tipped with eternal snow. Many chalets and houses have in the past pastel the mountains and left them in the most fantastic shapes. Vegetation ceases to grow after a certain height is reached, and often under the base of one of the great peaks is the famous extinct volcano. Ashes and lava are found in great profusion and in such hideous masses that it makes the ascent one of peril and great difficulty. However, once at the top, a peak down into the black, fathomless abysses supplies the most morbid minds with all the sensations necessary for a lifetime. A favorite amusement was to throw rocks down and listen to the sounds as they struck on the projecting sides of the dark chimney until the sounds died away, leaving nothing but for the mystified explorer to guess it had reached the bottom."

MACHINE-MADE SPEECHES.

Turned out with Marvellous Rapidity by a Recent English Author.

There is no doubt that both the typewriting machine and the phonograph are very ingenious and useful inventions, but the chief difficulty with them, says the New York Times, is that they cannot be made to act automatically. It is in order to fill this want that a distinguished inventor, whose name is for the present withheld, has invented an automatic writer, and, judging from the private exhibition of the machine which was recently given in London to a committee of members of the Royal society, it bids fair to prove the greatest invention of life or any age.

In appearance the machine is said to be not wholly unlike a typewriting machine. It, however, is provided with a sort of hopper, in which are placed blocks of type metal, each one of which is provided with a complete word, instead of a single letter. When this hopper is filled and the small electric engine which furnishes the motive power of the machine is set in action it immediately begins to print. Of course, what is printed depends in a good degree upon the selection of words which are placed in the hopper, but it is understood the machine can be used for almost any sort of composition.

At the exhibition already mentioned the hopper was filled with a supply of words relating to the English political situation, and in ten minutes after the engine had been started the machine had printed two full columns, each of about the length of an ordinary column of a newspaper. When these were read they were instantly recognised to be a specimen on house rule in the general style of Mr. Gladstone. The hopper was next filled with a choice selection of the very finest words in the language, and the machine therewith printed what was at once perceived to be as easy after the manner of Mr. Gladstone on political economy. More words were added and three pages of what any critic would have unhesitatingly accepted as a passage from a new novel by Mr. Gladstone delighted the committee. The last experiment was made with the hopper filled with words taken from the Slang Dictionary and the result was a story in dialect which was held to be superior to almost any dialect story hitherto published.

More Pictures Than Evermore. An aged couple living south of Brazil, Ind., who had devoted their three score and ten to rural life and the making of a farm, sold their possessions for the sum of sixteen thousand dollars. When the purchaser called with a notary to close up the deal by taking the deed of title, the husband having signed and passed it to the wife, the positively refused to sign without a consideration, saying she had spent her life in making the farm, and had never realized anything she could call her own and now was her opportunity. The husband failed to satisfy her and secure the signature. Then the purchaser used to know what she would take and sign the deed, fearful that she would be exacting beyond his inclination to comply. After a good deal of hagglng she said she thought she ought to have two dollars, which he promptly handed her, and she signed the title. She turned over the silver dollars time and time again, laughing over her good luck. She said: "Well, well, this is the first money I have ever had in my life that I could call my own and spend it as I may wish to do as you say."

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The old keeper of the morgue in this city, who has seen hundreds of unknown bodies exhibited for identification, has arrived at some interesting conclusions, says the Philadelphia Record. If the face of the dead person is perfectly composed and natural, of course, relatives friends or relatives recognize them immediately. But, he says, if the face is distorted through fits of anguish by epilepsy, a casual acquaintance can identify the body much easier than the closest relation. He explains this by saying that people who have known a person well for a long time lose sight of the features and see rather the personality reflected in the lines of the face. A casual acquaintance notices the features, and can recognize those when seen again, even if considerably disfigured.

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