

A MOUNTAIN PASS.

The Great Canyon of the Cordillera—Perilous Passage of the "Girl of Natchez and Death."

The description of the passage of the canyons of Green river by the Powell expedition, and the account that was published a few months since of the passage by one man of the Great Canyon of the Colorado, will give interest to the following graphic description of the Great Canyon of the Marañon, in Brazil, and its passage by a party of rascals seeking gold.

On the evening of the fourteenth day, the moon being very bright, they floated until near midnight, when a rising fog compelled them to tie up by the top of a fallen tree. At daylight, the fog being very dense, so that one could hardly see fifty feet, those on watch cast the line drift, and the raft swung out into the murky stream, while they prepared to cook their morning meal.

They could not see the banks, and floated thus for near an hour—most of the party being still asleep—when the mist slightly lifting, one of the cooks caught sight of the shore, and noticed that their rude craft was sweeping along much faster than they had ever known it to do before.

Somewhat startled, he mentioned it to his comrades, who also noticed it, and in turn called their sleeping friends, and very soon the whole party were wide awake and in anxious consultation. They were not far from the southern bank, and evidently sweeping along under the force of a strong current.

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At length they entered on a long, straight reach. Far ahead of them they saw an immense rock, directly in the middle of the canyon, that lifted its splintered top above the rushing waters that roared around it. It was a frightful looking place, and as they rushed forward, it seemed impossible for the raft to avoid it; and to strike it would be like a locomotive at full speed dashing against a granite wall.

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The raft which had appeared so heavy and solid in the waters of yesterday was now lifted, tossed, and whirled about like a cork, over which the waves and spray dashed in a deluge, and lucky it was for them that they had lately refastened it together with the tough and yielding vines and vines of the forest, for as it was at starting, or if fastened together in any other manner, it had surely gone to pieces at the very entrance of the ghaat. The motion was so violent that Franklin was compelled to abandon the helm and crawl to the centre of the raft, to avoid the blows from the car, and all agreed that he was the only cool and collected man in the party.

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