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Climbed Mt. Pelee,

Philadelphia Woman Makes the Perilous Expedi

city of St. Pierre.

In defiance of the dangers that beset her,

this fearless woman climbed the mountain almost to its seething mouth and brought away a number of curious and gruesome

relics of the eruption.

Mrs. Borsch, whose husband is a Philadelphia physician, has been known as a skilled mountain climber and enthusiastic

globe trotter. Little surprise was felt

for Martinique early last winter, fully equipped for the tour. Not least among their luggage was a good-sized camera. Mrs. Borsch was quite undaunted by the obstacles which beset them until they landed at St. Pierre, the "City of the Dead." Once there the desolation of the scene which met their area was borsed inversion.

which met their eyes was beyond imagina-

tion.
"You cannot conceive the utter devastation that lay all around us," she said dur-

ing the course of a recent interview. "The

loneliness was all the more felt because of the presence of the thousands of the dead

that lay buried under the ruins. After we

passed the guards we saw scarcely a human being on all that terrible island. And to add to the horror of the place was the con-

stant rumbling of the smoking, spitting

large as some of our well-known towns,

crowded with natives and tourists from every quarter of the globe.

ing, but my interest overruled my fear. During the entire ascent I was continually

being sprinkled by the ashes from the crater. The air was filled with sulphurous gases and heavy smoke.

ever had. The thought that at any mo-ment the crater might pour out a stream of fire and lava only added to my determina-

"The roar was so deafening and the ground grew so fearfully hotas I drew near the crater that I could not climb as high as

I had wished. As it was I found that I had reached as high a point as Prof. Heil-

"The wind was blowing from my direction, so I had a splendid view of the glow-

ing side of the crater. I stayed up there as long as I could, but the ground became so hot under my feet that I was forced to go

down. The beauty of the crater was both fascinating and terrible.

"I stopped half way down the side of the mountain to look over the country,

and as far as the eye could reach there was

nothing to see but piles of stones and arch-ways, all that remained of the once beauti-

ful churches and public buildings. The

fine parks and driveways were completely obliterated by the masses of ruins that the fearful heat had melted into shapeless

lumps of stone.

'It was worse than a desert. There was scarcely a sign of vegetation, and no meroiful sands to bury out of sight those awful

reminders of the fate of the cities and towns

round about there.
"When I reached the foot of Mt. Pelee,

where the village had once existed. I met a poor little native boy who lost his whole family—mother, father and several sisters and brothers.

"Think of that! He was on thely survivor of a big family, and he had lost them all in less than an hour.

of the village, and the ruins of the Cathedral of Pelee. We made a number of visits to the cathedral and I secured quite a collection of really valuable relies. Some

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