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he is a frebnan whom the truth makes srek, and all are slaves besideí.


| fought a club battle with a village full of Canadian Frenchmen ; conquered; killed a calf; and, seizing a Etince; tried to cross to the south side of the river. They were above the rapids of the Cedars, where to canoe can live long unguided; when their paddle broke in the mid-stteitin, and on ce moref destruction seemed certain. A fallen tree, in the branches of which they caught, saved them, however; and cross ing the next day beluw the falls, they struck into the furest to seek the Hudson. For twelve more days they toiled on, living on roots, without shoes, without clothes, without hats, and reached Schenectady at last, in a plight that made Chriatian men give them a wide berth." |  |
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| I was journeying in the summer of 18-with a small party of army officers, |  |
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| who, with their escurt and wagon train were $\epsilon$ n route from "the States" to Santa |  |
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| Fe, in the Territury of New Mexico-We starred from Fort Leavenworth abeut |  |
| the middle of July, and for ten or twelve days, in passing through a country sume- |  |
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| what settled, each day found sume new |  |
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| back, enabled me to undergo cheerfulty |  |
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| me fur the discomfurts arising from constant riding and unaccustomed expusure to the burning rays of the sun. |  |
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| days the same level plain seemed to travel with us. Pools of slimy water were |  |
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| found at known peints on the ruate, at distances of from ten to fifty miles apart, compelling us to travel on several occasions a portion of the night, as well as day, to reach them. |  |
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| Io reach iem. It was on Sunday and about the twents- |  |
| third day of our journey tbat we saw the wonderful mirage. With a gentleman who had grown gray in the service, I was riding some distance ahead of the train. |  |
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| We had been travelling since daylight, and had many miles to go to reach a resting place where water for the tired and thirsty could be found. <br> All day not a |  |
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| tree or shrub, not an animal save those in our train was to be seen; a kind of woully |  |
| grass, parched and dead, covered the oth erwise barren suil; around, on every side |  |
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| the same; the eye was pained by the dull vacancy; far away the sky seemed to meet and blend with the fading view; the |  |
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| sun poured down its rays with intense power; the borses and mules were begging for driak in their peculiarly expross |  |
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| ire way, as we moved on in silence, think-ing, nodoutt of the bubling springs andind |  |
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| rippling streams, of the green verdure and shady groves of the land of our homes. <br> All at once the sun was obscured by a |  |
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| cloud, and a slight shower of rain fell; and louking before me I saw, a short space to the right of the ruad, and apparently |  |
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| to the right of the ruad, and apparentlyabout two wiles distant, a cluster of trees, small, but green and perfect in shape. |  |
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| While wondering that 1 had not before observed them, I directly saw others at some distance from the first noticed. - |  |
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| Smull, dull clouds bung around dem, sit.ting like a dark vail over the scene, and |  |
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| through this vail of cloude moved shadowy and indistinct forms, which one by one, |  |
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| as the misty screen here and there faded slowly away, took shape and settled into atately oaks and towering elms and pines; and bofuro our thiroty oyes, beyond the |  |
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| trees, appeared in outlines, $\operatorname{dim}$ at first, the borders of a lake of limped waters. Soon the curtained clouds were gone. |  |
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| the midst of a verdant corest, holly andbeech, oak and elm, pine and magolia, |  |
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| farther side were bills cevered with lofty trees, and far away in the back ground, blue mountaink, with large boulders pro- | 1 wouldn't swop oph the phanith i har |
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| truding from their sides, added much to the picturesque grandeur of the view. Between the hills, over a rocky bluff, poured |  |
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