

**The Silver Regions of the World.**

In 1850 Nevada was not reckoned among the silver producing regions. Mexico and South America in that year produced \$5,500,000—nearly five times the amount obtained in the same year from Europe, Asia and Africa. The production of Piedmont in that year was greater than that of any other section of the eastern continent, and was about \$1,500,000. Austria was represented by about \$1,000,000, while Russia, Norway, Saxony, Spain, the Hartz Mountains, and Devonshire and Cornwall, in England, produced the remainder. India has often been represented as destitute of silver, but we have statements from Sir Frederick Marchese and other travelers that the Kulu valley is so rich in ore and metallic silver that it might be made to yield enormous revenues for ages to come. What was once known as the silver country of the Vezuvius in Kulu comprises the mountainous country lying between the Bena, Saainji, and Parbatti rivers. The mines, although in the palmy days of India worked to a considerable extent, are now almost forgotten, save by the inhabitants of the region itself. The Marikam mines in the same valley are known to be incalculably rich, but are now unworked. The Indian authorities, and even the people themselves by every obstacle in the way of developing them for fear of impoverishing the country.

In the first three centuries after the discovery of America, it has been computed that 100,000 tons of pure silver were exported from Peru and Mexico alone. This would be sufficient to form a solid globe of silver one hundred feet in diameter. Considering the rude manner of working ores at that day, this is no trifle. The difference between mining in Peru and Mexico is only in the climate of the silver regions. The Potosi mine, which has yielded enormous quantities of silver, is at an elevation as great as that of the summit of Mont Blanc, in a region of perpetual snow. The mines of Mexico are on the middle lands, where neither frost nor great heat is felt. The vast mineral wealth of Peru has been developed by the patient industry of the native Indians. They live almost entirely on cocoa. Their wages per week average about \$1.50 in our money.

A very romantic story is told of the Salcedo mine, which has been lost for a hundred years. Salcedo was a young Spaniard who fell in love with and married an Indian girl, whereupon she revealed to him the location of a silver mine of fabulous richness, and as yet unworked. Salcedo with the aid of his wife found the mine, and making friends with the Indians, he commenced work upon it. In a few years he was enormously rich. The Spanish Governor, learning of his prosperity, and desiring to secure the mine to himself, caused a charge of conspiracy to be made against him, under which he was arrested, tried and condemned, although the charge was entirely fictitious. When awaiting execution he promised the Governor, De Lemos, that if he would allow the proofs to be sent to Madrid, and be inspected by the King, there should be paid to him a hundred pounds of silver every day until the vessel should go to Spain and return. As the voyage one way in those days consumed about sixteen months, it is readily seen that the ransom offered was enormous. Salcedo was executed. The avaricious Governor hastened to the mine, but the mine was gone. It has never been found. The widow and her devoted Indians had determined that the murderer should never be rewarded for his crime, and they had flooded the mine, and buried it in such a manner that discovery was impossible.

The richest silver mine in the world probably is the Potosi, or, in our vernacular, Potosi—the Chollar-Potosi being named from it. It is near La Plata, and was discovered in 1545. It has always been worked in a rude manner, but yet is said to have already produced \$150,000,000 worth of the precious metal. For many years sixteen hundred Indians were employed in it, and being slaves, so cruelly were they worked that they decimated rapidly, and their places were immediately filled by others. At the present time two thousand paid men are employed, and the mine yields well and shows no signs of exhaustion. The total silver production in the world from the year 1850 to 1875 has been estimated to be \$1,025,000,000, the United States producing one-tenth of the entire amount. The yield of Mexico is at present at the rate of \$20,000,000 annually. Peru is falling gradually behind, the yield for the year 1874 being but little over \$3,000,000. The mines of Chili and Bolivia are being rapidly developed, and will soon furnish a material item in the annual production. In 1857 Nevada proudly pointed to a yield of \$12,500,000. In 1859 the production was nearly half as much. The production for the present year will probably exceed \$25,000,000. The annual production of the Idaho mines is about \$2,000,000, or as much as the famous mines of Peru. Colorado, in 1875, is estimated to have produced bullion to the amount of \$1,000,000.

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**SLEEPING STORIES.**—Mr. Plater, the celebrated lutanist, or lute-player, one evening dropped asleep while playing, after partaking of an unusual liberal supper. He continued to "discourse sweet music" correctly and tastefully until roused from his drowsy nap by the noise of his late falling on the floor. A "reader" in a printing office fell asleep while reading for the correction of proof, but continued reading down to the bottom of that page. In this case the probability is that his sleep only went to the extent of drowsiness; at any rate, when roused up he could not remember the words which he had just been correctly reading. Sir John Moore during his ever memorable retreat to Corunna, had to make forced marches night and day, and as the only mode of averting capture by a vastly larger French army; his poor tired soldiers often slept as they marched or marched as they slept. A truly remarkable manifestation of somnambulism is that which can be brought about by the influence of some other person on the sleeper. External voices and sounds can move him to action even when his consciousness is asleep. Dr. Carpenter and other physiologists have recorded many instances of this kind. A young naval officer, signal lieutenant to Admiral Lord Hood at Toulon, sometimes continued his anxious studies for eighteen or twenty hours at a stretch; going to his berth and falling instantly asleep, his mind was nevertheless so far awake on one particular subject that if a comrade whispered "Signal!" in his ear it roused him at once and irresistibly. A young military officer voyaging with his regiment in a troopship displayed a tendency which the mischievous wags about him took an unfair advantage of. When he was asleep in his berth they would whisper in his ear, giving him all the details of a duel, a shipwreck, or a battle; his mind unconsciously followed the narrative until he was roused to action by the clink, and awoke by springing out of bed; fortunately for society such cases are rare.—*Chambers' Journal.*

A TRAVELER'S STORY OF QUEER TREES.—The following is contained in a letter from Jamaica, but whether the author was steeped in the most noted product of that island at the time is not known:  
The leaves of the gumbo trees, which grow in the West Indies, when eaten by any animal, will cause all its hair to drop out, and I have seen horses and cows both without hair in mane or tail, from eating its leaves. The manchinele tree is quite common on some of these islands, and is very poisonous. The wind blowing through it directly upon a person sensitive to poison, will take effect in a few minutes. The smoke from its burning wood has the same effect. I saw a horse which had taken shelter under one of these trees during a shower, whose hair was taken off wherever the drops of rain from its boughs had touched him, and years afterwards had this mottled appearance. A negro who slept under one of them in midday, was awakened unconscious, as if under the effects of a powerful narcotic. I have known several cases of severe poisoning and two deaths from eating erabs poisoned with this tree.

**SAGACITY OF RATS.**—Incredible as the story may appear of their removing hens' eggs by one fellow lying on his back and grasping tightly his oviduct under his fore paws, whilst his comrades drag him away by the tail, we have no reason to disbelieve, knowing as we do, that they will carry eggs from the bottom to the top of the house, lifting them from stair to stair, the first pushing them up on his hind and the second lifting them with its fore legs. They will extract the cotton from a flask of Florence oil, dipping in their long tails, and repeating the manoeuvre until they have consumed every drop. We have found lumps of sugar in deep drawers at a distance of thirty feet from the place where the petty larceny was committed; and a friend saw a rat mount a table on which a drum of figs was placed, and straightway tip it over, scattering its contents on the floor beneath, with a score of expectant brethren sat watching for the windfall.—*Quarterly Review.*

**TIME FOR PRUNING.**—In 1856, says a correspondent of the *Gardener's Monthly*, I had a young orchard that I began to prune in February, and continued at intervals till August, and those pruned in June did better, healed over sooner, than any pruned either before or after that period. In 1871 I began to renovate an orchard ten years old, that had been trained according to the absurd fashion of low heads which prevailed at that time. It took a great deal of cutting and trimming, but I was determined not to persevere; the result was that every wood made in June—the time the work was done, began at once to heal over, and by the time growth stopped in the fall, every place where a branch had been cut off had a beautiful ring of new bark and wood, of from one-third to one-half inch in width all around it, and still they are doing well.

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