

THE ROAD TO QUITO.

TRAVELING ACROSS THE BREAST OF KINGLY CHIMBORAZO.

A Dangerous, Difficult Trail—Passing Through Every Variety of Climate Known to Man—The Thibet of the New World.

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All roads may have led to Rome, but no roads lead to Quito. There is a mule path from the port of Guayaquil over the Andes, a dangerous, difficult trail, requiring nine days to cross during the dry season, but impassable during the winter, or rainy season, when no one but the mail carriers attempt it, and they "cut across lots" afoot. One can go from New York to Paris in less time, at less expense, and with infinitely more comfort, than from Guayaquil, the seaport of Ecuador, to Quito, the capital, a distance of only 160 miles. You go up the river Guayas about thirty miles on a little steamer built at Baltimore to a place called Bodegas, and there you get a mule—at least you try to get one. Sometimes the animals can not be hired. They can only be secured by purchase, and then only very poor ones, who look as if they would not live to see the end of the journey. But the South American mule is better than he looks, and the man who despises him is guilty of an act of injustice. In a land where the iron horse does not snort and shriek the mule is the best substitute.

If you go to Quito you must always furnish your own saddle, but a piece of rope will do very well to guide your animal by. He will need no curb to restrain him. Then one has to take his own bedding—a hammock is the best thing—his own blankets, and a pillow if he can not use a saddle as a substitute. It usually requires two or three days to make preparations, for although people have been going over this road for 350 years, it takes as much time and as much fussing to start a traveler to day as it did to get the first man who went launched on the journey.

But you finally get started, and spend nine days as miserably as they could be spent, without a decent place to sleep, or a palatable morsel to eat, and a picture of poverty, ignorance, squalor, and degradation a wa before you, but set in the grandest frame that the Almighty hand ever created. The old hymn speaks of a place "where every prospect pleases, and only man is vile." That place is Ecuador.

The road passes over the great bosom of Chimborazo, at an altitude of about 15,000 feet, where, although directly under the equator, the frozen wind sweeps down upon travelers, who have often been hurried over icy precipices by the frightful blast. Quito itself sits in the top of the mountains at an altitude of 9,600 feet, or 2,600 feet above the Hospice of the Great St. Bernard in the Alps. While it is not the highest city on the globe, no where else can be seen such an assemblage of towering mountains, presided over by the kingly Chimborazo, whose untrodden summit is a mile higher than Popocatepetl, and nearly two miles higher than the tallest peak in the United States. No where does nature affect one more deeply with a feeling of her grandeur; no where does she exhibit more startling freaks, or wilder contrasts, and no where within the same distance can be found so large a variety of both animal and vegetable life.

This path to Quito passes through every variety of climate known to man; from the murky, miasmatic tropics, where the crocodile is king, and rain falls incessantly, over a rainless desert into the zone of wheat and corn. From there it rises to a region worthless except for cattle ranges, and finally ascends into the realm of the ice king, whose power even the tropical sun can not dispute, and whose only animate subject is the condor, with a light surpassing any other bird. Here is a valley from which no water can flow, a tableland between the two gigantic Andean chains, the Thibet of the New World, with an area four times as large as the state of New York, and a history as old as Moses. At one end of this valley Potosi is perched, the highest city in the world; at the other stands Cuzco, the golden capital of a strange empire, which, though crushed by Pizarro in its budding civilization, and fabulous magnificence, will rank as the most extraordinary and extensive community in the annals of history. Here were unnumbered millions of people, with a patriarchal government, having no law but the will of an Inca, and familiar with all the arts but those of war.

Twenty volcanoes, and more than fifty mountain peaks over 10,000 feet high compose the sublime congregation that illustrate the omnipotence of their Creator in the valley of Quito. Here all the mountain chains of South America culminate in one dizzy procession, as if the Cordilleras had gathered around the Inca capital an army of their grandest giants. One sierra bends off to the east, holds in its lap the ancient city of Bogota, rolls off 1,900 streams to form the Orinoco and terminates in the beautiful mountains of Caracas. Another clings to the Pacific, whose incessant billows wash its feet, and humbling itself when it crosses the isthmus, spreads and rises again in the Cordilleras of Mexico, and the Rocky mountain chains, forming a backbone for the hemisphere, whose head lies on a pillow of snow in Alaska, and whose feet dip into the sea at the land of the Terre del Ugo. The third chain of sierras follow a well-defined parallel until it droops and finally exhausts itself on the pampas of Patagonia.

At Chimbo, the king of the Andes, has forbidden man to study him. Three thousand feet of impassable snow cling to a cone of granite whose sides are too steep to be climbed, even with scaling ladders, prevent the summit from being reached. There is a legend that Chimbo was once half a mile higher than now. On one of his sides stands a massive rock, perhaps the largest piece of granite in the world, which is called the Inca's head. The Indian traditions say that this was once the crest of Chimborazo, and that it fell the day Atahualpa, the last of the Incas, was strangled by Pizarro. Geographical inquiry might ascertain the truth of this tradition, but the summit of the peak can be studied only through the telescope. The bravest climber has only reached an altitude of 19,500 feet.

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