

THE CRIMSON SCAFF. "He did it for you," said the commander-in-chief. "Nineteen." "And the man?" "A little older." The commander-in-chief puffed his cigar at thoughtful intervals. The war was by twenty-two years a thing of the past, but as he looked at the man who had been a military title still cling to him from out of his war experience, and he did not dislike it, for some of his war memories appeared to be his most cherished mental treasures. So he debated with his eyes on the two young people whose sentimental postures had brought them into public view, and as he looked he was looking backward over the diverse panorama of two decades of life, through the ruffled smoke clouds of a great rebellion at its little drama that seemed almost a dream, but which to him was, perhaps, the best remembered. Incident after incident flashed through his mind, but he did not mindfully, the incidents did not matter, the ways of fate are very diverse, and it sometimes happens to the least imaginative in the maddening crowd that a face which is looked into only for a moment is never forgotten in all the length of the years that follow. Perhaps it was so with the commander-in-chief. In any event, nobody dared to add to what he had said.

Stationary Comets. Often in the winter there may be seen in the gas region, far up in the sky at night, one or more faint white streaks, six or eight feet long. They look like comets, and the first seen was quite generally mistaken for a comet. Each one of these is caused by a burning gas well. The light of the white streaks upon the small ice crystals which quite often are floating in the air, far above us, and by them reflected, or thrown down again, so that we see it, though the gas well may be many miles from us. Every well furnishes but one comet—as we may call it, for want of a better name, which always appears in the same place. When the lower air also is filled with ice crystals, we see not the comets, but great, fiery streaks, the complete reflections that reach from the points where the comets were down across. I've stood at the horizon at the points where we see the glare of the distant gas wells. They stand out against the dark background like great, fiery rods, a central bright streak or spine running through them, which shades off into a beautiful glowing red on each side. They are regular in shape, apparently about twenty inches wide at the sides straight, the top slightly rounded, and the bottom falling away, as it reaches the flame, in the glare of the well.

In a Photograph Gallery. A tall, thin, pale, elderly man, accompanied by a photographer, recently walked into an Austin photograph gallery. "Be you the photographic man?" she inquired. "Yes, ma'am," replied the artist in plate glass and chemicals, "can I do anything for you?" "No, I reckon not. I'm too far over the border for you to waste any of your mechanical genius on me. It's my daughter, Partheny, here, I want talk. Can't you sorter mitigate that complexion of hers and build up that nose which was broken by fallin' over a winter?" "I think I can," replied the artist. "I've seen pictures of dead loads of our relations, and I've ailered noticed that the picture fatterer, 'em, 'em, 'em. I know enough about the biz to recognize that you have everything in your own hands. You kin make a woman like a jimpicote of the first water, or a Mrs. Langtry, just as yer please. Say, can't yer take in Partheny's ears a few so she won't look so much like a mole rabbit?" "There will be no difficulty in that." "How about that air squint in her left eye?" "I can touch it up with India ink." "What particular pose do you think best for Partheny's style of beauty, full circles or side shows?" "You mean quarter view or profile?" "I guess I do. You see the photograph is coming every-day, and every night—appears, as these phenomena are visible only under certain favorable conditions. These still, chilly nights, when the sky has a hazy appearance, and a few scattering flakes of crisp, dry snow may be fluttering down, or the nights upon which the first dapples appear, and several nights may intervene between these curious and beautiful exhibitions. Sometimes the comets will appear directly overhead, and the fiery column often reach to a great height, depending, of course, on the distance of the observer from the source of illumination. Recently the top of one of these reflections was estimated to be six and a half miles above the burning well—Samuel W. Wall, in S. Arizona.

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