

one side, a column of hot water and steam to a height of about two hundred and fifty feet, continuing for several hours. The sun's rays playing on the particles of water forms a spectacle never to be forgotten.

A fitting close to this drama is found in the Grand Cañon of the Yellowstone and its Upper and Lower falls. The cañon is about ten miles long and fifteen hundred feet deep. When we recollect that this is about the height to which the ordinary ballon ascends, some idea of its great depth is conceived. The Yellowstone River with all its turmoil and roar appears to an observer on the heights above as a tiny silver thread. Among its beetling crags the eagle has its eyrie, and wings its circling flight. Its sides are creviced and gullied into a thousand fantastic forms colored as the rainbow. A stone crashing down leaves no sound behind. On the same grand scale are the two falls, a fitting setting to the cañon. The Lower Falls itself has a perpendicular drop of three hundred and sixty feet, while their combined fall is about five hundred feet.

Lacking the breadth of Niagara, which, however, is only a hundred and sixty feet high, they are nevertheless not a whit less beautiful.

This is but a hasty survey, and leaves an impression, no doubt, that it is different from what we ordinarily call a park. A park is associated in our minds with a city pleasure ground, guarded by blue-coated policemen and filled with signs "Keep Off the Grass," "Beware of Pickpockets," etc. We recall a zoological garden with its animals and birds confined by iron bars as the felon in his cell. Perceptible in the medley of sounds are the click of the lawn mower and the chatter of the sparrow. In our National Park we seem to have something totally different, yet there are points of likeness. For policemen we have United States cavalymen to whom is allotted the task of protecting the silicious deposits and the animals. So we have a zoological garden also, but it is such as nature furnishes. Among its occupants we have the buffalo, moose, elk, big horn, antelope, mountain lion, beaver and playful bear which, accepting your sugared friendship in the daytime, may steal your ham at night. Good roads connect the principal points of interest suitable even for bicyclists. To cater to the wants of the people there have been established a stage line and a system of hotels.

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