

PAID HIGHLY FOR BEAUTY

Humorist Tells How He Became Handsome, and Declares It Was Worth It.

To be handsome is not always to be good, but there is surely no harm in being handsome if you can become so without spoiling your face.

I have drawn an outline of my profile as it was before I began to work on my face. It will be seen that, while intellectual, it was not handsome.

I began with my nose. When I went to bed I lay on my back with a flatiron bound to my nose. It was painful at first, but I soon got used to it.

I append a profile of my face as it was after I secured beauty for myself. The difference between the two profiles is great and the torture was great.

In Praise of Gardening.

Charles Dudley Warner: There is probably nothing that has such a tranquilizing effect, and leads into such content, as gardening.

Had Been Under Suspicion.

"I will ask you," said the lawyer, who was trying to throw doubts on the testimony of the witness.

"Have you ever been arrested on a charge of any kind?" "Never."

"Well, have you ever been suspected of committing a crime?" "I'd rather not answer that question."

"Ha! You would rather not. I thought so. I insist upon your answering it. Have you ever been suspected of crime?"

"Yes, sir; often. Every time I come home from a trip abroad the customs inspectors at New York city suspect me of being a smuggler."—Chicago Tribune.

Things Worth Knowing.

Stand not near a tree, iron gate or leaden spout in time of lightning. Where a lighted candle will not burn, animal life cannot exist.

To induce sleep when one is overtired or worried and cannot sleep, being gently rubbed all over with a towel wrung out of hot, salt water, and deep breathing in fresh air through the nostrils has excellent effect.

The Reason of It.

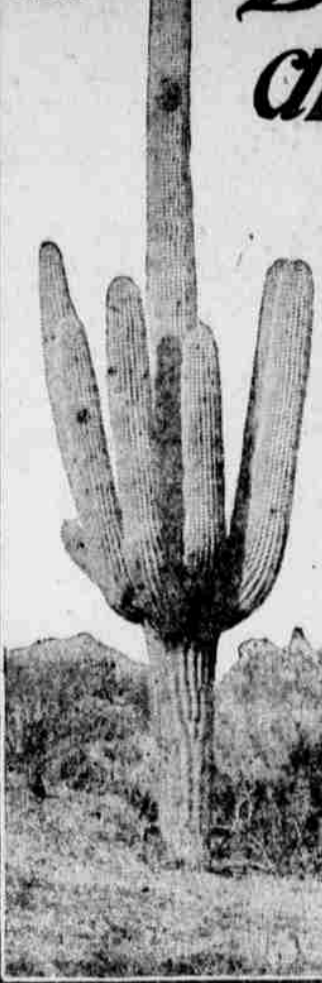
"The boat you see in so close there is the mail boat and its route embraces small settlements all along the coast."

"Embraces so many, does it? I suppose that is why I see the boat hugging the shore."

Neighbor's Baby is Useful.

"You watch your neighbor's baby with considerable interest." "Yes," said Mrs. De Style. "When the weather turns her baby blue I don't let Fido out."

SAGUARO OR GIANT CACTUS



Deserts of the United States and Mexico

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THE DESERT PLAIN OF LAS VEGAS, NEVADA

wood. Apparently the presence of an excess of gypsum is prejudicial to the growth of the mesquite.

The bottoms among the dunes have a dense vegetation as compared with that of the dunes themselves. It is characterized especially by the presence of a grama grass (Bouteloua), forming almost a turf, and by frequent clumps of Ephedra of a grayish purple color at this season.

Probably the most extraordinary product of the Sonora desert, west of Torres, Mex-

Echinocactus was represented by a half-dozen species, of which one, E. grande, is undoubtedly the most massive of all the genus, being as much as 8 or 9 feet in height and 30 or even 36 inches in thickness.

E. flavescens forms small heads in clusters, while in E. robusta colonies 10 or 15 feet across, making mounds 2 or 3 feet high, include hundreds of heads.

No systematic account of any desert is to be found in which the storage function appears so highly developed and by so many species.

TUCSON has a climate of a thoroughly desert character, and a flora, including mountains and plain, rich in species and genera.

The University of Arizona, with its School of Mines, and the Arizona agricultural experiment station are located at Tucson.

Not the least of the advantages of Tucson as a center for the activities of the government desert laboratory is the broad-minded comprehension of the importance of the purposes of the institution evinced by the citizens.



Echinocactus Grande



OASIS OF PALMS IN THE MOUTH OF A CANYON COLORADO DESERT



A Remarkable Vine THE GUAREQUI

ico, is the guarequi (Ibervillea sonora), a tendril-bearing plant whose inordinately thickened root and stem base lies gray and half exposed upon the ground beneath some trellising shrub.

In February, 1902, some of these tubers were taken to the New York Botanical garden, and a large specimen not treated in any way was placed in a museum case.

The morning-glory (Ipomoea arborescens) is here a tree 20 to 30 feet high, with smooth, chalky gray trunk and branches.

One of the striking features of the Tebuacan desert of southern Mexico is the extreme localization or strictness of colonization exhibited by many species which are found to cover an area of a few square yards.

The Cactaceae are more abundant here than in any other part of the world yet visited, several of the species being massive forms.

Cephalocereus macrocephalus is a tall species of the massiveness of the saguaro, and like it having a central shaft bearing numbers of branches which are more closely appressed.

function to this purpose to some extent, while the fleshy leaves of Agave marmorata and other species and of Hectia, are essentially storage organs for reserve food and surplus water.

As one proceeds to the ancient ruins of Mitla, 36 miles to the southeastward of Oaxaca, the aridity increases until in the vicinity of the hacienda of that name extreme desert conditions are found.

One of the most difficult problems to solve is that of transportation in the desert, and there are extensive areas in American deserts that have not yet been systematically explored by reason of this condition.

A comprehension of the part that water plays in existence and travel in the desert is to be gained only by experience.

Deer and peccary are abundant in deserts in Sonora in which the only available supply of open water is to be found in the cacti.

Man and his most constant companion on the desert of America, the horse, are comparatively poorly equipped against the rigors of the desert.

Scouting Indians have long used the bismaga, and a drink may be obtained in this manner by a skilled operator in five to ten minutes.

MAN'S WORD MUST BE KEPT

Essential of Business Life is to Have the Confidence of Your Associates.

A man's word is his stock in trade, and it cannot be broken without injuring his commercial standing.

Keeping one's word is more often a matter of habit than character. Good men, with the best of intentions, sometimes become careless in respect to a promise.

NO HEALTHY SKIN LEFT

"My little son, a boy of five, broke out with an itching rash. Three doctors prescribed for him, but he kept getting worse until we could not dress him any more."

IT HAPPENED SUDDENLY.



Mrs. Fondman—Fell into a pond! Oh! oh! and with your best pants on! Bertie—Well, I didn't have time to take 'em off!

Science and Cheese.

A medical authority kindly assures us that as long as cheese isn't decayed it will not affect the health of the consumer.

There is cheese so thoroughly disguised in the costume and aroma of decay that its proper standing on the sanitary testing table would puzzle a conjurer.

For instance, there is the brand known as limburger.

Puzzled by Wireless.

"Mistah Jenkins," asked an old negro of Atlanta of his employer, "would you be so good, sah, as to explain to me 'bout this wireless telegraph business I hears 'em-a-talking 'bout?"

"Why, certainly, Henry," responded the employer, "though I can do so only in a general way, as I myself know little of the subject."

"Yassah," said Henry, "I knows 'bout dat; but sah, what beats me is how dey fasten the air to the poles!"

A Generous Gift.

"You may say what you like against young ministers, but I have nothing but praise for our young pastor," the pompous Mr. Brown remarked.

"So I observed," dryly retorted the deacon who passed the plate.—Harper's.

Truth is a structure reared on the battlefield of contending forces.—Dr. Winchell.