

**THE WAR-TRAIL!**

CHAPTER XXIX.

THE MESA.

AFTER breakfast of buffalo-flesh, seasoned with splendid appetites, and washed down by a cup of cold water from the arroyo, we "saddled up," and headed for a high butte, just visible over the plain. My companions knew the landmark well. It lay directly in our route. We should pass near its base, and a ride of ten miles further would bring us to the end of our journey; indeed, the eminence was within sight of the rancharia. From the roof of the alcaide's house, I had frequently noticed it. In clear weather only was it visible, outlined against the horizon, in a north-westerly direction from the village.

Struck with the singularity of this prairie-mound, I had projected a visit to it; but circumstances had prevented me from carrying out my intention. I was now to have the pleasure of a nearer acquaintance with it.

I have called it singular. Most isolated hills are conical dome-shaped, or ridge-like; this one differed from the usual configuration—hence its singularity. It presented the appearance of a huge box set upon the prairie, not unlike that rare formation, the "cofre," which crowns the summit of the mountain Perote. Its sides in the distance appeared perfectly vertical, and its top as horizontal as the plain on which it rested.

As we drew nearer, I could perceive by the dark parapet-like band along its crest, that it was covered with a growth of timber. This was the more readily observed from contrast with the perpendicular sides, which were almost of a snowy whiteness, on account of the gypsum, chalk, or milky quartz of which the rock was composed. The most peculiar feature of the mound was perhaps its apparently regular form—a perfect parallelepipedon. But it was striking in other respects. Its sides glistened fantastically under the rays of the sun, as though it were studded with windows of glass. This, however, was easily accounted for; and I knew that the sparkling effect was produced by plates of mica or selenite that entered into the composition of the rock. I had seen whole mountains that presented a similar appearance. More than one such exists in the great American Sahara, in whose glittering cliffs, viewed from afar, may be found the origin of that wild chimera, the mountain of gold.

Although neither a mountain of gold nor silver, the mound in question was an object of rare interest. A very enchanted castle did it appear, and it was difficult to assign its formation to nature alone. Human agency, one could not help fancying, must have had something to do in piling up a structure so regular and compact. But who has travelled over much of the earth's surface will have met with many "freaks" of nature, exhibiting like appearance of design, in her world of inorganic matter. It was, in fact, one of those formations of which many are met with in the plateaux-lands of America, known in Spanish phraseology as *mesas*. This name is given to them in allusion to the flat table-like tops, which distinguish them from other elevated summits. Sometimes one of these mesas is found hundreds of miles from any similar eminence; more frequently a number of them stand near each other, like truncated cones—the summits of all being the same level, and often covered with a vegetation differing materially from that of the surrounding plains. Geologists have affirmed that these table-tops are the ancient level of the plains themselves; and that all around, and intervening between them, had either sunk or submitted to the degradation of water! It is a vague explanation, and scarcely satisfies the speculative mind. The mesa of Mexico is still a geological puzzle.

As we approached this singular object, I could not help regarding it with a degree of curiosity. I had seen mesa heights before—in the "mauvaise terre," upon the Missouri, in the Navajo country west of the Rocky Mountains, and along the edges of the "Llano Estacado," which of itself is a vast mesa. The mound before us was peculiar, from its very regular form, and the sparkling sheen of its cliffs. Its complete isolation, moreover, added to the effect—for no other eminence appeared in sight. The low hills that bordered the Rio Grande could barely be distinguished in the distance.

On getting nearer to it, its character became somewhat altered; the square box-like form appeared less regular, and it was then perceived that the parallelepipedon was not perfect. Slight ledges could be traced traversing the face of its cliffs, and here and there the rectangular lines were broken to the eye. Nature, after all, had not been so exact in her architecture. Yet, with every deduction, it was a singular structure to look upon, not the less so that its summit was inaccessible to human foot. A precipice fifty yards sheer fringed outward on all sides; no one had ever scaled this precipice—so allied my companions, who were well acquainted with the locality.

We had approached within less than a mile of its base; our conversation had dropped—at least so far as I was concerned, my thoughts were occupied with the mound, and my eyes wandered over its outlines. I was endeavoring to make out the character of the vegetation which seemed to flourish luxuriantly on its summit. The dark foliage was evidently

that of some species of acicular trees, perhaps the common red cedar (*Juniperus Virginiana*); but there were others of lighter hue—in all likelihood *pinons*, the pines with edible cones, peculiar to this region. I noticed, also, growing upon the very edge of the cliff, yuccas and aloes, whose radiating blades, stretching out, curved gracefully over the white rock. Ferns of cactus, too, were apparent, and several plants of the great *pitahaya* rose high above the cliff, like gigantic caudelabra, strange objects in such a situation.

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TIME TABLE NO. 17.

**WINTER ARRANGEMENT**

To take effect on the 1st Dec., 1881.

**TRAINS OUTWARD.**

| STATIONS.   | MIXED.     | MIXED.     | MIXED.     |
|-------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Ch'town     | Dep 8.15am | Dep 3.00pm | Dep 2.30pm |
| Royalty Jc  | " 8.38 "   | " 3.23 "   | " 2.53 "   |
| N. White's  | " 9.29 "   | " 4.15 "   | "          |
| Hunter R's  | " 9.45 "   | " 4.30 "   | "          |
| Bradaba's   | " 10.23 "  | " 5.08 "   | "          |
| Co'ty Line  | " 10.33 "  | " 5.18 "   | "          |
| Freestown   | " 10.48 "  | " 5.33 "   | "          |
| Keusing's   | " 11.10 "  | " 5.55 "   | "          |
| Summ's side | Ar 11.45   | Ar 6.30    | "          |
| Welling'tn  | Dep 1.45pm | " 2.47 "   | "          |
| Port Hill   | " 3.22 "   | " 3.22 "   | "          |
| Leary       | " 4.44 "   | " 4.44 "   | "          |
| Bloomfield  | " 5.08 "   | " 5.08 "   | "          |
| Alberton    | " 5.48 "   | " 5.48 "   | "          |
| Figuish     | Ar 6.45    | "          | "          |
| Royalty Jc  | "          | Dep 2.53pm | " 3.09 "   |
| Bedford     | "          | " 3.29 "   | "          |
| Mt. Stew't  | "          | Ar 4.05 "  | "          |
| Cardigan    | "          | " 5.33 "   | "          |
| George'tn.  | "          | Ar 6.00 "  | "          |
| Mt. Stew't  | "          | Dep 4.15pm | " 4.55 "   |
| Honell      | "          | " 5.25 "   | "          |
| St. Peter's | "          | " 6.15 "   | "          |
| Bear River  | "          | Ar 7.00 "  | "          |
| Souris      | "          | "          | "          |

**TRAINS INWARD.**

| STATIONS.   | MIXED.      | MIXED.      | MIXED.      |
|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Ch'town     | Ar 5.50pm   | Ar 11.15am  | Ar 11.45am  |
| Royalty Jc  | Dep 5.07 "  | Dep 10.52 " | Dep 11.22 " |
| N. White's  | " 4.15 "    | " 10.00 "   | "           |
| Hunter R's  | " 4.00 "    | " 9.45 "    | "           |
| Bradaba's   | " 3.24 "    | " 9.09 "    | "           |
| Co'ty Line  | " 3.14 "    | " 8.59 "    | "           |
| Freestown   | " 2.79 "    | " 8.44 "    | "           |
| Keusing's   | " 2.55 "    | " 8.20 "    | "           |
| Summ's side | " 2.00 "    | " 7.45 "    | "           |
| Welling'tn  | Ar 11.30am  | "           | "           |
| Port Hill   | Dep 10.35 " | " 9.53 "    | "           |
| Leary       | " 8.31 "    | " 8.31 "    | "           |
| Bloomfield  | " 7.25 "    | " 7.25 "    | "           |
| Alberton    | " 6.30 "    | " 6.30 "    | "           |
| Figuish     | "           | "           | "           |
| Royalty Jc  | "           | Dep 11.22am | " 11.05 "   |
| Bedford     | "           | " 10.45 "   | " 10.10 "   |
| Mt. Stew't  | "           | Ar 10.00 "  | " 8.40 "    |
| Cardigan    | "           | Dep 8.40 "  | " 8.15 "    |
| George'tn.  | "           | " 8.15 "    | "           |
| Mt. Stew't  | "           | Ar 10.00am  | " 9.20 "    |
| Honell      | "           | Dep 9.20 "  | " 8.50 "    |
| St. Peter's | "           | " 8.00 "    | " 7.15 "    |
| Bear River  | "           | " 8.00 "    | " 7.15 "    |
| Souris      | "           | " 7.15 "    | "           |

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