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A SQUAW COLLECTOR.

A Fort Yuma correspondent writes to the *Hub* that they have a little fun once in a while in that dry place. The fun was this: an officer had left twenty dollars worth of U. S. postage stamps on his table. Now the folks around the fort are rather of the free and easy kind, and the indians are left to roam about the barracks at will if they do not mind. A young squaw, very much at home anywhere and everywhere, happened to stray into this officer's room, and, seeing the stamps, began to examine them with great curiosity. She at length discovered that, if wet, they would stick and forthwith a happy idea struck her. Now it is a fact that fashion reigns supreme among ladies of her class, as in the away wigwams of her pale-faced sisters, and the squaw was anxious to become the envy of the other ladies of her tribe. So she went upon the postage currency, and soon made her appearance on the parade ground, almost covered with the stamps, from which the faces of Benjamin Franklin and the Father of his Country smiled benignly on the soldiers. It is needless to say that they returned the compliment with full interest up to date, officers and drummer-boys joining in the roar of laughter that greeted her appearance. The squaw, like a lioness, preserved her dignity, and sailed boldly off to make more conquests in her native attire, while the officer rushed into his room only to find himself minus twenty dollars worth of postage. That which was intended for the mail was used by the female.

Certainly she might have been put in the overland coach and gone through; decidedly she would not have been stopped for want of being prepaid.

YELLOWSTONE PARK.

In this series of articles my object shall be to give such features of this Nation's Wonderland as shall be interesting to the natural history collector. Having gathered many good specimens there, I shall have them before me as I write, and will endeavor to make these articles as interesting as possible. As the Hot Springs are the first features of importance from the Cinnabar entrance to the park, they shall be the subject of my first article.

At Cinnabar, the traveller gets his last view of the railroad, and must enter the region of stage-coaches and buckboards. Cinnabar is interesting to the geologist on account of the cinnabar (quicksilver), found here, and from whence the town derives its name. The ride from this place to Hot Springs is not interesting unless you happen to sit with the driver, and beguile him into telling you of the accidents (real or imaginative), that have happened on this same road in the winter. The road is long and winding, and as you suddenly turn one of its many curves, and are about to descend a hill, Hot Spring bursts in on your eye in all the dazzling beauty of its white lime formations.

The springs are almost numberless, bursting out all over a pure white hill. The

water in them is very clear, and in some springs is possessed of rare mineral qualities. In one place, on a sort of plateau, the water running from the springs has formed a small lake, whose bottom is covered with pretty formations of different hues, which can be clearly seen from the shore. On account of the splendid bathing it affords, this lake is called "Bath Lake," and while performing my ablutions here, I managed to fish up some beautiful specimens from its depths. The forms which the lime deposited by these springs has taken are as numerous as varied. The most beautiful to my eye was one that looked like a bunch of petrified rosebuds arranged in regular order. Another appeared to me like a sponge covered with diamond dust. There are men constantly employed to keep people from getting specimens, and how I got mine you may find out. CEDRIC.

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