

There's more than one way to skin a cat. The little foot, dear as a child. All that arrogance has a mirrored intelligence of brain and soul that may be as cunning as a fox.

A TON OF GOLD.

If you have an atlas handy, you will see that the San Jose river, New Mexico, rises to the west of the Sierra Madre mountains and cuts through the rugged range to join the Rio Grande 100 miles away. The San Jose valley lies on either side of the stream for a distance of 60 miles, and is from one to 30 miles wide. To the north of the valley lie the San Juan mountains, which are part and portion of the Sierra Madre. At Santa Fe, which is the only settlement for 60 miles in any direction, and which is still only a hamlet, you will find a dozen people who can relate the story of "The Ton of Gold."

On which we made our camp. To find the cave, if there was, we must make a systematic search of the entire basin. As soon as camp had been made our force was divided—a part to search for the cave of gold and a part to prospect the mountains. It was three days before a sign of any prospect was made, and then, in the basin at the foot of a waterfall about ten feet high, the party working the creek took out five pounds of nuggets in half a day. At the bottom of this basin, which was not over three feet deep, they found a skeleton of a man—a victim of one of the previous expeditions. Here and there a stray nugget was picked out of the stream as the searchers followed things and down, but no more rich finds were made. In the four weeks we were encamped in the basin we gathered eight pounds of nuggets and nothing was left behind.

UPWARD. Draw the line a little tighter. Spirit mine! Make the line a little brighter. Spirit mine!

ON THE CARDS.

"Can you tell fortunes?" she asked, leaning her elbows on the table and shuffling the cards. "Some people's. Shall I try your mother's?" Her mother was doing in the armchair by the fire. "Oh, don't be silly! Mum's fortune is told."

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