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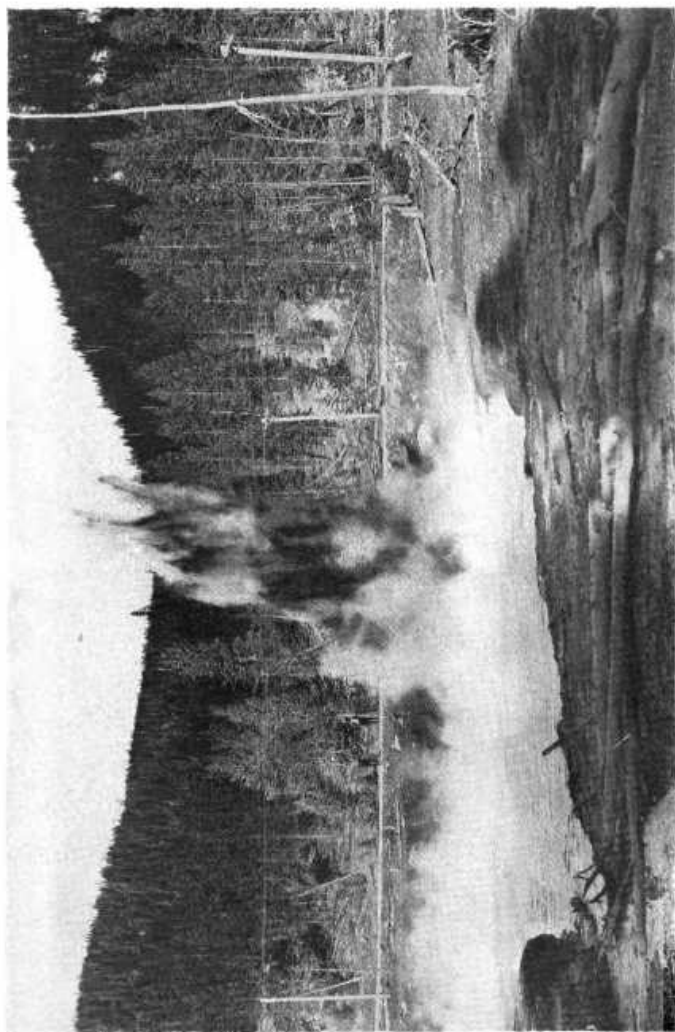
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This is not, as you might suppose at first glance, the effect of a depth bomb at sea. It is merely the "Old Faithful" geyser in the Yellowstone National Park, relieving its overcharged feelings in its customary way

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The "Semi-Centennial" Geyser, which first spouted on the fiftieth anniversary of the opening of Yellowstone Park. It shot mud and rocks 300 feet into the air with the fury of a "Big Bertha",--attaining the highest altitude of any geyser in the Park

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FOREWORD

A Little Chat with the Reader

AT the suggestion of friends I have dared much in an effort to express the feelings that come, witnessing the dramatic majesty of Nature.

Emotions overwhelm me as I endeavor to make a prosaic pen speak of things that words cannot adequately portray; these are the thrills that the Creator intends we shall feel when we witness the splendor of His almighty works. And only those who have seen Yellowstone realize the presence of His revealing spirit there. Here the colors of the spectrum blend in every shade and hue—Nature's own pigments which only the hand of God himself can palette into such pictures eternal.

Enduring visions are enkindled in the magic of memories associated with the dream days amid the wonders of the Yellowstone. The sponsor of this book opened to me the golden gates of memory to childhood days and dreams of my sainted mother.

An old friend, I think it was John Muir, once urged me, during vacation days in the painted desert of Arizona, to "go lay your head in Nature's lap and let her tell you stories."

Here are the stories and visions of dream days—all alone with Mother Nature.

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