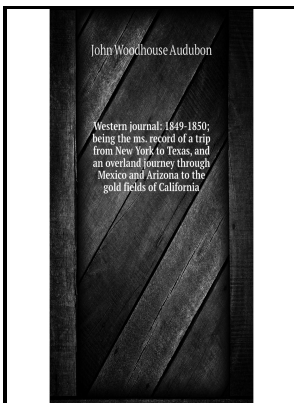


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Many of the people take advantage of us as an escort, and run along either before or behind, and at night camp near us. Horses and mules, keen of scent and hearing, receive warnings of danger through both faculties, and are so frightened they will break any ordinary fastening. The eatables in this country are scarce, no vegetables except beans, onions, and a very small pea.

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The miserable Mexicans, who live far apart, at distances of ten or even twenty miles from each other, do not plant their patches of corn with any certainty that it will mature, the rain failing to come to fill the ears more frequently than it comes. Browning: two or three persons were seated at his feet, and on stools around the room lounged, or sat, our little band, our saddles, blankets, etc.

### Details

Our path has been most precipitous, alternately descending and ascending, to and from the river. Opposite our camp about three miles from us, is a hot spring of beautifully clear water; it is so hot as to just be bearable we have now no thermometer and is tasteless. The sandy desolation of the river bottom is beyond belief; nothing but the sand hills of the Carolina coast can compare with it.

**Audubon's western journal: 1849**

The instantaneous settlement of California under circumstances unfavorable to slavery produced a free state and gave the North a majority in the Senate. Alas, he had a longer journey before him.

**Audubon's Western Journal: 1849**

The latter reduced all the large plates of the birds to the desired size by means of the camera lucida, his delicate and exact work fitting him for the exquisitely minute details required.

**Western journal: 1849**

Three such nights and four days of hot sun, and we were running over the bar at Brazos in only seven or eight feet of water.

**Details**

Resting here for four hours, we started to make five miles or more; necessity demanded our doing this to arrive at good grass. Victor was a quiet, studious boy, and a great favorite with the elder members of his mother's family, the Bakewells, while John, who was full of mischief, very restless, always most successful in getting his young cousins as well as himself into all sorts of scrapes, was naturally less in demand.

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