

Pacific Railroad Excursion—Antecedents and Objects of the Excursion—Synopsis of Pacific Railroads—Speech of General Simpson—Departure of Excursion from New York—Arrival at Chicago—Saint Joseph, and Omaha—Reception and Ball at Omaha.

VIII.—Morning after the Ball—The Excursion Train—All on Board—Its Progress Westward—The Great Platte Valley—Stations on the Road—Arrival at Columbus—Camping Out on the Plains—Indian War Dance—Morning Serenade—Town of Columbus—Sham Indian Fight—Presents to the Indians—Contrast between Civilized and Savage Life—Train still Going Westward—Way Stations on the Road—Arrival at Camp No. Two—Military Encampment—Another Night in Camp—Morning Exercises—Departure of the Elkhorns—List of Excursionists—End of Track found at last—Buffalo and Antelope Hunters—Dinner in Camp—Fireworks on the Plains—Third Night in Camp—Homeward Bound—One-Hundredth Meridian—Prairie-Dog City—Fire on the Prairies—Return to Omaha—Departure of Excursionists Eastward—Their Safe Arrival Home.

IX.—Public Reception at Chicago—Resolutions—Speeches of Mayor Rice—Mr. C. A. Lambard, and Senator B. F. Wade—General J. H. Simpson's Letter from North Platte Station—Death of General Curtiss—Conclusion.