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One day in going over one of these hills, we found a slight depression near the centre of which, we came suddenly upon a deep hole <sup>of an oval form</sup> with smooth perpendicular sides; perhaps 30 feet one way by 50 the other, in the bottom was water to far down to be reached with our longest lariat

This sketch tells its own story.  
It is not difficult to recognize J. C. B.  
I have often heard him speak of that  
experience on the plains.

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lodges are either upon the ground, or at best elevated but a few inches by means of poles,—the space between them often filled in with weeds and dry grass, which one would naturally suppose would form a harbor for the poisonous insects, reptiles, and snakes, with which this country is infested,—scorpions, centipedes, tarantulas, rattlesnakes, &c.,—I have wondered that they have not got poisoned by them. But they nearly or quite always turn the skins and blankets with which their beds are made, and shake them well, before retiring for the night. Early this morning, however, I was awakened by the groans of Couyquet, whose lodge is but a few steps from my tent, who had been bitten, as was supposed, by a tarantula. He suffered intensely, cramping and vomiting; still the part did not look inflamed. I was not permitted to witness the performance of the medicine-man, as he manipulated the case, but as the lodge is but a few steps from my tent, I heard some strange noises from him, and eventually the suffering man went through the process of the steam bath, and this evening he appears to be much better.

The tarantula is a large hairy spider, the body of which is over an inch and a half, and sometimes two inches, in length, and the legs spread over a surface of from three to four inches square.

The scorpion is less ferocious looking, as well as less venomous ~~than~~, and is of an elongated egg shape, armed with formidable pincer-like claws, and a long, jointed tail, terminating in a curved, horny sting