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Davis Creek, Modoc Co.

Born in Cumberland Co., Kentucky,
March 10, 1834.

When 5 years old, father moved to
Platte Co., Mo. Mother died two months
after arriving, leaving a family of eight
children. I remained here till I was four
years. No advantages for schooling, only
a few months, subscribing during the winter
months. I then went to Ills., hoping to
be able to have better schools. Attended
free public schools one year and Granville Academy one year, when I began
teaching at the ripe age of sixteen. I
would teach six months in the summer
men and attend the Academy six months in the winter. I spent three years in this way, when I met Dr. Alva Leond and we were married a year later, at Magnolia, Putnam Co., Ills. June 1852. Two children were born to us, a boy and a girl. The boy died in infancy and the father a year later. Then the next year, the financial crash of 1857 came, in which I lost nearly all my worldly possessions, and was compelled to go to teaching again.

In 1859, I went to Tennessee where my mother's people live and took charge of a school in a village called Livingston. Taught a year and six months and as I had lived in the north, notwithstanding all my mother's people were slaveholders, I was compelled to leave. I took my little girl and went to Kansas where I engaged in teaching again.
I commenced my Botanical (studies) in Cala. in 1866 but did little at it till 1872. We lived in the mines on Black Hawk Creek. Early in this year, Prof. Lemen came to our home peddling Books, and when he saw a small cabinet which I had made out of a soap box in which I had some insect, mineral and plant specimens, he took off his hat and waving it over his head gave three cheers for the woman who was cooking for miners and trying to study nature under such adverse circumstances. I thought he was off his balance as he was a physical wreck, not having been long out of the Convalescent Home.
federal prison at Andersonville. He started on his Botanical career here. He invited us every summer for several years on his collecting trips, and he and Mrs. Pulsifer Ames helped me greatly in my work.

Have collected in Plumas, Butte, Sassen, Tehama and Modoc Counties. Collected two summers in the cascades of Oregon for the Smithsonian and Shaw Botanical Gardens, St. Louis, Mo. The State University had a full set of my plants and also the Cal. Academy of Sciences. I exchanged with Sir J. D. Hooker of England and Dr. Karl Rech of Austria. Took notes on Darlingtonia Californiae, Drosera rotundifolia and Sarcodes sanguinea, which, I sent to Dr. William Carly of Wilmington Del. and Dr. Rech. Those parts to Dr. Rech were published in Austria in a Botanical journal, a copy of which he sent me.
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Two years later, I met my present husband, J. I. Austin, and we were married at Prairie City, Kansas. Two children were born to us, a girl and a boy. The boy died when twenty. He had taught two years in the public school of Cal. The girl [Mrs. C. C. Bruce] lives at Chico. She also was a teacher before her marriage and has since that time done considerable botanical work.

My oldest, Mrs. F. G. Hail, is a graduate of the San Jose Normal School and has spent a number of years in teaching and literary work. She is fifty years old, and the mother of four children. She is now at work in her husband's newspaper office at Quincy, Cal.
I made my first collection of plants in Illinois, about 50 species, and about the same number in Tenn.

We left Kansas Christmas Day, 1864, going by rail to New York where we took the North Star steamer for Panama, crossing the isthmus on the cars. Here we took the Golden Age or Golden Gate (I don’t remember which) for San Francisco arriving there early in Feb. 1865. We went from here to the mines in Plumas Co., where we spent ten years.
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(Darlingtonia Notes)

1. I found the honey secretion inside
the boxes, on the fiddlesticks and extend-
ing down the wing of the petals to the
ground. It was most abundant in
September.

2. Found that by feeding the new
leaves fresh beef, mutton, eggs or bread
that the digestive liquid in the tube
was greatly increased—sometimes fill-
ing the tube and flowing out of the
orifice of hood; that salt and cheese
destroyed the leaf, forming a crust
on the outside hoods of a bittast.
3. Found a small white larva in the tubes of most of the leaves was abundant in new leaves before the orifice of the hoods were open or any insects had been captured. Sometimes they were wound up together in balls the size of a small pea. They were always present winter and summer.
From a MSS record of Mrs. Austin's experiments with Drosera:

"In a few seconds after having placed the meat on the leaves, and more particularly when placed on the hairs on their margins, I noted a slight quivering motion, as if they were shaken gently by the wind. This motion was repeated at intervals of a few seconds, till the leaf was folded about the meat, when it would cease."

Dr. J.M. Macfarlane tells me that he has observed a similar phenomenon in D. rotundifolia.

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