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**Flood Takes Toll (1897, page 52)**

The Indian maiden on her pedestal at the Hygeia spring had not long to hold up her light to illumine the spring and surrounding park. In the summer of 1897 another heavy storm caused the waters of the river to rise and again overflow the banks, to the extent that it again carried away railroad bridges, moved heavy rails, hurled one of the railroad bridges against the plunge, and nearly swept downstream the private car of K.C. Morehouse, general freight agent, that was standing on the siding near the Evans Hotel. It also washed out one wall of the spring house, and carried away the statue of Minnekahta. Several years later the head and a piece of a leg of the statue were dug up by workmen excavating for a sewer. For a time these objects were on display at the Palace saloon. What eventually became of them nobody seems to know.