

BRICKS OF MOUND BUILDERS

Only Example Found in America Taken from Wisconsin Mounds.

In many respects Aztalan, in Wisconsin, is among the most remarkable prehistoric mounds in the north-west.

Within and without the inclosure there are round, flattened and oblong mounds.

Along the brow of the higher land is a row of more than 13 round pyramidal mounds ranging from three to twelve feet in height.

The purpose of the inhabitants in constructing this enclosure over a half mile long still remains a mystery.

FLORA OF NEW ORLEANS.

In Winter Trees Do Not Die, But Take On a Peculiar Drab Appearance.

The visitor from the cold and barren north cannot but be impressed with the flora of New Orleans, which is green, and flourishing, even at this time of the year.

There are many evergreen trees in this part of the south, among them the pine, with its high crown and slender stem.

The great live-oak trees are nearly everywhere, but they are by no means as beautiful as the huge magnolia.

In the parks grows a tree of shrub called the sweet olive, which has the sweetest, most delicious scent imaginable.

But a thing which seems lacking here is the beautiful and vivid green bluegrass of the north.

Preserve Remains of Forests. In the matter of scientific forestry this country, under the stress of stern necessity, is making an energetic but sadly belated effort to repair the consequences of a century's folly and extravagance.

The Difference. Hicks—I admit he is acquiring some notoriety, but not fame, as you say.

OUTCAST FROM HIS TRIBE.

Old Indian Who Was Shunned Because, Buried for Dead, He Recovered.

During the coldest night of the winter John Slink, a full-blooded Osage, was induced to sleep in the office of the Capital hotel.

He is an outcast among his tribe. He is supposed by his tribesmen to be possessed of an evil spirit, and for this every Indian shuns him as a viper.

After an illness that lasted for a long time his tribesmen thought him dead and he was buried according to the primitive customs of the Osages.

Since that time no Indian will have anything to do with him. He beats about the country surrounding Pawhuska, camping under nooks about town when he is here, but refusing always to sleep under a roof.

The night before he had slept out of doors under a big tree. He had a big fire and only a little clothing. He seems able to endure a wonderful amount of exposure.

IT FAILED TO HOLD HER. Husband's Telegram to His Wife Which Did Not Accomplish Its Purpose.

She is a club woman with a sense of humor, but the other day when she decided to attend a federation session in another town she had some misgivings.

In the evening of her second day away she did worry and sent this telegram to her husband:

"How are the children?" The messenger boy came with the dispatch just as the man was about to retire.

"They're all right. Why?" "I guess that will hold her for awhile," he said to himself, and then he went to bed.

It was 3 o'clock in the morning when he was aroused by the violent ringing of his door bell. Slipping into bath robe and slippers he went to the door and admitted a young Mercury who handed out a yellow envelope.

Bamboo Cannon. Some of the earliest and crudest cannon were made of wood reinforced with iron or leather.

Didn't Hear Him. Miss De Style—Miss Erskine lost several thousand dollars last week in cotton.

One Loss Was Enough. Bess Jackson—Have you not any of those bunko gentlemen since you came to the city?

Forced to Lose Money. Hobbs—It must have been an awful blow to lose your wife.

ELECTRIC COUNTERS.

MACHINE THAT DOES THE WORK OF EIGHT MEN ACCURATELY.

Automatically Handles Coin of All Kinds and Wraps the Pieces Up in Packages of Required Size.

Almost everyone, from the millionaire bootblack, has felt the necessity of making money quickly and easily, the counting of it being a matter of secondary importance.

The object of such a device is obviously to facilitate the rapid and accurate counting and bundling of coins of all descriptions.

Since an expert is enabled to count and wrap up 50 coins a minute manually, it will be seen that the machine will do at least as much work as eight men.

It is true that each machine requires an operator, whose work consists of a mere cursory examination of the coins.

When the last coin has been forced into its place by a reciprocating push bar the coins are automatically transferred from a buncher to the wrapper.

WORK ON JIU-JITSU SELLS.

Here Is a Tip to Encyclopaedia Peddlers from a Successful Book Agent.

"Now, sir," began the book agent, as he strolled into the office. "I am simply going to sell you a copy of this encyclopaedia of—"

"No, you're not!" howled the man with the long hair, squeaking around his office chair, relates the New York Sun.

"Get out!" roared the man. "Didn't I tell you that I ain't in no need of that book?"

"From your language, sir, I infer that you are. It contains a chapter on the correct use of the English language, rules of etiquette—"

"Skiddoo! Git! Twenty-three for yours!" howled the victim.

"It also contains an up-to-date slang dictionary and—"

"Say," roared the man, "will you get out of here, or will I have to throw you out?"

"—also contains a Jiu-Jitsu treatise, an easy way of getting rid of an objectionable person like myself, and it also—"

"I'll take it, then," he said, sinking meekly into his chair, "and as soon as I learn that Jiu-Jitsu I'll try you or any book agent that comes around and tries to sell me gold bricks! How much?"

Bitter. "I never was so happy before," said the new benedict.

Spauld (undertaker)—Well, I guess it was I had to let another undertaker have the job, for the sake of appearances, you know.—Boston Transcript.

Got Out Promptly. Nurdy—I wonder if the senate ever did anything promptly?

Butts—I expect it acted pretty promptly in 1814.

What happened then? "The British set the building on fire,"—Pittsburg Post.

STREWEN WITH SKELETONS.

Strip of Land in California Against Which Would-Be Settlers Are Warned.

On June 15, 1903, 1,900,000 acres of land in California were thrown open to entry.

We wish to warn all intending settlers to let this land alone, says the San Francisco Argonaut.

Those credulous persons who may believe that this is the kind of desert which, by irrigation, may be turned into a garden are doomed to disappointment.

The last hope for the settler on this barren land would be the discovery of the precious metals.

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What grander sight is there than that of a stalwart man made irresistible by the things which have tried to down him—a man who stands without wavering or trembling, with head erect and heart undaunted, ready to face any difficulties, defying any cruelties of fate.

That which dominates the life which is ever uppermost in the mind, generally comes somewhere near realization; but there is a great difference between a lukewarm desire and a red-hot purpose.

Recent Centenarians.

In a list of some 21 centenarian men and 41 centenarian women who are still living or who died during the past 12 months, the greatest ages mentioned are those of an Irishwoman and an Irishman who died at the reputed age of 114 years.

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KANSAS OIL FIELDS.

WIDE EXTENT OF TERRITORY—PECULIARITIES OF YIELD.

State Contains Field That Embraces an Area of 10,860 Square Miles of Very Active Oil Country.

The Kansas oil fields extend from the Paola oil field, in Miami county, Kansas—the most northern field in which oil is found to paying quantities south for a distance of 210 miles to the Muskogee oil field, in the Creek Nation, Indian territory.

The centers of most active operation at present are as follows: In Kansas, at Peru, Humboldt, Independence, Chanute and Nowesha, in the Indian territory, at Bartlesville, in Oklahoma, the Osage Nation and Cleveland.

An estimate of the area which the Kansas oil fields will cover when fully developed extends the line 200 miles southwest to the Grier district, in Southwest Oklahoma, and the field in Clay county Texas, north of Henrietta, near the point on the Red river where Oklahoma corners on the Indian territory.

The oil and gas producing formations of the Kansas fields dip to the southwest, the oil and gas being found at a less depth along the northern and eastern sections and deeper toward the southwest.

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TEXAS GROWING ORANGES.

Southern State Now Taking Up Culture of the California Fruit.

San Antonio, Tex.—Interest developed in orange and tomato culture in the territory south of San Antonio continues unabated.

It is claimed that oranges contributed fully as much to the wealth of California as her gold and silver mines, therefore the friends of the movement confidently predict that within ten years southwest Texas will be the banner orange-producing section of the country.

Those who are posted say there is a fascination about an orange grove that few can resist, but the settler with small means will probably give preference to growing onions, tomatoes, potatoes, watermelons and cantaloupes, and other products which ring immediate and satisfactory returns.

MESSAGES BY TELEPHONE.

Two Frenchmen Have an Invention Which Transmits Penmanship by Wire.

Paris—The French postal administration is now experimenting upon the adaptation of the "telerigraph" to existing telephone lines.

It is thought that such an invention could with advantage be adapted to the telephone for this reason: When a number is called and there is no reply the person calling would be able to leave a written message, which would be automatically reproduced upon the telerigraphic tablet of the person with whom he desired to get into communication.

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SEISMOGRAPH PROJECTED.

Delicate Instrument Planned to Measure Pressure of Tide on the Earth's Crust.

Baltimore—To perform the remarkable feat of recording the depression of the earth's surface from the flowing of the tide into Baltimore bay, the warping of the earth's crust resulting from low barometric pressure in one end of the country and high pressure at another extreme, and to register the effect of the sun's evaporation of the moisture of the earth, are some of the remarkably things hoped to be accomplished by the department of geological physics in Johns Hopkins university with a new seismograph or earthquake shock recorder which is soon to be installed in the geological building.

The new machine, which will probably be the only one of its kind in the country, is being made under the direction of Dr. H. F. Reid, professor of geological physics in Johns Hopkins university, and is made after a pattern set by the Italian school of scientists.

For several years Reid has had this seismograph in operation at the university, and many interesting records have been made with it here in Baltimore of earthquake shocks in other parts of the world.

For long distance shocks of that sort, the former seismographs are all right, but Reid is desirous of making the experiments named above upon the effect of the tide, sun and barometric pressure upon the earth's surface, and for these a much more delicate instrument is required.

HUNTERS ON WHEELS LUCKY

In Portable Lodge, They Spend Two Months in Woods, Making Big Game Haul.

Harrisburg, Pa.—The Hess and Lingle brothers, of Grantville, recently returned from a hunting trip in the Blue mountains, near Indiantown Gap, and 25 citizens of the village have enjoyed a game supper provided by them.

The trip possessed at least one unique feature, as it was made in a hunting lodge mounted on four wheels, which was hauled to the spot where the shooting was begun and moved from place to place as the taste of the hunters or the varying supply of game dictated.

The party reached its destination on the 10th of November last, and before the season ended it had bagged 67 rabbits, 15 quail, 14 pheasants and eight raccoons.

Benjamin Hess, who is an amateur taxidermist, stuffed the catamounts and the owl.

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