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SYMME'S HOLE.

A Monument That Was Reared to a Remarkable Theory.

A queer looking monument stands in the city park at Hamilton, O. A globe, hollowed at each pole and marked with the lines of geographical measurements, is mounted upon a marble plinth. It was erected by Americus Symmes in memory of his father, John Cleves Symmes, a short time before the civil war. The elder Symmes was the author of the remarkable "Theory of Concentric Spheres, Demonstrating That the Earth Is Hollow, Habitable Within and Widely Open at the Poles." He was a nephew of the first landlord of the country that runs along the Ohio river.

Symmes first announced his "discovery" at St. Louis in 1818. In a well written brochure he asked for "100 brave companions, well equipped, to start from Siberia in the fall with reindeer and sleighs on the ice of the frozen sea. I engage we find a warm and new land stocked with thrifty vegetables and animals if not men on reaching one degree north of the latitude of 82 degrees. We will return the following spring." In 1822, after delivering a series of lectures, Symmes requested congress for a subvention in order to equip an expedition. The senate unanimously rejected his appeal, as did the general assembly of Ohio two years later. One of his converts, Jeremiah N. Reynolds, with the cooperation of Rush and Southard, both members of President John Quincy Adams' cabinet, and Dr. Watson, a rich resident of New York city, fitted out the ship Annawan in 1828 and set sail in October for their warm and fertile cavity they believed to exist at the south pole. When they arrived at a latitude of 82 degrees south the incorrectness of Symmes' theory was impressed upon them. But before they returned the author had died in the spring of 1829, fully believing that his calculations were correct.

John Cleves Symmes was never nearer to the north pole than southern Canada, where he fought as a soldier in the war of 1812. His geography of the polar regions existed only in his imagination. His arguments were so plausible and his pleas so ingenious that thousands of men firmly believed in "Symmes' hole."—Leslie's.

Both Wood.

Somebody had thrown a stone at the village constable as he patrolled his beat at night, hitting him on the helmet. The perpetrator of the outrage was not recognized, but on searching for the missile the constable found a peculiarly shaped stone, which he averred, he had seen ornamenting the window sill of a man whom he charged with the assault. "I experimented with the stone, your worship," said the constable. "I threw it at an old 'elmet of mine, and it made exactly the same mark as that made by the stone which struck me."

"But what good was that when your 'ead wasn't inside the 'elmet?" asked the suspect. "I thought of that," triumphantly retorted the officer, "so I put a block of wood inside the 'elmet, and it was just the same as if my 'ead was in it!"—London Fun.

The Obvious.

"How much do you love me?" The beautiful creature at his side looked at him appealingly. "Do you really want to know?" he asked doubtfully. "I must know." "Very well, then. I love you a little more than playing poker and a little less than my regular business. I love you more after I have had a good dinner and a good cigar than I do before. I love you about half as much as the first girl I ever loved, who was ten years older than I was. I love you extra, gancies more than your economics, because they cause me more trouble. I love what I cannot verify in you more than what I know."

"And why," she persisted, "do you dare to tell me all this, which I know to be true?"—Life.

Papa Wouldn't Mind.

After being tucked in bed little Midge begged her mother to stay with her until she got to sleep. "For," she pleaded, "it is all dark, and Midge is so 'fraid." "But there is nothing to be afraid of," her

mother assured her. "Mamma must go right downstairs, for papa is there alone waiting for her. Now try to go to sleep and remember that the angels are right here with you and will take care of you."

"Oh, but, mamma," wailed the little voice, "I'd rather have you. Please, mamma, send the angels down with papa, and you stay here with Midge."—Delineator.

"The naturalist says," says a bombardier beetle, you know, that carries a gun of eighteen charges. Eighteen times, if pursued, this beetle can shoot. Under cover of the noise and smoke he escapes.

"There's a diving beetle that catches fish. He has a natural diving suit that enables him to breathe under water. He will plunge down fifteen or twenty feet after a minnow or young shad.

"The sexton beetle spends its life burying dead animals. It lays twenty eggs in each carcass, and thus the young on hatching have an abundance of juicy and high meat to feed on. Sexton beetles, working together, have been known to bury a rabbit.

"The skunk beetle is so called not without reason. Dare to come too near him in a garden and he will wave his antennae furiously and discharge the vilest odor at you. The common kitchen roach has this skunklike gift also, hence I don't advise you to make a pet of him."—Los Angeles Times.

Owl's Houses.

Owl's houses are for the most part quite without lining. Whether from design or pure laziness the bones and skulls of small animals which they have killed are left scattered about the floor. Growsome playthings for the owl children! But one can scarcely imagine even a baby owl being anything but wise and dignified. It is easiest to picture them apparently gravely musing on these skulls like monks in their dark cells.

Since so many of the owls have their homes in hollow trees, we might expect some of their near relatives, the hawks, to be inclined to do the same. One of the little sparrow hawk, does nest in the flicker's abandoned home and in comfortable knotholes. This bird, too, is enticed with perfectly bare walls and floor, though the floor consist of small chips left by the decaying wood or by some woodpecker.—St. Nicholas.

Pasteur's Tribute to Lister.

Of all the tributes to the genius of Lord Lister, the discoverer of antiseptic surgery, probably the most touching was that paid to him by Pasteur, the famous French scientist. At a meeting of savants in Paris many years ago Lord Lister was present, and his brilliant achievements were explained to the audience by Pasteur. As he progressed in his speech he became more and more emotional, and at last he was so carried away by his own eloquence that the tears stood in his eyes. Finally he stepped down from the platform, took Lord Lister, by both hands, led him back on to the platform and kissed him on both cheeks, after the manner of the French, in full view of the assembly. Few could have looked on unmoved at the great Frenchman's act of homage to the distinguished English surgeon.

Baths in Finland.

One of the greatest trials a visitor in Finland has to endure is a Finnish bath. The method of procedure is unique. Divested of outer clothing and attired in a light and airy cotton garment, you are stung in a sort of hammock composed of cord above a large receptacle like the boilers in public laundries. This is almost filled with cold water, into which at the right moment is flung a large red-hot brick or piece of iron, which of course causes an overwhelming rush of steam to ascend and almost choke you. Then when that process has gone on sufficiently long you are shaken out of your hammock, immersed in cold water, and after very drastic treatment you resume your raiment, sadder and wiser than before your novel experience.

Federal Government.

It is a mistake to suppose that the idea of federation in government originated with the framers of the United States constitution. Long before the Philadelphia convention met federalism existed in Switzerland, and the idea when adopted by the Swiss cantons was already an old one. The first attempt at the federal union of states was made in Greece in the instance of the celebrated Achaean and Aetolian leagues (250 B. C.), formed by the Greek states to save themselves from slavery to Macedonia.—New York American.

Good Enough For Him.

Ascum—I see there's some talk upon the question of abolishing capital punishment. Would you vote to abolish it? Logie—No, sir; capital punishment was good enough for my ancestor, and it's good enough for me.—Presbyterian Standard.

Surprising Facts About the Patent Medicine Business.

Des Moines Capital, March 25, 1910.

"The Fourth Estate" has been warning publishers about the risk in allowing credit to new medicine concerns. It is said that there have been only one or two of the thousands of new proprietary medicine houses that have made any considerable money that have started the past twenty years and only a very few more that have met with even moderate success. It is the general impression that the business is immensely profitable while the facts are that there is a larger percentage of failures than in any other line. The new concerns usually start with lots of confidence in the merit of their goods and advertising but soon exhaust their capital leaving dealers who have stocked their medicines with unsalable goods on their shelves. It is the experience of many publishers that have accepted this new business that they have been compelled to charge off their bills to profit and loss.

There are many old and reliable medicine houses that continue to do a good or increasing business from year to year but the new ones are finding it more and more difficult to become established.—Ex.

The session of the North and South Carolina Association of Presidents of Women's Colleges, in session in Raleigh last week, was largely attended. Dr. E. C. James, of Greenville, S. C., was elected president and Greenville was selected as the next place of meeting. Mrs. Lucy Robertson, of Greensboro, was re-elected secretary. The association adopted resolutions pledging the colleges not to admit tuberculosis students and to require vaccination.

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While racing on a track in Savannah, an automobile driven by Alfred Marshall and Harry Noyes, "prominent young society men," became unmanageable, left the road and struck first a negro girl, a negro man and a negro woman who were on the sidewalk, injuring all three probably fatally. Then after killing two cows the machine turned over, badly injuring Noyes. Noyes was sent to a hospital and Marshall was arrested to await the result of the injury to the negroes.

At San Sebastian, Spain, Saturday, Hubert LeBlon, a French aviator, was killed while making a fight in his aeroplane. At Stettin Germany, Sunday afternoon, the German balloon Pommeran fell into the Baltic sea. Three men were killed and one was seriously injured.

Effect of the Sun on Monuments. The perpendicularity of a monument is visibly affected by the rays of the sun. On every sunny day a tall monument has a regular swing leading away from the sun. This phenomenon is due to the greater expansion of the side on which the rays of the sun fall. A pendulum placed inside, say, Nelson's column, in Trafalgar square, would be found to describe on every clear day an ellipse of nearly half an inch in diameter.—English Mechanic.

Their Ideals. "Why did you never marry, Tom?" inquired the young benedict of the old bachelor. "Well, you see," replied the single one, "when I was quite young I resolved that I wouldn't marry until I found an ideal woman. I was difficult to please, but after many years I found her."

"Lucky beggar! And then?" "She was looking for an ideal man," replied the bachelor sadly.

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It is a great mistake to believe that the rich are holding us down. As a matter of fact, they are pulling us up. If there were no rich people to keep our eyes glued upon the great gulf between having and not having none of us would hustle. We have to have the rich man's mansions prodding us, his power scourging us and his automobile butting us to get anywhere at all. We have to see his wife and daughters in silks and jewels and realize what our own wives and daughters without those things think of us as providers to peel our coats off and get into the game. None of us can go out driving with such as we have and suffer the rich man to whip past us in prism glass and burnished brass, throwing dust in our eyes and gasoline in our hair, without doing better for the great area of human endeavor for the next two or three days anyway. Blessed are the rich, for they fill us with shame and new resolve and make us to wonder what in the Sam Hill we have been doing all these years.—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

Byron's "Bride of Abydos." It was after Lord Byron arrived in Greece that he wrote that beautiful poem "The Bride of Abydos" and that exquisite song "The Maid of Athens," which, says a Paris contemporary, every Englishman of culture knows by heart. Documents enable us to establish the true identity of the heroine of this poem. She was one of the three daughters of Mr. Black, English vice consul at Athens, at whose house Byron for some time lived. After the departure of the poet Theresa Black married an archaeologist, M. Pittakis, whose widow she became several years later. Her beauty, her charm, her elegance, conquered every heart, including Byron's. In 1873 the heroine of the poem was an old woman of upright figure and still showing signs of her former beauty. With age had come poverty. The London Times, moved by her distress, opened at this epoch a subscription in her favor. She died in 1875.—London Globe.

The Gun Charmer. Among the more superstitiously inclined of the sporting Gunglers are gun charmers, who allege that a gun may be charmed in different ways and by different methods. An essential part of the process, however, appears to be the muttering of certain formulae.

A gun, the charmers say, may be charmed in any one of the following four ways: (1) so that it will wound the animal fired at, but will not kill; (2) so that he who carries it shall find nothing worth shooting; (3) so that it will not kill anything flying, but will kill animals that run, and (4) so that it will not kill anything that runs, but will kill anything flying. No gun can be charmed at all if the owner takes the precaution of rubbing some pork fat on the barrel or attaches a piece of the outer skin of the rat snake to the stock in such a way that it cannot be seen.

How a Coal Fire Protects Itself. A curious way in which a fire in the shaft of a coal pile keeps itself from being put out is noted in a mining journal. Such fires often start in the interior of large piles of coal owing to heat developed by slow oxidation, which is prevented by the size of the pile from escaping into the air. Such fires are difficult to put out owing to the fact that the burning mass turns the coal around it into coke, which is nearly impervious to water, which is thus not thoroughly drenched without putting out the fire, which it never really reaches. The only way to deal with the situation is to drive into the pile a sharpened iron pipe, long enough to reach the burning coal, and then to couple a hose to the upper end and turn on the water.

The Cocos Plantation. A traveler in South America, where the cocoa tree is largely cultivated, speaks of the great care with which the young plants have to be protected from the sun, which if very strong is fatal to them. To secure this protection the planters shield them by banana trees and plantain trees, the broad leaves of which give them the needed shade. And even when they are fully grown they need protection, which is given by trees known as "im-mo-the mother of the cocoa." Thus the whole cocoa plantation has a sort of canopy.

A Starter. A gentleman whose hearing is defective is the owner of a dog that is the terror of the neighborhood in which he lives.

The other day he was accosted by a friend, who said: "Good morning, Mr. H. Your wife made a very pleasant call on us last evening."

"I'm very sorry," came the startling reply. "I'll see that it don't occur again, for I'm going to chain her up in future."—London Telegraph.

Origin of the Word Sterling. The origin of the word "sterling" is very curious. Among the earliest mints of coin in northern Europe were the dwellers of eastern Germany. They were so skilful in their calling that numbers of them were invited to England to manufacture the metal-money of the kingdom. The strangers were known as "esterlings." After a time the word became "sterling," and in this abbreviated form it has come to imply what is genuine in money, plate or character.

Light Lunch and Music. A country girl in Dublin went into a restaurant for her lunch. She was asked if she would have a meat dinner or "light lunch and music." Being curious, she chose the light lunch and music and was immediately shown into a room where other inquisitive persons were eating soup and listening to a spirited if not satisfactory performance upon the jewsbury by one of the waiters. She felt at the end of the meal that she had paid high for her curiosity, but she could make no complaint.

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Dr. C. C. Weaver has resigned as president of Davenport College, Lenoir, the resignation to take effect at the close of the school year.

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Dogs invaded the premises of Mr. Ben J. Council, of Watauga county, on night last week and killed about \$75 worth of fine registered sheep. Mr. Council was so disheartened with his loss that he sold his entire herd of sheep to Mr. Ed Shipley. The price received per head was \$12.

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Newton Enterprise: We are informed by Mr. S. H. Jordan, of Conover, that the St. Mary's shooting preserve, in Catawba county, will erect a club building near Conover during the coming summer. The plans for the building show that it will be, when completed, among the most handsome in the State.

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