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HIS legend was told to me by Albert Siler, my
father-in-law, who received it directly from the lips of Cherokee Indians.
The story goes that before the white man set foot on this continent the high mountains in the country
of the Cherokees, said by scientists to be the oldest mountains in the world. were all covered to their crests with noble timber. Today most of our highest
mountains are bald and many of them are so designated by their names, such as Wayah Bald, Cowee Bald, Kimsey Bald, Tellico Bald et cetera. Many nountains are not above the timber line.
 shaped like a hornet with far-reaching wings, evil eyes and huge tatons, swooped down from the clear sky
amons a group of happy Cherokee children playing

## in the sand near the village of Naquessee, seized small child and carried it swiftly away. The peopl

 were illled with terror and their apprehension increas-
cuss what they should do. They decided to place
watchers on the tops of the high mountains, nea
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enough together so they could call from one to the
other with a loud "halloo" and thus pass the word
irom mountain top to mountain top when the mons
"halloo" is "tau-keet." Some think the name the
Indians gave the fearsome bird was "tat-keet-a" an
I have heard that they also applied this name to Way
ah Bald, because the top of this mountain was sup
posed by some to have been the home of the great
But, according to the legend as told to me, the
"tau-keets," or sentinels, finally traced the monster
to a hiding place, or den, among the great cliffs on


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The Cherokee tribes gathered beneath the eliii and tried ior days to reach the demon's nest-to de
stroy it and its ofispring, but their efforts were in vain. The walls of granite were perpendicular and
were worn slick by ages of rain and snow; they were
impossible to climb.
tribes decided to pray to the Great spirit to conte in their aid, as it was bevond human power to destro
the fearful enemy. For days and nights they calle on the Great Spirit and finally were rewarded. a clear sky. The earth around the mountain wher
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as the great clifis were rent asumder by lightning
vivin that everyone fell with his face to the eround Heary thunder rumbled and dark clouds rolled up and then disappeared. Down the clifiside, now jag-
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heaven. Indians spent days in offering gratitude to the
The India and Cireat spirit and received a promise from Hime that
$\qquad$ Indlian, the story goes, who was acting as "tat-keet," of senmed, upon the mountain, failed through fear or
carelessness to give the signal when the storm struck
the monntain and he was turned to stone and re mained standing near the cliffs. And thus the high esie Indian." Through the ages the weather has worn away the arms of the dismal figure, but a pil lat of stonie with a head upon it, resembling a mant.
still remains.
(Mrs, Siler's last article on "Cherokee Lore" will appear in
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