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Itself Near the Cape.

### IT IS REALLY A HUGE ROCK.

But to Vessels Passing Through the Strait of Le Maire It Appears to Be a Bark Running Under Short Sail. Other Rock Ship Formations.

The "phantom ship" seen in the vicinity of Cape Horn is, as has been proved by the investigation of various hydrographic bureaus, nothing more or less than a rock which under certain atmospheric conditions bears d deceptive resemblance to a ship.

Very often vessels coming from Europe to the west by way of Cape Horn have been startled to see what appeared to be a derelict with the water washing over her deck. If the sailors were of an imaginative turn they would invest the unknown ship with ghostly qualities and call her the Flying Dutchman or sometimes the "ghost ship" of Le Maire, from the strait of that name, where she was usually seen

One of the stories which have been longest remembered is that of the III fated Crown of Italy, which sighted went ashore. The Crown of Italy was standing close to the jagged black rocks at the entrance to the strait of Le Maire when she sighted what seemed to be a waterlogged bark drifting on the rocks of the strait. Many other ships rounding the Horn have seen a similar apparition, and the various hydrographic offices of the world have received many reports to that effect.

Some years ago the Norwegian bark Servia got into Seattle with the tale of a phantom ship that almost exactly corresponded to that given by the Crown of Italy. The second officer of the Norwegian vessel declared that he had seen a derelict with sails set and decks awash drifting in through the strait. It was this report that led our government officers to make public the declaration that the phantom ship was nothing but a combination of rocks

ghost ships always appearing in the same place led even the Argentine government to look into the matter. A tender was sent out from the nearby lighthouse with the object of making an investigation, and it was found that the apparition was due to a strange freak of nature. Among the black jagged rocks that line both sides of the strait of Le Maire there is one in particular which, under certain atmospheric conditions, bears a deceptive likeness to a ship. The formation of the rocks and the shadows they cast combine to produce the a bark running sail.

# **Building An Income** for the Days When You Can Not be on the Pay Roll.

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Have you thought of the time when old age and physical infirmities will cause the man at the desk to say, "Charlie, you have been a faithful man for years and it is with the deepest pain that I tell you old age prevents this company from further employing you unless we reduce you to a minor position."?

x ev this is what happens to all of us. Age prevents us from retaining highest usefulness. Not one man, but all meet the same conditions.

This being true, friends, what is better than an in-:ome for later life?

What is better than being able to say to the wife, "Well, wife, it was fortunate that we invested a few hundred dollars a year when I was able to make money-when I was in my prime and the children were small." It is with such an assurance that the man whose name appears on any company's pay roll can lie down to pleasant sleep and feel that his family is protected.

But what can the small investor buy that is sure to increase in value, and yet have his investment safe?

That is a question which has confronted every man who gets his check. That is a question that the shyster, the crook and the confidence man has taken advangtage of for years and years. The stock jobber and the worthless bond seller have played upon this very heartstring to fill their own pockets with wealth from the man who works.

There is one investment which has stood the test of time; that has been solid and firm when all else trembled; that investment is land. When one owns and has title to Mother Earth he has something that only revolution and the dethronement of this republic could make unsafe-either of which is an impossibility in this enlightened age.

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'fen acres, two miles 5 acres in 9-year-old apples, 2 1-2 acres of cheeries that will bear considerably this year, and 2 1-2 acres of garden land. Small house and barn. This place is on main county road, near school and will make a fine home. Price only \$3,500.00, one third down and balance on time. This is fine strawberry land, and when planted, will yield the price of the property every year.

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The passage through the strait of Le Maire is not often made. Steamers shorten the route by going through the strait of Magellan, while sailing vessels usually prefer to be entirely on the safe side by going still farther south and rounding the Horn itself. Only under the most favorable conditions of weather do they slip through the strait of Le Maire on the outward trip, going toward the southwest, but never when bound for the north. For this reason many old sailors have never met the ghost ship or the rock

Those who have seen it give a minute description of the rock and testify to its striking resemblance to a ship. It seems to be standing head on, pointing to the south and low in the water. The sails are shortened as they would be in what sailors call half a gale. The whole formation is very dark, as if the hull were painted black and the sails weather beaten. It has three masts and is higher on the fore than on the main. Upon coming on the side of the vessel the illusion vanishes and the whole thing resolves itself into a conglomeration of black rocks. The perpetual fog of these regions helps. of course, to befuddle the vision.

The rock looking like a ship is by no means a rare natural formation. Almost every sailor has seen one in some part of the world. In the Clipperton slands there is a great white rock ooking like a three masted schooner leaning on the wind with her royals set and the sun shining on her white sails.

About six or seven miles west of Honolulu there is a rock known as French Frigate rock because once upon a time a French frigate went ashore on it. The cliffs looked so much like a ship that the frigate was deceived and thought she was meeting another vessel.

St. Paul island, in the middle of the Atlantic, is said to look very much like a ship when approached from a certain direction, but it is a place that mariners prefer to give a wide berth .- Harper's Weekly.

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