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A SUBMERGED FOREST.

Many years ago, even so far back that the traditions of the oldest Siwash extend not thereto, there was some vast upheaval of Mother Earth on the shores of Lake Samanish that sent a portion of Newcastle hills sliding down into the lake, with its tall evergreen forest intact, and there it is to this day. About this time of the year the waters of the lake are at their lowest, and the tops of the tallest of these big submerged trees are out of the water, but never more than ten or twelve inches.

Unfortunately for the curiosity seeker and traveling public generally the submerged forest is on the opposite side of the lake from the railroad and the station of Mmonon, and very few people ever see the phenomenon unless they take the time and pains necessary to reach it.

Sam Coombs, the pioneer, is very enthusiastic concerning its beauties and mystery. He talks Chinook fluently, but with all his quizzing of the red skinned inhabitants he has never learned anything that will throw any light on the history of the forest under water. The waters of the lake are very deep, and the bluffs back of the beach are precipitous, so that the only explanation of the freak is that an earthquake or some other means a great slide has been started in early times and it went down as a mass until it found lodgment at the bottom of the lake. At this time one can see down into the glassy, mirror-like depths of the lake for thirty feet or more. Near the banks the forest trees are interlaced at various angles and in confusion, but further out in the deep water they stand straight, erect, and limbless up to 100 feet tall. They are not petrified in the sense of being turned to stone, but they are preserved and appear to have stood there for ages. They are three feet through at the top, and so firm in texture as to be scarcely affected by a knife blade. The great slide extended for some distance, and it would be a dangerous piece of work for a steamer to attempt passage over the tops of these tall trees. Even now the water along shore is very deep, and a ten foot pole would sink perpendicularly out of sight ten feet from the shore line.

All over this country are found strata of blue clay, which in the winter season are very treacherous, and given the least bit of opportunity will slide away, carrying everything above with them. This is the theory of the submerged forest of Lake Samanish. It probably was growing above one of these blue earth strata, and heavy rains, or probably an earthquake, set it moving. The quantity of earth carried down was so great that the positions of the trees on the portion carried away were little affected. It is hardly to be believed that the earth suddenly sank down at this point and became a portion of the beautiful lake.

Few such places exist. There is one in the famous Tumwater, near Leavenworth, which respects similar. At any time a portion of the

great mountain side came rushing down and buried itself at the bottom of the canon. Now there is a considerable lake, and in the center stand tall, limbless trees, different in species from those growing along the canon.

At Green Lake, near Georgetown, Col.—a lake which is 10,000 feet above sea level—is a submerged forest of pine trees, some hundred feet tall, but not so numerous as in Lake Samanish. This same theory explains their presence as given above.—Seattle Times.

PROGRESS OF THE PANAMA CANAL.

It was announced recently that the French company in charge of the work on the Panama Canal is now collecting 2,000 more men from Jamaica and other West Indian islands to add to the 1,800 now at work, and that it is intended eventually to increase the force to 6,000 men. The New York Evening Post declared that it had received information which it considered trustworthy that the money to finish the work on the present plan has all been furnished, and that nothing can prevent the opening of the canal at the appointed time, except accidents and obstacles not now anticipated. The managers even expect that the work will be completed in six years. This is quite in line with the report made by Sir Henry Tyler, the late president of the Grand Trunk Railway, who has been visiting Panama. He says that it is proposed to construct two large dams, one across the Upper Chagres river, and one on the Lower Chagres river. Two lakes will thus be formed, the upper one supplying water to the higher portion of the canal, while the lower one will be mainly used to furnish water for the navigation of the lower part. Ten locks will be built, enabling the canal to reach a height of 170 feet above the sea level. Sir Henry holds that there is no insuperable difficulty in the completion of the canal in six years, at a cost of \$100,000,000, by utilizing the work already done for a distance of sixteen miles from Colon and four miles from Panama. On the other hand, Mr. Colquhoun, the correspondent of the London Times, who has recently inspected the route, estimates that, even supposing one-third of the work to be concluded, it will cost more than \$200,000,000 to complete the entire undertaking. He declares that the Chagres river and the Culebra cut out of the present Panama Canal plans are insurmountable obstacles.—The Outlook.

Why a person begins to grow thin there is something wrong. The waste is greater than the supply and it is only a question of time when the end must come. In nine cases out of ten the trouble is with the digestive organs! If you can restore them to a healthy condition you will stop the waste, put on new flesh and cause them to feel better in every way. The food they eat will be digested and appropriated to the needs of the system, and a normal appetite will appear. Consumption frequently follows a wasting of bodily tissue because nearly all consumptives have indigestion. The Slaker Digestive Cordial will restore the stomach to a healthy condition in a vast majority of cases. Get one of their books from your druggist and learn about this new and valuable remedy.

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BLISSFUL JOYS OF MOTHERHOOD.

Isabel A. Mallon writes of "For His Royal Highness, the Baby," in January Ladies' Home Journal and discusses the infantile wardrobe, bed and all belongings, concluding her partial article with this pretty thought: "I wonder if those women to whom comes the great blessing of motherhood ever realize what it means not to have a child of ones own? At the mere hint of a baby's going from her the

mother draws him closer and closer, and while his eyes close she dreams out what life is to be to him, and what he is to be to her. It may never be as she thinks—but oh, are any hours so happy, is life ever so full of bliss as when a mother holds her child in her arms and knows that she makes sunshine or shade for it, and that it is a joy to her forever?"



CLEVELAND AND HIS PARTY.
CURRENT FUN.

"What's all this talk about the United States?" said the London citizen.

Why, was the answer, "it is alleged that this country is trying to acquire territory that it has no right to, and—"

"Dear me, what an extraordinary fuss about such a very ordinary transaction."—Washington Star.

The temperance apostle was walking along the sidewalk, serene in the consciousness of his own goodness, when a well-dressed man stopped him and shook his hand.

"Guess you don't remember me, said the well-dressed man.

"Why—ah—"

"Three years ago I attended one of your meetings and heard you draw a graphic picture of the able mechanic whose children went ragged, while the children of the saloon keeper, with whom he spent his wages, were dressed in silks.

"And you reformed?"

"Should say I did reform. Went into the saloon business myself.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

Modern Maid—I wish some advice.

Old Lady—Certainly, my dear, what is it?

Modern Maid—Shall I marry a man whose tastes are the opposite of mine, and quarrel with him; or shall I marry a man whose tastes are the same as mine, and get tired of him?—New York Weekly.

If the British lion doesn't want his tail twisted he will have to keep it at home.

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NESTUCA NEWS.
[From the Ocean Wave.]

A. J. Rhoades and Will Bodyfelt have gone to Waterloo after Mrs. Sadies Knifong and family.

Mr. F. D. Vincent has been engaged to teach a term of school at Woods for the remainder of the winter.

Wm. T. Raleigh leaves for California in a few days by the way of Sheridan. Geo. Raleigh will have charge of the store during his absence.

Owing to the prevalence of the high tides at this season of the year, and other inconveniences, mining operations on the beach have ceased for the present, but the miners will resume work in the spring.

TO GROW BIG PANSY BLOSSOMS.

One can get large-sized flowers from pansies by making the soil quite rich. When birds show any signs of a sort of liquid fertilizer. In this way you will succeed in getting some large flowers, but your plants will not be benefitted by the forcing resulting from this treatment.—January Ladies' Home Journal.

Rev. Mr. Donwell—My poor fellow! Why do you drink?

Walker—It's the only way I can relieve my thirst, boss.—Harlem Life.

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