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The Bewitching Blue Spring

A most unusual spring can be found just a few miles southeast of Walkerton, yet very few people have seen it. This unique spring so impressed the early settlers that it be-

came a landmark along the Saugeen.

The Bruce County atlas of 1880 shows the farm on which this spring is situated, called the "Blue Spring Farm." This large landholding of six lots was taken up by Robert Clements. Three lots were on each side of the Saugeen River, and the river had to be forded to work the lots. The original home Clements built is still a fine house on the north side of the highway, about half way between Walkerton and Manover.

This phenomenal spring is of a tremendous depth, and as a result the water appears to be a deep blue. It is situated in a growth of evergreens and the cool shadows give the spring a most eerie look. The ground around the spring is spongy, but firm, though it has a bouncy feel. The tops of trees that have fallen into the spring over the years can be plainly seen around the edges. I have been told no depth finder has found the bottom.

Another peculiarity of this spring, is the fact the water it so abundantly gives up, is so full of iron. Any object that lies in it for a time seems to turn to stone! The moss and wood bits soon seem to be petrified to break up like pieces of rusty iron. Even years after being taken from the water, they remain like rusty stone or metal.

The fast-flowing little creek that empties the spring, flows to the Saugeen River on the south side a short distance downstream from Maple Hill, but the easiest way to find this spring is from the South Line Road.

A huge Elm tree used to mark the spot to start from, but Dutch Elm disease removed this landmark. A long lane through the field leads to a smaller path that follows the stream to the spring.

The late Norm Yack once told me, that the underground water supply for his fine flowing spring, north of Lobie's Bridge on Yonge Street North, came from the same source as the Blue Spring water.