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Digging an Ossuary.

How The Professor and The Amateur Dug for Indian Relics.

The Professor and The Amateur were out on a summer lark. They were out for fun, but incidentally to do a little exploring, botanizing, fossilizing and relic-hunting. The Professor had received minute instructions as to the exact location of what a rustic said was an Indian burial mound or ossuary. As this was right in the Professor's line, his trilobites, cyathophyllids, spiriferids and calymenes were totally forgotten for the time being and The Amateur was ordered to jump into a boat for a ride up the river. After a hearty bit of exercise at the oars the boat grounded and a sortie was made in order to discover the last resting place of our esteemed Huronian predecessors. A shout from The Professor brought The Amateur to the spot on a quick run.

"You see this mound," said The Professor. "It is about three feet high, eight feet in diameter and covered with loose stones. I have never yet officiated at a resurrection of this kind where the stones were so plentiful, but this must have been owing to the light, sandy nature of the soil, and in order to prevent wild animals from digging up the remains. You will observe that these stones are foreign to the vicinity and may have been brought miles in birch bark canoes to protect the mound. The Huron Indian held a grand funeral every ten or twelve years, when the bones of those that had died in the interim were exhumed, scraped, tied in bundles, and at a great all-night powwow were re-interred in one pit with their belongings. This is, doubtless, a pit of that nature, and we are justifiable in anticipating a rich find in Indian curiosities. Possibly we may secure some valuable copper kettles, such as are to be seen in the Canadian Institute. Many such have been dug up in this district. Take the spade and dig."

Now if there is one thing in the world that The Amateur detests more than another it is shovelling. Moreover, not being able to operate the instrument on scientific lines, The Professor was persuaded that much valuable time would be saved by handling the shovel himself, and he fell to with an energy born of enthusiasm. The stones and dirt fairly rattled as they whirled out, while The Amateur sat quietly by and smoked and watched with eagle eye for the relics to turn up. After thirty minutes' vigorous work The Professor rested from his labors and queried of The Amateur if he had discovered anything. There was a little pile of relics lying on the ground. The Professor picked up and examined critically the following articles: Two old, rusted, broken jewsharps; three pieces of an old white clay pipe, eight broken bits of delf ware, sixteen rusted wrought iron nails and three pieces of hoop iron. The Amateur was about requesting The Professor to explain the uses to which the ancient Hurons put these ordinary remnants and evidences of partial civilization, being under the impression that jewsharps and delf and common white clay pipes were not in everyday use among the heathen Indians of 250 years ago, but an exclamation of disgust and anger from The Professor persuaded him that it was better to await explanations than to tempt fate by asking questions that might be misinterpreted as quizzing. The explanation came, and in short was to the effect that we had been disintegrating a shantymen's fireplace, where the building had been burned, and the chimney falling had covered the mound with stone.

A retreat was made to the boat, and silently The Professor took the stern seat, while The Amateur as silently took up his oars and rowed five miles back to the hotel. No word was spoken, for The Amateur noticed from underneath

his eyelashes that The Professor was back among his trilobites, cyathophyllids, spiriferids and calymenes once more, and it were sacrilege to bring him back from the early dawn of life to the present age of disappointments and—bicycles.
W. H. T.

A Washington Letter.

To the Editor of The Advance.
DEAR SIR,—As I look over recent issues of The Advance, which reaches us regularly every week and is as welcome as a letter from home, I notice that Ontario is having a dry spell; and as I had promised you a letter some time ago, I thought I had better let you know how we are getting along out here. First, I might say that we have had a spell of dry weather ourselves, having only had two small showers since seeding. However, although we have not a big crop, we have a fair average crop of cereals, and as usual vegetables and fruit are an immense crop. This country has proven to be a great fruit country, and in a year or two more we will have to begin to export. We can grow all kinds of apples, plums, prunes, pears, peaches, apricots and cherries. Small fruits are wasting on the bushes this year on account of their abundance. But it is not all sunshine here. The financial crisis that struck Uncle Sam about three years ago reached us out here, but not so heavy as in some of the eastern states. However, it was sufficient to financially cripple a great many people in business, also large farmers suffered heavy losses. Yet it may prove a blessing to the country in many ways, as all rotten-cored banks and money-making institutions have gone through. People have learned to economize, business of the country has worked into a cash system, and interest has gone down from eighteen to twelve per cent. Large farmers suffered heavily on account of the low price of wheat, as that is our great staple. For three successive years we have been selling wheat below the actual cost of production. Two years ago I sold 2000 bushels at a loss of fifteen cents per bushel. I have seen No. 1 wheat sold for fifteen cents per bushel. It is now worth thirty five cents. We can grow wheat with a profit at forty cents per bushel, as we use the latest and best improved machinery. In order to give your readers an idea of the manner of farming here we will take a look at my neighbor Moore as they go out to plow in the spring. First we notice on the field two gang plows with six horses on each plow and a boy perched on a spring seat to drive, each plow turning two 14-inch furrows. Next comes Jack with three horses on a 14-inch walking plow. Plowing done, next we see a 12-foot seeder, followed by two 16-foot harrows, each drawn by four horses, and a boy on the "hurricane deck" of a kyuse (pony) driving each team. Next comes harvest, which is easily and quickly accomplished with a 12 foot header machine which cuts a 12-foot swath and is operated by six men and twelve horses. They can cut and stack from twenty-five to thirty five acres per day. In this way farming can be done cheaply and quickly. I think it is a great improvement on the old scotch plow, 4-b. harrow and Armstrong reaper and straw binders. Now a word more on the times, and we will drive a stake for the present. At the beginning of hard times here people began to borrow money to bridge them over, but the next year the bridge needed an extension, and so on, but it looks now as if we could see the bank on the other side, and we will all be glad when we reach it. But we must have a change in our administration. We have had enough of Democratic doctrines. Give us back good old Republican days and a good price for our wheat and we are all right. By the time this reaches you we will be about through haggst.
W. G. DUNCAN.
Egypt, Wash., July 26, '95.

According to the Pittsburg Journal Peter Gruber, the Rattlesnake King of Venango County, has made the most unique costume man ever wore. It consists of coat, vest, trousers, hat, shoes and shirt, and is made entirely of the skins of rattlesnakes. Seven hundred snakes, all caught and skinned by Gruber during the past five years, provided the material for this novel costume. To preserve the brilliancy and the flexibility of the skins in the greatest possible degree, the snakes were skinned alive, being made unconscious by chloroform. They were then tanned by a method peculiar to Gruber, and are as soft and elastic as woolen goods. The different articles for this outfit were made by Oil City tailors, shoemakers and hatters, and the costume is valued at \$1,000.

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Carefully Corrected Each Week

Flour.....	\$ 5 00 to \$ 5 00
Fall Wheat	to
Spring Wheat	to
Barley.....	31 to 31
Oats	35 to 35
Peas	to
Butter.....	13 to 14
Eggs, fresh	10 to 10
Potatoes bag	50 to 50
Pork	5 00 to 5 15
Hay per ton	9 00 to 10 00
Hides	3 00 to 3 00
Sheepskins	25 to 25
Geese	6 to 6
Turkeys.....	8 to 8
Chickens per pair.....	25 to 40
Ducks per pair	40 to 50
Wool.....	17 to 20

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100 acres in the township of Artemesia, 1 1/2 miles from the village of Flesherton. Good buildings, water in every field. Small orchard. Terms easy. Apply to
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Upon proper Certification passengers will be returned to starting point on payment of \$15.00.

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316-317-318 Omaha Bldg., CHICAGO.

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When your bicycle is out of order send it to the

BICYCLE INFIRMARY, OWEN SOUND,

Where you can have it put in good shape. All kinds of repair work attended to at reasonable rates.

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Flesherton Planing Mill

Is now in active operation and prepared to turn out any quantity of first class work, such as doors, mouldings, floorings, sheetings, etc.

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Done to order. We also manufacture Beehives. Give us your order for anything in our line.

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I have opened up a complete steam laundry in Flesherton, and am prepared to take in any quantity of laundry work at lower prices than are charged elsewhere. I have put in the latest and most improved machinery to that end. Kindly give me a call. Entire satisfaction guaranteed, and prices low.

MRS. GEO. MOOREHOUSE.

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Durham stage leaves Flesherton Station at 7.15 a.m., returns 4.45 p.m. Priceville stage leaves the same place at 12.30, returning at 4.45. Fare to Priceville and return, 20 cents; Durham, \$1.50 for return, 75c. single fare. Livery in connection. Orders may be left at either hotel.
A. McCALLEY, Prop.

M. R. & CO.

Our prices for the following are exactly the same as Simpson's of Toronto advertise them to-day at their clearing sale:

Scotch Zepthers for blouses or suits—ings 17 1/2 cents.

Tokio Pongees, small figures, clearing at 12 1/2 cents.

Dress Ducks in pink and blue spots and figures 10 cents.

SEE DAILY MAIL, JULY 30th.

They advertise the first line as regular value 25 cents, our price 22c.

If you want cheap goods look around you near home before you send away 100 miles or more for stuff that has been rejected by thousands of shoppers.

We buy from the same sources on as favorable terms, though often in less quantities as the big city stores.

All our imported goods have the cost marked on them in plain sterling figures; if it is any advantage to know cost you can see it every time to satisfy curiosity, but what you want is the

BIGGEST VALUE for YOUR MONEY

and that is just what we aim to give you, but in order to do that we must buy to best advantage, watch markets closely, anticipate by quick action the indications of rising and falling markets and get cash discounts on purchases.

Even with these advantages we often have to accept less than cost for goods getting out of season or when stock or assortment is much reduced, as for example, the lot of summer gloves now offering at half prices.

Children's Gloves 5c per pair
Ladies' Gloves 10c per pair
Gents' Summer Socks, 25c line, for 12c

Millinery at half prices
Mantles at half prices

Do we lose money on these lines—well, yes, but you see we made some on the early stock—these are remnants of the season and we are not desirous of packing them away. You can have some if you wish. Some lucky persons will get them and chuckle over bargains.

We are importers of tea and have them packed to our order in packages to suit families of 10, 20 and 30 lbs. each, with our own name and brand put on in Japan. We challenge test comparison with the teas we offer. Get our samples, it costs nothing to try them.

Japan Teas 15, 20, 25, 30 & 35 per lb.
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We still give 25 lbs. No. 2 granulated Sugar for \$1, or 6 lbs. for 25 cents.

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