A Visit to a Rock-Salt Mine

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There's a thrill in being lowered down through a black hole into the earth 600 feet. One becomes used to it, they say, but, believe me, not at once.

One morning recently, the big elevator lowered in the shaft at the salt mines on Avery Island, nine miles southeast of New Iberia, Louisiana, having on board a camera man, who was going down on a special assignment to try out a new light.

There are no preliminaries nor ceremony about the descent. The shaft is a very uninviting affair, and has an appearance of "come down if you wish; I'm not promising you anything." The elevator is not a handsome brass or steel-netted cage nor is there a boy in attendance. After all got on, it just went down.

It's very quiet. There isn't much laughter nor talk; the others feel about the same way you do. All the jokes have been left up on the surface of the earth. Then in that black downward drop there comes a rush of cool, salt air. One member aboard exclaimed, when he felt the weird change of temperature come up his legs, "My goodness! I believe my pants came off!" He had the correct sensation, all right.

But when the bottom is reached, what a change! And what a surprise to find down there that the temperature is pleasant, standing around 72 degrees. The atmosphere is as balmy as early summer. A cleaner spot could hardly be imagined.

A minute or so after we landed at the foot of the shaft, there came a rumbling noise as of distant thunder. It seemed to roll on and on, reverberating down the long corridors, in and out of those tall arches, sometimes increasing in its growl, then diminishing as it entered one of the lower-roofed cavities. It was not a noise that would fill anyone with dismay, fear, or anxiety, but something that seemed, in a way, to be expected in this strange underground cavern. It was all so new and different that it thrilled one with a pleasing satisfaction of having entered upon an adventure worth while. No questions were asked. The natural supposition was that the summerlike thunderstorm had been caused by a blast away back in one of those dark channels.

The camera man wanted to "shoot" a scene showing how the salt was torn from its bed. This led the party down one of those long avenues with the small lights strung alongside, just as though they were so many tiny street lamps, and the tall arch glittering overhead. A narrow-gauge railroad ran down the centre, reminding one of a miniature street-car line, laid flat in the hard, dry salt that crushed under the foot.

A VISION OF THE FUTURE

But few men can conscientiously claim any ability in forecasting things that are to happen at some future date. Possibly the weather man is an exception. However, there are a few who have through careful study informed themselves on the general tendencies of the times and from this information they are able to calculate fairly accurately some of the things which are quite certain to come to pass.

Recently Mr. Charles A. Coffin, an American who has done large things in the industrial world during the past forty years, made the following statement: "The next big social change, as I see it, will be decentralization. Electtricity made the great city. It may now be expested to unmake it."

Seemingly, up to the present time power, labor and capital can be coordinated more easily in our great industrial centres than in smaller places. But recent remarkable developments in the distribution and use of electricity appear to be changing the situation. This new helper promises to bring a most flexible power to all men, whether they live and work in the city, the village, or on the farm.

The "broadcasting of power" will gradually make it possible to process and manufacture raw materials near the source of production. If this can be done successfully, it will materially aid in cutting down a heavy and in many cases unnecessary transportation tax. The goods can also be delivered to the ultimate consumer at a lower cost.

The city has brought many social and economic troubles. But it has also developed conveniences and advantages which modern people will not forego. Electricity is now making possible these comforts, opportunities and amusements in the healthful districts of our countrysides. The effect this will have upon the agriculture of any community is difficult to foretell. There can be little question, however, but that the results wil be beneficial, both in the way of supplying to the farmer seasonable labor and in improving the market for his farm products.

Do what you consider is your duty, but do not insist that others shall consider it their duty also.

BABY'S GREAT DANGER DURING HOT WEATHER

More little ones die during the hot weather than at any other time of the year. Diarrhoea, dysentery, cholera infantum and stomach troubles come without warning, and when a medicine is not at hand to give promptly the short delay too frequently means that the child has passed beyond aid. Baby's Own Tablets should always be kept in the house where there are young children. An occasional dose of the Tablets will prevent stomach and bowel troubles, or if the trouble comes suddenly the prompt use of the Tablets will relieve the baby. The Tablets are sold by medicine dealers or by mail at 25 cents a box from The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

Not Prepared.

The old deacon was the kindest of men, deeply religious and always ready with a good word. One day while he was driving to town he overtook an Italian peddler with a large pack on his back. Stopping his horse, the deacon suggested that the man ride. The Italian carefully stored his pack in the back of the spring wagon and then climbed to the seat beside the good deacon.

For some time the two talked pleasantly. Then there was a rather long pause, and, thinking to improve the occasion in a religious sense, the deacon turned and asked, "My friend, are you prepared to die?"

With a shriek the Italian sprang to the ground and disappeared into the near-by woods. The calls of the deacon only hastened the fellow's flight, and neither the deacon nor anyone else ever saw him again in that neighborhood. It seems that the peddlar was not prepared.

While phonograph records may be handled freely and quickly without danger of injury, they should not be stacked up in a pile without protection for the surfaces, nor should they be given the baby to play with. Albums are the most economical and handy way of keeping any average person's collection of records.

The service of God is the most perfect freedom any soul can have. True religion and true freedom always have gone hand in hand.

Surnames and Their Origin

CARBERY

Variations—Carberry, MacCarbery.
Racial Origin—Irish.
Source—A given name.

The correct Gaelic form of this family name is either "O'Cairbre" or "MacCairbre."

As a matter of fact there are four distinct sources of this family or clan name, for there were four distinct and separate clans among the Irish bearing this name.

One of them was in Leinster. Tradition has it that this clan, known as "O'Cairbre," derived its name from a chieftain of the O'Dwyer line called "Cairbre" and surnamed "Cluitheachar." The given name means, figuratively, "chief of the chariot."

The Offaly Carberrys were known as "Clann Cairbre" and this name was sometimes Anglicized, MacCarberry. This clan was an offshoot of the Colgans.

The Orgiall Carberrys used the prefixed "O'" rather than the "Mac," and were a development of the Clan Corrigan.

There was another "Clann Cairbre" in Ulster, and this one was a branch of the more ancient clan of the O'Maddens.

"Cairbre" was a widespread given name among the medieval Irish, as may be gathered from the fact that no less than four chieftains of this name had clans named after them.

ASHTON

Racial Origin—English.
Source—A locality.

Until the final and complete list of family names has been made up, and each has been traced definitely to its source, it will be an open question as to whether there is a large number of family names originating in England which come from localities or from the given names of the fathers of the original bearers.

Here is an addition to the list of those which have been developed from place names.

It is not possible in the individual case to assign the exact locality from which the family name of Ashton developed. There are so many Ashtons, and in addition there were probably more places whose names since have been changed.

This name, so far as can be ascertained, has been quite regular in its development. Originally it was preceded by the Saxon "atte" (meaning "of" or "from" and "at the") and was used in conjunction with a man's given name simply to distinguish him from others of the same given name. It was a very natural method of differentiation to refer to the place from which a man had come, or the place in which his dwelling was located providing that place was not a large enough community to house others of the same given name as himself.

A Prayer.

Sweet, I lift this prayer for you
Who are dearer than the dew

Is to the frail flowers of spring
Ere they burst to blossoming—

May the great Eternal Will
Guard you from all touch of ill;

Spare you from the bitter cup
Hooded Sorrow raises up;

Lead you through fair ways where dwell
Love's heartease and asphodel!

—Clinton Scollard.

An Editor's Invoice.

An editor once kept track of his profits and losses during the year, and gives an invoice of his business diary at the end of twelve months of ups and downs in the following manner:

Been broke 361 times.
Praised the public 89 times.
Told lies 720 times.
Missed prayer meeting 52 times.
Been roasted 431 times.
Roasted others 52 times.
Washed office towel 3 times.
Missed meals 0.
Mistaken for a preacher 11 times.
Mistaken for a capitalist 0.
Got whipped 8 times.
Whipped others 0.
Cash on hand at beginning $1.47.
Cash on hand at ending 15c.

He Had No Speedometer.

Aesop of fable fame was asked by a traveller how long it would take him to get to Athens.

"You'll be there when you arrive," said Aesop.

"Of course!" answered the traveller. "But how long will it take me?"

"I don't know," said Aesop.

The traveller stalked off, exasperated. After he had travelled along for about two or three minutes, Aesop hailed him.

"It will take you one hour to reach Athens," he called.

"Why didn't you tell me that in the first place?" demanded the traveller.

"How could I know before I saw how fast you can travel?" answered Aesop.

Bound to Succeed.

"I had just made a start in this city," said a Chicago business man, "and had gone out to eat a modest lunch, when my office boy, who had been told where to find me, rushed in to announce that a gentleman had called to see me—a foreign-looking man," he explained.

"Why did you let him go?" I said. "I would have come round at once to see him."

"I didn't let him go," was the lad's response. "He is still in the office. I locked him in."

"And so I secured one of my earliest and most prized patrons."

What Ma Wanted.

"Ma wants two pounds of butter exactly like what you sent us last week. If it ain't exactly like that she won't take it."

The grocer turned to his customers and remarked blandly: "Some people don't like particular customers, but I do. It is my delight to get them just what they want. I will attend to you in a moment, my boy."

"All right," said the boy, "but be sure and get the same kind. A lot of dad's relations are visiting our house, and ma doesn't want 'em to come again."

Not a Profiteer.

It happened on King Street. An old man was selling pencils. A young man approached and, choosing one from the stock on hand, asked the price. When told it was five cents, the purchaser, wishing to be good hearted, gave ten cents. Imagine his astonishment when the old man said:

"Young man, you will be selling pencils when you reach my age if you squander your money in that way. When I was your age I was the same way. I could not hold on to money, hence my present position. I now only ask a living. Heed my warning in time."

Honest Milkman.

The dealer was charged with selling adulterated milk and he pleaded not guilty.

"But," said the judge, "the testimony shows that your milk contained 25 per cent. water."

"Then it must be high-grade milk," returned the dealer. "If your Honor will look up the word 'milk' in your dictionary you will find that it contains 80 to 90 per cent. water. I should have sold mine for cream."

The Inconsiderable Fish.

The two things that Clarence Babson liked to do were fishing and "just setting," but apparently he liked to "set" better even than to fish. One spring afternoon the fish were biting well when Clarence came along with his pole and sat down on the bank.

"Shucks!" he sighed querulously as his cork float disappeared, and his line tightened. "Just as I get nicely settled I get a bite."

The world's largest wireless horn has been erected at Idora Park, California. It is twenty-five feet long, and has an aperture of twelve feet, and with its air, wireless concerts can be heard over an area of twenty-nine square miles.

The length of a friendship is often determined by the shortness of a temper.

OVERWORKED NERVES

The Most Successful Treatment is Through the Blood.

The early stages of nervous debility are noted by restlessness and irritability in which the victims seem to be oppressed by their nerves. As the trouble advances, common symptoms are a tired feeling; weakness in the knees and ankles; headaches, backaches and sleeplessness. The matter requires immediate attention, for nothing but suitable treatment will prevent a complete breakdown.

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Weird Wills.

A will neatly engraved on the back of a naval identity disc of about the size of a half-crown was filed at Somerset House recently It had been picked up from the sea, and recorded a bequest to "My darling wife."

Many wills have been made on such things as coins, colars, hats, and even boots; but perhaps the most unique was the will left some years ago by a South of England farmer.

A sealed note indicated that his will would be found in a room upstairs. The room was searched without success until a woman, noticing that the wallpaper was loose at one corner, placed her hand upon it, and immediately the whole piece fell down. On the back of the paper were written the testator's wishes.

In a legal action some years ago, one of the exhibits in court was the top of a table on which bequests had been written, while in another case a woman wove the words in wool on a table cloth.

On the Iceberg's Track.

Of all the perils dreaded by those who sail across the Atlantic, icebergs are by far the most formidable.

A new device has been brought out by a French inventor which detects icebergs when they are six miles away.

Melting ice sends out rays which are invisible to the eye, but which affect a delicate instrument called the thermo-couple

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The thermo-couple is connected to a telephone receiver on the bridge of the ship. When conditions are normal it emits a continuous note of unchanging pitch. As soon as an iceberg is approached, however, the note changes, and the look-out man knows at once that there is danger.

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Some Lessons from a Great Composer's Life.

There is much encouragement for the hard-working music student in the long life of Camille Saint-Saens, recently ended. Says Groves' sober dictionary: "Saint-Saens is a consummate master of composition, and no one possesses a more profound knowledge than he does of the secrets and resources of the art, but the creative faculty does not keep pace with the technical skill of the workman." This, of course, is a polite way of saying that he was a first-class technician with a second-rate genius which, however, he developed to an extreme degree by sheer hard work and clear thinking.

Genius is rare. Mozarts and Schuberts are very scarce in musical history. But all of us can work, and though our endowments may be considerably less than those of Saint-Saens, this gifted musician shows that it is possible to work and live long, and enjoy a large measure of success in music by making the utmost of whatever share of talent we possess. In this respect at least we can learn more from Saint-Saens than we can from, say, Schubert.

Incidentally, Saint-Saens mixed freely with men, and as an amateur attronomer could be happy alone with the stars. It is well to cultivate a hobby outside music, for this, no doubt, helped Saint-Saens to live to eighty-six.

British Columbia is spending approximately $1,500,000 this year on highways. Much new country will be opened up.

The safest place during a thunderstorm is in bed, a position between two feather beds giving complete immunity. Owing to the metallic substances in certain soils some trees are struck more frequently than others. Thus the oak and the elm are often struck and destroyed by lightning; but the ash is rarely struck, and the beech it is said never.

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