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**Expedition into Canyons of Colo**rado Finds Interesting Remains of Forgotten Inhabitants

The search for the footprints of Early Man is being carried on by indefatigable groups from various museums and universities throughout the world-the lead easily being taken by the groups from the United States. Many different countries are being searched and numerous sites are being excavated, notably in Asia Minor, where, near Kih, the University of Chicago has an expedition making priceless discoveries. The Field Museum also has many expeditions out in widely separated sections of the globe, one very important one having just returned from Abyssinia. Other expeditions are in South America, Alaska, China, Central America, and Mexico.

A communication just received by Frank G. Logan, Hon. Vice-President of the Art Institute gives an account of an expedition into the mysterious canyons of the Mesa Verde National Park in Southwestern Colorado, headed by a young explorer, Richard Haga. This expedition unearthed many interesting and unique pieces of pottery, the work of artists of a race much earlier than the Az-

#### Four Great Cultures

beneath great sandstone cliffs, where they stored their grain in hollows dug in the caves, which were crudely ed at the Mission San Antonio de 513 ELM PLACE .... Highland Park covered over to keep the animals out. Padua by the Reo investigators. This This race of early Americans did not Mission, founded in 1771, was at one know the use of pottery. They made time so powerful that it boasted 1067 baskets of grass and did their cook- neophytes and a total population of ing by placing their food in the ba- 1296. The desire for the fine horses kets and dropping hot stones inside. owned at the Mission was too great This, the earliest race so far discov- for many of the Indians to resist, and ered in America, was succeeded by a frequent thefts occurred. Punishpeople called the Post Basket- ment for these offenses was promptly makers, who lived about three thous- meted out when the guilty persons have been found in the Mesa Verde about an unfriendly feeling between district. This race knew the use of certain of the Indians and the Mispottery, which their artists decorated sion Fathers. Three of the Padres with crude black and white symbols, who were in charge of the outpost the different pigments of roots and died under circumstances that indirocks being used for coloring.

ceeded the Post Basketmakers, is blamed. The graves of these Padynas called The Pre-Pueblo, or the Pit were found to be covered with weeds, House people, or one race house and without even a headstone known for they became so numerous that they left the protection of the caves and dwelt on the open mea, hence the weathering of their habitations has gone on so that little or nothing is left of them. However, ming pool, having accommodations they improved upon their predecessor in the making of pottery, the composition and decoration being much superior. The Pit House people seem to have vanished about the commencement of the Christian Era and were followed by the Cliff Dwellers, the most interesting and most civilized of all the four great cultures. Ruins left by this race are the wonder between St. Louis and Vincennes. of the archaeologist, one great palace alone, in the Mea Verde Park, having over two hundred rooms and twenty-three Kivas (religious chambers) and it is estimated that upwards of seven hundred people lived in it at one time. This race was deeply religious and was a peaceful, agricultural people, and although it disappeared as recently as six hundred years ago, its manner of diappearance has never been definitely determined. The most generally accepted theory is that, owing to a prolonged drought they were forced to migrate, with the intention of returning, but that they were set upon and slaughtered by warlike plains Indians.

Rare Pottery Found

In making excavations in the Park, Mr. Hagar and his companions found, besides many rare specimens of pottery, two skeletons, one of a grown man and the other the mummy of a baby in a perfect state of preservacation. The skin had dried on the bones and even the hair remained on the head, and the wrappings were in excellent condition. While the Egyptians used artificial means to mummify their dead, the Indians of the Southwest did not, the dry climate being sufficient to preserve the bodies perfectly. In gallery 31, Gunsaulus Hall, in the Art Institute a case of pottery containing many fine examples of prehistoric American pottery may be seen, the gift of James H Elworth.

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Secrets of the old Spanish Mission Fathers, locked for years within forgotten graves, were rediscovered by a party of investigators on a recent pilgrimage to the ancient missions of San Carlos Borromeo, better known as Carmel Mission, and the Mission San Antonio de Padua, in California.

The expedition, which was sponsored by the Reo Motor Car company of California, in connection with the Los Angeles "Evening Express," set out with the purpose of penetrating the veil of mystery and legend which surrounds the old Mission structures.

Story of Starvation Poring over dusty manuscripts preserved in the Mission ruins, the Reo party unearthed an absorbing account of a struggle against starvation by the Fathers of Carmel Mission in 1771. The only means of getting supplies to the Mission was by boat, it was found, and the boats had failed to arrive that year. The Fathers, slowly starving, struggled on as best they could, but finally had to throw themselves on the charity of the Indians they were attempting to convert. Their kind treatment of the Indians since the establishment of the Mission was rewarded in this emergency, for they were enabled to keep alive by means of the food brought There are four great cultures to to them by their redmen friends. The be traced in our Western States, the ruins that are seen today are prefirst and oldest being the Basket- served through the activities of Rev. maker. They lived some four thous- Angelo Cassanova, who in 1868 clearannd years ago in Arizona and Utah ed away the debris, discovering the and their habitations were usually graves of the early Mission Fathers.

Tale of Poisoned Food A story less cheerful was unearthcated they had partaken of poisoned The third culture, that which suc- food, and the unfriendly Indians were

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cago leads all cities in Scandinavian

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#### FIELD MUSEUM COOL DURING HOT SEASON

While most of Chicago swelters in sizzling heat of 90 degrees or more really cool haven awaits all who will visit Field Museum of Natural

Swept by the lake breezes on the exterior, and its interior of cool marble, efficiently ventilated, the temperature in this temple of the sciences never exceeds 70 degrees, museum officials announced today in issuing an invitation to all who suffer from the heat to seek refuge within its

The moment one enters the portals of Stanley Field hall, into which the main entrance opens, he is struck by the refreshing atmosphere of the building, and many visitors have com- 380 Central Ave. Tel. H. P. 2489 656 Deerfield Ave. mented on the great relief from the heat the museum affords.

The building looks cool and is cool. To add to the psychological effect, the visitor may feast his eyes on exhibits of Eskimos, polar bears in their native settings, and other collections brought from the Arctic regions. On the other hand he may enjoy the collections from Africa and others of the hottest places in the world in the greatest comfort.

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