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Chapter 27—How Cave Tell History
We have often spoken of "digging in caves" to find the bones of people and the tools they used, and to learn what animals they killed for food.
Very likely you have wondered: "How does this digging tell us history?"
To answer that question we are printing a drawing of the ground layers underneath the bottom of one of the scores of caves which have been examined.
This cave once had much more room in it than now, it appears that the floor was at first about 80 feet beneath the top of the cave. As time went on, the wind blew tiny dustlike particles through the entrance. Chunks fell from the ceiling now and then. People lived there and left things lying around. Thus the level of the floor kept getting higher and higher as the ages past. The difference in any person's lifetime was slight, but after thousands of years the difference was great.
Examine the drawing closely—it shows nine layers beneath the present cave floor. The cross lines stand for levels at which ashes of fires were scattered about.
Scientists have figured out fairly closely how many years it took for each of the layers to be built up.
The lower layer (No. 1) was made first. No human bodies were found in it, but there were remains of fires, and some crude stone tools. Bones of a rhinoceros and a hyena were found in that layer.
Layer 2 contained many traces of charcoal and disturbed fires.
In layer 3 were the skeletons of a woman 5 feet 2 inches tall and a youth an inch shorter. Bone tools as well as stone tools were found in this layer. Of animal bones, there were those of the deer, the wild horse and the hyena.
In layer 4 was the skeleton of a man who must have been 6 feet 4 inches tall. Bones of a leopard were nearby.
Layer 5 contained the remains of fires, as well as bones of the deer, ox and rabbit.
The next layer above is notable because it contains a large number of stones which fell from the ceiling of the cave. The cave seem to have been deserted for a long time after that happened.
In the uppermost three layers (7 to 9) were stone tools which showed better workmanship than those in the layers below. That proves men were improving in ability as time went on. The skeletons of two babies were found in layer 9. They are said to have been buried there more than fifteen thousand years ago.



This diagram shows how Nature has preserved a wondrous history in one of the caves of Europe.
Next—Pressing Stone with Bone.
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HASTINGS COUNTY MINING
Capital Becoming Interested—Large Smelter Plant May Be Established.

Belleville, May 8.—Indications point to a revival of interest in the mines and minerals of Hastings county noted for its large deposits of iron, talc, fluorite, and other minerals, besides pronounced outcroppings of gold. Those familiar with the mineral resources of Hastings county believe that the large iron deposits can be profitably worked if smelters are erected in the county and processes used adapted to the peculiarities of the Hastings ore. Reports are current that capitalists interested in Hastings ore bodies have been making tests with a view to establishing a large smelter plant convenient to the deposits and close to water transportation routes, to operate upon an extensive scale. Some years ago the Wallbridge iron mine near Madoc was worked by the Bethlehem Steel Company, and 140,000 tons of ore shipped to the United States. This mine was operated under lease but litigation developing work ceased, although the ore body still indicates large tonnage possibilities. There are other similar deposits in the county and mining experts who have sized up the possibilities are of the opinion that with local smelters and processes adapted to the Hastings ore a very profitable industry can be developed.
A recent visit to the mineral areas of Hastings county revealed a very optimistic feeling resulting from inquiries and various indications that capital was becoming interested in the mineral possibilities here as the result of a general revival of industrial activity all over the continent.
Hastings county is also noted for its fine marble and building stone deposits which have been worked to advantage and a new development

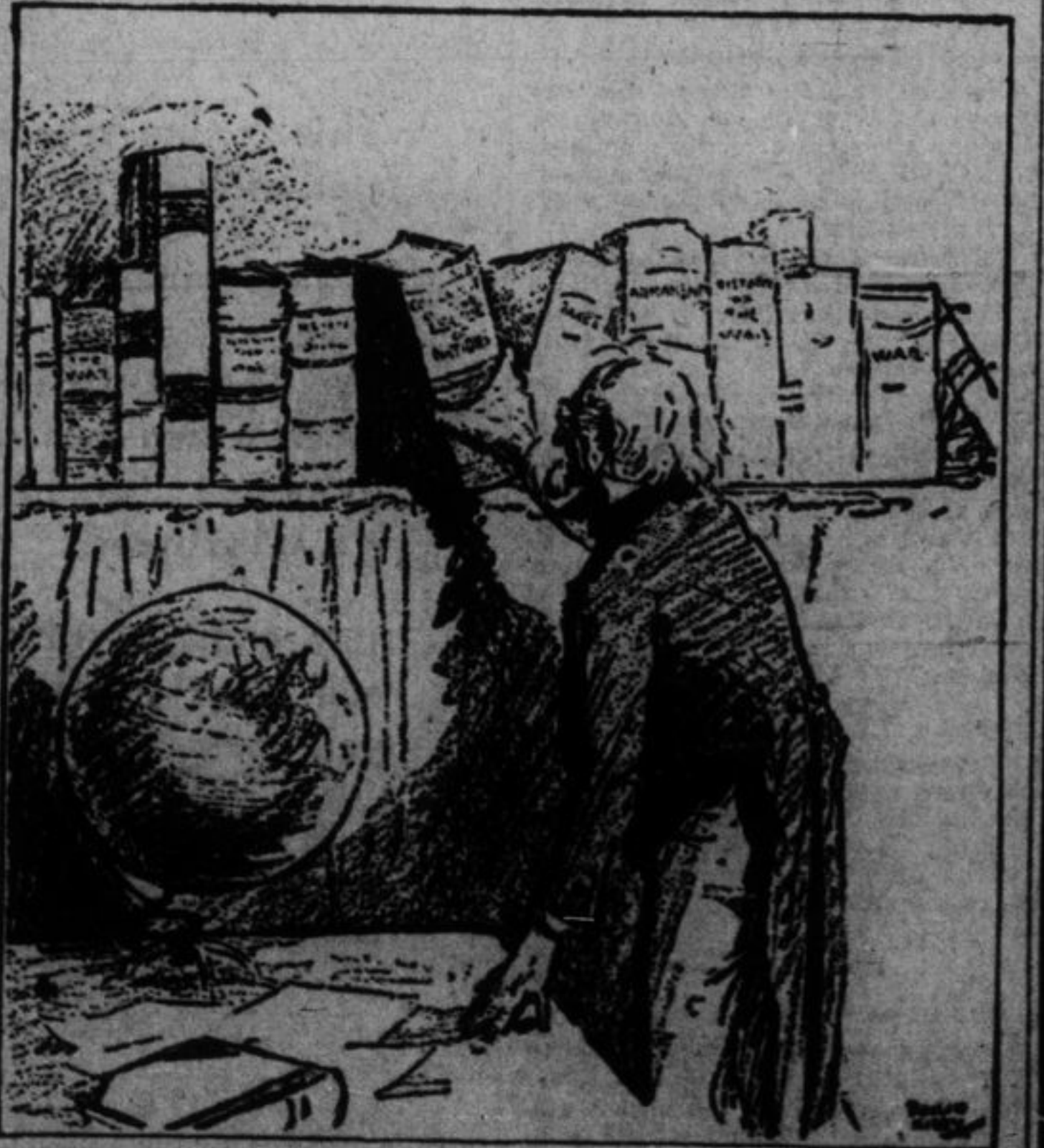
is taking place in stone for lithographic purposes.
Talc mines are being extensively operated in Madoc and vicinity and the deposits are seemingly inexhaustible.
Many residents of the county believe that gold will yet be found in quantity here and the substantial buildings still standing on the site of the old Richardson gold mine near Eldorado recall the gold excitement of fifty years ago when the Madoc and Eldorado district swarmed with fortune seekers. Considerable development work, mostly of a surface character, took place then and as high as thirty thousand dollars worth of gold taken out of single pockets. The Richardson mine was worked for some time, machinery being brought out from Scotland and substantial stone buildings erected, but after a time mining ceased and the excitement died out. Mining methods have changed since those days, and many feel that under the new conditions gold possibilities here are worth examining closely.
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