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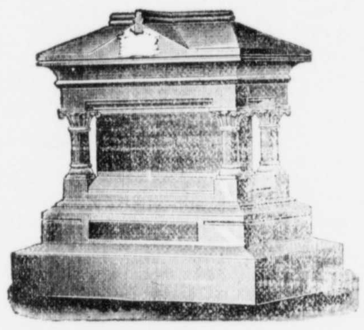

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The atmosphere plays its part in geological operations. Its corroding power, backed by rain and wind, helps to decay and disintegrate those rocks which are exposed to its influence. Rain completes the work thus begun. Wind blows dust, sand and volcanic ashes over large tracts of earth—in fact, over the whole of it.

It is only of late years that geologists have discovered that fine volcanic dust is carried over the whole of the earth's surface and plays a very important part in the deep sea deposits. On deserts and nearly rainless regions blown sand will wear away the hardest rocks by beating against them. Some sandstone formations appear to have been piled up by winds.

Winds cause ocean currents, waves and storms. The great denuding power of the sea is largely due to the atmosphere. Some parts of the English coasts are being rapidly washed away. Plants and animals have their distribution considerably affected by winds and ocean currents. Again, whether living in water or on land, animals live on the oxygen supplied from the atmosphere, and land plants absorb carbonic acid from the same source.

Rain acts in two ways: (1) chemically by dissolving certain substances, such as lime, out of the rocks, and (2) mechanically by wearing down their surfaces as it flows over them. Any old building—a ruined castle or cathedral, for instance—shows a "weathered" surface resulting from the action of rain and wind. In sandstone structures the details of carving are often lost, and on old tombstones the lettering can hardly be deciphered. Springs are due to rainwater collecting in rocks and rising to the surface. Rivers are fed by rains and springs.

A river is a very powerful geological agent. In the hardest rocks rivers gradually carve out a valley or gorge. This is accomplished partly by chemically dissolving certain mineral substances, but chiefly by mechanical erosion, the stones, sand and mud wearing away the bed of a stream as they run and tumble over it.

The finest examples of river action are the famous canyons of Colorado, which in some places are gorges 5,000 or even 6,000 feet deep, with vertical sides. But, as already pointed out, rivers have a constructive action quite as important as their destructive action. By bringing down their burden of sediment into lakes, estuaries and seas they build up great piles of rock and "sow the dust of continents to be."

Glaciers are rivers of ice fed by the "eternal snows" of high mountain ranges such as the Alps. They wear out their own valleys as rivers do; they transport mud, sand and stones to great distances, in some cases sending them sealed up in icebergs to float far out to sea and on melting deposit their burdens on the sea floor. Off the coast of Newfoundland northern icebergs are depositing a great mass of "glacial drift."

The sea is a great denuding agent; but its work is more constructive than destructive. It is the workshop where nearly all the stratified rocks have been accumulated and ranged in layers or strata. The rivers and ocean currents continually bring in fresh supplies of debris even for hundreds of miles.

Man, compared with the lower animals, produces but little effect as a geological agent. Still the human race has considerably modified the distribution of plants by cutting down forests and by cultivating certain plants to supply food. So with animals. Certain useful species have been cultivated and enormously increased at the expense of others which prove useless or harmful.

But plants and animals have had, and still have, far more influence geologically. Coal seams are made up of vegetable remains of former periods. Forests have an important influence on climate and on animal as well as plant life. In the comparatively unknown world of the ocean marine plants doubtless have important functions.

Marine animals accomplish a vast amount of geological constructive work. Great deposits thousands of feet thick owe their existence to small calcareous creatures living in the sea. Coral reefs afford the most familiar illustration.

The force known as heat is of great importance. The earth is hotter below the surface and probably has a very high temperature toward its center. In some places not very far below its surface it contains highly heated rock, which occasionally flows over the surface during volcanic eruptions. In other places we find hot springs in connection with volcanic action.

Heat exercises a powerful influence on rocks deeply buried below the earth's surface, chiefly by means of heated water and steam. In this way rocks have been very much altered or "metamorphosed." The crystalline schists have thus been brought to their present state by a series of chemical changes due to heat, and there is no doubt that they were once ordinary deposits of clay, sand, etc.—Hutchinson's "Autobiography of the Earth;" the Appleton Company.

An Unreliable Guide.

Freddy—Ma, according to my appetite it must be near dinner time.

Mamma—Yes, but your appetite is usually fast.—Judge.

A FISHING FICTION.

THE "MAGIC EYE" OF THE SAULT STE. MARIE INDIANS.

An Old Guide's Explanation of the Indian Whitefish Hunter's Method of Getting His Glistening Catch From Under the Rapids.

"The first time I fished in the Sault Ste. Marie rapids," said a well known Lake Keuka sportsman, "I landed in an hour twenty-one brook trout that weighed forty-five pounds; so I was ready and willing to believe anything I heard or read about the possibilities of those waters or the astounding things that men who fished in them were able to do.

"Consequently I believed what they told me about the marvelous feats the Indian fishermen of the Sault Ste. Marie could perform in the way of netting whitefish. Few who have toured the great lakes have not heard of those same feats, witnessed them and, of course, could do nothing but go away believing that they were all they seemed to be.

"Particularly will they marvel, as I did, at the Indian whitefish fisherman's magic eye with which he seems to look down through ten feet or more of foaming, rushing water and see whitefish that to the white man's eye would be invisible five inches beneath the surface. It would have been strange if I had not marveled at it, having witnessed more than once manifestations of its alleged power. That was before I talked with old Guide Garron.

'The astounding feats of the Indian whitefish netters of the Sault Ste. Marie that the guidebooks and the hotel keepers and steamboatmen insist on telling tourists about are performed by two Indians in a canoe. One occupies the stern and manipulates the paddle to keep the canoe's head pointed up stream. The Indian in the bow, standing upright, uses a pole to aid in propelling the canoe or in keeping it steady.

"Lying ready to his hand is a dip net four feet in diameter, fastened to the end of a pole perhaps fifteen feet long. The fishing is done at the foot of the rapids, where the water boils and tumbles furiously. With his pole the Indian in the bow keeps the boat moving about in the rapids and gazes constantly into the water, which is often ten feet or more deep.

"Suddenly the Indian in the bow will seize the net handle with one hand, never ceasing to manipulate the canoe with his pole in the other nor for an instant removing his staring gaze from the water. The net is not more than in his hand before he has plunged it perhaps ten feet distant from the boat, thrusting it at the same instant to the bottom. Then he gives it a peculiar twist, draws it up and, surrendering the care of the canoe for the moment to the Indian with the paddle, he draws the net up, never without from three to half a dozen glistening whitefish in it, frequently weighing five pounds each.

"The wondering spectator, seeing nothing but the boiling water, the sudden start of the Indian and his quick and dexterous plunging and drawing up of the net with its invariable load of whitefish, can do nothing but acknowledge to himself the necromancy of the Indian's piscatorial art. I know that I did, and for two seasons gave myself away to the fascination of that mysterious fishing. Then one day I marveled at it greatly to Guide Garron, the shrewd and cunning old Frenchman who knows every rock and eddy and whirlpool of the rapids and all the wiles and tricks that any other guide knows and a whole lot that no other one does know, and Garron's little black eyes twinkled.

"'Ah!' he chuckled. 'Zat mageeck hye. He von gr-r-rand homboag!'

"Then he explained in his voluble and picturesque patois the apparent mystery of the Indian whitefish fisherman's magic eye. Whitefish are natural denizens of the still, silent waters of the great lakes. To get from Lake Huron to Lake Superior these fish must fight their way up the fierce and stubborn Sault Ste. Marie rapids. In doing this they travel by easy stages. They can brave the rapids but a short distance at a time, when, almost exhausted, they drop into the shelter of the friendly rocks that pile the bottom of the rapids.

"Huddled sometimes by the score behind these rocks, getting wind, as it were, to overcome another stage of their journey, the whitefish, if the water is not too deep, can be lifted out by the hand of the fisherman, they are so nearly exhausted. The Indians as well as the white fishermen know this and, knowing well the location of these sheltering rocks, have only to thrust their nets down behind them and draw them up filled with fish.

"The cunning of the Indian led him long ago to give visitors the impression that he could penetrate the troubled depths of the rapids with his gaze and discover the whitefish on the bottom. The wonder of it spread, and it has been one of the fondest and best paying fictions of 'Susan Mary,' as the natives give you the pronunciation of the Sault Ste. Marie."—New York Times.

An Anecdote of Genius.

The following anecdote of Leigh Hunt was once related by "Orion" Horne. Horne on a bitterly cold day in winter went to see Hunt, and found him in a large room with a wide, old fashioned fireplace. He had dragged his piano on to the hearth, close to a large fire, leaving only room for himself and his chair, and was playing with the greatest enjoyment.

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