

Molten Rock That Bore Upward
Through the Earth's Crust.

Batholite is a term invented by the great German geologist Eduard Suess to describe the gigantic intrusions of molten rock which, according to him, bore their way upward through the crust of the earth from the "eternal depths" below, cutting through the strata and folds of the mountains very much as a white hot soldering iron may be thrust through a plank, burning its way across the grain of the wood as if it were cheese.

These batholites lurk deep in the earth, where the temperature is thousands of degrees, and gradually melt their way to the surface above them. Generally they issue in the form of tremendous domes of hot rock, towering up to mountain heights and often giving birth to volcanoes. When a batholite, as sometimes happens, does not reach the surface its roof opens in a network of fissures, lava pours out and a whole group of volcanoes appears at that point.

Suess has recognized the remains of many cooled batholites on various parts of the earth's surface, and he says that the consolidated crust of the earth, even at the present day, may be exposed to these mighty intrusions from below. The batholites bring up with them many metals from the interior of the planet, and rich mines are often opened in the dikes that are thus formed.

Suess describes the rock about Boulder, Colo., as an ancient batholite, which covers 5,000 square kilometers of surface. But there are others still more prodigious in extent.

Sometimes they have been worn down nearly to the general level, but near Elkhorn the old batholite yet towers up to an elevation of 9,000 feet above the sea. The diamond dikes of South Africa have thus been thrust up from the profound depths of the earth, where there exists a laboratory of nature in which she performs what seem miracles to the petty inhabitants of the planet's surface.

The face of the moon shows us most clearly what batholites are capable of. The vast circular plains ringed with steep mountains, which make its surface so marvelous to look upon with a telescope, have, according to this view, been formed by intrusions of colossal batholites, and Suess calls them by the startling name of "smelting furnaces"—furnaces thousands of square miles in extent—in which the frame of that little world has been melted and dissolved like a snow bank lying in the path of a flow of molten iron.

And if we could remove the sedimentary accumulations of ages from the face of our world, says this astonishing German savant, we might find now hidden under our feet a network of the seared skeletons of ancient batholites, grander than any on the moon—Gargrath P. Services in New York American.

Von Moltke's Simplicity.
Once while traveling General Moltke entered a small Swiss hotel, and as the head waiter saw his gaunt figure stalking in, wrapped in a wornout, dusty cloak, carrying an old leather satchel, he measured his wealth by his looks and ordered his assistant to show him to a small room in the poorest part of the hotel. As he was making himself comfortable in the attic another assistant came, as is customary there, to ask the silent stranger his name and rank. The consequence was that a few minutes later the proprietor, in full dress, appeared at the door of the attic to inform his excellency that a better room had just been vacated.

"Give that to my servant," replied Moltke, "when he comes with my carriage. This is good enough for me." And he remained.

The Silks of Samarkand.
The silks and velvets of Samarkand, long famous for the rainbow blending of their colors, have a season, exactly like fruits or garden truck, and can only be purchased at that particular time of the year. When the worms are ready for spinning they are all brought to the silk bazaar and sold. The silk is then spun and dyed, and all that is not used in the makers' family is exported in the form of cloth. Thus, unless you happen to be in Samarkand during the season, it is all but impossible to find any of the native silk for sale except in the form of ready made khakatis, which are a sort of glorified dressing gown.—E. A. Powell in Everybody's.

Cordially Invited.
Glasgow invitations are nothing if not hearty. Two friends met after a fairly long separation.
"Man, Tam," says one, "whar in a' the airth has ye been hidin' yersef? I havena seen ye for an age."
"Weel, Jeems, I've been doon Gourock way a guid while. Come doon an' see me sume. I've got a set of good boxing gloves, an' if ye come doon any day I'll knock the face aff ye."—London Tit-Bits.

The Other Way.
"You may pay me \$100 down and \$25 a week," said the physician offhand.
"Sounds as if I were buying an automobile," the patient said.
"No," said the doctor thoughtlessly; "I am."—Buffalo Express.

Didn't Follow Directions.
"Buttin seems rather sore on you, old man."
"Yes; he annoyed me yesterday, and I told him to go and take a back seat."
"And he took affront, eh?"—Boston Transcript.

Opportunity seldom comes with a letter of introduction.

Puzzled the Packer.

The first organized work of women in a relief corps was led by Florence Nightingale in the Crimean war of 1855. So unaccustomed were people to that service at the time that it called out some curious comment. Writing of "Chinese" Gordon, Dr. Burier tells in his book, "Ten Great and Good Men," how the boys at Cambridge met the call upon them for hospital stores.
One day a letter came suddenly from the war office telling us that any warm clothes for the invalids at Scutari would be prized by Miss Florence Nightingale. At once in every college a committee was extemporized of leading undergraduates, charged to collect presents of flannel jackets, trousers, "blazers," rugs, greatcoats, furs, even sealskins.
In a few hours box after box was filled with these treasures, and all the boxes were kindly and gratuitously packed for us by the leading upholsterer of the town, his foreman simply remarking to me in a tone which General Gordon would have enjoyed:
"A nice consignment for a lady, sir."

Cause of Twilight.
Twilight is a phenomenon caused by atmospheric refraction. When the sun gets below the horizon we are not immediately plunged into the darkness of night. Although the sun is below our horizon, rays of solar light are bent or refracted by the terrestrial atmosphere and continue to furnish some slight illumination. The process continues with diminishing intensity until the sun is so far below the horizon that the refracting power of the atmosphere is no longer able to bend the rays enough to produce a visible effect. The time after sunset that the sun reaches such a position varies with the latitude of the place. There is less twilight at the tropic zone than at the temperate or frigid zone. This is due to less time taken by the sun's rays to pass through the atmosphere, at the tropic zone the sun's rays being perpendicular and at the temperate and frigid zones oblique.—New York American.

With a Grain of Salt.
The earliest record of the saying "with a grain of salt" dates back to the year 63 B. C. when the great Pompey entered the palace of Mithridates and discovered among his private papers the description of an antidote against poisons of all sorts, which was composed of pounded herbs. These, according to the recipe, were to be taken with a grain of salt. Whether this was meant seriously or as a warning sarcasm is not known, but thenceforth it became the custom to say that doubtful preparations should be taken with a grain of salt. From this the meaning got transferred to sayings of doubtful truth. "Attic salt" was a Greek synonym for wit or penetration, and the Latin word "sal" had somewhat of the same meaning. It is thus easy to see how the saying "cum grano salis" could have come to mean the necessity of accepting doubtful or suspicious statements "with a grain of salt."

Molokai and the Lepers.
The general idea of the leper settlement on the island of Molokai is wrong, says a writer in Harper's Weekly. Instead of the entire island being used for the leper colony the settlement comprises only eight square miles out of a total area of 261 square miles. It occupies a tongue of land on the northern side of Molokai. The north, east and west shores of this tiny spit are washed by the Pacific, while on the south side rise precipitous cliffs of from 1,800 to 4,000 feet, which make the isolation seem even more hopeless than the beautiful deep blue waters of the sea ever could. The most difficult and dangerous trail, constantly manned by government guards, folds escape, if it were ever contemplated, by the land side.

Stupid Husband of a Noted Singer.
Catalani's husband, a handsome Frenchman, was even more unintellectual than his wife—he was stupid. Once, having found the pitch of the piano too high, she said after the rehearsal to her husband: "The piano is too high. Will you see that it is made lower before the concert?" When the evening came Catalani was annoyed to find that the piano had not been altered. Her husband sent for the carpenter, who declared that he had sawed off two inches from each leg, as he had been ordered to do. "Surely it can't be too high now, my dear," said the stupid husband soothingly.

Through the Cracks.
When the celebrated divine Edward Irving was on a preaching tour in Scotland two Dumfriess men of decided opinions went to hear him. When they left the hall one said to the other: "Well, Willie, what do you think?"
"Oh," said the other contemptuously, "the man's cracked!"
The first speaker laid a quiet hand on his shoulder.
"Will," said he, "you'll often see a light peeping through a crack."

A Poor Player.
Griggs—So you got home from the club at midnight. Well, I suppose you told wife you had to work late at the office. Played upon her sympathies, eh? Briggs—Well—er—yes, but either her sympathies were out of tune or I'm a darned poor instrumentalist.—Boston Transcript.

Good and Sufficient Reason.
Editor—But, my good fellow, why do you bring this poem to me? Imprecunious One—Well, sir, because I hadn't a stamp, sir.—London Tatler.

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The Same Ones Are Rarely Used Two
Consecutive Seasons.

The flight of the buzzard is as well nigh perfection as it is possible to find. In fact, he might be called the most perfect aeroplane in existence. To see him soaring between the bare hills, with a vast green fertile valley below him and with the spring sun lighting up his brown plumage as he slowly sails onward with outspread pinions, is a sight never to be forgotten.
The buzzard usually chooses a ledge on a cliff for an eyrie, but in certain parts of Wales there are a few well wooded nests in trees, and as they are generally used by some bird of prey each season they grow to an enormous size. The buzzard does not, as a rule, use the same nest two consecutive seasons, but returns to it the third, and after that allows another season to elapse before occupying it again.

Two nests are often constructed in one dingle, and an amusing incident happened a few years ago in one of these places. The hen laid one egg in each nest, and, as it was quite impossible for her to sit on both at once, we did her a good turn by placing one of these eggs in the nest with its companion. The result of our kindness was that a collector passed by about two hours afterward and put both eggs in his collecting box.

When I thought the matter over I came to the conclusion that that old buzzard was not half such a fool as we took her to be, and if we had left the egg as we found them the bird might have had a chance of rearing one youngster.—Country Life.

Automatic Floggers Used by Several
European Armies.

Automatic flogging machines are in use among the military forces of several European nations. For many years the whipping was always done by soldiers under the command of an officer, and the punishment varied, according to the personal relations subsisting between the soldier and his victim. It was to correct this disadvantage that the flogging machine was invented.

The machine is automatic in action, and as soon as the culprit is fastened in position a spring is tightened or loosened to gauge the exact force of the blow. A pointer is moved over a dial to the requisite number of strokes and the mechanism is started.
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Each blow is of uniform severity, and as soon as the required number has been given the machine comes to a rest, and the offender is released, with the assurance that the exact punishment ordered has been meted out to him.—Harper's Weekly.

Obedient.
"Well, my little man," queried the minister who was making a call, "do you always do your mamma thus?"
"You bet I do," answered the precocious five-year-old, "and so does papa."

Papa Was Seen.
She—You will not come, will you not, or must I? He—Oh, I have seen him. Fact is, he made the suggestion that it was about time for me to propose.

Conceited.
Gyer—That fellow Puffins reminds me of a ball of twine. Myer—What's the answer? Gyer—He's completely wrapped up in himself.—San Francisco Star.

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Napoleon and Wellington and an Exchange
of Residences.

In the days before the Suez canal was opened to the world St. Helena was a frequent port of call for British vessels bound to and from India and the far east. This custom, explains Harper's Weekly, was caused by the need of obtaining supplies for the long voyage, and it was therefore for this reason that the ship which on one occasion bore the Duke of Wellington, then Sir Arthur Wellesley, returning to England from India, touched at the island. The great commander spent one night at Jamestown at the house of a Mr. Balcom.
Ten years later Napoleon Bonaparte landed to begin his six years of exile and was assigned to the same room that his conqueror at Waterloo had occupied. This coincidence came to the knowledge of the duke at Paris during its occupation by the allied forces, and he dispatched the following letter to the British officer then in command at St. Helena:
"I am very much obliged to you for Mr. Simpson's book, which I will read when I have a moment's leisure. I am glad you have taken the command at St. Helena, upon which I congratulate you. You may tell 'Bony' that I find his apartments at the Elysee Bourbon very convenient and that I hope he likes mine at Mr. Balcom's. It is a droll enough sequel to the affairs of Europe that we should change places of residence."

Appropriate.
"What do you suppose is the song of the desert?"
"I don't know, but I should think it would be 'The camels are coming.'"—Exchange.

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Quite Willing.
"Pardon me, governor," began the street beggar.
"Certainly, dear fellow," answered the gentleman from Tennessee. "What are you guilty of?"—Buffalo Express.

In the Swim.
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