

SUNK BANK'S MONEY IN WELL

How Gold Belonging to Georgia Financial Institution Was Kept Out of Sherman's Hands.

How the money of the State Bank of Georgia was successfully hidden during Sherman's march to the sea, and how the entire sum, which was between \$150,000 and \$200,000, was returned to the bank virtually intact, makes a strange story.

On the evening of November 23, 1864, Wallace Cumming, cashier of the Bank at Savannah, was ordered to take the money out of danger, for Sherman was approaching the city.

Later they transported the money to Macon, where the State bank had a branch office. In April, 1865, news came that another federal force was making its way southward, and what to do with the money became again an anxious question.

Finally they decided to wear what gold they could, bury some and sink the rest in a deep well. Each member of the family of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Nesbit, with whom the Cumming family had lived for six months, wore wide belts made of heavy linen, which they had stitched full of \$20 gold pieces.

Mr. Cumming made several trips between the house and the bank, and on each trip came home loaded with money. Nesbit, who owned a large iron foundry, cast a long, round iron bar, about the width of a \$20 gold piece, and sharpened at one end.

Cumming was captured, but all that the army found in his vault was several barrels of Confederate money and a few hundred dollars in silver that he had not had time to hide.

Hard Fate of Brilliant Woman. French newspapers are making terrible revelations of the poverty in which many of the greatest French savants are found to live.

The first woman doctor to practice medicine in France, Mme. Madeleine Bres, has just been discovered by the newspapers living in extreme poverty and completely blind.

Mme. Bres was a poor man's child, and when a child was employed in the hospital conducted by the Sisters of Charity at Nimes. When she was 15 years old she married a bus conductor, who was jealous of her attainments.

After practicing for 50 years, however, her sight failed and for some years she had lived on the verge of starvation, refusing the invitation of the public charity authorities to enter the paupers' home.

Not Needed. A certain Democratic candidate for a state office in the last election tells a story on himself, and he evidently appreciates the humor in it, now.

"I was billed for a speech at a county seat," his story goes, "and the Republican county chairman saw my announcement. He immediately wired to his state speakers' committee: 'Send one of the best speakers you have for Thursday night. So-and-so is to speak here the night before.'"

Giant Gas Tank Being Built. The second largest gas holder in the world is under construction in Baltimore. When fully inflated the gas tank will stand 228 feet high and will have a capacity of 10,000,000 cubic feet of gas.

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ORIGINAL HORSE HAD CLAWS

Skeletons of Prehistoric Animals Show That Nature Gave Them Somewhat Strange Equipment.

Seventeen skeletons of the so-called "Clawed Horse" of prehistoric times from the Agate Spring fossil quarry of western Nebraska have been placed in storage, for lack of exhibiting space, at the American museum of natural history, New York.

The varied skeletal combinations of Moropus and deductions therefrom are described by Professors Osborn and Matthew, as follows:

"The Moropus was a distant relative of the rhinoceros, the tapir, and the horse. It is about the size of a rhinoceros but very different in form; the head and neck are like those of the horse. The rounded back resembles that of a tapir, and the legs, although massive like those of the rhinoceros, are much longer. The teeth and feet are very distinctive. The teeth show that the animal browsed on vegetation.

"Moropus belongs with rhinoceros, tapirs and horses to the order of Perissodactyls, or hoofed mammals with an odd number of toes on the hind foot. The ruminants, camels, pigs and hippopotamuses have an even number of toes either two or four. Moropus has three toes. The feet with their great claws are more like those of ant eaters and similar digging mammals than of any of the hoofed mammals to which Moropus really belongs. It is suggested that the claws were designed to aid in scraping away the sand in dry river beds or other suitable places to obtain drink."

GRACE DARLING REAL HEROINE

Bravery of Frail Girl Thrilled All England—Died of Consumption at an Early Age.

Grace Darling, one of the greatest heroines of British marine history, won undying fame when but twenty-three years old, and of frail physique, by accompanying her father, and inspiring him to the effort of saving the lives of some passengers on a ship wrecked in a terrific gale that swept the seas near her island home.

The Forfarshire sailed from Hull with 22 cabin passengers, 19 steerage passengers and a crew of 20 on a day in September, 1838. Passage was made through the Farne islands' channel, and the ship entered Berwick bay. Here the gale was at its worst, and the ship was swept on the Farne island rocks.

The mate and eight of the crew, with one cabin passenger, hurried away in a lifeboat. The screams of the other survivors were heard by Grace Darling. When her father hesitated to launch their lifeboat on the heavy sea, she jumped into it, and he followed her. On the first trip they rescued nine, and on a later trip her father saved four more.

Just Like a Man. Mrs. Binks—What was it I told you a little while ago, John? Mr. Binks—I don't know, dear, I really wasn't listening. Mrs. Binks—Now isn't that like a man? It is too provoking! And I can't think what it was I said to him.—Minneapolis Journal.

HAS MARS REALLY BEEN SIGNALING US?

It is again recorded that Marconi has heard wireless signals of an "unearthly" nature. These mysterious dots and dashes, a dot and three dashes grouped, to be more exact, are only to be intercepted by apparatus tuned to the prodigious electric wave length of 150,000 meters, which is five times longer than any radio wave used on our earth.

A dot and three dashes in combination form the character "V" in our wireless alphabet, and it is a strange coincidence that radio stations on earth use the letter "V" for a purpose which would agree with the supposed objective of the supposed wave from another planet—that is, to test out communication.

Unfortunately, we have no wireless station of adequate power or wave length to answer a mysterious caller across the great etheric void. If we had such an apparatus, the least we could do would be to reply with many answering "Vs" followed by repeated "ok;" and after several exchanges of such mutual greeting the year 1921 would be remembered in history as the date of the first epochal interchange of intelligence between planets.

Nor would we stop at such meager communication. With evidence that Mars is a much older world than ours, it is reasonable to suppose that its inhabitants are masters of astronomy as well as other arts and sciences, so that any event observable by both worlds would be a subject for further mutual understanding. For example, if we experienced an eclipse of the sun by our moon, we might say to Mars and all other planets, "Moon eclipse sun,"

whereupon their three-story thinkers who also had observed the phenomenon with their telescopes would know the characters of telegraphic code with which we describe our planet, its satellite and our great luminary.

Those who scoff at such a possibility as radio from Mars will do well to reflect that it is a matter of no more than twenty years since we transmitted wireless over the face of the earth in terms of a few yards instead of the present range of 10,000 miles. The skeptical may also meditate on the fact that, unless our astronomers and telescopes deceive us, the Martians have worked wonders on their sphere, building a network of canals from pole to pole across the face of the planet, so that the melting snows of their polar regions, which provide their only source of moisture, may render their little world inhabitable. Is it beyond imagination that such apparently energetic and intelligent inhabitants of another world, which is slowly drying up, should attempt communication with their more fortunate neighbors and, as their plight becomes more desperate, call for help?

In any event, since the report of supposed wireless from another world is given by no less an authority than Marconi himself, the keenest interest will be manifested in further attempts to confirm this remarkable possibility. Imagine the sensations of the wireless operator as he carefully tunes his newly built receiver to the great wave and fairly squeezes his brain in an attempt to catch the transcendental letter "V!"

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