

SALT MINE OF WILIEZKA.

One of the most famous salt mines in the world—that of Wiliezka, near Cracow, Poland—is threatened with destruction by a flow of water which nearly filled it. The following account of it may be interesting to our readers.

The traveler must procure a permit from the government in order to visit these mines, but that is easily done, an officer being on the spot for that purpose. The visitor is dressed in a long coarse linen blouse, a shawl is opened, and he goes down by stairs, preceded by boys bearing lamps. If one is so disposed, he can descend by the windlass and ropes suspended in the centre of the shaft. Generally visitors descend by the stairway and ascend by the ropes.

Salt first appears at a depth of something more than two hundred feet, in a bed of clay and limestone. Passing in through one of these galleries, you come to the chapel of St. Anthony, the first and oldest of these chapels. It is supported by columns of salt, and an altar, crucifix and statues of saints as large as life, all of the same material. Owing to the moisture in this part of the mines, dissolving goes on slowly; the saints gradually melt away, here an arm, there a leg, and finally they lose all shape. The smoke arising from the torches and lamps gives all objects very much the appearance of black marble. Stairs of salt are descended, and chambers visited, till the traveler is completely bewildered. Everything is solid salt, except where some insecure roof is supported by large timbers. There is one hall out of which has been cut one hundred million weight of salt.

In one spacious hall stand two salt obelisks, cut in honor of the visit of Emperor Francis I. and his empress. Beyond this you come to a salt lake more than twenty feet deep, which is crossed in a boat. Francis Joseph's ball room is described as another of the wonders of this subterranean world. It is an immense apartment, both in height and extent, and on some festive occasions is used for dancing. It is lighted by six large chandeliers, which resemble cut glass, but are in reality crystalline rock salt. Statues of various and Neptune, sculptured from salt, adorn this hall, which, when properly illuminated, exhibits a marvellous splendor. The light being reflected from innumerable brilliant points and angles of the glittering rock. Groups of miners, naked to the hips, are seen working all through these galleries. Their manner of work is the same simple method used centuries ago.

The number of laborers constantly at work is from one to two thousand. These miners live outside the mines, and are a fine, healthy, muscular looking set of men. The temperature is very even all the year round, and the preservative power of the air is such that wood never decays, but retains its qualities for centuries. People with pulmonary affections are said to have been much benefited by inhaling freely the atmosphere of the mines. These mines have been worked since the twelfth century, but how much earlier is not known. They have already been explored to the extent of two miles and a half, and the aggregate length of all the innumerable excavations is more than four hundred miles.

CAUSE OF THE EFFECTS OF PINE TREES ON THE SOIL.—A remarkable instance of the effects of pine trees on the soil in which they have been published in the Woods and Waters Reports of the north of France. A forest near Valenciennes, comprising about eighteen hundred acres of scrub and stunted oak and birch, was grubbed up in 1843 and replaced by Scotch firs (*pinus silvestris*). The soil, composed of silicious sands mingled with a small quantity of clay, was in some places very wet. It consisted two or three feet deep, from one of which flowed a small stream. The firs succeeded beyond expectation, and large handsome stems now grow vigorously over the whole ground. It was in the early stages of their growth that the remarkable effect above referred to was noticed. The soil began to dry; the snipes that once frequented the ground became a more congenial locality; the ground became drier and drier, until at last the springs and the stream ceased to flow. Deep trenches were dug to lay open the sources of the springs and discover the cause of the drying up; but nothing was found except that the roots of the firs had penetrated the earth to the depth of five or six feet. Brings were then made, and six feet below the surface of the spring a body of water was met with of considerable depth, from which it was inferred, the spring had formerly been fed. But in what way its level had been lowered by the action of the firs could not be determined, and is still a matter of speculation. But the fact remains, and may be utilized by any one interested in tree culture. For years it has been known, that in certain places, where the lagoons which were produced by *Pinus maritima* along their margin. Hence we may arrive at the conclusion that while leafy trees feed springs and maintain the moisture of the soil, the contrary function is reserved for spine or needle bearing trees, which dry the soil and improve its quality. Our War Office might perhaps do well to take note thereof, seeing that the forts now building at the mouth of the Malabar show a tendency to sink into the soft marshy soil. If the ground can be consolidated by plantations of the maritime pine, it would be good economy to have them planted.—*Chambers' Journal*.

HIGHEST MOUNTAINS.—The geography of our country is one of the unsettled things; at least, one's knowledge of it cannot be relied on unless he keeps himself well posted in regard to the latest discoveries and investigations. Many a well-informed person might blunder if asked, for example, which is the highest mountain-peak in the United States? The question has long been unsettled; but now the contest seems to be between Mount Whitney, in California, and S. P. Peak in Colorado. Mount Whitney was accurately measured two or three years ago by Mr. King, one of the State Geologist's Survey, to a point 14,740 feet in height. The peak was inaccessible beyond that point, but he estimated that the summit rose three or four hundred feet above him. Therefore he reported Mount Whitney to be at least 15,000 feet high. But S. P. Peak has never been measured, and as it towers above many other surrounding peaks which are known to be upward of 13,000 feet, it may exceed Mount Whitney. Four peaks of the Rocky Mountains in Colorado are without doubt between 14,000 and 14,500 feet in height. These are Long's, Gray's, Pike's Peaks, and Mount Lincoln. Mount Shasta, in California, a peak of the Cascade Range, is 14,400 feet high, and Mount Hood, in Oregon, is 14,000 feet in height. The highest peak in the Northern States is Mount Washington, one of the White Mountains, in New Hampshire, which measures 6,428 feet; and the highest in the Southern States is Black Mountain, 6,767 feet, of the Allegheny Mountains, in North Carolina.—*Teachers' Advocate*.

The New York Sun suggests that only Chinese laborers should be employed during the heated term, for the reason that they are coolies.

MOSS AGATES.

A correspondent of the Cincinnati Commercial, writing from Sherman, Black Hills, Wyoming Territory, says: "Nearly every visitor to these hills and plains is an anxious and excited seeker after 'moss agates'—a name applied to a species of silicious formation that has been wonderfully and beautifully figured and flowered through the united agencies of iron solutions penetrating it, and then becoming exposed to the action of the air, going through a slow, unobtrusive process after the waters of some river bed or lake had evaporated. Some of these moss agates are very tastefully inscribed with exact imitations of pine trees, vines, cedar forests, hedges, trunks of cars, stars, figures, and almost every imaginable drawing. The agates found along the line of the Union Pacific are of four different colors, partaking of the names of the localities where found, as follows: The Cheyenne brown agate, Grandeur water agate, Church Buttes light blue agate, and the Sweetwater cream agate. The two latter are the most valuable and most delicately formed.

The most extensive agate beds are found in the vicinities of Church Buttes and Grandeur, distant about eight hundred and eighty miles west of Omaha. These beds are about fifty yards wide and nearly one hundred long, being isolated from each other at a distance of from one to two miles. As you approach them you observe a large patch of smooth, black, round cobble stones, and between these lie, almost concealed, the different sized and shaped moss agates, and occasionally sparkling among them, a bright tope and black and yellow stone called corn-hat. The intrinsic value of the agates consists in its display of moss—the vine and cedar forest being the most prized for jewelry sets. In one hour's time I have gathered a half gallon, some extremely pretty, and I know of no pleasure, either in hunting buffalo or catching trout, half so exciting and full of glory as the finding of a choice agate. I have seen staid old men search in silence for a few minutes for a 'real shiner,' and when they came upon it pick it up suddenly, take off their hats, swing them in the air, jump up and shout aloud, like schoolboys that had just been let out for a two weeks' vacation. The very novelty of finding precious stones among black rocks, far out on the plains, may induce some to go to the agate pits, a delight so pleasing and intoxicating that it takes a mighty nerve to resist the pressure of one's making a fool of himself. Good agates are worth, as jewels, from three to five dollars apiece. As novelties they are invaluable.

A German in New Albany, Indiana, has what he calls a "dumpling clock" in his window. On its top is a fat jolly looking Teuton, who holds a fork in his hand. By an ingenious contrivance, the fork, at the end of each minute, dips into a dish of dumplings, and carries one of them to the mouth of the Teuton, who swallows it with a choking gurgle, and a queer motion of his glass eyes. We have seen even boys and men who are little more than dumpling clocks.—good to count breakfast, dinner and supper time.

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