

Praise and Appreciation.

There are persons in this world—and the pity is that there are not more of them—who care less for praise than appreciation. They have an ideal after which they are striving, but of which they consciously fall short, as every one who has a lofty ideal is sure to do. When that ideal is recognized by another, and they are praised or commended for something—let that something be important or not—in its direction, they are grateful, not for praise, but for appreciation. An element of sympathy enters into that recognition, and they feel that they have something in common with the observer who admires what they admire and praises what they think is most worthy of praise.

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An extraordinary lake of pitch exists in Trinidad. It is a circular basin of black bitumen, having an area of only 110 acres. But this deposit, formed from vegetable matter by chemical processes in nature's laboratory during past ages, is an inexhaustible mine of riches. Anybody who has seen a large round pond, mostly dried up, with little streams of clear water irregularly intersecting its bed, here and there patches of vegetation, and a slushy looking place near the center with fish bubbles coming up, the entire surface blackish and uninviting, can form a very fair idea of the general appearance of the lake. Its contents are nearly pure asphaltum, with a small proportion of earthy matter. An old geological report estimates the quantity in sight at 4,752,000 tons, but since this reckoning was made several hundred thousand tons have been removed without perceptibly diminishing the available supply.

There is something altogether weird and strange about this lake of pitch. Its surface does not present a continuous sheet, but is traversed by a network of channels in which the rain water collects. Its aspect may be likened to a piece of marbled paper. There are about a score of small islands scattered over the lake, which are covered with vegetation, some of them supporting trees twenty or thirty feet high. These islands do not extend downward very far into the lake, but appear to be merely superficial accumulations of soil. When one of them is destroyed the asphalt beneath it rises to the general level. Although the action is so slow as to be imperceptible to the eye, the entire lake is always in motion, so that the islets are continually being transported from one part of it to another. It is said that sometimes one of them sinks into the lower regions of bitumen, to be again thrown up at a distance, its verdant hue changed to the black dye of the pitch. About the islets thousands of beautiful butterflies and more brilliant humming birds gather, while higher in the air flocks of gaudy paroquets and cuckoos sport themselves. The richness of the vegetation and the superb array of birds and insects afford a striking contrast with the gloom of the stygian lake.

The surface of the lake is hard, so that a horse may be ridden over it, except for the space of about an acre in the center, where the pitch is soft and bubbling. A man walking across this part of it sinks to above his ankles, but at times it would probably be dangerous to venture there, lest one be engulfed and find a horrid grave in the inky depths below. Everybody who has walked on asphalt pavements know how readily they absorb and are softened by the rays of the sun. That orb shines with such a torrid glare in Trinidad that the temperature of the great sheet of bitumen varies from 70 to 140 degrees within twenty-four hours. Thus during the hot part of the day the pitch sometimes fairly boils in the middle of the lake. It always has an abominable smell of sulphuretted hydrogen, which is the kind of gas generated in bad eggs. Here and there over the surface are swellings small and big which are filled with gas. It is fortunate that the material when compact will not burn without a wick, for otherwise the entire region, including the neighboring village, might suffer the fate of Sodom and Gomorrah. No soundings have ever been made, and the depth of the deposit is unknown.

The soil of the island in the vicinity of the lake rests on a substratum of asphaltum. Inasmuch as the latter readily yields to pressure, it is not surprising that houses built over it should exhibit a tendency to tumble down. Although the posts that support them are apt to sink into the earth, or more often to lean over sideways, apparently endangering the buildings. This does not at all alarm the inmates, though the dwellings often look like card houses on the point of falling. The movement of the asphaltum is too gradual to cause accidents. Furthermore when a cottage seems on the point of falling it is as likely as not to regain its plumb, the posts-resuming the perpendicular through a new movement of the asphaltum. When the pitch is dug from the land deposits the hole from which it is taken soon fills itself up. Thus an excavation that yielded 3,000 tons has been known to fill itself up within a few months to a level with the surrounding ground.

The company which has the exclusive right to dig asphalt from the lake procures its supplies from the central portion, where the pitch is dug with picks and pulled up in lumps, which are thrown by hand into barrels for transportation in carts to the seashore not far away. In the hot part of the day the stuff is so liquid that shovels are used instead of picks. The work is performed by excavating areas thirty or forty feet square to a depth of three or four feet. As soon as labor ceases on one of these holes the latter begins to be obliterated, the bottom rising up to the general level, so that within a few days no trace remains. The old proverb, that one cannot touch pitch without being defiled, does not hold true here. If it did the place would be intolerably loathsome. The material can be taken in the hands and molded into any shape without staining the fingers. Certainly there are few things in the world so wonderful as this great puddle of asphalt, which looks to the eye as though billions of tons of black pitch had boiled out of the earth from the effects of an immense subterranean fire.

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There are positive no basques worn.

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