

"Lovers' Leap"



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HAVE you a "Lovers' Leap" in your locality?

If you haven't, then it's unique, and you might well capitalize upon that fact and, in advertising to tourists the attractions of your region, assure them that "this is the only place in the United States which does not have among its scenic beauties a single Lovers' Leap."

Just how many of these places there are is unknown. But start anywhere in the East and drive West and you'll find plenty of them. There's one between Little Falls and Danube, N. Y., a rocky hill overlooking the Erie canal and the Mohawk river. Visit Starved Rock park between Ottawa and La Salle, Ill., and you will be shown a rocky projection "from which an Illinois warrior and his sweetheart leaped to death in the river, rather than deliver themselves into the hands of their enemies." Visit Independence, Iowa, and they will tell you that Cedar rock, near Quasqueton, is also called "Lovers' Leap" where "the Indian lovers, Wapsie and Pincon, from whom the Wapsipicon got its name, are supposed to have plunged to their deaths in the swirling waters of the river." And out in Oakdale, Calif., they will sell you a post card picture of "Lover's Leap on the road between Oakdale and Knights Ferry where a mythical Indian maiden committed suicide by leaping into the river."

While nearly every township or county can boast of at least one Lovers' Leap, Mackinac Island in northern Michigan has the distinction of having two places where love's young dream found a tragic ending. The guide books will tell you of "Lover's Leap"—This lone pinnacle rises to a height of 145 feet above the waters of Lake Michigan about a mile west of the main part of the city. The legend which gives it its name is that in the long ago the beautiful Lotah, an Indian maiden of the Ojibwa tribe and only daughter of a famous chief named Wawanosh, watched from this height the departure of her lover, named Geniwegwon, with a war expedition across the water; and to the rock she came day after day to await his coming. At last, the party returning without him, brought word of his death and the distracted maiden not caring for life any longer leaped from this cliff; the lifeless body was found by her father at the foot of the precipice the evening after."

Then there is Robertson's Folly, where "Tis told that a young and beautiful Indian girl was wooed and won by this dashing young Lieutenant Robertson, but the poor maiden soon learned that he was to depart for the East at an early date to marry a white girl. He granted her a last farewell meeting at this their trysting place, and in a desperate struggle she succeeded in precipitating him and herself over the cliff."

But if you want the story of a Lovers' Leap with a wealth of detail, go to Linn Creek, Mo., where there has been handed down from pioneer days this tale of Lovers' Leap above the clear waters of the Niangua river before it flows into the murky Osage:

"A century ago the mighty Osage and Shawnee tribes dwelt along these streams. They were fighting enemies, and bones of big-framed giants, war clubs of stone, rusted arrow-heads of crudely fashioned metal and other

signs of struggle have been found for years by plowboys as they turned over the rich alluvial soil along the river bottoms.

"Grey Eagle was then a medicine man of the Shawnees; his daughter was Laughing Water. A young warrior of the Osage tribe came up the racing waters of the Niangua in his canoe on a pleasant day, and stopped before the birch bark tepee of Grey Eagle. The head of the young warrior flaunted his eagle feathers; a deer-skin shirt and leggings, and buckskin moccasins encased the form of this young giant. Trails of wild animals hung from a wampum belt and a bow and arrow swung across his broad shoulders. These intimate details have been carefully preserved in connection with the world-old story of 'love at first sight.'

"Laughing Water rose gracefully to welcome him, but she reckoned without her haughty father, to whom the sight of an Osage was poison ivy. But none the less, Laughing Water had a mind of her own, as daughters of a tribal chieftain should have, and she encouraged the shots from the love arrow of the Osage warrior.

"Day by day the young couple roamed the forest or floated on the silvery waters of the Niangua, Laughing Water sang like birds in tree tops, or laughed till the forest rang with melody as her lover related his stories of wonderful adventure. Then as now, lovers it would seem were prone to spread a glamour around their past.

"The Osage warrior came to friendly terms with the Shawnee braves, as their bitter jealousies vanished before evidences of his skill as a fisherman and hunter and prowess as a warrior. They took him into their council, but old Grey Eagle would not mix medicine potions that would enable him to become a son-in-law.

"Courtship of this pair lasted during the summer, and every means of winning the father's consent proved unavailing. Laughing Water was urged to flee the tribal domain and become one of the Osage people. But her Shawnee blood would not permit, so the young couple decided since they could not live together they would die together. Thus united in the land of the great silence their love would be unhindered by the wishes of a medicine chief.

"Face to face and hand to hand the Indian lovers plighted their everlasting troth, sought a high bluff on the river beneath which the waters formed a great swirling eddy, cast themselves far into the channel and no trace of them was ever discovered."

A similar detailed account of another Lover's Leap, which bears the more prosaic name of Jump mountain, was told in a recent issue of the Lexington (Va.) Gazette, prefaced with this editor's note: "The following article has been contributed by a friend who is satisfied that the account is historical."

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Community Building

Progressive City Sees to Its Attractiveness

While much emphasis is being placed—and rightly—on the advantages that Indianapolis possesses as a commercial and industrial center, which are many and obvious, not enough thought or effort is directed to making it attractive as a place of residence. The men who work here have to live here, and therefore the town must be a good deal more than a workshop.

While we have a fine start, there is much that might and should be done to increase the advantages that we already possess. We are richly endowed with churches, schools, libraries and art facilities, all of which make a strong appeal to those seeking new homes. We have our clubs, municipal playgrounds, golf courses and swimming pools and parks, and these are very important assets.

Valuable as they are, other things are needed. People like to live in comfort and amid beautiful surroundings. A campaign for the beautification of the city would yield rich returns. There should be greater care for our trees and a planting of new ones, even in streets supposed to be doomed to treelessness—certain of our business streets, for instance.

The campaign against the smoke evil will, just as far as it succeeds, contribute to both beauty and comfort—contribute very largely. For cleanliness is an element in both. Dinginess is certainly not attractive. Nor is it sanitary. Beauty, cleanliness and comfortable living conditions are all the marks of a wide-awake and progressive community.—Indianapolis News.

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Using a highway bridge as an airway marker, is one of the latest developments in this fast-moving transportation age.

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In laying the brick, the contractor started at the north end of the bridge using all dark brick, and later light brick for the marking were inserted. The surplus dark brick were then used at the south end. Asphalt was used as filler for the dark brick, while the markers were filled with a lean grout filler.

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Advance Worrying

Bride—I feel sad, sort of. Groom—What's troubling you, sweetheart?

Bride. (wistfully)—Dear, would you get married again if I divorced you?

—Life.

No Corner to Brighton

Evangelist—Young man, you should brighten the corner where you are. Railroad Man—But I work in a roundhouse.—Border, Cities Star.

Death by Electrocutation

In general, it may be said that the length of time required to electrocute an average healthy person is about 1/240ths of a second.

Remodeling Old Homes

Veneering an old house with face brick has been made a simple process. The contractor merely changes a few old-fashioned bays, etc., on the exterior and lays up the brick right over the old frame. Many builders are offering to finance the remodeling job, letting the owner pay a small amount down and the rest on convenient terms.

Brick Combines Well

Common brick meets all architectural demands for surface effects and type. It may be used in the best homes in combination with slate or tile roofs, copper and zinc gutters and down spouts, metal casements and sash, exposed oak timbers and plate glass!

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