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THE MYSTERY OF A CENTURY SOLVED BY A BAND OF EXPLORERS.

They Found That the Supposed Volcano Was Merely the Burning of Surface Oil. An Explanation in Which There Was Danger of Death in the Jungle.

Mr. P. M. Oliver of Gainesville, Fla., writes to The World that he has solved what he calls the great Florida volcano mystery. He was a member of an expedition that went out and solved it. He has come to the conclusion that the so-called volcano was caused by the ignition of gas, oil and sulphur.

Oliver shall tell what he found in his own lecture on the subject. "Having accomplished our work, I will now give to your readers the result in plain facts, to which we will make allusion. On our arrival at St. Marks, within 10 miles of the supposed volcano we first interviewed the keeper of St. Mark's Light-house, from the tower of which we saw the volcano. He told us that he had seen smoke coming from the volcano ever since he had been plainly visible, and after also interviewing quite a number of the intelligent old settlers in that section we learned that the volcano was the Devil's Chimney, as they termed it. It was said to exist during the volcanic and seismic disturbances at Charleston, or for three or four years since.

The material upon which this fire fed had been oil, gas, sulphur, and coal. The coal supply was exhausted, cooled down and extinct, leaving in fissures or round wells, seemingly of great depth, water covered with a perceptible coating of oil, while the walls or sides were fire charred, leaving great fangs of lava and broken rock to unmistakably show a hot, seething furnace once existed. Specimens of this material can be seen on exhibition at the store of Judge James Bell at Gainesville.

The only plausible cause of these eruptions is the great supply of oil, gas and sulphur present in that section of country. Every stream and pond has a perceptible coating of oil, and oil keeps issuing from the rocks and layers of streams and rivers. While sulphur is plainly visible in the cracks and crevices of the rocks. The natural oil and gas, escaping, we believe from time to time from forest fires, and exhausting themselves, burned out. "We do not doubt or deny that there may be other fissures existing and perhaps of more recent date. In that great wilderness of swamps and swamps, and swamps, and swamps, we are positively certain that all are of the same nature, fed by the same material, and are surface burnings and not emanations from the interior lakes of volcanic fire.

Nothing is useless nowadays—not even a defunct pauper. Hood's plimpy wall—Battie his bones Over his stones. Who's nobody now? Is now out of date. The guardians know better than to act so recklessly, for often the party concerned is the possessor of a set of artificial teeth which contain a good deal of gold—just like the most precious things—and in the interest of the purveyors the precious metal must be secured and turned into gold. Often, too, they are the owners of rings or other articles not pawning, but still containing as much auriferous value as not a few modern gold mines. These have to be collected and also converted into cash by means of the melting pot. In the latter portion the melting process takes place once a year and has just been accomplished for the present season. The jewelry dealer who is what he is, is a person who is friendly and unclaimed in his various establishments. This week rings, chains, brooches and trinkets have been melted down and produced a bar of gold, valued as 11 carats and worth about £10. A good proportion of it was got from the plates of artificial teeth. Mr. Winton said that on one set of artificial teeth he was worth at least £4 worth of gold. The proceeds are paid into the common exchequer of the union.—London Telegraph.

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MAKING THE GUNS LOOK SMART.

How the Glossy Brown Coat is Put on the Cannon on the New Cruise. Ever since our government has been building up its great white navy thousands of visitors have besieged the men-of-war whenever they have been in port has afforded an opportunity. They have been plying with questions concerning everything aboard ship, from the minutest details of her double bottom to the ponderous tapering rifles of the warship, with their trailing wheels, cogs and recoil cylinders, and perhaps most of the admiration and questions have been directed at the guns and their mechanism. As a blue-jacket swings open the breech of the gun and explains the mechanism of the block and vent. Then the minutiae of the gun are explained through the glittering rifled bars and wonders at the terrific power of so pretty and graceful a machine. And at last, when the breech has been closed and the gun is ready to fire, the visitor in nine cases out of ten will ask a question that has been perplexing him ever since he laid eyes on the gun.

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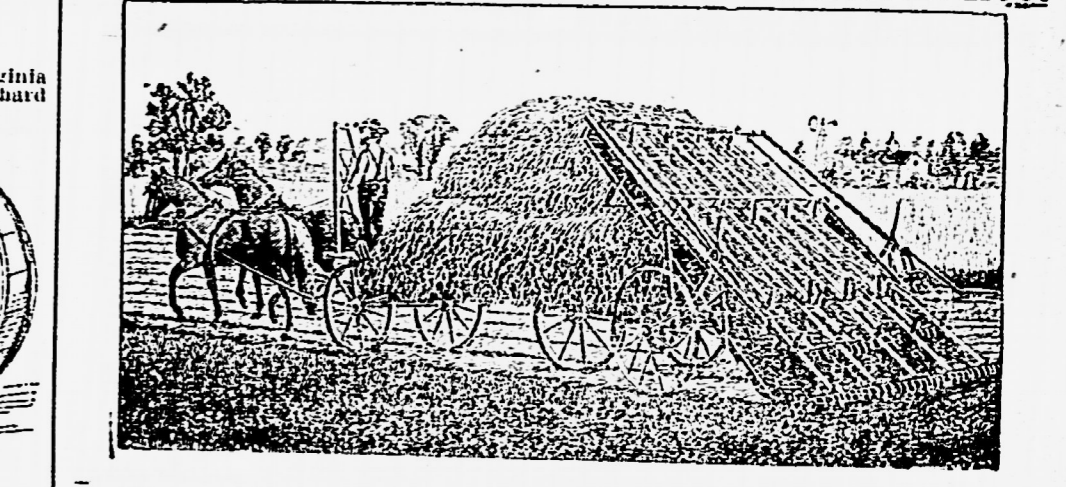
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