

My Mother's Nice Christmas Cake.

I'm thinking to-day of the past and its troubles,
Its joys and its sorrows, its hopes and its fears,
Much I had hoped for has melted like bubbles—
All these I can see as I look through the years.
But just now there's a scene that comes gladly to cheer me,
And 'tis one that I promised I'd never forsake.
Oh, it was when in boyhood a dear form stood near me
And I tasted my mother's nice Christmas cake.

In fancy once more I am walled to childhood,
To the hours when I rambled light-hearted to school,
Bird-nesting and strolling through meadow and wildwood
And swam in the "dam" or "way down at Duck Pool".
I can see the old pot, and the brands brightly burning,
She placed on its cover when she'd go to bake;
And my heart is to-day most sincerely yearning
For a taste of my mother's nice Christmas cake.

I have tasted the cakes of the latest invention
With flowers decorated and sugar most sweet,
But with all their fancy work, here I will mention
That I know of one which their art couldn't beat.
And forever I'll hold in my heart as a treasure
The hours when I watched her most busily bake
That which I ate with the greatest of pleasure—
And that was my mother's nice Christmas cake.

I have watched her move briskly and with a knife try it
A dozen times over to see if 'twas done,
As I, with my heart throbbing, joyous stood by it
As she'd praise me and call me her dear little son.
Ah, tell me not of this world's fame and glory,
Father Time all such splendour from folks he will take
To me there's more pleasure in telling the story
Of the days of my mother's nice Christmas cake.
AULD LANG SYNE.
Dec. 18th, 1922.

Cave Treasures.

STOREHOUSES OF ANCIENT HISTORY.

The discoveries made in the newly-found caves at Koster, in the Transvaal, shed a fresh light upon a race which inhabited that part of the earth at a period so remote as to be almost beyond our conception. They offer one more instance of the immense value to modern man of caverns as storehouses of antiquity.

It is very largely from the study of relics found in English caves that scientists have been able to build up the past history of the inhabitants of our own country. The most famous of these caves are Kent's Hole, just outside Torquay, and Brixham Hole. In the former a layer of stalagmite one to three feet thick has perfectly preserved a most amazing collection of relics of our long-vanished ancestors. Here are bone implements mingled with the remains of an extraordinary variety of animals, which include the cave bear, cave tiger, the mammoth, woolly rhinoceros, urus, bison, the giant Irish elk, and the reindeer.

Wooley Hole.

In the Cheddar caves, especially Wooley Hole, amazing quantities of the bones of similar animals are found, and with them all sorts of relics of men of the Stone Age. We learn, for instance, that these people of long ago best dogs. From flint scrapers we can tell that they were great hunters, and that they were acquainted with the use of fire. From human bones found we can even form a fair idea of their size, height, and general appearance.

At Chalou.

Still more startling discoveries were made in Belgian caves at Chalou, where axes of nephrite were discovered. Now nephrite is found only in Asia, and the only logical conclusion is that prehistoric man traded quite widely. In these caves were found also fragments of elephant ivory, shells from Champagne, and pieces of fluorine from Devonian limestones.

The French caves of Gourdan, and caves near Schaffhausen, in Switzerland, have yielded numerous drawings cut on bone or horn, and some of these of really startling merit from an artistic point of view. There are sketches of the reindeer, the horse, the ox, the sheep, and even of the mammoth. Earrings, neck ornaments, head-dresses made of perforated shells, and scores of other objects in an almost perfect state of preservation have been found in these caves.

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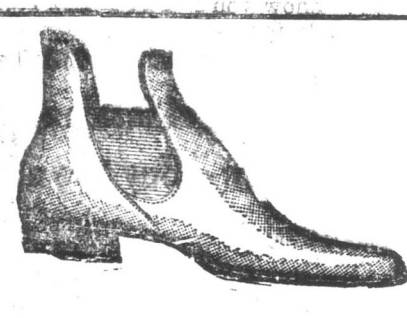
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