

We wish to use the world-wide interest now taken in the North-world gold problem to disseminate a few original thoughts among thinking men, as well as among those who call themselves "geologists."

In the present effort we will try first to convince our readers that the earth once had an annular system. This we will have to do by following a line of strictly philosophic inquiry into the various stages of world-growth as affirmed by the past and present conditions of the globe. Then we will attempt to show what elements composed the earth rings; and that gold was necessarily one of those elements. Finally, we will present the proofs that in the inevitable and progressive collapse of these rings the polar regions of a planet must receive by far the greatest part of the matter composing them, and that because gold was no insignificant part of these rings, the polar lands must be the richest gold regions of the earth.

The present physical conditions of the earth, as we understand them, are not accidental in any sense. As the lily and the rose have a beginning and a subsequent career responsible to conditions inexorable and despotic, so a world starts on its eternal round under the ministration of *law*, and the most subtle variations in the results of the primal impress of potencies can be but responses linked in everlasting union. This being the case, in order to follow up the grand progression of conditions of world evolution, as planned by the Great Architect of the Universe, it is pre-eminently essential that we should know what the primal conditions of the earth were. Then knowing these conditions and knowing the law regulating them, we can at least hope to erect a theory that will not fall—a glory that cannot die. Until we can plant our feet on this rock we must admit that we are floating at sea.

In this age of tireless research we have come to know very positively what some of the primal conditions of the earth were. The one potent condition—the condition from which utter necessity has passed a grand array of overflowing and overtopping consequences down to our day—is what is known among