A Continent Under the Waves

THE LEGEND OF ANCIENT ATLANTIS.

Of the many curious myths of the world, none has been more persistent or has excited more curiosity than that which tells of a lost island-continent named Atlantis, Atalantis, or Atlantica, lying far under the waters of the Atlantic Ocean and once connected with existing continents.

First spoken of by Plato, accepted even by the incredulous mind of Voltaire, the legend is still the subject of periodical books, lectures, and magazine articles. A remarkable theory concerning the location of the ancient continent has just been advanced in the French magazine "Science et La Vie," by Professor Alphonse Berget.

Plato's Views.

According to Professor Berget, the actual limits of Atlantis can be traced. Starting from the Ivory Coast, he asserts, the boundaries can be established by oceanographic soundings.

What is regarded as probable by scientists who have studied the question is that Atlantis was the seat of the earliest civilization. Could the depth of the ocean be explored, it is believed that ruins of wonderful cities and temples might be uncovered.

When it is pointed out to the theorists that such discoveries have not been made to any degree on the Azores, Madeira, or the Canary Islands, which are supposed to have formed part of the lost continent, they explain that in the days of Atlantis these islands were probably the tops of volcanoes.

In the "Timaeus," Plato tells how certain Egyptian priests, in a conversation with Solon, described the continent as a country larger than Asia Minor and Libya combined and situated just beyond the Pillars of Hercules or Straits of Gibraltar.

Atlantis had been a powerful kingdom 9,000 years before the birth of Solon, according to the priests, and its armies had overrun the lands bordering on the Mediteranean, Athens alone having fought them off. Finally Atlantis had been overwhelmed by the sea, which then became unnavigable on account of the shoals marking the spot.

A Spur to Exploration.

Arabian geographers preserved the legend for mediaeval writers, who firmly believed it. Their position was supported by traditions of islands in the western seas supposed to resemble Atlanti, such as the Greeks Isle sof the Blest, or Fortunate Islands, St. Brendan's Island, the Portugues Antilla or Isle of Seven Cities, and the Welsh Avalon. With the exception of Avalon, all these islands were marked in maps of the fourteenth and fifteenth centuries.

Such myths often have a practical value by leading to voyages of exploration. Just as the Portuguese discovered the Cape of Good Hope through their efforts to get into communication with the fabled monarch Prester John, so Columbus's discovery of America may have been influenced by his having gathered the legend of Atlantis from old maps, books, and the stories of returned sailors.

When mariners of the time encountered the Sargasso Sea they believed that the dense weeds grew in mud on the bottom of the sea, and that the Atlantic Ocean was therefore impassable. By taking soundings, Columbus realized that the mud did not exist, and he therefore pushed on with renewed confidence.

Plato describes how the Atlantans employed themselves in erecting temples, royal habitations, ports, and docks over the whole region. Of similar works, Hyde Clarke pointed out in a paper read before the Royal Historical Society, there are remains enough in America. A lengthy description of the royal city and palace is given by Plato.

Prosperous States.

Gold and silver, he says, were largely used in the decorations. Warm baths are specified, and separate baths for women. The docks are pictured as full of triremes, and the ten States into which the continent was divided are said to have carried on an extensive trade with each other. An express condition of their polity was that none of the States was to engage in war with another, and that all were to combine against any city breaking out against tradition or trying to destroy the royal race.

Some of the modern works on the Atlantis myth are even stranger than those of Plyato, Rodolph Steiner, for example, a learned Doctor of Philosophy of Vienna, in "Atlantis and Lemuria," claims to have deciphered what he calls the Akashic records.

From these records he finds that Atlantis actually existed at some remote age, that the country was a sort of earthly paradise, and that the inhabitants were a vastly superior race of whom existing human beings are degenerate descendants. Only one sex, he believes, existed on the continent.

An American Story.

But the most curious exhibit of all is a large tome weighing several pounds, by one J. Ben Leslie, who appears to be an American and styles himself "Yours in search of truth."

He solemnly asserts that the information on the lost continent was given to him by Erothrodia Proan "Atlantan literary spirit adviser." He states that before the submergence of Atlantis, 18,875 years ago, the "terranzi' in the south-western portion, of which the West Indies are remnants, were a part of the Rockies of North America.

Mr. Leslie, through his familiar spirit, minutely describes Atlantan flowers, vines, alphabet, poets and tone poets, musical instruments, including the Chamboret and the Dendrdric, "the great Atlantan music factory,' government, and religion. He even reproduces the Atlantan flags! Oddily enough, he shares Dr. Steiner's belief that the Atlantans possessed aeroplanes.

Other myths similar to that of Atlantis are those which centre round the island of Brazil or Brasil (supposed to lie some hundred miles to the west of Ireland), Lyonesse, the sunken land off the Cornish coast and the lost Breton city of Ys.

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S. S. Newfoundland

The S.S. Newfoundland left Liverpool at 9 o'clock Tuesday night, on her maiden voyage across the Atlantic according to a message received yesterday from the Furness Withy Company's local managers. Captain Ferneaux, who was formally in command of the Sachem on this route, is in the ship, which has 52 passengers on board. She should arrive here about next Monday night and be ready to sail for Halifax and Boston on Wednesday, the 24th inst.

McMurdo's Store News

CHILD WELFARE WEEK.

This week the Child Welfare Association hold Baby Week at the Star Hall, and every day special lectures will be given Mothers on the health and care of Babies. We have a stall at the hall and will have on display all the necessities for the welfare of the Baby.

We have also a big window display of Baby Foods, Bottles, and sundries such as Recolax and Lactogen Food, Rubber Pants and Aprons, Nipples, Nurse Bottles, Brushes, etc.

MINARD'S LINIMENT FOR CORNS AND BUNIONS.

How Not to Break a

Two men are carrying a ... containing, let us say, ... The total weight of the ... is two hundred pounds ... has two handles, and the ... provided such wise that the weight ... divided between them. ... might does each man support? ... Apparently that is a question ... for the kindergarten. But ... there is a catch in it: it is ... that no engineer or mathematician could answer, unless ... additional data. The obvious ... 100 pounds, might happen to ... But, on the other hand, the ... answer might be two hundred ... Paradoxical, is it not; two ... making an aggregate pull of ... 200 pounds in order to ... carry two-hundred-pound bag? ... Assured by David Fliegelman ... Industrial Engineering ... that under certain conditions ... would not support the bag ... and give this exaggerated ... conditions are simply that ... should stand far apart, so ... arms are nearly in line, ... nearly parallel, as they ... the bag were being carried ... least possible expenditure ... In practise, the men themselves ... of course find the easiest ... make needless work for ... they separated ever so ... than was necessary, they ... the load heavier. But the ... which they thus demonstrate ... (unconsciously) is one ... laborers do not take into ... Fliegelman tells us, with ... that life and limb are never ... endangered, through the ... chains used to hoist heavy ... building materials. For ... weight capable of supporting ... three thousand pounds ... the attempt to hoist a ... solid block of stone, if improperly ... applied—precisely as the strain ... when carrying the bag will ... sufficient if they attempt to ... the wrong way. Chains may ... true, through other kinds of ... sudden shock, twists or ... bring the links around sharp ... without danger from these sources ... is evident, whereas the ... spreading the branches of ... double-sling chain is not ... and is less generally understood ... appreciated, except by ... have studied mechanics ... mics. As most users of ... not had this privilege, Mr. ... wisely resorts to diagrams ... illustrate the principle ... general statement by way ... tion:

"The arms of two men ... travelling bag represent ... sling (inverted' with one ... person taking the part of ... of the sling. While the two ... close together with their ... straight and parallel, each ... half of the load without ... or strain on the arm. ... the men step farther apart ... between the arms increases ... does so, the load or pull ... man must exert to hold the ... bag in the position increases ... same way a chain is over ...

"When the angle ... is 120 degrees, or the arm ... between the chain and the ... degrees, the safe working ... 100 per cent. of the safe load ... chains are almost vertical ... words, the stress in the ... the same load were lifted ... would be about 11 1-2 tons ... With the chains at a wide ... When the chains are vertical ... this load would be taken ... branch of the chain. ... stress would exceed the full ... of three and one-half tons ... is ordinarily used in a ... the stress or overload ... enough to rupture the ... though a load much heavier ... handled with safety if the ... been applied differently. ...

"When the angle between ... is 120 degrees, or the arm ... the chain and the load 30 ... the stress on each chain ... the total load. This and ... considered as the absolute ... double sling chains should ... much smaller and ... preferable.

"Repeated overloading ... produces fatigue which ... chain sufficiently so that ... some time later even the ... loaded below its safe ... The unsafe condition often ... does not always show up ... overload is applied. A good ... iron chain will usually ... it is an unsafe condition ... by rupturing. One of the ... obvious indications of an ... elongation, which may ... to deformation of the link ... ink wear.

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