solence, which had created him so much unnecessary disquiet, and had so often obstructed' the prosecution of his wellconcerted plan; and passing, in the warmth of their admiration, from one extreme to another, they now pronounced the man whom they had so lately reviled and threatened to be a person inspired by Heaven with sagacity and fortitude more than human, in order to accomplish a design so far beyond the ideas and conception of all former ages." -ROBERTSON—The discovery of America.

(i.) In what year was America discovered by Columbus? In whose service was he at the time, and how many vessels did he have with him?

(ii.) What part of America did he first discover?

(iii.) Explain the meaning in 16 1/2 which 'implored,' 'incredulity,' 'prosecution,' 'well-concerted,' reviled,' 'inspired,' 'Heaven,' 'sagacity,' 'fortitude,' 'conception,' 'ages,' are used in the passage.

> (iv.) Created him so much unnecessary disquiet. To what does this refer? What was 'his well-concerted plan'?

(v.) From one extreme to another—What were the two extremes?

(vi.) More than human-What is understood 'human'?

The Red Man came, The roaming hunter tribes, warlike and fierce,

And the Mound-builders vanished from the earth.

The solitude of centuries untold

Has settled where they dwelt. The prairie-wolf

Hunts in their meadows, and his freshdug den

Yawns by my path. The gopher mines the ground

Where stood their swarming cities. All is gone;

All,—save the piles of earth that hold their bones,

The platforms where they worshipped unknown gods,

The barriers which they builded from the soil

To keep the foe at bay, till o'er the walls

The wild beleaguerers broke, and, one by one,

The strongholds of the plain were forced and heaped with corpses."

BRYANT—The Prairies. (i.) The solitude of centuries untold.—Explain the meaning of untold. Parse it.

(ii.) Explain the meaning in which 'yawn,' 'swarming,' 'beleaguerers,' and 'forced,' are used in this passage.

(iii.) What is meant by 4<u>₹</u> 'keep the foe at bay,' and 'the strongholds of the plain'? Who, according to Bryant, were the foe?

(iv.) What is the gopher?

(v.) Point out the silent 5, i.e. 3+2, letters in—

"The roaming hunter tribes, warlike and fierce ; " And in—

"The platforms where they worshipped unknown gods."

What final letter in the latter of these lines has a sound different from that which it usually has?

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