

human, in order to accomplish a design so far beyond the ideas and conception of all former ages."—ROBERTSON—*The Discovery of America.*

4½ (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 ?

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

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

3 (iv.) *Create! him so much unnecessary disquiet.* To what does this refer ? What was 'his well-concerted plan ?

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

1½ (vi.) *More than human.* What is understood after 'human ?

3.

"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 fresh-dug 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 beleaguers broke, and, one by one,
The strongholds of the plain were forced, and heaped
with corpses." — BRYANT—*The Prairies.*

(i.) *The solitudes of centuries untold.*—Explain the meaning of *untold.* Parse it.

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

4½ (iii.) What is meant by 'keep the foe at bay' and 'the strongholds of the plain ? Who, according to Bryant, were the foe ?

1 (iv.) What is the gopher ?

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

3+2 "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 ?