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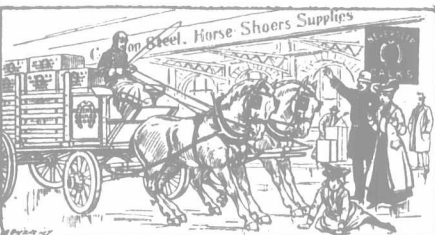
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An Asphalt Lake.

How many things we see every day without learning anything about them! Asphalt we have all walked on and some of us have been sheltered beneath, yet we think of it as a kind of genteel surfacing for concrete coming from somewhere in the South, and that's about all we know about it. The visitor to the West Indian Island of Trinidad is therefore somewhat startled to come upon an asphalt lake, and is quite inclined to agree with the late Charles Kingsley and call it one of the wonders of the world.

The sight of this asphalt lake is well worth a visit to the island, which belongs to Great Britain, and lies directly off the coast of Venezuela, from which it is separated by the Gulf of Paria, at its narrowest only nine miles wide. The great River Orinoco, which enters the sea at this point, is gradually filling up this gulf with the mainland of South America, and the north entrance, which is called the Serpent's Mouth, has grown quite shallow. Trinidad has a different appearance from most of the Caribbean Islands, its mountains being less high, and extending east and west along the north coast, heavily forest-fringed, they give it, to one who approaches from this direction, an effect of tropical exuberance hardly surpassed. From near-by one can see the overhanging mangoes dip into the sea. Nevertheless, the island is quite thickly populated, and its fertile valleys and plains toward the south, as well as Port of Spain and other cities, bear testimony to its civilization.

The asphalt lake is so much more striking than anything else on the island that I want to confine my remarks to that. It lies near the village of La Brea, covers 114 acres, is nearly circular in outline, a little less than a mile and a half in diameter, the center about three-quarters of a mile from the Gulf of Paria, and about 135 feet above the level of the sea. The peculiar thing about this "pitch lake," as it is called, is its texture. The surface is hard enough, except in spots in the center, to bear the weight of carts and mules. It is necessary for one to keep moving, however; otherwise, he soon sinks in the material, which, under the rays of the tropical sun, becomes quite soft.

About 100,000 tons of asphalt are taken out of the lake every year without making any noticeable difference in the quantity that remains. When asphalt is dug from any portion of the deposit, in the course of a few days the hole is again filled up by new material coming apparently from subterranean asphalt springs. Borings have been made to the depth of several hundred feet, in an unsuccessful effort to find the bottom of the lake. The constant motion of the asphalt made it impossible to go deeper.

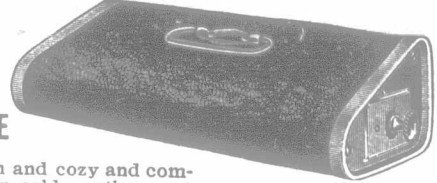
The composition of the asphalt is of remarkable uniformity, no matter from what portion of the lake it is taken. Samples taken 135 feet deep at the center do not differ from those taken from the surface a few feet from shore. The asphalt is in constant motion. There are on the surface of the lake a half dozen or more islands, from 50 to 150 feet in diameter, bearing vegetation, with trees 30 or 40 feet high, and a dense undergrowth. These islands move or float about—almost imperceptibly, yet constantly changing their position. From levels which were taken in 1893 and 1894, it appears that the center of the lake is a foot higher than the edges. This is due to the ebullition of the soft asphalt near the center.

The asphalt is dug with picks or mattocks. It is not sticky like refined asphalt, because of the quantity of water it contains. This water is entirely removed in the process of refining. The crude asphalt is loaded into cars and transferred to ships over a pier 375 feet long.

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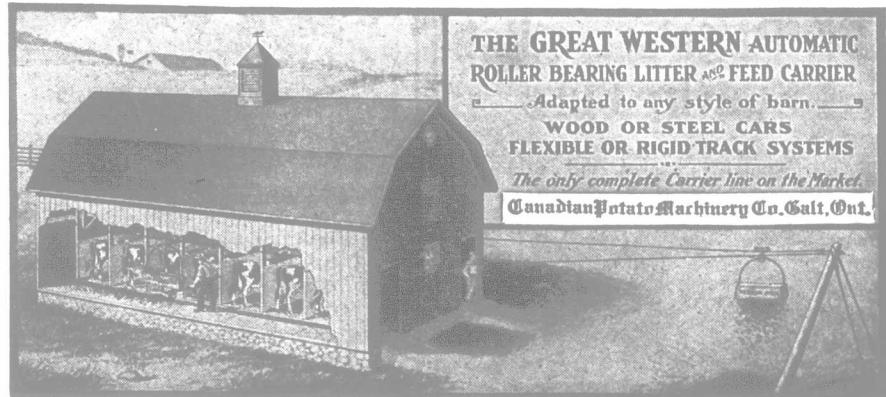
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