

## TWO INDIAN LEGENDS

THEY BOTH RELATE TO THE ORIGIN OF THE "BLACK HAND."

A Historic Relic of Former Days In a Beautiful Spot in Ohio That Was Blasted Away in the Ruthless March of Progress.

As the average tourist, traveling eastward from Newark, O., dashes through a rocky cut near the eastern limits of Licking county, he likely does not realize that this spot was once one of the most picturesque, romantic and historic localities in Ohio. Such a traveler should read the history and legends of "Black Hand"—a history that reads like a dream of Aladdin, legend that finds its beginning in the dim primeval days, when an immense lake filled the entire Licking valley and poured its surplus water over an immense natural sandstone dam four miles across. During the ages which rolled away, the waters by erosion cut through the sandstone, leaving two parallel walls which rise about 50 feet. When civilization reached what is now Ohio, it found a swirling flood in this rock bound ravine. The faces of the cliffs were covered with rare flowers and beautiful laurel gave its fragrance to the zephyr and its delicate tints to the landscape.

This is the beautiful spot that afterward came to be called "Black Hand." In the early part of the last century the promoters and surveyors of the Ohio canal took advantage of the rock walled channel to form a storage dam for that early civilization. About which down the canyon a sharp headland protruded into the river. Here the first surveyors found, cut in the face of the rock, a gigantic human hand. The carvings had been filled with a black pigment, which still remains, a whom the carver belonged. Though nature had raised a stone for him, he carved not a line to tell who he was or why he carved.

Accounts of the size of the black hand differ. Old men say their parents saw it and that it was eight feet from the tip of the thumb to the tip of the little finger. Others say it was larger and some not so large.

But the rock which bore the hand was in the way of the canal builder, and in 1825 they drilled into the face of the cliff and blasted away the historic relic. Not content with that, they cut it into blocks, ruthlessly chiseling away the carvings and tracery, and with the blocks built a sustaining wall, over which the river might walk while drawing wealth into the western world. The black hand on the rock's face lived only in the memory of its destroyers.

When the Central Ohio Railway company in the early fifties desired to pierce the garden spot of Ohio, they took advantage of the grades established by nature from Zanesville and followed the Licking river. When Black Hand was reached, the builders encountered a headland on the opposite side of the river corresponding to Black Hand rock and cut sheer through it. So today the east bound tourist sees little of Black Hand.

Many legends linger about the locality. An Indian said at the door of a settler's cabin and told this story: "Many years ago the red men at war with those in the middle and northwestern parts. Chief among the former were the Mingoes and among the latter the Wyandottes. In one of the streets and bloodthirsty Indians into the Mingo hunting grounds a young chief of great promise was captured and carried back by the Wyandottes. Instead of killing the young Mingo chief, as was the usual custom, he was made a servant and compelled to earn the good esteem and fellowship of his captors, a fate worse than death to the young Indian.

The words of his captivity, however, were lightened by the kindly attention of a young Wyandotte maiden, the daughter of the chief of the tribe into which the Mingo had been adopted. Genuine affection knows no condition, for it rises above all environment. The maiden fell in love with the unfortunate young chief, and, though watched by the crafty tribesmen, they made their affection known to each other and decided to fly to the Mingo country.

"One night they made their escape. At daylight they were missed and were pursued by a posse of Wyandottes. The girl had left behind a tribesman lover, who, burning with the passion of a disappointed lover and aching for vengeance, traveled faster than the couple and overtook them at Black Hand rock. "They heard the pursuers behind them, knowing that worse than death awaited them if captured. With the stoicism of the savage they walked to the edge of the precipice and surveyed the flood. Folding the idol of his heart in his arms, he sprang into the boiling waters. The pursuers were close enough to see the last chapter of the drama. The disappointed pursuers marked the spot as the Caucasian found it.

The other legend—and one worthy of perpetuity—is born of the geology and country and the trade conditions of the aborigines. About five miles southwest of Black Hand is a great outcropping of chalcodony. The place is known now as Flint ridge, and the flint, rare on this continent, was much valued by Indians and mound builders for making implements of agriculture and war. Like the pipe stone quarries of the Dakotas, where the Minniscott Sioux and Mandan work side by side in apparent peace, either the tribes came up, the place being considered sacred to the giver of all good and perfect gifts. For a radius of five miles around Flint ridge rested the blessing of the great spirit, or that of the orb of day, the divinity worshipped by the mound builders. None of the tumult of war was found within that space. Parties in quest of the flint coming to the confines of the charmed circle laid down their arms for the purpose of mining the necessary stones, for the time forgetting the traditional hatred of foes. They came from the Mississippi valley, probably by water, and debarked from their trail craft at the foot of the rock.

The romance says the spread hand carved on the rock was in mute appeal and forcibly reminded the wayfarer in a way at once forcible, as it was poetical, that thus far and no farther should the waves of unlighted vengeance roll. The hand marked the portal of a sanctuary which was sacred to the savage, whose just for blood rose above every other consideration in his narrow but intense, isolated but eventual life.—Ohio State Journal.



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## HOW BIG SEA TURTLES FEED

Take Big Balls of Grass Out to Sea East While Swimming.

With my gastronomic taste I naturally was very curious to know just what kind of terrapin are caught in these waters, for the dish is one much sought after by epicures and forms part of the menu for every first class hotel on the coast. I was told that none is caught about here, but was invited to a sea turtle hunt. Let the reader imagine a turtle weighing all the way from 1,200 to 1,500 pounds, and not long ago one was turned over on the beach near Miami that weighed more than 1,000 pounds. Of course I am giving the largest weight, for the average weight of those caught along the coast is about 500 pounds. After they are caught the turtles are kept for a long time, their captors feeding them on cabbage, lettuce, turnips, carrots and sea grasses.

The study of this monster shellfish is a most interesting one. In order to get rid of the parasites that cling to their shells they often en fresh streams to enjoy a bath, but they are extremely timid and take fright at the least noise. The hunter knows, however, that the turtle feeds in brackish streams where the tide falls rather low and where the turtle grass grows in greatest profusion. The turtles cut great quantities of this grass and then roll it into a ball, cementing it as they roll it with the clay in which the grass grows, and in this way, when they have managed to amass a goodly supply of provisions, they wait for high tide and float away seaward, feeding as they float.

The professional hunters are quick to detect these balls, and just the moment they do so they set their seines and send their peggers, as the men are called, in search of the feeding shoals. Men are not the only enemies the turtles have, however, for bears, raccoons and other animals native to Florida destroy great numbers of them.—Jacksonville (Fla.) Cor. Baltimore American.

## UNDER AN UMBRELLA.

An Expensive Adventure of a Famous Parisian.

Romieu, the famous Parisian wit, was one day caught in a shower and forced to seek refuge in a doorway of the Opera House. It was 6 o'clock already, and he had an engagement in the Cafe de Paris for that very hour. The rain fell in torrents. There was no carriage to be had. He had no umbrella. What was he to do? While he was lamenting his bad luck a gentleman with a large umbrella passed by. Romieu was seized with a sudden inspiration. He rushed out and grasped the stranger by the arm and gravely installed himself under the protecting umbrella.

"I am overjoyed to see you," he immediately began. "I have been looking for you for two weeks. I wanted to tell you about Clementine."

Without giving the stranger time to express his surprise Romieu rattled away with gossip and anecdote until he had led the unknown companion to the door of the Cafe de Paris. Then he glanced at him with a face of well feigned astonishment. "Pardon, monsieur!" he cried. "It seems I am mistaken."

"I believe so," said the stranger. "Good gracious!" added Romieu. "Be discreet. Don't repeat what I have told you."

"I promise you." "A thousand pardons!" Romieu hastened within the cafe and amid great laughter told the adventure to his friends. Suddenly one of them said: "Your cravat is rumpled."

Romieu put his hand to his neck and turned pale. His pin, a valuable acquisition, was gone. On further examination his purse and watch were found to be gone. The man with the umbrella was a pickpocket.

One of the most amusing instances of a trust in wrong things is reported from New York, where a man took an opal to a jeweler and asked him to sell it, as he had had nothing but bad luck since he owned it. His business ventures having failed, his children having suffered illness and the old scratch having been to pay generally. The jeweler found the gem to have been an imitation. His falsity must have been obvious to everybody except the victim, because the opal is the stone that has never been even passably imitated.

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