### QUEER LAKE GEORGE

Cattle Pastured in Its Bed. But the Day Came When the Settlers Had to Flee Before the Rising Waters-Game, Birds

Lake George, the largest lake of series of years, the brooks that tum-

Then the lake steadily rises. The water pushes north and south until the lake is twenty-one miles or more when the lake is shallow or not in length with a width of seven or

is evaporated from its surface.

fall, shrinking in a few years to half their cabins, the contents of the watits former dimensions, this process going on sometimes till Lake George entirely disappears except for a few water holes in the lowest part it was a strange sight to see rich it was a strange s

depth of twelve feet. wice in the last century thousands of sheep and cattle were pastured on large areas now covered with water. They were the most numerous representatives there of the larger forms of animal life just as fish and

ers really had a feeling of security and permanency; but the day came when the rising waters swished around the cabins, drowned some of the stock and drove the squatters to

of Lake George offers a very uncertain tenure to settlers. When it comes into view again perhaps no attempt a scale as was done in the 30s and

'40s of the last century. The lake, which is about 150 miles southwest of Sydney, near the south end of the Blue Mountains, was for many years almost inaccessible amour the wilds that hem it in, but now a branch of the railroad between Sydney and Melbourne skirts its eastern shore. Many sportsmen a season of fishing or shooting.

The incredible number of ducks. swans, pelicans and other water fcwl makes the lake one of the finest shooting resorts in New South The birds have few such opportunities in the almost lakeless called a lake. At an elevation of

small river known on the coast; but a careful survey finally revealed the fact that not a drop of water es-

capes from the basin except to the The native blacks have always regarded it with superstitious dread. When they piloted the first exploring party to the lake in 1820 (the first

then amused by the stories the natives told them. One old woman said she had seen a time when there was no lake, but many trees were with water; others reported that sometimes the lakes disappeared and a number of little ponds occupied its place; still others affirmed that all of the water sometimes sank through the bottom and nothing was to be

It was years before it was discovered that the natives had been trying to tell, in their imperfect way, of phenomena that mystified them. It volume of water in the basin. Thes all seemed very uncanny to the poor

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de Liver Pills.

Fred Jood See Pac-Simile Wranger Below. nall and as easy

TERES FOR HEADACHE. FOR DIZZINESS. FOR BILLOUSNESS. FOR TORPID LIVER. FOR CONSTIPATION.

CURE SICK HEADACHE.

FOR SALLOW SKIN. FOR THE COMPLEXION royalty in a year when there wer two Princes of Wales. The outlay fo the benefit of the state was £12 522.

blacks, who feared the lake and us-

nally avoided it. Eighteen years elapsed after the BUT APPEARED AGAIN.

With the lake before its waters entirely disappeared. In 1838 and 1839

therefore to be thrown out of the vital the surface of the lake bed was dry

The period between 1838 and 1851 Red or black pepper is a prolific cause

1838-29 and 1846-49, and even in ble down the mountains which edge those years a few water holes and these organs by repeated stimulation the lake may steadily contribute to it a larger quantity of water than is evaporated from its surface.

those years a few water notes and to abnormal action. It also impairs or destroys the nerves of taste in the lake retains all the mineral destroys the nerves of taste in the lake retains all the mineral destroys the nerves of taste in the lake retains all the mineral destroys the nerves of taste in the lake retains all the mineral destroys the nerves of taste in the lake retains all the mineral destroys the nerves of taste in the lake retains all the mineral destroys the nerves of taste in the lake retains all the mineral destroys the nerves of taste in the lake retains all the mineral destroys the nerves of taste in the lake retains all the mineral destroys the nerves of taste in the lake retains all the mineral destroys the nerves of taste in the lake retains all the mineral destroys the nerves of taste in the lake retains all the mineral destroys the nerves of taste in the lake retains all the mineral destroys the nerves of taste in the lake retains all the mineral destroys the nerves of taste in the lake retains all the mineral destroys the nerves of taste in the lake retains all the mineral destroys the nerves of taste in the lake retains all the mineral destroys the nerves of taste in the lake retains all the mineral destroys the nerves of taste in the lake retains all the mineral destroys the nerves of taste in the lake retains all the mineral destroys the nerves of taste in the lake retains all the mineral destroys the nerves of taste in the lake retains all the mineral destroys the nerves of taste in the lake retains all the mineral destroys the nerves of taste in the lake retains all the mineral destroys the nerves of taste in the lake retains all the mineral destroys the nerves of taste in the lake retains all th When the lake is shallow or nothing but swamps and ponds, its wat- lants, the functions themselves are nec-For another series of years the waters brought by the brooks may be steadily smaller than the quantity evaporated. Then the lake begins to er holes being too salty for use; but

during 1891 extending north and scuth for twenty-one miles with a meadows stretching away where only a water expanse had been visible a few years before. The boundarible a few years before. The boundaries of these grazing lands, however, kept changing from year to year as the waters advanced or receded. The mountain feeders greatly in-

when the basin is filled the water is

about 1850, when one-sixth of the stage. bottom became covered, and two The cabins of the stock raisers or | years later Lake George was sevensquatters, as they are called, were eighths of its present size and eleven scattered over the meadows. Vege- feet deep. A little water spread over | ped into the wings and hoarsely whising into bogs. They sought higher to come on vet."—Baltimore American. were driven out of the basin entire-

sometimes being only eight to ten hibit his pictures there and du miles long and four to six feet deep, ing the will be made to utilize it on so large drive on dry land across a part of able friends. the lake where a few years later there are ten or twelve feet of water. For nine years after 1855 a farmer used the narrow, northern part of er used the narrow, northern part of the lake as a cattle run, cultivating the lake as a cattle run at the la covered this part of the lake in 1876, cook. Mr. Barrett asked me When Lake George is steadily los- come and see his pictures. ing more water by evaporation than at a time, the usual rate of fall is courtesy. "Take my arm, and about twenty inches a year. On the will show you round other hand, when the water receipts exceed the evaporation the rise in level is likely to be much more rapid, large floods pouring so great

continent and they make the most of short time that years are required of the Marquis of Hertford, where to evaporate it. About the middle of the last cen over 2,200 feet, not many lakes out- tury a wealthy herder filled a water sprang upon the furnace and dived into side of Africa and inner Asia are so cart with Murray cod and perch the almost boiling soapsuds, from rom the Murrumbidgee River placed them in water holes in the basin so walled in by mountains and | nearly desiccated bed of Lake George. hills that the drainage into it has The perch did not thrive, but the cod multiplied rapidly, making the was long before this fact was discov- lake one of the best fishing resorts of ered Some early maps show Lake Australia. The lake has never . been we submit to those of our readers who

duced, the myriads of cod being all on the money question: derived from the original stock. "Thou has given me a South Land;" the impressive petition on the title page of one of the first books writen about Australia. Most of the

entinent is very thirsty. mountains the winds, wrung nearly bry give scanty rain to the grass ands which very gradually merge

cit no trace. r the border between mountains the note counterfeit. and grass lands right on the verge times an atmospheric swirl brings great downpour, imprisoning a large are the palmy days of the lake, when it is long and wide with a wealth of

enter fowl and fish. But Lake Geerge is not a very grahie recorder of rainfall conditions Floods of some importance scarcely seem to make any impression upon its water level. The skies may rainless for many months before it is really apparent that the surface falling. But the scene when its ried bed is covered with herds and ocks tells the story of long years

f almost brazen skies. Lake George is a type of many lakes situated, as it is on the edge of deficient precipitation; and it is more interesting than almost any other lake of its class because it surrounded by civilization and has played a part in human activity whether showing a beautiful expanse of water or only the bed where a lake has existed.

The Duchy of cornwall. The Treasury account of the ceipts and disbursements of the Duchy of Cornwall for the year ended Dec. 31, 1901, was recently sued. It appears from it that total receipts for the year were £131,081, and, after making total payments amounting to £115,660, the balance carried forward is £15, 421, as compared with a balance of £8,722 in the preceding year. The two largest items of disbursemen are: Payments made to His Majesty' use for the period to Jan. 22, 1901 £21,983 19s 7d; payments made t His Royal Highness's use from Jan 23 to Dec. 31, 1901, £52,000; mal ing together £73,988 19s 7d paid to

Effects of Pepper.

A writer on foods declares that pepper is a regetable poison, a stimulant. thite settlers became acquainted but in no sense a food; a substance therefore to be thrown out of the vital

was the heyday of the pastoral in- of enlargement of the blood vessels son, who is about to enter the law ustry: parts of the bed afforded the and ultimately of disease of the heart. thest of pasture lands, tens of Its immediate effect is to create inthousands of acres being devoted to creased action, not only of the capil- him a boarding place. Do you grazing. Cart roads connecting the laries, causing temporary congestion know any place you can recomranches extended across the bottom and even inflammation of the mucous New South Wales, Australia, has no outlet, except evaporation. For a series of years the brooks that turn was not entirely dry excepting in mate effect is to weaken and deaden surfaces, but also of the organs which mend? mate effect is to weaken and deaden But I know a good place near the substances brought to it by the mouth, together with the gastric or brooks that wear away the granite other nerves which aid in the process of digestion.

When these are weakened by stimuessarily impaired, and confirmed dyspepsia, with its attendant train of bad symptoms, brings up the rear.

Why the Villain Protested. "Aha-a-a," growled the heavy vil- he not? only slightly brackish and may be lain, scowling savagely at the footlights, "I have ler in me power at last.

This was the cue for the heroine to enough to catch him. enter and give a start of horrified surprise at discovering him with the history of her past life in his hands. But Use Dr. Hamilton's Pills For Billiousshe did not enter.

"Aha-a-a!" repeated the villain once creased their contribution of water more, while he looked anxiously off Still no heroine.

> "Aha-a-a!" At this point the stage manager slip-Browning's Courtesy.

On one occasion Robert Brown- away! Since 1849 the lake has never been ing's son had hired a room in a wholly dry. It varies much in size, neighboring house in order to extemporary absence of the and then swelling again to its large artist Mr. Browning was doing the est proportions. At times one may honors to a room full of fashion-

at the same time about ten acres of "Oh, I beg your pardon!" she ex-wheat a year; fifteen feet of water claimed. "But, please, sir, I'm the "And I am very glad to see you, alight at the neighboring station for it receives, which happens for years returned Mr. Browning, with eady

Chasing the Fox. A fox hard pressed by the Warwickshire hounds, in England, dashed into mys got the measles? volume of water into the lake in a la back kitchen at Nailey Hall, the seat woman was washing clothes. Seeking and which, however, he was quickly out 'e's gone there anuvver good again and was then captured.-London

Telegraph. A Financial Puzzle. Here is a problem in finance which George as the probable source of a quite dry since the fish were intro- are always inclined for an argument

A banker sauntering home saw a five pound note lying on the curbstone. give me also springs of water," was Of course he picked it up and took the number in order to find the owner. ages of. While at home his wife remarked that the butcher had sent in a bill for meat The prevailing trade winds drench amounting to £5. The only money he reports of its existence came from the eastern mountains with the mois- had with him was the money he had ture they bring, and provide abund found, which he gave her, and she paid of water was found.

The whites were first perplexed and farraing land between the great hills a farmer for a calf, and the farmer ant water for the narrow strips of the butcher. The butcher paid it to and the Pacific. But west of the paid it to the merchant, who in turn paid it to the washerwoman, and she, owing the banker a note of £5, went growing over the place now covered into the parched desert still further to the banker and paid her note. The give notice to ever west, in whose frightful wastes ex-placers have been swallowed up and be had found and which up to that the said town, to time had settled £25 of debt. On a ors, within thirty d The little basin of Lake George lies more careful consideration he found hereof, with a writer

Now, will some of our financial and income for whi of insufficient rainfall; this accounts friends tell us what has been lost in to be assessed with this transaction and by whom, if anybody?-London Telegraph.

> English Oaks. The old parliamentary oak in Clip-

stone park, England, is believed to be change in their 1,500 years old. The tallest oak in expiration of the that country, called the "Duke's Walking Stick," is higher than the spire of Westminster abbey, and the largest is the "Cowthorpie," which now measures seventy-eight feet in circumfer- 1902. ence and at one time with its branches covered more than an acre of space.

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Boy, (sausage What my father r's scn)—Xes. kes his saus-

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