

California's First Gold

A question that has long puzzled coin collectors is the meaning of the letters "CAL" punched on a rare variety of the gold quarter eagle of 1848.

Numerous have long associated the coin with California, which was not a difficult deduction from the letters "CAL" and the date 1848.

As a matter of fact the first theory is correct, but besides being associated with the first California gold used at the mint with which to strike United States coins this quarter eagle is of interest as a reminder of the gold rush.

In a letter to Brig.-Gen. R. Jones, Adjutant-General of the United States Army, with headquarters at Washington, dated September 19, 1848, Col. R. B. Mason, commanding the military department of California, mentioned that he was sending samples of gold removed from a dozen or so persons, among whom was Capt. James W. Wicks.

In addition to these specimens of gold, the letter went on, the Lieutenant carried a tea caddy containing 200 ounces 15 pennyweight 8 grains of gold.

This metal, he wrote, had just been forwarded from different sources in California, and doubt was expressed by several persons as to its actually being the precious metal.

It is easy to see that the distinguishing mark placed upon the coins, in accordance with the suggestion of the Secretary of War, was the letters "CAL" and the date 1848.

While it is possible that a thousand or more of the quarter eagles in question were originally coined, still it is likely that few are now in existence.

There is no city in the world where what may be called "tip mania" has become so deeply rooted as among the people of the city of Mexico.

a plique joint, and will return saying that either he could not find the house or the person whom he was to see. Then he exacts additional payment for "time lost."

Restaurant waiters double the price of articles consumed, especially if they are not included in the bill of fare, which happens very often.

As to porters, their most efficacious means to compel people living in their houses to give them a tip to refuse to open the door.

In barber shops "musicians" are compelled to wait for a long time, and when in the chair they are either tortured by dull razors or barbers take more time than would be required to shave the entire body of a bull.

On all these days servants, newboys who deliver the paper at home, letter carriers, butchers, tailors, shoemakers, everybody expects to receive a gift of some kind, preferably in cash.

The tip question has become such a nuisance in Mexico city that, some months ago the government of the Federal Republic announced that cabmen, cargadores, mecaperos, etc., who accepted tips would be discharged.

The cunning and Patient Coyote. This is the coyote: Co-yo-ty, with all the syllables, to the Mexican who named him: "Kio-te" merely to the American wanderer who has come and gone so often that he is well known near the resident stockman and farmer.

If you pass on with indifference, which is the usual way, he will sit himself down upon his tail on the nearest knoll, and roll his red tongue and leer at you as one with whom he is half-inclined to claim acquaintance.

The Hypnotic Murder. The collapse of the notorious Idaho case, in which three men, Haywood, Meyer, and Johnson, were indicted for the murder of ex-Governor Stuenkel, on the testimony of Orchard, who said he was the hired assassin, recalls the Ancaster township case tried in Hamilton, Ontario, about fifteen years ago.

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Steel Side-Walls for Modern Homes. For purposes wood, plaster or paper in beauty—makes the room REALLY airy—gives protection against fire—these are some of the reasons why you should have them.

Driving a Good Bargain. The barber's small son was in the habit of playing around his father's shop and he was always keenly interested in the patrons.

DON'T Keep Hens Make Them Keep You! Get twelve eggs at 1/4 the cost with feed at 10c a bushel, as used and ordered by best breeders.

ITCH Mange, Pruric Scabietes and every form of contagious itch on human or animal cured in 10 days. Sold by the Sanitary Lotion.

Smokestack Arsenic. Thousands of tons of arsenic are wasted annually in the fumes that pour from the stacks of the great smelters of the United States.

Minard's Liniment Cures Diphtheria. The collapse of the notorious Idaho case, in which three men, Haywood, Meyer, and Johnson, were indicted for the murder of ex-Governor Stuenkel.

St. George's Baking Powder. If only for the reason that it is wholesome and healthful. "The knowledge that you are NOT eating anything that is injurious to your food—should count for a great deal."

SOUNDPROOF ROOMS.

A Subterranean Refuge From Thunder in a Westchester House. If Mrs. Isaac L. Rice is opposed to noises, so also is Mr. Rice, at least when he is playing chess.

It is hewn out of solid rock, under the house, and its roof and entrances are so arranged that no noise can reach the occupants.

Use Shiloh's Cure for the worst cold, the sharpest cough—try it on a guarantee of your money back if it doesn't actually CURE quicker than anything you ever tried.

Shiloh's Cure Cures Coughs and Colds QUICKLY

A big firm in town, which manufactures delicate instruments, received an order a short time ago for a quantity of their instruments to be sent to South America.

Men should look for this Tag on Chewing Tobacco. It guarantees the high quality of Black Watch. The Big Black Plug.

No Pay for Old Sermons. "In the last analysis there is nothing new that any of us can say," said Booker T. Washington in Cambridge.

The Friend That Never Was, on Sea or Land. I met a gentleman who seemed as nice as he could be; while I could do him any good he was a friend to me.

Any Dude Will Do. At a Canadian watering place this summer was a single lady, whom some of the younger girls thought was tired of single blessedness.

Children Enjoy It

"I have used Coltsfoot's Expecto-rant with the greatest satisfaction with my children. It is a wonderful cure for colds and sore throat."

MRS. ANNIE BRAMBLER, Orangeville, March 15, 1907. "I am greatly pleased with the good results we got from Coltsfoot's Expecto-rant."

New Drink in Georgia. The first of the prohibition drinks made its debut in Atlanta Wednesday morning and it is understood that several others are to follow.

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Minard's Liniment Co., Limited: Gentlemen,—Last winter I received great benefit from the use of MINARD'S LINIMENT in a severe attack of La Grippe.

Diamond Salesman's Secrets. "There is no line in which more care must be exercised than in selling diamonds," remarked one of the oldest dealers in Cleveland.

ENGLISH SPAVIN LINIMENT. Removes all hard, soft and calloused lumps and blemishes from horses, blood spavin, curbs, splints, ringbones, swellings, stifles, sprains, sore and swollen throats.

Minard's Liniment Cures Distemper. The Friend That Never Was, on Sea or Land. I met a gentleman who seemed as nice as he could be; while I could do him any good he was a friend to me.

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METEORITES.

Strange Adventures of Wanderers Through Celestial Space. According to a prominent official engaged in astronomical work for the Government at Washington, some of the meteorites that fall upon the earth possess a peculiar structure.

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BETTER THAN SPANKING.

Spanking does not cure children of bad habits. There is a constitutional cause for trouble. Mrs. M. Summers, Box W. 4, Windsor, Ont., will send free to any mother her successful home treatment.

Eggs That Engage Eats.

Each Londoner eats less than an egg and a half a day. English egg importations from France have dropped in value from £1,600,000 to £200,000.

Bathe the Baby

with Mira-Skin Soap. It cures chafing, scalp irritation and all skin troubles. Mira-Skin Soap. SKIN SOAP.

Signing Pledge Illegal.

The clergyman recorded complacently the twenty-seventh New Year pledge-taking. "Excellent work. A glorious day," he said. "And yet do you know that there was once a time when all this sort of thing was criminal?"

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EDDY'S "SILENT" PARLOR MATCHES. Silent as the Sphinx! A Canadian watering place this summer was a single lady, whom some of the younger girls thought was tired of single blessedness.