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THE FIGHT AGAINST GRAFT

Every country has its recreant public officers. Graft is not confined to any national boundary. The manner in which a nation keeps such unwholesome condition near to the minimum is the real test. Most of the great governments of the world have found that enemies from within were the most destructive and some of the greatest have succumbed to these enemies. The government of the United States has not been spared this battle against grafters in any era, but it has steadily grown greater in material and in moral power.

The period of reconstruction following the war found this nation with a problem concerning recreant officers, and with high courage undertook the duty of correcting the condition, with punishing offenders, and cleaning the national slate, insofar as was humanly possible. War is hell—not merely on the battlefield and in the camps of armed forces, but throughout the entire body politic. One of the spawns of hell is graft. Moral slippage takes place during war periods. Return to sanity and responsibilities is ever the task of any government that is emerging out of war.

It is not so remarkable that such graft should have been uncovered, as is the fact that the government has been able to prosecute and convict. This disagreeable task fell largely to President Coolidge and his officers, and as we look back upon the last seven years, it seems that the duty has been performed to a most amazing degree when it is considered that the ones concerned were rich or powerful, strongly entrenched, and capable of involving many in high places, either rightfully, or by inference and by association. Probably the most disagreeable task of reconstruction has been this dogged struggle to punish the men who bored from within while the country was in grave peril. The task is not finished, nor is it considered finished by the government. But there are indications that it is to be finished with reasonable satisfaction to the people.

GARDEN TIME IN CALIFORNIA

Horticulturally, America seems to be coming into its own. Flower gardening is developing very rapidly throughout the states and particularly on the Pacific Coast. In California, the land of sunshine and flowers, there has developed keen competition among gardeners in the city and particularly among the suburban cities. Flower shows and contests are certainly doing their share to make our land more beautiful. It is interesting to note the home surroundings as one passes through town after town along the various highways. Strangers are impressed with the neatness and the attractiveness of home surroundings and the mental picture which is formed at the time is a lasting one. Sometimes it remains for but a few to bend to the task of beautifying the little city, but the influence of the few well kept home grounds tends to elevate every-

one to a level with the best in the town. The resident who does not meet that level will soon feel out of place.

California can well be the most beautiful spot on earth. In years past we have been busy building highways, constructing dams and giving attention to other great projects, but we now appear to be settling down to the finishing touches—the beautification of highways and byways and incidentally the towns along the highways are playing a very important part.

A BIBLE IN STONE

By **JOHN TWEEDDALE**
OF TORRANCE

As the Great Pyramid was intended to symbolize the Universe; the basic tripartite or trinity of nature was carried out in its construction, and within its sacred precincts is not only a replication of the earth and sky, but an exact representation of Noah's Ark.

Ample evidence is at hand to indicate its antediluvian origin. Near the towering crest is a deep recess, worn in the solid stone by countless ages of fishing ocean waves, while, heavy incrustations of sea salt appear in the passage ways.

Within its vast dimensions are the three chambers conforming to the holy instructions given Noah for the building of the "Ark." These three rooms, named after Noah's three sons, Shem, Ham and Japheth, represent, it is believed, the three strata of human existence and intellectual attainment: The room of Shem being symbolical of the lower forms of earthly life; The place of Ham, of human beings of average mental ability and the chamber of Japheth the highest state of understanding and spiritual enlightenment.

The only movable thing within the entire structure is the mysterious granite coffer, or "Ark of the Covenant," found in the King's Chamber of the Great Pyramid. This divine creation of the stone mason's art, harmonizes in every particular with the Holy Ark of the Tabernacle and the temple described in scriptural writings. Its symmetrical relations are all geometrical. The most incomprehensible characteristic of this sacred treasure of world wide significance is that because of its size, it could not possibly be taken either in or out of the King's Chamber, after the pyramid was erected; thus, it too, becomes indissolubly linked with the wondrous bible of stone. The day was far spent as the iridescent rays of a slowly setting sun fell in ever lengthening beams across the fields of Gezeh, a veil of darkness slowly overspread this vanishing birthplace of things primeval, and it was night.

Then as the Master Builder looked down from his Midnight Throne in the Temple of Aleyone and Draconis, the momentous star of man's inevitable end, flashed across the fields of Gezeh, a veil cast his silvery rays deep into the magnificent entrance way of the Great Pyramid, the hour had struck for humanity's initiation into the mysteries of the heavens and the earth.

An angel of infinite wisdom flew down from the distant realms of thought, and standing at the gates of the pyramid, presented to the inhabitants of earth, a golden key to that fountain of universal knowledge, the "Supreme Scribe's" volume of supernatural dominion, written in the "sublimity of unperishable stone," the Great Pyramid

of Gizeh. The intellectual supremacy of the builders of this giant memorial of hoary antiquity can be understood, only by conceding its inspired origin, or by admitting, that at the present time, the human race is in a retrogressive instead of progressive stage of its history.

Where, in the modern world of inductive philosophy, in the astronomer who can examine the vast aggregation of created things in the skies above, and make known the precise location of certain heavenly bodies in the imaginary great circle of the sphere, five, ten, or a hundred years in advance, or find the mean distance to a fraction, between the sun and earth, or search out, in the interminable realms of night, the abiding place of the Creator?

Where is the master builder of today who can, with all the complicated machinery of modern inventive genius at his command, transport even one of the huge blocks of stone of which the pyramid is built to the place of its use, much less raise it to the crest of the mighty edifice? Where oh! thou wise men of Japheth, is the learned architect who can design a monument to endure for all time, covering thirteen acres of land, and rising to a height of four hundred and fifty feet, so that no single stone in the entire building is one hundredth part of an inch off its base? Who of the great historiographers could embody within its vast dimensions a comprehensible record of past, present and future generations of men, besides chronological data embracing every period from the beginning to the final goal and consummation?

Where, within the realms of science and mathematics, is the servant who can square the circle, or correctly ascertain the circumference or weight of the earth?

Rev. Joseph A. Sless, D.D., a noted Egyptologist, and man of letters, to whom the scientific and lay world is obligated for the compilation of invaluable statistical data relating to the Great Pyramid says: "And how could they know to put all these things on record in one single piece of masonry, without one verbal or pictorial inscription, yet proof against all the ravages and changes of time, and capable of being read and understood down to the very end of the world?" Yet these things they did know: Here they are in solid stone, displayed to all eyes and challenging the scrutiny of all the savants of the earth; Here they are in all their speaking significance, stubborn and invincible beyond all power to suppress them. It is a record whose antiquity none can dispute, whose authenticity none could corrupt and whose readings none can construe without the admission of a divine intervention.

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