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TOMBSTONE TELLS A LIE.

Memorial Tablet in a Pennsylvania Cemetery That Cannot Hide Its Untruthfulness.

People who visit the ancient "public burying ground" beside the old Concord schoolhouse, in Germantown, are apt to receive a shock; that is, if they fall to reading the epitaphs, as visitors to a graveyard usually do, says the Philadelphia North American.

Concealed in a modest, unfrequented corner is a grave which, half hidden in tangled grass, seems in no wise different from its sunken fellows. It is only when the eye of the explorer falls upon the tombstone at its head that the shock is received. For the inscription, in time-worn letters, reads:

IN MEMORY OF
ADAM SHISLER,
WHO DEPARTED THIS
LIFE DECEMBER THE
22, 1877, AGED 99
YEARS.

Luckily, the oldest inhabitant is usually at hand to explain the situation and chuckle anew over an ancient joke. Adam Shisler, so he explains, was gathered to his father at the age of 62 years. The stonecutter mistook his directions and had already put 35 years upon the stone when he discovered his mistake. Thirtieth, unwilling to lose his hours of toil, he covered up the first nine with cement and added another after the six. In the course of years the cement wore away, and some ghoulish wag with a pocket-knife did the rest.

The inaccuracy of the epitaph is proverbial, but that of poor Adam Shisler, as it stands, must carry off the palm for prevarication.

MARKET FOR TALISMANS.

Many of Them Are Still Made, Sold and Believed in by Thousands of People.

There are thousands of talismans sold in New York and other metropolitan centers every year. There are hundreds of men and women who make a business of making and selling them, and as much as five and ten dollars is often paid for a little circular piece of leather or metal containing inscriptions supposed to possess marvelous power.

A belief in charms has existed in all ages and has been shared by all peoples. It is a natural result of superstition, says the New York Herald.

Talismans, to be efficacious, must be constructed when the planets are in benefic configuration. It is then that the magic geometrical words and figures inscribed thereon are more potent in their results for good. The date of birth of the person for whom the talisman is made must also be considered, so that his particular lucky star is taken into consideration.

There are thousands who put all their faith in the talisman. This is notably the case with those who are in bad health, and where medicine seems to do no good. In such cases there is a talisman containing magical figures which are supposed to ward off all diseases and keep the wearer in excellent health. Then there are talismans for gaining wealth, for love, for marriage and what not.

A talisman, to be effective, is usually worn around the neck or on a silken string. It must, however, never be seen by anyone else but the wearer, otherwise its power is lost. The charm is said to lie not so much in the magical squares, triangles and figures as in the meaning they convey and the power they exert on the imagination. It is but another instance of faith and the magic exerted by the will.

Many great men were believers in talismans and wore them constantly. Napoleon especially was very superstitious, and carried on his person a charm given to him by an Egyptian priest, which he regarded as being responsible for his great success in battle. The Rothschild family, it is said, also has a talisman, which is an heirloom. It is in the shape of a snuff box, and is said to have brought the family the great wealth for which it is celebrated.

Polar Property on Sale.

Last year the Lerner expedition, organized by a German syndicate consisting of capitalists in Berlin, Hamburg and Magdeburg, took possession of some land in the Bear Islands off the coast of Siberia, says a Hamburg correspondence of the London Mail.

The sale of this property should have taken place some time ago, but at the last moment it was put off by the vendors. Whether the idea of selling it arose from a discovery of the poverty of the islands in natural products or not it is impossible to ascertain. Today the property was put up for sale, and the whole of the mining rights and stock of the Bear Island syndicate, including mining plant and considerable stocks of coal, were, after a protest from Herr Theodor Lerner, knocked down in public auction to the firm of Knoechel & Burchard's Successors & Co. for £2,000. Herr Lerner applied to attach the whole of the purchase money for the settlement of his prior claim of £4,200.

Printing Presses from Germany.

It may surprise some of our iron manufacturers, says Consul B. H. Werner, Jr., to learn that, among other articles, printing presses and machinery have been exported from Germany to the island of Porto Rico during the past year. Printing presses and machinery of American manufacture are considered to be the best in the world, and yet, through the agency of efficient and wide-awake salesmen, machinery manufactured in Germany has been sold in quantities in the above-men-

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A CHIVALRIC BIRD.

The Golden-Crowned Thrush Arranges a Delicate Compartment for His Mate.

Even the birds recognize woman's rights—at least so an Audubonite lecturer declared the other day in describing the habits of the golden-crowned thrush, more familiarly known as the ovenbird. The word "oven" merely refers to the shape of the philosopher's nest, which usually is built on the ground with a dome-like roof. Even the family name suggests fire, being Furnariidae, says the Baltimore News.

But the way in which the nest is built explains the bird's answer to "eternal feminine" demands. A partition divides the "oven" into two compartments. The inside one is for the lady bird and has a luxurious feather bed. The outer room is the gentleman bird's boudoir, and its only furniture is a rough clay couch.

The head of the family has a golden crown—which he deserves, for he's a gentleman and a scholar—a regular bird of a bird, to fall into the slang of the day—who might teach something of humanity—masculine humanity, is.

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SILERA COUNTY MINES.

GREAT CHANCES FOR PROFITABLE INVESTMENTS.

The Black Range, looked at from any direction, presents a curious aspect, dark and smoky, whose timber-clad peaks cut a serrated line on the horizon. The name "Black Range" is given on account of the heavy forests of pine and pines that grow so thickly all over the country. This range of mountains extends in a northerly and southerly direction, and is in length about 120 miles and about forty miles in width. Water and game abound there in plenty, and along the eastern flank of the Range a great belt of mineral—gold, silver, copper, iron and manganese.

The first section showing value is the great silver producing mines of Lake Valley. The mines of this section are enclosed and almost entirely surrounded by a lateral strata of quartzite resting upon dolomite. This is the location of the famous "Bridal Chamber," where \$3,000,000 worth of almost pure silver was extracted in six months.

North Percha and Tierra Blanca, two other great silver camps, are located on this Lake Valley belt, some 18 miles distant. Gold, also, has been found in fascinating quantities in both these latter camps.

The great silver camp of Kingston, at the foot of the Black Range, eight miles from Hillsboro, has produced \$7,000,000 in silver. This camp has experienced two booms, and will no doubt enjoy a third, with fair silver legislation.

The Black Range mineral belt again shows richly at Hermosa, 27 miles from Hillsboro, in a great body of limestone of dolomite character. The silver camp of Hermosa has shipped about \$2,000,000 in silver, and as yet has hardly reached its prime. Free coinage would make it probably one of the most prosperous mining camps in the West.

From Hermosa camp the mineral belt can be traced into the Apache Mining District, of which the town of Chloride is the business center. Here great veins of mineralized quartz crop above the enclosing country formations. Along the eastern contact the greatest amount of work has been done—commencing at Byers Run. Here the vein in one place at the Cliff mine shows a width of more than five feet. There is looking along the vein we find, all along, evidence of work the miner has done, in pieces of ore lying at the ends of tunnels and shafts. These ores are rich in silver, and carry gold enough to make their working profitable—say from \$20 to \$50 gold per ton.

The next camp is the rich Hillsboro gold district. It is located upon the eastern contact of the mineral belt of the range, the formation of the district where the rich gold ore is found being porphyry. The veins are true fissures. The Bonanza mine alone in this district paid dividends amounting to about \$250,000. Hillsboro also has large and very rich gold placers, which are at last about to be made to give up their vast treasures to the Mesa del Oro Company. Hillsboro is the oldest camp in Sierra County and has produced altogether about 9,000,000 in gold.

The Midnight mine has been worked to some depth, sufficient to prove its great value. The Colossal mine is another of equal worth.

On the northern slope of Hagan's Peak is located an important group of claims—the St. Cloud, Atlanta U. S. Treasury and White Eagle. On the Treasury a shaft entirely in ore opens the vein to a depth of 140 feet, showing on the 100-foot level an ore body more than 24 feet wide; running high in silver and 10 in gold.

Crossing the belt we come to the Silver Monument mine which has been sunk to a depth of 400 feet, in boronite ores rich in silver, with a little gold.

A group of claims are now being worked on Mineral Creek near the town of Chloride, and a small stamp mill operating. Two other claims of this district are worth mentioning—the Readjuster and Nordhausen, both containing good ore.

In the Grafton mining district, next on the Black Range is the famous Ivanhoe gold mine. Development work consists of a 250 foot tunnel on the vein, the first-class ore of this property yields 17 ozs. gold per ton.

The Ivanhoe vein enters the Emporia claim, upon which 750 feet of work has been done in ore. Shipment returns of Emporia ore show 13 oz. gold per ton.

The next place along this vein which has been prospected sufficiently to warrant an estimation of value is at Camp Kingsbury, three miles north of the Emporia mine, at which camp is located the Great Republic group of mines. Ore worth 1 per pound in gold has been mined here in places, and general shipments from the whole group have paid handsomely.

A word now to investors or those looking for a country that show sufficient to warrant the putting in of money with a fair prospect of assurance of being successful in reaping a reasonable profit on the money placed. The different mining sections of Sierra County have been developed to that extent as to leave no question as to their ultimate great value.