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GOLD MINING IN GEORGIA.

Some time ago a prominent geologist, on being approached on the subject, spoke of the possibilities of the production of Georgia gold very highly. "The gold in Georgia," said he, "is in a perfectly accessible region, which makes it twice as valuable as gold that might be taken out of California or the Black Hills. A mine of enormous richness is of little value if it is in an impenetrable region. The gold country of Georgia is in a perfect network of railroads, and the metal can be found very near the surface, thus making it easily reached by the miner. The water courses that pour down the hills give the best possible power, labor is cheap and easily procurable, and it is necessary to transport the ore but a short distance. In California it was frequently necessary to haul fifty or a hundred miles. The value of gold is controlled to a great extent by the cost of its production, and the ore in North Georgia, being partially decomposed, is worked with great facility. It looks as if nature had conspired to put the enormous amount of gold in the hills of Georgia into the miner's hands."

It has been estimated that the gold belt of Georgia is about 100 miles in breadth. The richest sections in this belt have been found to be in the counties of Cherokee, Lumpkin, White, and Dawson. A prominent Atlanta capitalist recently told a writer for the Atlanta Constitution some pretty good stories about the mines and seems to have their whole history at his finger's ends. "There have been traditions handed down for generations among the Cherokee Indians, who once inhabited the northwest portion of Georgia," he began, assuming a reflective mood, "in regard to the vast quantities of gold stored away in the Red Hills of Northern Georgia. There was an old chief named Chigawah, who could tell wonderful stories about the richness of Cherokee gold. The present location of the Cherokee mills was one of the camps of the Spanish invaders, who, under the leadership of De Soto, invaded Georgia on their way to the Mississippi, and afterward on their return to Spain related wonderful stories about the immense richness of the ore to be found on the new continent. The historic Etowah River runs through this country, and the old chief used to talk a great deal about the superiority of the ore to be found on the banks of a little creek that emptied into the Etowah. The little creek was of such importance that it had several different names, none of which were at all suitable. They called it the 'Rio Creek,' 'Blanket Creek,' and the natives would frequently combine the two, and unite on 'Rio Blanket.' These names were all derived from a Spanish source, and the proper appellation was doubtless 'Rio Blanqueta.' The Spaniards struck a trail along the range of probabilities that tons of the precious ore can be taken out of the existing mines or newly opened veins, if the proper machinery is used and the shafts are sunk deep enough. It is a question of international importance where we may replenish the fast-decreasing supply of the precious metal when the mines now being worked fail. I do not think that government aid would be misplaced in opening up these valuable lands, but whether or not any action is taken by our Government, the wonderful resources of the Georgia hills cannot long remain undeveloped."

But They Seemed to Be. The gentleman living in the suburbs had a goat for the children's pleasure, and it was that kind of a goat which might well be called rambunctious, for it took possession of the place early, and showed little disposition to vacate. One morning the goat walked into the children's playhouse, and as the gentleman was starting down town he told the man about the place to drive it out and shut it up in the stable. The man protested, and the master proceeded to his office. At noon the man came to the office on an errand. "By the way, John," said the master, "did you put that goat in the stable, as I told you?" John began to hedge. "I was busy, sir, and..." "Busy, nothing," interrupted the master, "I told you to put it in the stable, and that's what I wanted you to do."

"Yes, sir," parleyed John, "but..." "Oh, but there is, sir," interrupted John this time: "if you don't believe me, sir, you just tackle the goat yourself, sir, and you'll see how it is." - Free Press

Cynical Men. A fad that is rapidly assuming astounding proportions is that of young men endeavoring to appear cynical. Some average fellow who spends an hour attending a necktie to his satisfaction will tell you that "life is a hollow mockery after all" and another will inform you over his second quarter of succulent mince pie that really there is really nothing in this world worth living for. A man who couldn't sew a button on his clothes if his life depended on it will pose as a woman-hater and a youth who has never talked more than an hour altogether with any girl outside of his own family will make the startling discovery that all women are false, treacherous and shallow. Cynicism sometimes makes a man interesting but the man who assumes it wants to have at least attained his majority to know a little of what he says and not have too good an appetite, too healthy a color or be too fond of such "of the earth, earthy" sports as dancing or football. - Washington Post

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