

THE DISMAL SWAMP. Something About the Famous Great Morass of Virginia. A MYSTERY TO THE SCIENTISTS, A Paradise for Hunters, an Inspiration to Artists and a Terror to the Superstitious—The Wonderful Lake Drummond—Legends Connected With the Swamp.

The great unexplored swamp which extends for forty miles along the coast of Virginia and North Carolina varies in width from a few hundred yards to twenty-five miles. It is the paradise of hunters, a mystery to the scientists, an inspiration to the artists and a terror to the superstitious.

About five miles from the village of Norfolk, where the Dismal Swamp begins, is Lake Drummond, named, some say, for a hunter who was lost in the swamp in the too ardent pursuit of a wounded stag, that led to the discovery of this beautiful sheet of water.

The approach to Lake Drummond is by a rude canal, three miles of which is a straight waterway into the lake. This forms an avenue, bordered by cypress trees, which rise erect out of the water 130 to 150 feet in height, and as symmetrical in shape as the masts of a ship.

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the sea. The ship, covered with phosphorus, stands near the lake. The ghosts of the crew still man it and, on moonlight nights the hunter who sees it hears a banshee wail, which means disaster, sickness or death to him.

One of the most romantic traditions is of an Indian warrior, who loved the favorite daughter of his chief. The father looked higher for the maiden, but the lovers ran off to the shores of Lake Drummond, built a wigwam beneath the cypresses and lived so happily together until they were both very old that the Great Spirit allowed them to revisit the earth every full moon and ride on the lake in a boat drawn by white swans.

The negroes are especially afraid of this extensive bog, and partly for this reason the place abounds with opossums, coons, rabbits, squirrels, birds, all sorts of small game, with an occasional deer or bear. It is useless to tell them the flitting, mysterious lights they see at night are burning gases which arise from the fens and marshes.

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Down these dusky aisles balls of fire would flash and fade as the will-o'-the-wisp had employed a band of impish acolytes to light hundreds of uncertain tapers on countless movable altars; decaying trees covered with gleaming phosphorus either stood erect or bent prostrate alone and down these mysterious vistas like goblin priests or spirits of white-robed Carmelite nuns celebrating a vesper service in this weird minister of exquisite workmanship.

The lake, with its starry reflections, was like a tessellated floor of black marble; the groined arches bore the fairy-like tracery of the silver moss over a thick canopy of green leaves. No sound came from the reedy marshes, no whisper from the motionless trees, no song from the drowsy birds, no ripples from the waveless water.

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regions, the middle states and New England. It was clear in the vicinity of Washington this morning, and by night it is expected that the storm will have moved into Maine and the St. Lawrence, leaving snow and sleet behind.

A MODERATE GALE. The Storm Extended All Along the Atlantic Coast. New York, Dec. 27.—The storm which began at 5 o'clock last evening continued after noon, though abated in violence. The snow that fell during the night had been converted by rain into a heavy slush.

Reports from the interior indicate more or less serious interruption to railway traffic, Central New York showing the most general disturbance. At Syracuse there is eighteen inches of snow; trains are from one to three hours behind time, and street cars are unable to move.

AT PITTSBURGH. The Storm General, Especially in the Mountains—Heavy Snow Reported. PITTSBURGH, Dec. 27.—The snow storm which started in last evening proved to be the heaviest that has been known here for several years.

SLEET FOLLOWED SNOW. Telegraph and Telephone Lines Badly Crippled in Philadelphia. PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 27.—The sleet storm which followed last night's fall of snow appears to have wrought great damage to telegraph and telephone circuits within a radius of fifty miles of this city.

COVERED WITH SNOW. Trains Reaching St. Louis Bear Evidence of the Storm. ST. LOUIS, Dec. 27.—All incoming trains at this point bear evidence of the storm raging in the Mississippi Valley, those from the south being especially covered with snow.

A HOWLING STORM. The Wind Reached a Velocity of 45 Miles at Cleveland. CLEVELAND, O., Dec. 27.—A howling storm, with a fine, penetrating snow, commenced here early last evening. The wind, which reached a velocity of forty-five miles an hour during the night, has subsided to-day.

CHICAGO'S BLIZZARD. Railway Trains Delayed and Street Blockades Were Frequent. CHICAGO, Dec. 27.—The mercury fell with the snow here to-day, and the storm developed into a veritable blizzard. The railway trains were generally on time, but the drifts seriously hampered the cable and horse car traffic and street blockades were numerous.

RICHMOND, Va., Dec. 27.—The first snow of the season fell here yesterday, barely covering the ground, followed during the night by sleet and rain. In the valley of Virginia the snow fall has been heavier, ranging from two to six inches.

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REAL ESTATE. TO LET. Eight-roomed dwelling of the late W. H. Robinson at Filsonville, 29 acres of ground. It is one of the best places on the Ohio river. Seven-roomed dwelling, 27 South Penn street. Eight-roomed dwelling, 104 Virginia street. Four-roomed house, 262 West Washington street. Five-roomed dwelling, North Wash street. Five-roomed house, 305 Woods street. Four-roomed house, 1184 High street. Store rooms and dwelling rooms very cheap for balance of this year.

SMITH & DICKINSON, REAL ESTATE AND FIRE INSURANCE, 1229 MARKET STREET. FOR RENT. A MONTH. No. 124 Alley H, stable, \$5 00. No. 87 Twentieth street, \$5 00. No. 2435 Alley H, \$8 00. No. 54 Sixteenth street, second and third floors, \$10 00. No. 61 Seventeenth street, \$14 00. No. 111 Fourteenth street, \$15 00. No. 1316 and 1318 Main street will lease for a long term of years. No. 31 Seventeenth street, 8 rooms both gas, hot water and bath, \$20 00. No. 2919 Woods street, \$9 00. 70 acre farm north of city, for market gardening, \$100 per annum. 20 rooms, Main and Twenty-first streets, \$15 00. No. 61 Seventeenth street, \$15 00. No. 104 Nineteenth street, \$20 00. Building in rear of 130 Market street, \$20 00. Four-roomed house, Crescent Place, \$7 50. Four rooms, both gas and bath, No. 35 17th street, \$10 00. Eight rooms, both gas, hot water and bath, No. 1016 Main street, \$25 00. No. 37 Seventeenth street, eight rooms, both gas, hot water and bath, \$20 00. No. 25 Market street, three rooms, \$7 00. No. 27 Twentieth street, \$10 00. Store rooms, Main and Twenty-first streets, \$50 00 and \$20 00. No. 502 Main street, three rooms, \$6 00. No. 277 Chapline street, two rooms, \$5 00. No. 253 Alley D, \$7 00. No. 2631 Chapline street, store room and dwelling, \$11 00. No. 2410 Jacob street, \$11 00. No. 157 Chapline street, office room, \$8 00.

REAL ESTATE. FOR SALE. House, 6 rooms; large stable and 3 lots. Peninsular addition to East Wheeling. Will sell one lot of all cheap. \$1000. House, 3 rooms, lot 25x100 feet, Lind street, Belvedere, very easy terms, \$750. House, 7 rooms, brick, Main st., 5th ward, \$2,500. House, 4 rooms, brick, Jacob street, 4th ward, \$1,800. House, 5 rooms and hall, Park View, lot 100x175 feet, easy terms, \$1,700. House, 5 rooms, 27th st., lot 25x100 street, \$1,700. Double house, 10 rooms, Indiana street, Island, easy terms, \$2,500. House, 6 rooms, South Huron street, Island, with large lot, \$2,200. House, 7 rooms and hall, Market street, between 7th and 8th streets, easy terms, \$2,700. House, 5 rooms, corner lot, 24th street, easy terms, \$1,600. Double house, 5 rooms, Coal street, 1st ward, \$1,000. House, 5 rooms, McCulloch street, East Wheeling, \$1,700. House, 7 rooms and hall, with large lot, 15th street, \$6,000. House, 3 rooms, Charles street, easy terms, \$750. House, 5 rooms, Baltimore street, East Wheeling, easy terms, \$1,000. House, 4 rooms, 18th street, easy terms, \$950. House, 4 rooms, 18th street, easy terms, \$1,650. House, 5 rooms, brick, 14th street, cheap, \$2,500. House, 10 rooms, brick, with large lot, 15th street, cheap. House, 5 rooms, Jacob street, 6th ward, easy terms, \$1,000. House, 5 rooms, Wood street, 6th ward, \$1,400. House, 5 rooms, 29th street, \$1,000. House, 6 rooms, Wood street, 5th ward, \$1,350. View finished house, 5 rooms and hall, Park View, lot 100x175 feet. For a short time only, \$1,800. Splendid house, 5 rooms and hall, Lind street, Belvedere, \$1,400. House, 5 rooms, brick, Market street, Centre Wheeling, cheap, \$1,200. Lots on Lind street, Belvedere, \$200 and \$750 each. House, 10 rooms, corner 29th and Chapline streets, \$3,000. Three lots in Park View, cheap. Business property on Market street at moderate price. \$200, \$300, \$500, \$800, \$1,000 and \$2,500 to loan on real estate. NESBITT & DEVINE, Tel. 611, 1739 Market Street. FOR RENT. Store building Nos. 1412 and 1414 Main street. Will improve to suit tenant. No. 1522 Main street, three-story building. Store room and dwelling, corner Fourteenth and 31st streets. Four rooms. No. 1015 Main street, second and third floors, eight rooms, all modern conveniences for house-keeping. No. 81 Ohio street, five rooms, frame. No. 1127 Alley H, three rooms, frame. No. 1116 McCulloch street, three rooms, \$7 50. No. 1114 McCulloch street, two rooms, \$6 00. No. 1043 3rd street, with 2 lots. No. 910 Ohio street, three rooms, \$8 00. No. 2177 Alley B, two rooms, \$6 00. No. 2430 Main street, two rooms, \$5 00. No. 125 24th St. in street, five rooms, \$12 50. No. 5 9 Main street, fourteen rooms, modern. No. 3644 Woods street, six rooms, brick, \$12 00. No. 113 Wood street, second floor, \$11 00. No. 113 Wood street, second floor, \$11 00. Two furnished rooms for men, on Jacob, between Thirteenth and Fourteenth streets. No. 25 Chapline street, five rooms, \$13 00. No. 121 Fairview street, five rooms, \$8 50. Rooms for manufacturing purpose, with power furnished, in the business part of city. Store room, South street, in Heenan's tenement building. MONEY TO LOAN. RINEHART & TATUM, CITY BANK BUILDING, Telephone 219. Room No. 4. REAL ESTATE. Houses for sale cheap. Building lots for sale cheap. Farms for sale cheap. Property for sale on easy terms. Money to loan on real estate. HARRY J. FINK, Telephone 657, 1143 Market Street.