

## SCIENTISTS LIFT THE CURTAIN FOR PEEP AT EARLIEST FORMS OF LIFE?

BILLY BRYAN'S teachings as to the creation of man fail to stir a ripple of interest at the Chicago Field of Natural History. For behind polished glass in bondless bottles at the museum rest the oldest ancestors of vegetable and animal life, scientists say.

These curious looking objects certainly do not have any physical resemblance to the general conception of early man.

### YOUR ANCESTORS

Yet scientists agree that these were the first feeble forms of life upon the earth, and that they must have been the evolutionary progenitors of the human race.

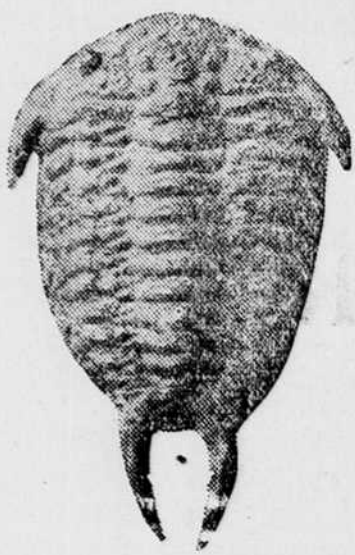
These specimens stepped out of Creation's maw something like 1,000,000,000 years ago, so scientists reckon, and they did their stuff long before Adam starred or the missing link went A. W. O. L.

It is not known whether these old specks are with their knives. But for after calling upon the dawning earth they took their leave via some evolutionary bypath and they never so much as left a card behind.

There was Grandpapa Eozoon. For millions of years he and his life and all the microscopic little Eozoons were supposed to have skittered and played tag together under some old moon back in the early Eozoic slime.

### PLANT OR ANIMAL

All that remains of the Eozoon are some faded yellow



TRILOBITE

streaks in a small white patch of rock. Scientists do not even know whether the Eozoon was plant or animal.

But they are sure that the yellow streaks were Evolution's cradle for the billion-year development of man. Take your hat off in respect to the Eozoon, likewise bow with reverence to his next of kin, Mr. and Mrs. Brachiopod, who came some 500,000,000 years later.

The Brachiopod, as when he died long, long ago, sits today upon a

boulder looking for all the world like clusters of tiny brown hemispheres about the size of an ordinary nut head.

### ARMS

From the Brachiopod's body slender but long arms protruded. In immediate relative, the Eozoon, had no arms, but Nature gave them to the Brachiopod to travel with and grab his lunch. "Arm foot," that's what the name "Brachiopod" means.

Following the Brachiopod came a worm known as the Scolites and then in another 500,000,000 years came the Trilobite, who looked like a crab and probably passed down some of the sour dispositions you see occasionally.

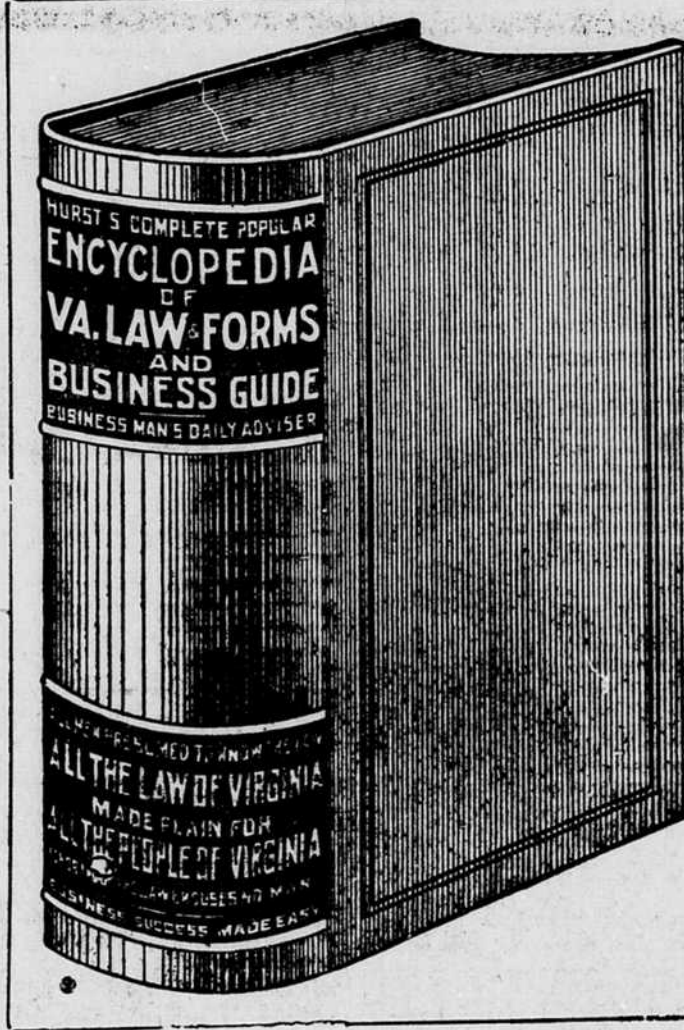
Says Professor Oliver C. Farrington, curator in charge of the museum's new geological exhibit: "The relationship between the Eozoon and the Brachiopod is unknown. The latter was a highly developed form of animal, and millions of years intervened between it and the Eozoon which word means 'Dawn Animal.'"

### SCIENTISTS STUMPED

"What the worm Scolites looked like we have no idea."

"The Trilobite, which means 'divided into three parts,' was about the size of a half dollar. The creature's resemblance to a crab would seem to indicate that some forms of modern sea life were derived from it. "But what the trilobite sprang from or what sprang directly from it we don't know."

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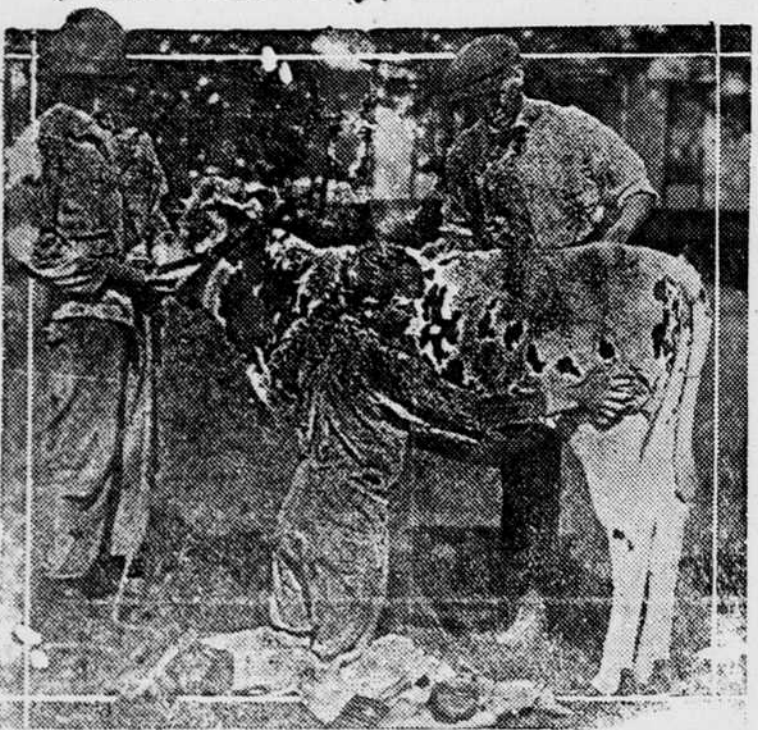
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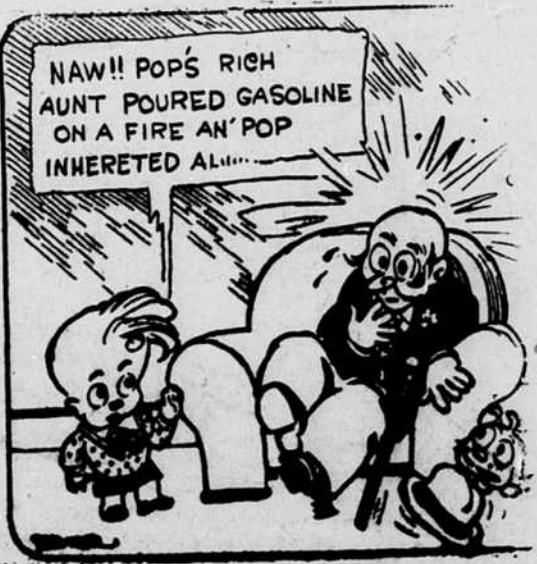
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