

EMERALD TALISMAN.

World's Most Precious Green Gem Held by Marissa Indians.

Public Effect of President Dies to 100th Anniversary of the Emancipation of the Negro...

Five years—over since Mexico was opened to the white man—every traveler to that remote land has heard of the emerald of Oajaca.

This emerald of Oajaca has for ages been the object of covetous interest on the part of Spanish viceroys, Mexican presidents and provincial governors.

A few years ago President Diaz became so interested in the matter that he decided to prove the truth or falsity of the reports of this emerald's size and value.

Upon this prolonged operation seemed among the Indians, the result of which was that from afar off in the crowd one of them held up at arm's length between his forefinger and thumb the famous emerald, exhibiting in the rays of the sun.

His suit was repeatedly rejected by the lady of his choice, until one day, thinking to put an end to his attentions thereby, she told him that if he would go round the world without a cent in his pocket she would marry him.

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MONT PELEE MYTH.

Many Strange Things Attributed to Martinique Volcano's Eruption.

Partions of the Atlantic Coast Said to Have Eruptive Spots from Where to St. Peter's Island.

The eruption of Mont Pelee has been applied to the service to explain every unusual phenomenon in any part of the globe since it occurred, without much protest, but when an alleged scientist attempts to show that the whole New England sea coast has been raised into the air, by it, some of the easterners feel that it is time to dispose of the Mont Pelee myth.

The idea that parts of Pennsylvania could be raised three feet and other parts six feet without even a jar to give the people a hint that anything was going on, and all as the result of an explosion in the Caribbean sea, is regarded with amusement by the skeptical.

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The proclamation was published on the eve of President Castro's departure from the "Yellow House" at Caracas to lead his army in the field, and it is a stirring appeal to his countrymen to support him in his purpose to crush the anti-Castro force, which has grown so formidable recently.

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FOOTPRINTS IN THE SAND.

They Tell an Experienced Hunter Hunter Things Hidden from the Ordinary Hunter.

For a long series of years Mr. Lucy, the famous English hunter, has made such a close study of the footprints of the animals of the forest in many lands that he can tell those of many species of birds, of the same number of different members of the antelope family, of panthers, hyenas, crocodiles, hoppers and many other animals, says a London paper.

The leopard follows his hunter in the same manner—sometimes even tracking the hunter to his camp, in the hope of finding sheep or goats. His spoor and that of the panther are similar to a lion's, but much smaller and elongated.

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PURGENT PARAGRAPHS.

Both Unsuccessful.—Stella—"Mabel tries to keep it a secret that she is engaged." Bella—"Yes, and Clara tries to keep it a secret that she isn't."

Old Gentleman Who Likes Boys—"My son, why do you always say 'm-h-m' when you mean 'yes'?" Boy—"I don't. Sometimes I say 'uh-huh.'" Chicago Tribune.

His Villainous Scheme—"Mrs. Van Gump seems never to have anything new to wear." "It's her husband's fault. He is one of the meanest men who ever drew the breath of life."

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WORK CONTINUOUSLY.

More Than Half of American Employers Never Go on Strike.

Interesting Facts Gleaned from Labor Statistics in the United States—Farmers Never Quit Their Jobs.

In these days of unparalleled prosperity and strikes it is a soothing reflection that the majority of American workers never have gone on strike, and probably never will.

A survey of the national workshop, so to speak, discloses the fact that, including men, women and minors, nearly 32,000,000 persons are daily at work in it—less the number of those temporarily on strike.

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SCIENCE AND INDUSTRY.

Cork trees in Spain and Portugal, if not stripped more than once in three years, thrive and bear for upward of 100 years.

The big lantern to be used in the government lighthouse at Scotch cape, Alaska, has just been finished by an Atlanta (Ga.) manufacturing plant.

The biggest balloon ever made was by a German named Ganswerdt, about 20 years ago. Its capacity was 10,000 cubic yards. It weighed 2 1/2 tons, and would rise 3 1/2 tons in the air.

Prof. Henry A. Ward has announced the discovery of a great meteorite in western Mexico. The stone weighs over 10 tons; it is 12 feet and one inch in length, and lay buried by the terrific force of its own momentum nearly 30 feet in the earth.

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