

Find Ancient Ring in Cave

Highly Carved Circlet May Be of Chinese Origin.

What may be a link in the chain of evidence to prove early Mongolian habitation of the North American continent, has just been brought to light by George Saur, owner of the North Loop cave. Archeologists believe that the Indian races of Mexico are related to the Mongolian race and evidences of this have been discovered by excavation around the ancient temples of Mexico.

The object exhibited by Mr. Saur is a ring found in the Crystal cave. It is finely carved in the nature of ancient Chinese antiquities. It was found in one of the dark recesses of the cave by searchers for buried treasure.

Mr. Saur has taken the ring to many jewelers who have been unable to tell of what kind of metal the ring is made. They think it may be a combination of gold, iron, copper and silver. The ring is very heavy. It is composed of two parts. It appears to have been formed with a band of metal over which has been superimposed another ring upon which is the delicate carving. The fine lines and steel point engraving is highly characteristic of the Chinese work.

Cave Is Closed.

On the face of the ring is a broad band with three holes in which, at some time, sets must have reposed. Now the holes resemble the staring eye of a skeleton reminding one of a three-eyed giant.

The history of the ring has remained a mystery for years. Experts have looked at it and failed to give any satisfactory explanation for its presence in the cave.

The cave has been closed since the episode of the lost exploring party. On the Sunday following, more than 400 men and boys came to the cave to explore its depths. However, as there is danger of becoming lost, the cave was closed to prevent mishap to any of the searchers.

"Pop Corn" Room.

Back in the innermost recesses of the cave are rooms that sparkle with crystal formation. One is called the "pop corn" room for the innumerable small white balls of crystal that have formed on the walls and ceiling of the cave.

Beautifully shaped stalactites drop from the ceilings and, more stately stalagmites rise from the floor of the underground caverns. In it are rooms of

great height and width. Perfectly arched hallways stretch for hundreds of feet underground and there are "fat man's miseries" and ginseng alleys and narrow holes through which the traveler must crawl.