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Prof. Huxley, who came to this country in 1876 to expound Darwinism and the new science, and whose talk of millions and billions of years dazed his audiences, is now asking his fellow-philosophers to act cautiously, for enormous changes have taken place in the last five hundred years. He said:

"He wished to give anthropologists a necessary caution. The question as to the exact time to be attached to alluvial remains in the Somme Valley (where stone implements have been found), could not be settled satisfactorily. Few persons except men of science were aware that there had been enormous changes during the last 500 years in the north of Europe. The volcanoes of Iceland had been continually active, great floods of lava had been poured forth, and the coast had been remarkably changed. Similar causes might have produced enormous changes in the valley of the Somme, and therefore any argument based as to time upon the appearances of the valley were not to be trusted."

But this is not all. From 1868 to 1878, Prof. Huxley was the apostle and expounder of Bathysmus, which he defined as "a gelatinous mass, which so far as our present knowledge goes, is the common fountain of all life." This was the "ultimate matter," which, without a Creator, begat life. Around this Bathysmus the materialistic philosophers have gathered, and upon it they have built up their theories of creation without a God. But when the President of the British Association, Prof. Allman, a few weeks ago was lavish in his praises of Bathysmus and of Prof. Huxley, its eloquent expounder, he was surprised at the position assumed by Mr. Huxley, who in an address supporting a vote of thanks to the President, said:

"The President, in the early part of his address, alluded to a certain thing—I hardly know whether I ought to call it a thing or not—of which he gave you the name Bathysmus, and he stated with perfect justice, that I had brought that thing into notice; at any rate, indeed, I christened it, and I am, in a certain sense, its earliest friend. But I am sorry to say, as time has gone on, he has not altogether verified the promise of his youth. In the first place, as the President told you, he could not be found when he was wanted; and, in the second place, when he was found, all sorts of things were said about him. Indeed, I regret to be obliged to tell you that some persons of severe minds went so far as to say that he was nothing but simply a gelatinous precipitate of slime, which had carried down organic matter. If that is so, I am sorry for it, for whoever else may have joined in this error, I am undoubtedly primarily responsible for it. But I do not know at this present time of my own knowledge how the matter stands. Nothing could please me more than to investigate the matter afresh in the way it ought to be investigated; but that would require a voyage of some time, and the investigation of this thing in its native haunts is a kind of work, for which, for many years past, I have had no opportunity, and which I do not think I am very likely to enjoy again. Therefore my own judgement is in an absolute state of suspension about it. I can only warn you what has been said about this friend of mine, but I cannot say whether what is said is justified or not."

Household.

APPLE SNOW.—Pare and core six good sized apples, steam them in two tablespoonfuls of water, with a little lemon peel, till quite soft. Add a quarter pound of finely sifted white sugar, and the white of one quite fresh egg. Beat it well for three-quarters of an hour, without stopping, and serve as you please. It looks best in custard glasses heaped up.

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carrot cut in dice, two cloves, one small onion, a stalk of celery, and, if the flavor is liked, a leek and a clove of garlic. Let it simmer constantly for from six to eight minutes, but not boil. Then add a tablespoonful of brown sugar, and serve.

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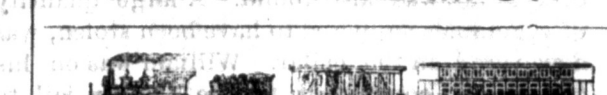
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