

THE LAKE UNDER LONDON.

To London, as to almost every large city, the question of a water supply has been a very serious problem. Londoners now see a way to solve it. The engineer of the County Council has informed the body, says The Golden Penny, that underlying London is an immense lake, in a chalk basin twenty-five hundred square miles in extent.

The annual rainfall that sinks to this lake, one hundred feet below the surface of the ground, amounts to two hundred and eighty thousand million gallons, which would give a daily yield of seven hundred and sixty-seven million gallons.

An artesian well has already tapped the lake at Clapham, and it is pointed out that all that is necessary to insure a water supply is to sink a sufficient number of wells. The wonder is that London should have existed for more than two thousand years and never discovered that the great lake was beneath it.

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IN THESE DAYS.

A passenger who had observed to the street-car conductor that it was d-d hot, suddenly turned and discovered a lady within hearing.

"I beg your pardon, madam," he said contritely.

"Oh, you needn't, sir," responded madam, fanning herself vigorously; "it's very much warmer than that."—Harlem Life.

A celebrated preacher remarked in a sermon that everything made by God was perfect. "What think you of me?" said a deformed man in a pew beneath, who arose from his seat, and pointed at his back.

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