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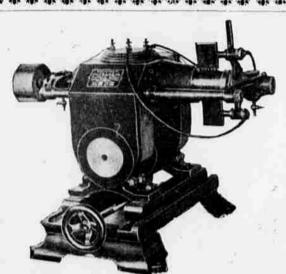
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### Totem Pole

#### in Civilization

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more than any other totem by a removal from the deserted village to civilization-he now has an audience.

Above is a headless whale-he cannot spout from lack of a head and from lack of water, so he is resorting to gymnastics and is standing upon the place where his head

The next figure is a bird, but he cannot fly. He is weighted to earth by a tremendously swelled head.

The black bear above looks downward and is trying to discover a reason for calling his triangular back yard a "square." The frog totem above is about one-tenth the size of the whale on the pole—he is poised for a jump down to the brick pavement.

A Great Mouth. The big totem above is a human figure with the Georgia mud complexion over his entire body. His face is very expressive, but he expression is difficult to decipher. His mouth is stretched well towards where his ears ought to be in what was originally



MAKING TOY TOTEMS.

grin, but a realization of the caresses did not get or of the green apples he ate, or of the bite of some sort of Dead sea frui has destroyed the humor of the grin.

The mouth is stretched until the nose flattened and the chin shortened and trembling between a joy that was and future that does not promise much, but he is brave-he endures until his eyes bulge out of his head. It is rude to pry into the domestic affairs of the totems, but it is easily suspected that the old woman toten: sitting upon his head may be the cause of

his unrest. Her gaze is heavenward in an exalted expression that is belied by the rakish adjustment of her bonnet over her wig, which le awry, and the cigar which is tilted so jauntily as it projects between her mandibles-for her sweet cherry lips have become elengated in the shape of a bird's mandibles She has some small wings, but she cannot fly. If she is a bird she is one of the kind of birds that sits and sits, but never sings

or soars. She has been identified as the old woman who swept the cobwebs off from the sky, and her cigar as a portion of the handle of her ancient broom. She would be in a state of exile and very lonely on the top of such a high pole, but some kind soul has been equal to the emergency and with conspicuous tact has attached some telephone wires to the top of her head so that the news will all pass her way.

These are unsentimental facts with regard to the only civilized totem pole despithe "hidden meaning" and "stories" of dreamers. If these totems originated as d our modern nicknames as a tribute to individuality, the Indian was only anticipating history in granting dignity to what was peculiar, and in conceding merit to aggressiveness. The pole may be all right but there is good reason for unrest if not

Seattle has forgotten that she is too far in the shadow of Ranier to languish in the yellow gaze of a wooden Indian totem pole. The pole has certain interest in a museum as a curio, but cannot inspire reverence as a monument. It should be labeled "Of unknown origin and meaning." also this inscription: "If some men have greatness thrust upon them, then is this Indian the chiefest of all who have had such greatness thrust upon them. We do not know who we are honoring. He does not know that he is honored.

This painted pole is a discord in totems piled toward the sky as a monument of a summer dream of several moons ago and the possible beginning of totemism in civiliza-L. BROOKS VINCENT.

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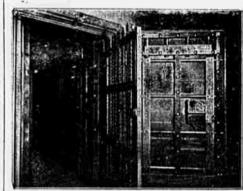


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