The Giant Humbug.

We see that the Syracuse papers copy the Rochester *Chronicle*, devotes a great deal of space to showing that the giant is a humbug. Their accounts are backed by a great many affidavits, and they show conclusively that Hull, the relative of Newel—who got nine-thousand-five-hundred dollars as his share of the proceeds of the sale—was the prime mover in this imposition. He, with one Jones and Glass, went to Ft. Dodge, Iowa, in June, 1868, got the block of gypsum and took it to Chicago. It was cut there (Glass was the sculptor), the statue was boxed and sent to Syracuse by the Central railroad from Buffalo, thence was taken to Union, Broome county, by rail. There Hull took it with a four horse team to Newel's farm. The thousands who have been deceived by this imposture—among them a number of scientific men—will take the *expose* very grimly, and, others will be inclined to ask whether that tremendous science which permits itself to be beaten by so glaring a fraud is really valuable. The statue is a little more than a year old, and has been burried little more than a year; yet various owl eyed professors, studying it faithfully and carefully analyzing the ground in which it was found, located it among numerous and nearly forgotten centuries. "While our readers follow us in this investigation," the *Courier* well suggests, "let them remember that this humbug now disgraces the state geological hall at Albany; that it was admitted there by the geological authorities of the state; that one of these same authorities (?) came to Syracuse, ate somebody's stuffed turkey, carefully examined the giant the next day, and went home again promising to report soon; that he never did report, and then let our readers draw their own conclusions as to the fitness of such a man for geologist of the Smpire state!"

The Syacuse *Journal says*:

The parties charged with the inception and furtherence of the fraud are Hull, a relative of the resident of Cardiff, Newel, upon whose farm the giant was exhumed October 16th last: two *confreres*, one Jones, a reputed relative of Newel's, and one Glass, who represented himself to be from this city, and who is said to have been the sculptor of the image; and Newel, as an accomplice in the imposition. These are the blameworthy persons, so far as the information regarding the fraud as yet reveals them. There is no ground for suspicion of collusion or complicity against the present owners of the statue, aside from Newell.

Our immediate locality comes in for a large share of the popular odium and ridicule which this exposure will invoke But there is some comfort in the reflection that Fort Dodge and Chicago, Binghamton and Albany divide this unsought and unwelcome distinction with the Onondaga valley. Though the giant was introduced to the public at Cardiff, Albany has welcomed and fostered it, and even now it has an honored place in the geological hall of the state, Fort Dodge contributed the material; Chicago, with undeniable right to participate in all specie of contemptible transactions, saw it fashioned into a shape to impose upon and deceive the rest of the world, and Binghamton claims the rascally genius whose brain conceived the swindle, and whose adroitness and energy prosecuted it to success.

We are in no amiable mood over this disagreeable exposure. But we have no reflections to plague us. While as journalists we have given publicity to everything that came to our knowledge, that had any bearing upon this subject, we have no indorsment of the genuineness of the ancient and honorable relic to retract. We have been prompt on the first tangible evidence, to reveal the true character of the imposition. We feel contempt and loathing for the authors and abettors of the infamous fraud; and deplore the fact that there is no adequate redress for the deception and outrage which the public has suffered.

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