The Great Hoax Exposed—Letter from the Man who Cut the Block.

The following letter appears in the Chicago *Tribune;*

TO THE EDITOR OF THE CHICAGO TRIBUNE.—The statement made in the *Tribune* about one week ago, that the "Cardiff giant" was manufactured in Chicago, is true. One of Mr. Volk's workmen and myself cut it out of a block of gypsum, in a barn near Lincoln park, during the months of July, August, September and October in 1868. George Hull, one of the actual owners of the figure, made an arrangement with Henry Salle, who is employed by Mr. Volk, and myself, to cut out a statue, and he agreed to pay us either $150 or to allow us a share in the money derived from exhibiting it after being dug from the earth. We concluded to take the cash, but he has never paid us.—Salle received $40 but I did not get one penny." As Hull has not carried out his part of the agreement, I do not think it right for me to remain quiet any longer, but think the swindle should be exposed. When Hull came to us he said he had a block of gypsum, which he had obtained from Fort Dodge, Iowa, and that it was in a barn near the park. Salle and myself took our tools to the place, and worked at it whenever we had an opportunity; sometimes two days in a week, and on Sundays. We had a model about three feet long. Beer was supplied, and there was no necessity for the leaving place while at work for a drink. The stone I was informed, was furnished by a man named Manlin, who is at present interested in the giant. It was about eleven feet in length, four feet wide by three thick, and weighed nicely; it'd not crumble as some stone does.—The figure was pronounced completed in the latter part of October. Hull came occasionally to see how the work progressed. Hair had been carved on the head and a beard on the chin.—Hull did not like this when he saw it, and said he would see about it. When he came the next time, he told us that he had consulted with a geologist, and was informed that hair would not petrify. So he ordered it to be clipped off, and we shaved the giant. Several ways were tried to make the figure look old, and at last one was invented. Quite a number of needles were placed in lead, with their points protruding, and the figure was pricked over with this.—Two days were occupied in this work, as the chisel left marks on the stone which had to be effaced by this slow process of pricking. Some vitriol, sulphuric acid and English ink were next procured and rubbed on, which gave the antiquated look required. Hull thought at first it would be best to put on a clay covering, but concluded it had better not be done, as the clay where the stone was to be buried might be different. He was undecided where to bury it at first, and suggested Mexico. I told him I thought that would be a good place, but finally concluded not to take it there, as the distance was so great. A box was obtained of a man who makes sashes and doors, on North Clark street, just south of entrance to the old city cemetery. How to get the figure into the box puzzled Hull, but we hit upon a plan which was successful. A derrick was erected, bands were placed beneath the head, legs and body, and when raised to a sufficient elevation, the box was shoved underneath, and the giant was in it in a few moments. During the course of the next week a truck was engaged, and the box taken to the Michigan depot.—It went over that road, so I was told, and was buried, how, or by whom, I do not know, on Newell's farm. Hull at one time proposed that we shoul insert in the figure here and there petrified pieces of wood or stone, so that when geologists called to see it he could chip off a small piece and give it to them to examine. This, however, was not done, as he could not find the pieces. The figure is well proportioned in all parts except one, and that is the back. The stone was made up of layers, and while working on the back one of them got loose and had to be taken off, leaving the thickness of the body six inches less than it should have been. Hull was in Chicago about two weeks ago, and told us that he had sold his interest and received notes therefor. Salle and I wrote to Martin about it, and he replied that Newell, another interested party, had the notes and had run away with them. We wrote to Hull and asked him why he had deceived us, and have not yet received an answer. The beard of which we made the derrick are now in the yard near the barn, and the bands are in my possession. If Hull, or the parties now in possession of the giant, deny the truth of what I say, Salle and myself are willing to make affidavit that the facts given are true. Affidavits of other persons who are familiar with the circumstances connected with the making, will also be procured, and the giant proven to be what it is, as every intelligent persons knows—a humbug and a swindle.

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