Fairy Rings.

Some six miles from Helena, Montana, in the pasture lands are some curious circles bare of grass, which have been a source of curious speculation for many years. They are said to be identical with the "fairy rings," which are common in some parts of England. There used to be two of these rings close together, but one of them, according to the Helena Independent, has entirely disappeared within the last few years. The remaining one is about 200 feet in diameter and forms a perfect circle. The ground forming the circle is about two yards wide and quite destitute of vegetation. Many theories have been advanced as to the cause of these rings. Some say that it is the result of lightning; others that a herd of buffalo, pursued by wolves, stopped and formed themselves into a circle as a means of defending their young, and thus trampled out the grass. These rings have attracted the attention of scientific men, and recent investigations have shown they are the result of centrifugal development of certain kinds of fungi, among which is the common mushroom, which shows a tendency to grow in this manner. The spotwhere it has grown is unfitted for its continued nourishment, and the spawn extends outward to new soil, forming the circle. These rings are common in Eastern Montana, along the Musselshell River, but the one near Helena is the most perfect in the state.—[New Orleans Picayune.

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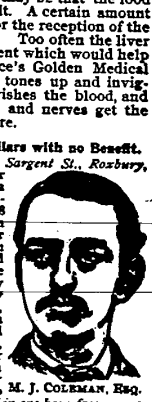

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"No."

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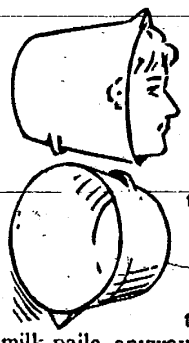

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