

inquiry. He wrote that the Danish Creamery had long since been dismantled, and that the cream separator set up there in 1883 was the first ever brought to the United States. This was a bit of startling information for the ordinary aids to study, such as annuals and encyclopedias contained practically nothing about this matter. But subsequent thorough and prolonged study of the subject has made it clear that he was right.

The cream separator which Jeppe Slifsgaard brought to the United States in 1882 had a 24-inch bowl, a speed of 250 revolutions per second, and was capable of skimming 2,000 pounds of milk per hour.

Principal Sources: "Danske i Amerika," Vol. I, Pt. 2, Minneapolis, 1908; "Nordisk Familjebok," Vol. IV, Stockholm, 1925; "Iowa Agricultural Yearbook," 1888.

God's Obelisk*

A joking soldier named me "Devil's Tower";
 But God created me, a tapered spire
 To raise all searching eyes above the earth,
 To lift their vision upward to the stars.
 The Red Men gave to me a fabulous birth
 That saved three maidens from an angry bear;
 While men of science patiently explain
 Me as a monolith, volcanic-born.
 In homage, Roosevelt proclaimed this site
 The first of many Monuments, so pines
 And native flowers could thrive around my base.
 A thousand tapered pentagons of stone
 Compose my whole. Each fluted shaft alone
 Would crumble, fall, disintegrate to dust;
 Together as a triumphant whole they have
 Endured. The blasts of hail, bombastic winds
 Of fifty million years proved trivial
 As dew on blades of grass. God's Obelisk
 Upon a mountain top, I symbolize
 The permanence and peace of unity.

—Mae UrbaneK

*This poem won first place in a state poetry contest sponsored by the Wyoming Federation of Women's Clubs in 1956.

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