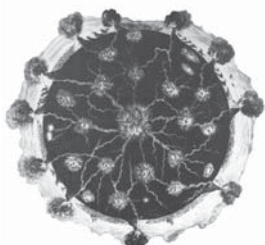
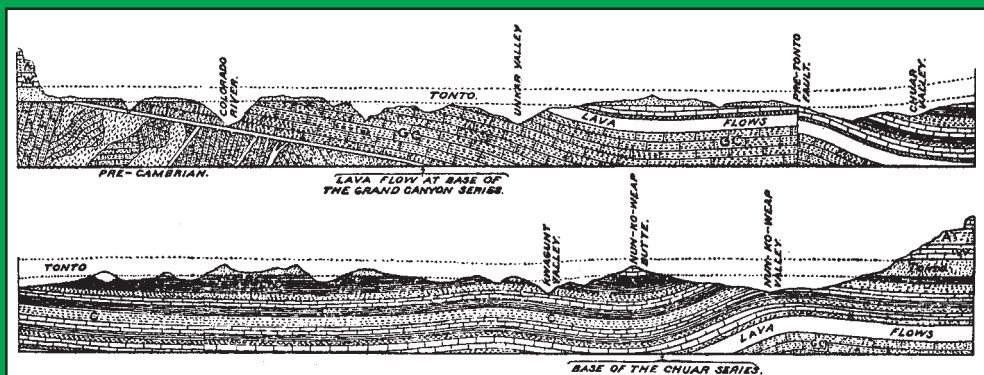


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EDITORIAL

A CORNUCOPIA TINGED WITH SADNESS

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This issue of *Earth Sciences History* offers the reader five papers containing a varied mix of topics, as well as a book review and Gerald Friedman's "Interesting Publications" section. Bob Dott discusses the geological education (and the difficulties of acquiring such an education) of Emily Hahn and Katharine Fowler, two women geologists of the 1920s and illuminates their subsequent and flamboyant lives. The debates concerning the origins of the Pampean Sediments of Argentina, first described by the Frenchman Alcide d'Orbigny, is the focus of the paper by Eduardo Tonni and Ricardo Pasquali. Gerald Friedman discusses the Taconic Controversy that vexed North American geologists during the mid- to late-1800s, and pitted the heavyweights Ebenezer Emmons against James Hall. In the New York State Museum can be found the paleontological collections of Rudolf Rudemann who described them in a series of papers and monographs published between the 1890s and 1940s. Many of these specimens are rather poorly preserved and following their reinvestigation many are shown not to be organic remains, Victor Tollerton of that institution suggests that Rudemann may have had a medical condition that affected his eyesight, and this may have influenced his paleontological judgment.

Many readers picking up this issue will immediately be struck by a sense of loss when they read the contents page and note the last paper. This paper flowed from the pen of Ellis Yochelson who died on August 30th, 2006. Ellis submitted the paper and following its review turned in the revised typescript in early June 2006; unfortunately he didn't live to see the page-proofs nor the published paper, but he knew of its impending publication. He was very keen that *Earth Sciences History* should be supported financially and just before he died I received a check from his former employers, the United States Geological Survey, in respect of page charges. This gave Ellis enormous satisfaction. Ellis was very proud of his association with the History of Earth Sciences Society and was deeply moved to be elected a Honorary Lifetime Member in 2001. He will be missed by his friends and colleagues. It is fitting that his last paper in our journal should address a largely forgotten aspect of the work of Charles Doolittle Walcott, a geologist and administrator whose life Ellis chronicled in two volumes published in 1998 and 2001.

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