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Front cover: Gurness Broch, on the eastern coast of the Orkney mainland, an Iron Age tower around which a village grew. The lane leading to the imposing entryway, and the entryway itself, seem designed to impress visitors. Low-roofed cells flanking the opening are assumed to have housed guard-dogs. *photo: T L*

Opposite left: The Writers' Museum, Edinburgh, dedicated to Scotland's noted men of letters: Robert Burns, Sir Walter Scott and Robert Louis Stevenson. Just off the Royal Mile leading to Edinburgh castle, this building, erected in 1622 and modified in the 18th century, exhibits the structural complexity and romantic expressionism that flourishes here and there in the generally conservative architecture of the city. The stonemasons whose responsibility it was to realize the plans for this structure must have welcomed the challenge. *photo: T L*

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Basket-handle arches left to right: Otero Mesa, New Mexico and Loch Ness, Scotland

stone (ston) n.

- a. Concreted earthy or mineral matter; rock.
b. Such concreted matter of a particular type.
Often used in combination.
- A small piece of rock.
- Rock or piece of rock shaped or finished for a particular purpose, especially a piece of rock that is used in construction.

nex-us (nek' sas) n., pl. nexus or nex-us-es.

- A means of connection; a link or tie.
- A connected series or group.
- The core or center.

mag-a-zine (mag-uh-zeen), n.

- A periodical containing a collection of articles, stories, pictures, or other features

