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IS THE EARTH IN DANGER

A speculation as to the Collision with a Comet in 1899.

Professor Salp, of Vienna, announces that on November 13, 1899 a comet will strike the earth, and that the end will be the result. Meanwhile (writes Miss Proctor, daughter of the late Richard A. Proctor), he is probably making calculations to ascertain whether the violence of the shock will reduce our planet to dust, or whether it will be enveloped in an atmosphere of poisonous gas, which will kill all living beings. Fortunately, science reassures us as to our possible fate, the chances being one in the fifteen millions that the earth will be destroyed by colliding with a comet. It has also taught us to look forward to the night of November 13, 1899, as the date of a regularly-occurring event every thirty-three years.

On this night the earth will encounter myriads of meteoric particles travelling along the same path as Temple's comet of 1866, and the two are probably closely associated. We shall be undoubtedly treated to a grand display of celestial fireworks, and the history of their appearance in 1833 and in 1866 has prepared us for the glorious spectacle we may look forward to in 1899.

At their former appearance the uncultured, far from beholding the sight with admiration, considered it a fearful portent, heralding the end of the world. This fear led to many quaint scenes and sayings on the eventful night of November 13, 1833. Probably no display of falling stars has ever attracted greater attention than that which took place in 1866. At times the whole heavens seemed ablaze with stars, and those who witnessed the shower described the meteors as "great balls of fire falling from the sky."

At present the greater meteoric shower of the Leonids has nearly accomplished its long journey, and the year 1899 will again bring it to the earth's track. The shower is of such enormous length that it will take more than a year for the mighty procession to pass beyond the earth's track, so that in 1900 another brilliant meteoric shower may be considered probable.

In 1832 some of the people of Paris were almost frantic with excitement in consequence of the announcement that a comet was about to destroy the earth, and time and time again the danger of a comet collision with the earth has been seriously considered. The great French astronomer Arago, estimated that out of 281,000,000 chances there was only one single chance for a collision. This amounts to little more than a bare possibility.

Should a collision take place, evil results in light of might follow. "If the nucleus encountered was in mass and solidly equal to that of Danu's comet, as estimated by M. Frazz and Professor Lever, its impact with the earth would



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develop heat enough to melt and vaporise the hardest rocks. If the comet were composed of small meteoric particles, the result would be a brilliant shower, exceeding such showers as we have seen only in degree. Were the colliding body a hydrogen comet of sufficient size to encompass the entire globe, it might so mingle with the oxygen of our atmosphere as to form such an explosive compound that the lighting of a single match would produce a mighty flame which, in an instant, would consume every living thing on the surface of the earth.

Still further, since water is the result of burning hydrogen gas in oxygen, this same fierce and terrible flame would be as speedily followed by a light deluge of water, enveloping the entire surface of our own planet. If the body of the comet were not of an inflammable nature, but composed of noxious gases, it would poison our atmosphere, render it unfit for respiration, and thereby entail the most serious consequences. Were it an innocuous gaseous body, owing to its extreme lightness, it would float in or upon our atmosphere as do the clouds, without reaching the surface of our globe. But the actual risk of the destruction of the earth by a comet is very small indeed.

A scientist admits that the event of the collision of the earth with a comet is possible. "In fact, if the earth lasts long enough, it is practically sure to happen; for there are several comets' orbits which pass nearer to the earth's orbit than the semi diameter of the comet's head, and at some time the earth and comet will certainly come together. Such encounters will, however, be very rare."

—Ottawa Journal: The Dominion parliament and the public interest will sustain a serious loss if Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper's removal to British Columbia should banish him for any length of time from the House of Commons. Sir Hibbert Tupper has had many a hot passage with political opponents, but one and all of them will cheerfully concede that a man of his force, ability, public experience and clean personal record is a marked gain to public life.

LAMPS AND THEIR VALUE.

They Are Less Injurious to the Eyes Than Other Artificial Lights.

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There is no one article in the house, excepting perhaps good beds, that can give as much solid comfort as lamps for reading and working by. Every grown member of the family should possess one. There should be one of extra lighting power on the children's study table, the library and sitting room tables.

We all do without many things that would add to our comfort in life, not because we are obliged to do so, but from lack of knowledge or thought. It is not wise to coddle oneself, to search for new wants, to make new necessities which anchor us to one place because we cannot be comfortable elsewhere, but a personal lamp is a sensible luxury or indulgence, and the sooner it becomes a necessity the better is our prospect of continued good eyesight, not to mention the splendid revenue of comfort enjoyed through all the evenings of our life.—Ella Morris Kretschmar in Woman's Home Companion.

A Good Exercise For the Back.

A good exercise for the spinal muscles consists of the following movements: Stand erect, with the feet together, and raise upon the toes; then gradually sink down by bending the knees until the thigh and calf are doubled upon each other. The trunk should be erect all the time and especial attention paid to the spine, keeping it straight. If a person will remove the clothing and hang by the arms, all tension is removed from the spine, and a second person can determine if the spinal curvature can be removed or not. If, when hanging in this position, the spine is straight, there is no reason why it cannot be cured, but if it is crooked when hanging there is little hope of doing more than keeping it from growing worse, and this is very important. In the department of medico gymnastics in a large gymnasium this is the way they examine such cases. A teacher says, "Any movements which do not present any resisting force (meaning apparatus) can be safely taken to benefit slight spinal curvature."—New York Ledger.

Gentlemen in Court.

At an assize court the late Justice Meale was engaged in passing sentence on a prisoner when one of the officers of the court annoyed him by crossing the gangway beneath him with papers for members of the bar. "Don't you know," cried the judge, severely addressing the official culprit, "that you ought never to pass between two gentlemen when one of them is addressing the other?" Having thus relieved his mind, the judge proceeded to pass sentence of seven years' penal servitude on the other gentleman.—Household Words.

The hair on the heads of most of the hundreds of thousands of dolls now being exhibited in shop windows is made from the hair of the Angora goat. This product is controlled by an English syndicate and is valued at \$80,000 a year. After the hair is prepared it is sent to Munich and made into wigs by girls.

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BURGLARY IN 1745.

No Wonder a Reward Was Offered by the Suffering Citizens.

The protection of property, real and personal, in this city in 1745 was less thorough and less systematic perhaps than it is in these days when the maintenance of the police department costs \$6,000,000 a year and the value of property delivered to the precinct houses and to the property clerk at headquarters is more than \$750,000 a year, but whatever the local arrangements were for the protection of property, they were, if the statements of the local chronicles of the city are to be believed, inadequate in the case of Patrick Phegan, a resident New Yorker, who offered a reward of £3 and all reasonable charges for the recovery of property taken from his residence under the flagrantly indefensible conditions following, as recited by Phegan in a proclamation addressed to "the good people of the king's colony:"

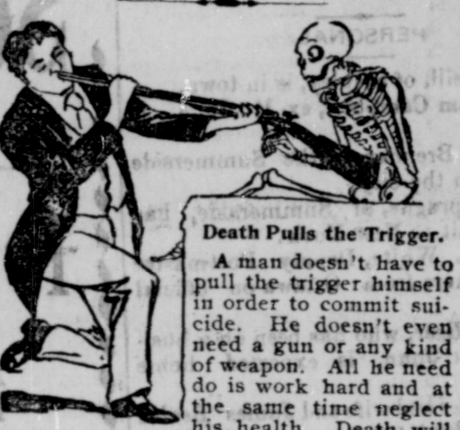
Whereas about 12 o'clock on Saturday night last one Timothy Long, journey, aged about 40 years, has a dent on his upper lip under his right nostril, a scar on his right cheek, is about 6 foot high, wears a blue coat, a black crape jacket, a light colored wig, in company with Thomas Powle, a lusty young man, belonging to the garrison of New York, with the aid and assistance of Judith, wife of Patrick Phegan, the undersigned, did rob the said Phegan's house of several sorts of goods (the said Phegan then lying dangerously ill of a violent fever and sickness), among which were a good feather bed, a chest with sundry sorts of goods, a teakettle, a frying pan and many other things.

As may be seen from this, Patrick and Judith were engaged in what in these days would be described as light housekeeping, but the traditional affection of many weak members of the fair sex for a soldier in uniform led to a larcenous partiality for Powle, a Tommy Atkins of the city garrison. Phegan's recital of the details of the robbery and the personal appearance of the male conspirators against his frying pan and teakettle does not include a description of the wife of his bosom, Judith, but his apparent deficiency is supplied in the second half of the proclamation, which is as follows:

The said Judith is a thin, lively woman, with hazel eyes, a small scar on her face; wears sometimes a short scarlet coat, at other times a long black cloak, and has taken her son with her, aged about 4 years, a handsome, lively boy, with his hair cut off lately, only a little lock behind. Whosoever secures the said persons so that they may be brought to justice will have £3 and all reasonable charges paid by

PATRICK PHEGAN. It is not stated whether Long Junior, Powle, soldier; Judith, the thin, lively woman, or her son, with his hair cut, was apprehended by the local constables, but it is evident at least that Mr. Phegan recovered from his fever and violent sickness, and the action of Judith seems to have relieved him from any possible charge for alimony. Phegan was a grocer, and in an old copy of one of the local newspapers there appeared this bulletin, over his signature, one year after the departure of Judith:

"We hope all our kind customers as are upwards of one month in arrears will think that it is now a good time to discharge the same as the weather continues to be very severe and the grocer is but illly provided to stand the brunt of a long winter if he have many scores."—New York Sun.



Death Pulls the Trigger.

A man doesn't have to pull the trigger himself in order to commit suicide. He doesn't even need a gun or any kind of weapon. All he need do is work hard and at the same time neglect his health. Death will do the rest. Men nowadays are all in a hurry. They bolt their food, and get indigestion and torpid liver. The blood gets impure. When the blood is impure, sooner or later something will "smash." The smash will be at the weakest and most overworked point. In a marshy country it will probably be malaria and chills. A working man will probably have a bilious attack. A clerk or bookkeeper will have deadly consumption. A business, or professional man, nervous prostration or exhaustion.

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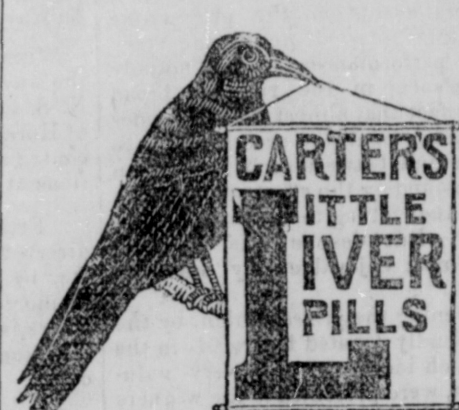
Lovely summer now is gone Winter's coming hurrying on, And the maiden soon will feel Chilly perched upon the wheel.

Soon she'll lay her bike aside For 'twill be too cold to ride, Yet there's something else, 'tis true, Can be found for girls to do.

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