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## "THE MAN IN THE MOON."

**INTERESTING PAPER PREPARED BY MRS. ROSA LANGLEY INGRAHAM,**

**And Read by Her before the Current Events Club Last Saturday—Published by Request of the Club.**

It was a delightful summer evening; the family had congregated on the piazza of Uncle Austin's charming seaside home, to enjoy the refreshing sea breezes, and watch the rise of an amber moon out of the deep blue ocean.

It was a glorious sight; one grand enough never to be forgotten, for gradually the orb gracefully sailed higher and higher above our heads, leaving a trail of silver shadows, that danced merrily on the waves, and finally a magnificent full moon looked dowon upon us, from the highest heaven and illumined sea and shore with its brilliant reflection.

We were a profoundly silent party, for each felt the fascination of the beautiful scene before them, when all at once a voice broke through the stillness, jarring upon our ears with these words,

"The Man in the Moon
Came down too soon
And asked his way to Norwich."

It was Jack's voice, Uncle Austin's only child, and we were all provoked to have our thoughts thus ruthlessly transported from the sublime to the ridiculous without warning, that we felt an inclination to give Jack a good shaking.

Uncle Austin caught the expression on our faces, he smiled sympathetically upon us, and was just about to check further comments from his son and heir, when Jack said:—"Such nonsense, father, to put in print. I am glad I have outgrown Mother Goose at any rate."

"But you will never outlive the rhymes, my dear, for that nonsense as you call it, has descended from the lips of nurses from generation to generation, and the foundation of them dates back to the writing of the Old Testament." "Oh, Uncle, is that true?" we all exclaimed in surprise. "Please tell us, then, all about the Man in the Moon."

Uncle Austin rose when we finished speaking, and going into the house, he soon returned, bringing in his arms a bundle of books, and seating himself where he could catch sufficient light to read, he opened the Bible and read the following verses, Numbers XV. 32—36:—

"And while the children of Israel were in the wilderness, they found a man that gathered sticks upon the Sabbath day.

"And they that found him gathering sticks brought him unto Moses and Aaron, and unto all the congregation.

"And they put him in ward, because it was not declared what should be done to him.

"And the Lord said unto Moses: the man shall be surely put to death: and all the congregation shall stone him with stones without the camp.

"And all the congregation brought him without the camp and stoned him with stones, and he died; as the Lord commanded Moses."

Uncle Austin closed the Bible when he had finished reading these verses, and addressing us he continued:

"In the sacred writings there is no allusion to the Moon, but you all know that this man was doomed to reside there until the end of all things, for breaking the Sabbath day."

"Oh! Uncle," we said in unison, by a stretch of our imagination we expected to see a man's face, "but please enlighten us regarding this man in the moon."

"Give me your attention then, and I will gladly relate the German version of the story with which I am familiar.

"Centuries ago there went into the woods one Sunday morning an old man to chop sticks. He cut a bundle of twigs, and placing them on a stout staff threw them upon his shoulder, and with his bundle turned his steps towards home.

"On his way he met a fine looking man dressed in his Sunday garb, and walking towards the church.

"Addressing the fagot-bearer, the stranger said:—'Do you not know that this day is Sunday on earth, when everybody rests from their labors?"

"'That makes no difference to me, be it Sunday on earth, or Monday in heaven,' was the reply.

"'Very well, then, was the answer. 'Since you respect not the Sabbath on earth, bear your bundle forever, and your life shall be an endless Moonday in heaven, and you shall stand for eternity in the moon, a warning to all Sabbath breakers.

"Then the man disappeared, the wood-cutter was caught up with his staff, and bundle of sticks into the moon, where he still stands, exiled for ages, and so far away, he is beyond the reach of death."

Jack showed considerable interest in the recital of this story, and when it was finished, said:—"Is there no other version, father?"

"Yes, several, one writer clams this man was offered a choice of punishments, either to burn in the Sun, or freeze in the Moon, and that he chose the latter.

"Others assert that he was turned into stone for punishment.

"Another ancient interpretation is, that this woodcutter scattered brambles in the highway to prevent people from attending church, and that a woman accompanied him, who made butter on the Sabbath, and that they were both banished into the moon, where the woman can also be seen carrying her butter-tub, while the Dutch myth is, that the man was caught stealing vegetables, so in many instances, he is believed to be a thief, as well as a Sabbath breaker."

"I cannot remember ever having seen any allusion to this superstition," said some one present.

"That you may all be familiar with the subject, I will turn to Shakespeare's play of 'Midsummer's Night's Dream,'" replied Uncle Austin, and turning to the scene where Quince, the carpenter, is making preparation for the play of "Pyramus and Thisby," he read:—"'One must come in with a bush of thorns, and a lantern, and say he comes in to disfigure, or to present the person of Moonshine.'

"And the actor of this part says:—"'All I have to say, is to tell you that the lantern is the Moon, this thorn-bush my thorn-bush, and this dog my dog.'"

"You have told us nothing about the dog, father," remarked Jack.

"Well, my son, I had almost forgotten that occasionally there is some allusion made to a dog instead of the woman who accompanied him, and at full Moon, the dog can be seen sitting in front of the man with his bundle of sticks."

"Can you name other authors who make mention of the story, father?" asked Jack.

"Dante calls him Cain," replied Uncle Austin, and opening a second volume he read:—

"'Now doth Cain with fork of thorn confine
On either hemisphere, touching the wave
Beneath the towers of Seville, yesternight
The moon was round'—Hell canto X X.

"Chaucer makes reference to him in his poems, and I remember one verse from my childhood, which I will repeat," said Uncle Austin.

"See the rustic in the Moon.
How his bundles weigh him down;
Thus his sticks the truth reveal,
It never profits man to steal."

We thanked Uncle Austin very much for the information he had given us, and were ready to turn our thoughts to other things when Jack said, "Only one more question, father. Can you tell us how these lines originated?

"'Jack and Jill went up the hill,
To fetch a pail of water;
Jack fell down and broke his crown
And Jill came tumbling after.'"

We all laughed heartily when Jack finished repeating these words, and we told Uncle, he must hold himself in readiness to explain Mother Goose's melodies at short notice.

Jack seemed much annoyed at our raillery, but Uncle Austin placed his hand affectionately upon his head, muttered something about a boy being incorrigible at a certain age, and then turning his attention to us, he said:—"Strange, but Jack has hit upon another rhyme, that furnishes further discussion upon the same subject."

"Well, please tell us," cried several voices in a coaxing tone.

Uncle Austin looked at his watch, and replied he would make his remarks as quickly as possible.

"The Swedish peasantry believe to this day that the spots in the Moon represent a girl and a boy carrying a pail of water between them, and this fact undoubtedly, was the foundation for the lines Jack has just repeated.

"As I remember the story, according to Scandinavian mythology, two children were stolen from their parents and transported up to heaven by *Mani*—the moon.

"The children were hauling water from a well, with a bucket suspended from a long pole, which they carried

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## NEWSY BITS CUT TO PIECES

**EVENTS CAUGHT BY OUR LIVELY REPORTERS AND CONDENSED.**

**It Is Dangerous to Swear in Front of a Telephone—Strawberry Festival. Talbot's Thriving Banks, etc.**

Let the graves get your surplus flowers on Decoration Day.

The Queen Anne's Railroad is carrying large quantities of strawberries to Baltimore.

The painting of the large telephone poles make their appearance less objectionable to the sidewalks.

Soft crabs are sold daily and almost hourly on the streets of Easton at the low price of 15 to 20 cents per dozen.

The last excursion to Baltimore by the B. C. & A. Rwy., last Wednesday, was well patronized, 39 persons going from Easton alone.

A letter box has been erected in Cambridge. We should have one or more in Easton. The metropolis of the Shore should be distanced in nothing.

The marriage of Miss Mary B. Robinson to Mr. Chas. W. Adams of Chicago son of Bishop Adams, is announced for June 16, at Christ P. E. Church, Easton.

The indications at present are that the crop of wheat this year in Maryland will be the heaviest ever known. The growth is particularly good in Cecil, Kent, Queen Anne's and Talbot counties.

The Cambridge *Chronicle* thinks that money must be abundant in Dorchester, as the deposits in the two Cambridge banks aggregate $300,000. Then Talbot must be rich indeed, for her two national banks and four savings banks hold a cool half million.

Mr. and Mrs. George Nicholson of Philadelphia have been guests of Congressman Barber this week. Mrs. Nicholson has won a reputation for personally conducted tours and expects to take a large party through California and the Yellowstone in June to be gone 37 days for $275, all expenses paid.

Handsomely engraved cards are out announcing the approaching ball to be given on Friday night June 11th at Music Hall, Easton. A selected orchestra of eight pieces has been engaged from Baltimore which will render the most delightful music ever given at a ball in Easton. The chaperons will be announced later but the committee of arrangements consist of Thomas M. Bartlett Skipwith Gordon James Dixon, Philemon K. Wright and Douglass W. Stewart.

A few days ago a man whose acquaintance with the telephone was somewhat limited answered a call in one of our thriving stores. The proprietor and his clerks were busy filling orders secured by his GAZETTE ad., and the call was another order. The crowd of customers was noisy, and the man, unaware that the telephone transmits sonnd very easily, yelled: "Keep still, you —— fools, and let me hear what this —— woman is saying!" He was dumbfounded to hear the lady call back: "Take your seat, sir, and let a gentleman come to the 'phone." That man will never swear around a telephone again.

The ladies of the W. C. T. U. will hold a strawberry festival on next Tuesday evening at their head quarters on Goldsboaough St. The room will be made most attractive for the occasion and the tables will be abundantly supplied with good things. The finest berries will be served with cream or ice cream and cake. Music will be one of the attractions and the inimitable songs of Prof. J. W. Wheatley will add greatly to the pleasure of the visitors. Everybody invited to come and bring their friends, admission free,. Those who have promised donations will kindly deliver same early on Tuesday.

### Friends' Quarterly Meeting.

The Southern Quarterly Meeting of Friends was held this week at the Third Haven Meeting House. The regular business of the Quarter was transacted and reports from the Philadelphia Yearly Meeting read. The Religious Meeting was favorably attended by Dr. O. Edward Janney and Wm. Wood of Baltimore, both being accepted ministers in the Society. Dr. Janney in his discourse gave a resume of the foundation principles of the Church, and alluded to its being a fitting time in that historic spot to consider whether or not these principles were lasting.

Wm. Wood was impressed to speak in the same line, and called attention to the great fundamental action of the indwelling spirit upon the soul of man.

## Personal Prattle.

W. L. Hubbard was in Greensboro on Tuesday.

William L. Hull has returned from a trip to Philadelphia.

Dr. Councell has returned from Wilmington, North Carolina.

Miss Alice Hardcastle has been visiting relatives in Philadelphia.

J. Seth Hopkins, of Baltimore, was in this, his native county, this week.

Mr Francois Jeandell, of Wilmington Del. was the guest of Father Waldron this week.

Harwood Ayers, formerly of Easton, is conducting a jewelry store in Cambridge.

W. Hopper Gibson, of Centreville, brother of ex-Senator Gibson, was in town Monday.

Miss Mary Jenkins has returned from a visit to her sister, Mrs. Valk, Roland Park Baltimore.

Rev. S. A. Hoblitzell pastor of the St. Michaels M. P. Church, has been visiting friends in Bel Air.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas H. Jenkins and children have returned from their visit to Milford, Del.

Mr. Isaac Dixon and family of Baltimore yesterday arrived at their summer home at Bloomfield.

Mr. Theophilus Tunis and family have removed from their Washington home to their country seat at Tunis Mills.

Mr. Wm. T. Dixon and family and Mr. and Mrs. Caleb J. Moore will also leave their city homes for those of Bloomfield next week.

Miss Nannie Robinson has her library rooms in summer costume, and still keeps them a most magnetic resort for literary people.

Julius A. Johnson, editor of the *Cayuga County Independent*, Auburn N. Y., is visiting his son, Dr. Julius A. Johnson, at The Harbor.

Deputy Register of Wills Henry G. Pascault has been in Baltimore on business connected with the will of the late Sub-Treasurer Hammond.

Miss Freda Trippe has returned from a pleasant visit to Baltimore, and expects to spend the summer at Monterey, where she will shortly go.

M. Tilghman Johnson, an Easton young man practicing law in New York has received the degree of B. LL. from the Columbia Law School.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Adkins, Miss Pauline Adams, Mrs. Robinson and daughter Mary, made a pleasant trip to Baltimore this week on a shopping tour.

Robert B. Bixon, one of the Vice Presidents of the Maryland Bankers' Association, will attend the second annual Convention in Cumberland next week.

Prof. E.D. Murdaugh, of Oklahoma, has sent to this office a handsome program of the Third Annual Territorial Institute for Oklahoma, which was held May 17—20.

Commandant H. H. Balch has been in Baltimore this week looking after some important matters connected with the gigantic work he is planning in opening a Nautical Military Academy here next September.

Mrs. Bishop Adams returned from Chicago last evening accompanied by her grandson, "Billy Wilson." Mr. and Mrs. Addison Wilson will arrive next week and spend part of the summer here and at Atlantic City.

There are two young ladies of Easton (exceedingly eligible and fascinating) that are in the matrimonial market—only two. When cautioned by an elderly person to the effect, "Children, you little know what you want," the quick reply was, "Oh, you are not a good mind reader, at all."

Mr. George Nicholson, of Camden, New Jersey, has been visiting Easton this week for the first time, and says he has traveled considerably over the entire country, and largely over the world, and always thought the neatest farming outside of California was done in Salem County, New Jersey. But he confesses that Talbot farmers are ahead of Salem.

The friends of Capt. Lawerence L Bruff, U. S. A., will be pleased to hear that he has just been appointed to a seven years' term as instructor and member of the Academic Board at West Point, N. Y. His son Charles L. has also just passed his examination and entered upon his course of study at the Annapols Naval Academy. Capt. Bruff married Miss Ada Robson daughter of the late Thomas K. Robson, of Easton.

## DISPENSATION OF JUSTICE

**THE CIRCUIT COURT HAS BEEN IN SESSION ALL THIS WEEK.**

**Heavy Judgment against W. O. Collier. Pyne and Crockett Win Their Case. John W. Anthony Convicted.**

When Court convened on Saturday last the jury in the case of George W. Umback vs. W. Oscar Collier gave a verdict for Umback for $544.

The Grand Jury came out and submitted the following report and were discharged with the thanks of the Court:

GRAND JURY REPORT.

To the Honorable, the Judges of the Circuit Court for Talbot County: The Grand Jury for the May term, 1897, having finished its business, respectfully asks to be discharged finally. The reports of the committees appointed to visit the almshouse and jail are hereto appended.

GEORGE E. HADDAWAY,
May 22, 1897. Foreman.

COMMITTEE ON JAIL.

The committee appointed to visit the Jail presented the following report, which was approved by the Grand Jury:

We have visited the Jail and found sixteen prisoners—seven white and nine colored, some serving out sentences and some waiting trial. We found the Jail in a very neat and clean appearance, with the exception of the closet which needs some repairs. Your committee would suggest that there is great need for the addition of another water-closet built in the jail, as all prisoners, white and black, male and female, are compelled to use the one closet, at a great inconvenience to the sheriff.

Respectfully submitted,
FRANCIS H. JOHNSTON,
W. P. CHAFFINCH,
J. T. HARRISON,
E. P. SPARKS,
J. H. LOMAX.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE WHO VISITED ALMS HOUSE.

We found everything about the house and premises clean and in good condition. The farm was in good cultivation, and the outbuildings were carefully looked after. The inmates, about twenty-five in number, (two-thirds of whom were colored,) seemed to be properly cared for.

We recommend that arrangement be made to repair the large furnace in the cellar, in order to use it for the future heating of the main building, as we consider the use of stoves dangerous, especially when the character of the inmates be considered.

We also recommend that the matron of the building, whose duties are constant and onerous, should be allowed to engage a helper at a moderate compensation, to aid in doing the necessary sewing, when none of the inmates are competent to aid her.

Some slight repairs are needed on the front porch.

PRESTON B. SPRING, Chairman.
E. G. LOWE,
M. P. FLOWERS.

The case of John S. Pyne and John S. Crockett vs. James and Leander Langrall was called. The Langralls had agreed to purchase a cargo of oysters from Pyne and Crockett, but took only three bushels, claiming that the oysters were under size. The owners notified them that they were responsible for the cargo, if unsalable, and, if sold at a lower price than they (Langrall) had offered, they would be held for the difference. The cargo was disposed of at 56 cents, the contract price with Langrall being 85 cents. Charles S. Carrington and Wm. Mason Shehan appeared for Pyne and Crockett, Col. Thomas S. Hodson, of Baltimore, and J. Frank Bateman for the Langralls. That evening the jury returned a sealed verdict for $140 in favor of Pyne and Crockett.

Mary A. Jump sued W. T. Wright, executor, for debt, and was given a verdict for $175. Bateman for Jump, Stewart for Wright.

On Tuesday afternoon Charles W. Baker, who, on Dec. 3, 1891, was disbarred for defrauding John B. Obertine, was restored on unanimous petition of the bar.

Frederick Henning, August Frederick Thom, Andrew Landgraft and Theodore Noskey, natives of Germany, were naturalized.

Edward R. Cox, charged with throwing missiles through a car window on the Baltimore, Chesapeake and Atlantic Railroad, was acquitted. Gen. Joseph B. Seth was his counsel.

Charles Watson, colored, charged with rape on Ella Johns, colored, was found not guilty. Major Stewart was his counsel.

John W. Anthony, indicted for keeping a disorderly house, as first told in our last issue, was found guilty on Thursday. His counsel, Carrington and Tharp, made motion for a stay of judgment, which had not been acted on at the adjournment of court yesterday.

Joseph E. Pylan, indicted for bigamy, counsel, Stewart, was convicted; sentence deferred.


A prominent western newspaper recommends flax seed tea as an excellent remedy for whooping cough. It may be good but it is not to be compared with Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. This preparation will allay the violent fits of coughing and make them less frequent and less severe. It also liquefies the tough mucus, making it easier to expectorate. Complete recovery is much quicker, too, when this remedy is given. There is no danger in giving it to small children, as it is a pleasant syrup and contains nothing injurious. For sale at 25 and 50 cents per bottle by Harry Roberts, Easton; P. M. Pastorfield, Royal Oak; J. F. Sisk, Cordova.


### RECEIVED FIFTEEN LASHES.

**The First Victim of Centreville's Whipping Post.**

The first exhibition of the whipping-post penalty was witnessed in Centreville Tuesday when Charles Wilson, colored, received his fifteen lashes for wife-beatihg. He was sentenced during the recent session of court to this punishment, and the infliction of the penalty has been anticipated with considerable curiosity The whipping occurred in the jail. Wilson, shortly before the lashes were applied, was stripped to the waist and was then conducted to a cell on the west side of the lower corridor. The cell door was closed, and the prisoner was handcuffed to the iron grating. The interior of the cell was occupied by such witnesses as the sheriff admitted. The man exhibited evident nervousness, his eyes darting here and there in anxious watchfulness of the sheriff's movements. Finally all was in readiness. He stood quietly with bended back, while close to the man the sheriff was stationed with ready whip. He held in his hand a sting-threatening cowhide. The first blow fell, and with it Wilson flinched perceptibly, while his eyes evinced the keen pain he felt. Thirteen more lashed were plied with a somewhat moderate vigor. The fifteenth lash was the most severe, the smart of its sting disclosing itself in the prisoner's expression. The whipping, while it was by no means a mere perfunctory performance, was very far from being cruel. Every lash left its mark, but none of them, not even the most cutting, was heavy enough to draw blood. The only murmur which dropped from Wilson's lips was a slight protest against the presence of witnesses. His time has expired, and he has been released.

### ANOTHER DISTINGUISHED VISITOR.

**A Celebrated Army Officer Stopping at "Perry Hall," Kirkham.**

Captain and Mrs. Lyman Kennan, friends of Miss Nannie Cox, have been staying for a few days at Perry Hall. Capt. Kennan is an army officer and graduate of West Point, standing high in the estimation of the War Department. He has recently been detailed, at the solicitation of the Central American Government, for one of our officers, to start a military school there similar to West Point, and he leaves for his new field of duty the middle of July.

It may be interesting to our Confederate veterans to know that Capt. Kennan was an especial pet and protege of General Jubal Early, Capt. Kennan being the only Yankee officer ever in General Early's house on a friendly basis. This fact was taken advantage of by the Historical Bureau of the War Department, and through him were General Early's war notes secured, the most important of which were the notes on the Shenandoah Valley campaign. Capt. Kennan after compiling these notes put a very different aspect on them from that usually accepted in New England, and delivering a lecture thereon in Boston (using the vernacular), came near being mobbed.

### IN OUR CHURCH CIRCLES.

**Items Of Interest Of The Doings In Our Churches.**

The twenty-ninth annual Convention of the Diocese of Easton will meet in Christ Church, Cambridge, next Tuesday. Those present from Easton will be Bishop Adams, Very Rev. George C. Sutton, D. D., and Rev. L. B. Baldwin, and Messrs. S. E. Whitman and Charles B. Flowers and Dr. John C. Earle.

About twenty-five members of Chesapeake Commandery, No. 10, Knights Templar, attended Ebenezer M. E. Church in full uniform. Rev. Charles A. Hill delivered an excellent address on the history of the Order. The parade of the Knights from the temple to the church and return attracted great attention.

At 8 P. M. to-morrow, the annual May Procession of the Sunday-school of SS. Peter and Paul's Church will take place. Appropriate recitations will be made by the children. The statue of the Blessed Virgin will be crowned by a little girl, assisted by her maids. Solemn Vespers will be celebrated, with Sermon and Benediction. An elaborate musical program has been prepared. Prof. Bowman's Orchestra will assist, with Miss Lizzie Voit at the organ. The altars will be decorated for the occasion.

### DIED.

PIPPIN.—At the residence of her grandfather, Mr. Solomon Pippin, of spinal meningitis on Friday morning at 2 o'clock, Addie Pippin, daughter of Dr. Wm. M. and Addie Thomas Pippin, aged 1 year and 13 days.

Funeral to take place to-day at Millington.