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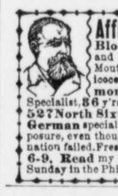

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THE MOON'S CHANGES

THEY HAVE NO INFLUENCE WHATEVER UPON THE WEATHER.

Some Superstitions That Still Exist Upon the Subject—Moon Theories That Are Mere Survivals From a Past Credulity.

A belief prevails that the moon's phases and changes have a controlling influence over the weather, but so great an authority as Professor C. A. Young of Princeton has assured us that the moon has absolutely nothing to do with the weather.

Such a belief is in the strict sense of the word a superstition—"mere survival from a past credulity. It is quite certain that if there is any influence at all of the sort it is extremely slight, so slight that it cannot be demonstrated with certainty, although numerous investigations have been made expressly for the purpose of detecting it. We have never been able to ascertain, for instance, with certainty whether it is warmer or not or less cloudy or not at the time of the full moon. Different investigations have led to contradictory results.

"As to the supposed connection between 'changes of the moon' and changes of the weather, it should be enough to note that even within the United States the weather changes are not simultaneous (in Kansas and Maine, for instance), as they should be if they were due to the changing phases of the moon. Since, however, a change of the moon occurs every week, every weather change must necessarily occur within about three days and a half of lunar change, and half of them ought to fall within about forty-five hours, even if perfectly independent.

"Now, it requires only a very slight prepossession in favor of a belief in the effectiveness of the moon's changes to make one forget a few of the weather changes that occur too far from the proper time. Coincidences enough can easily be found to justify a pre-existing belief."

From a very remote antiquity, in the twilight of natural astrology, a belief arose that changes in the weather were occasioned by the moon. That the belief still exists is clear to any one who is acquainted with current literature and common folklore. In fact, it must be admitted that even intelligent and well informed people have been known to accept the theory.

The idea that the weather is affected by the changes in the moon is still held with great vigor in England, and one of our proverbs is, "So many days old the moon is on Michaelmas day, so many floods after." If it rains on St. Swithin's day, we are told to expect rain for forty days after. An equally wise prediction is that if Christmas comes during a waxing moon we shall have a very good year, and the nearer to the moon the better, but if during a waning moon a hard year, and the nearer the end of the moon so much the worse.

Another belief is that the condition of the weather depends upon the day of the week on which the new moon chances to fall. New moon on Monday, or moon day, is everywhere held as a sign of good weather. Friday's new moon is much disliked, while Saturday is unlucky for the new and Sunday for the full moon.

In Scotland the farmers believe that a misty moon is a misfortune, and an agricultural maxim among them teaches that

> If the moon shows like a silver shield,
> You need not be afraid to reap your field,
> But if she rises haloed round
> Soon we'll tread on deluged ground.

Another weather guide connected with the moon is that to see "the old moon in the arms of the new moon" is reckoned a sign of fair weather, and so is the turning up of the horns of the new moon. In this position it is supposed to retain the water which is imagined to be in it and which would run out if the horns were turned down.

The country people in Scotland foretell the changes of the weather from the changes in the appearance of the new moon. If she "lies sair on her back," it is a sure sign of bad weather, or when her horns are pointed toward the zenith.

At Whitby when the moon is surrounded by a halo with watery clouds the seamen say that there will be a change in the weather, for the "moon dogs" are about. There is also a belief prevalent among sailors and seafaring men that when a large star or planet is seen near the moon or, as they express it, "a big star is dogging the moon," this is a certain sign of stormy weather.—Exchange.

Darkness of Ocean Depths.

How far does sunlight penetrate beneath the surface of the seas? has been asked many times, and now the camera has answered the question. By exposing the most sensitive photographic plates at various depths it has been ascertained with definiteness how much sunlight there is in the water each descending foot.

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A Display of Avarice.

On the occasion of giving a concert Mme. Sala engaged Paderewski at a fee of 50 guineas, says the Golden Penny. The next day she repaired to the virtuoso's house and handed him the sum in gold, the sight of which filled the great player with such violent emotion that he plunged his fingers among the bright pieces, which he poured over his arms and hands as though they were water. Despite this display of avarice, however, he returned the fee to Mme. Sala.

ANIMALS IN A STORM.

They Dislike the Wet Weather and Seek a Place of Safety.

Both wild and tame animals, four footed or with wings, have a deep seated aversion to wet weather. Even water fowl will seek a dry hiding place when it rains.

Did you ever watch the actions of cattle before a big storm? If so, you must have seen them grow more and more uneasy as the clouds gathered. You also saw them run up and down the field, as if seeking to escape some impending danger. Finally, when the storm breaks, they draw close together and with lowered heads present a picture of despair.

Domestic animals when it rains will always keep indoors, or, failing that, they will seek shelter by the barn or under trees or beneath the hedges and thickets—in short, in any convenient place where they may not be entirely exposed to the downpour.

It is the same with fowls. They dislike the rain, which soaks their feathers. They seek sheltered places and creep under wagons or behind boxes and boards. Chickens do not mind getting their feet wet, for they will scratch the ground soon after a shower in search of worms and beetles.

Wild birds do their best to keep out of the rain. Some of them build a roof over their nests; others choose a home under the eaves or under a projecting cliff, where they may be safe from the discomfort that the rain brings.

But most of them are without shelter provided in advance by their own forethought. These take refuge in any place that they happen to find at hand. If you watch them before the storm, you will see them looking for such a place. If the storm comes suddenly, the small and helpless ones seem bewildered, flying from tree to tree and from limb to limb, quite unable to make up their minds exactly where to hide themselves.—Pittsburg Dispatch.

ANIMAL ODDITIES.

It is said that hornets never use the same nest a second season.

The largest egg laid by any European bird is that of the swan; the smallest that of the golden crested wren.

The silkworm is three inches long and is well provided with legs, having no less than sixteen of these valuable members.

A French farmer has made experiments which show that caterpillars avoid black objects, but are attracted in numbers by white.

Greyhounds are pictured on Egyptian monuments carved 3000 B. C. The Arab boarhound is the oldest type of domestic dog at present existing.

Mosquitoes were unknown in Switzerland until the completion of the St. Gothard tunnel under the Alps. The tunnel gave them a short cut to the land of William Tell.

A pigeon in harvest time eats its own weight in grain a day, and a blackbird or thrush will eat its own weight daily of ripe fruit. Many kinds of birds exist in summer largely upon plants raised by man for his food.

No Tick There.

"No doubt you see that I am one of the diffident men," observed the drummer, "one of the sort who don't compare watches with the town clock and tell everybody for a block around that the clock is seven minutes off. I was up in a Massachusetts town a few weeks ago, and I had to make a certain train or loss a thousand dollar order. I looked at my watch and in a furtive way compared it with the town clock. It looked to me as if there was a big difference between the two, but I decided to go by the clock. I went into three or four places, loafed around and was killing time when an acquaintance came along and said:

"'I thought you were going to make that 2:30 train?'

"'Yes, I am,' I replied.

"'When?'

"'This afternoon, of course.'

"'By what time?'

"'By your town clock. I've got half an hour yet.'

"'Oh, you have!' he laughed. 'Well, let me tell you that our clock hasn't been running for a week, and you have lost your train by an hour and a quarter.'"

Sponge Fishing.

Sponges are gathered by means of a long pole with a hook attached to the lower end, with which the sponge fisherman is very expert. He lies upon his stomach in the stern of a boat looking through an ordinary water bucket with a glass bottom, which does away with the glare from the water and allows him to survey the bottom leisurely while the boatman rows or sculls the boat. A schooner lies at anchor near by, from which a half dozen or more of these small boats fish. It returns to port when it is loaded, or at night, as the case may be.

His Landscapes.

A nouveau riche recently attended a picture sale. A friend who had noticed him at the sale asked afterward, "Did you pick up anything at that picture sale, Jorkins?" and the other responded: "Oh, yes; a couple of landscapes. One of 'em was a basket of fruit and the other a storm at sea." Boston Commercial Bulletin.

Where Danger Lies.

"I want to be famous," said the boy.

"Well, you'll have to be mighty careful," answered the father. "There are more people who make fools of themselves trying to be famous than in any other way."—Chicago Post.

Turn About.

"It's queer how many people trust a doctor."

"I don't know. Did you never notice how many people a doctor trusts?"—Philadelphia Bulletin.

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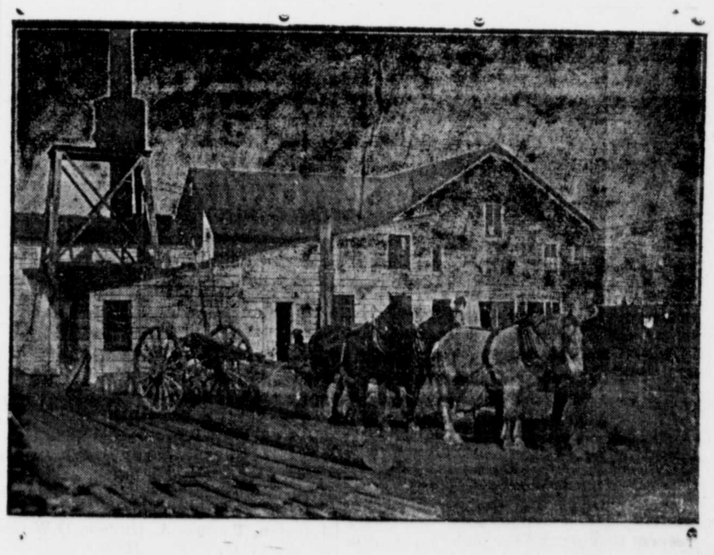

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