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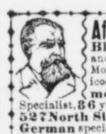

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THE MOON'S CHANGES

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.

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A Display of Avarice.

On the occasion of giving a concert Mme. Sala engaged Paganini at a fee of 50 guineas, says the Golden Penny. The next day she repaired to the violinist'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.

A BURSTING BOILER.

How It Looks When a Locomotive Is Blown Up.

"I am one of the very few persons who ever saw a locomotive blow up," remarked an old railroad man to a reporter the other day. "Generally the men who witness the explosion of a steam engine are so dead when the smoke has cleared away that they are never able to give an account of the disaster.

"Like many other accidents, the one I saw was the result of carelessness—low water in the boiler—for the engine had just come from the shops and was in complete repair. It was on the Baltimore and Ohio railroad in West Virginia a number of years ago. I was on a locomotive some distance behind the one which exploded and was looking ahead out of the cab window, so that the ill fated engine was immediately before my eyes. Suddenly I saw the machine rise in the air. It seemed to me to be about as high as the telegraph poles beside the track, which, as you doubtless know, are not so high as telegraph poles in the city. Then came a cloud of dense black smoke and dust, which hid the engine from view, and almost simultaneously I heard the roar of the explosion.

"Both the engineer and the fireman were killed, and the locomotive was fit for nothing much but the scrap heap when it fell to the ground. The crown sheet over the firebox had blown out.

"The strange thing about the explosion was that no white steam was seen. You know that perfectly dry steam is invisible, being like the air, and before it had time to condense it was probably smothered by the cloud of smoke and dust raised by the bursting of the boiler."—Baltimore Sun.

PREPARED CHALK.

How to Prepare an Effective and Economical Dentifrice.

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So with the various antiseptic and disinfecting solutions that, attractively bottled and judiciously advertised, coax pennies unnecessarily out of our purses. There is no better cleanser and general sweetener than a saturated solution of bicarbonate of soda. Fill a pint or a quart bottle, if you want to, with clear water and add bicarbonate of soda got from the druggist, not the grocer, until the liquid will take up no more. Keep this on your toilet shelf and use it as a mouth wash, etc.

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An Ample and Sweet Revenge.

A young Englishman who had been repeatedly and unnecessarily annoyed by the St. Malo custom house officials made up his mind to get even with them. The last time he had crossed he had brought a ferret over with him, and a minute or so before landing he transferred the creature to a black bag, which he carried with extreme care and an evident desire not to attract attention. This immediately fetched one of the douaniers, and he swooped down on it with joyful alacrity.

Our young Englishman pretended not to understand the official until the Frenchman made his meaning clear by unmistakable signs. Then he slowly and reluctantly unlocked the bag. The douanier plunged in his hand, and—but my pen (let me put it down to my pen) refuses to adequately describe the dramatic scene that ensued. Suffice it to say that the bare recital of it was balm to my wounded spirit. I only hope it was our friend at the custom house who made the ferret's acquaintance. Revenge is sweet.—Continental Chit-Chat.

What Two Scotchmen Did.

In the early days of California two Scotchmen emigrated thither. One of them, an enthusiastic lover of Scotland, took with him a thistle, the national emblem. The other took a small swarm of honeybees. Years have gone. The Pacific coast is, on the one hand, cursed with the Scotch thistle, which the farmers find impossible to exterminate; on the other hand, the forests and fields are laden with the sweetness of honey, which has been and still is one of the blessings of the western slope of the Rocky mountains.

Fatigue and Disease.

You will find in every day's practice that fatigue has a larger share in the promotion or the permission of disease than any other single casual condition you can name.—"Memoirs of Sir J. Paget."

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