

while whirling through space. When the earth passes Jupiter in summer the heat is usually terrific, as we recall the heated Sunday of June 30, 1901, because the earth receives its own share of heat from the sun and passes through the region of heat designed for the great planet. It is the same with the other superior planets. As to the inferior planets—Venus and Mercury—as they approach inferior conjunction in summer we also receive some of the heat intended for them. It is also the same in regard to the moon as it becomes new as we remember the hot wind of July, 1894, and its terrible successor in June, 1901.

United as the celestial spheres are by this potent electric force, one of the offices of the moon as it circles monthly around the earth is to interrupt or break this electric force. The moon does not always move in a direct line. If so, we would have a solar and a lunar eclipse each month. Sometimes it is above the earth and others below it. Owing to constant movement, when the moon passes between the earth and the sun, or between the earth and another planet, the disturbance is felt in different places on the earth. Sometimes the disturbance misses the earth entirely, else we should be having some unusual phenomena every month. The disturbance is proportioned according to the circumstances.

Now if I have made myself clear about these movements of the celestial bodies and their influence as they pass each other, electricity is the cause. Looking back into history, I find at the eruption of Vesuvius August 24, '79, the moon was passing between the earth and the planets Saturn and Uranus, among other phenomena. At the eruption of Mont Pelee, Vesuvius, Etna and others, May 7, 1902, the moon had but recently passed between the earth and Uranus, Saturn, Venus and Jupiter, and that morning passed between the earth, and the sun (at new moon) and eclipsed the sun. Mercury was passing between the earth and the sun April 4, 1906, when Vesuvius began its violent eruptions; on the 9th the moon was full, and was moving to a conjunction with Uranus, the earthquake at Formosa following, and on the 18th it was approaching conjunction with the planet Saturn, passing between the earth and Saturn, on the early morning of April 19, about twenty-four hours after the third shock of the earthquake at San Francisco, and the earth was affected all the preceding day.

In passing, I beg to say the Charleston earthquake was at the time of the new moon. The eruptions of Vesuvius in '74, the eruptions of Krakatoa, and Mont Pelee, and the earthquake at San Francisco appear to have a close connection with the planet Saturn. The last eruption of Vesuvius was the beginning of the series of phenomena closing their disastrous results at San Francisco. They are on the same parallel, and there is every reason to believe they were under the same celestial and terrestrial electro-magnetic influence.

In his forecast for April, 1906, I. R. Hicks says: "One of the most probable earthquake and tidal wave periods in April will fall within forty-eight hours of noon on the 9th. Watch the world's telegraphic news and see." He published that prediction five months ago.

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Lassitude

The southern breezes softly sing
Of gentle, dreamy, balmy spring;
I can not write a single thing
Worth while.

I can but sit and idly gaze
Across the green clad meadow ways
To where the laughing brooklet plays,
Each isle

A little gem to catch the eye
As murmuring waves go rippling by.

A tinge of spring is in the air,
A thousand songbirds now declare
The coming flowers perfumed rare,
And I—

I can but sit and grind away
At my machine day after day
From early morn till twilight gray,
And try

To keep the old-time rhyming pace
And fill about the same old space.

This touch of springtime makes me feel
I'd like to take my rod and reel
And to the lake or river steal
And fish.

To feel again the keen delight
Of humming reel and silk line tight
As wary bass or trout took flight.

I wish
I did not have this space to fill,
I'd skip out now—and so I will.

Symptomatic

Yes, my dear; the man is very tired.

He has been working Awfully Hard
for the Past Year. Now he will proceed to take a Rest.

What will he do?
He will rest, I said. Tomorrow he will shoulder a Fishingrod, lug a can of Worms in one hand and a basket of Lunch on the other, and hie himself to the River for a Fishing Stunt.

Will that rest him?
He thinks it will, and that is Enough. Five days a week for the past year he has sat at a Desk three Hours in the forenoon and three Hours in the afternoon, dictating Letters and telling Other Men what to do. This has been very strenuous and he is Much Fatigued. So tomorrow he will tramp 'steen miles through mud and sand and brush, stand in the hot sun, drink river water, eat a Cold Lunch full of Ants and Bugs, and in the evening he will drag himself home, wondering all the way if he will ever Get There.

In the morning he will arise as stiff as a poker and as sore as a gumboil, but he will be Rested. It was a day off from the strenuous business life, and that is Sufficient.

But it is Funny, isn't it, that a man can get Rest out of that sort of thing? No, he will not get any Fish. He will get Sunburn, Malaria and Chiggers; but he will get no Fish.

Cautious

"Gwendoline, dear," murmured Mr. Spoonalotte, taking her lily-white hand in his own, "will you promise me one thing?"

"Certainly, precious," whispered Miss Easymon. "What is it?"
"I want you to promise me one thing, my dear. One thing that you will not do after we are wed."

"And what is that, my ownest own?"

"Gwendoline, my love; you know I am a man of moderate means, and that I draw only a fair salary."

"Yes, loved one."

"Then promise me, my pet, that after we are married you will not undertake to run the table after the

ments written by the household economists and printed in the Female's Own Companion and the Ladies' Own Journal."

Realizing that her intended was a man with a level head, Miss Easymon mentally decided to discontinue a couple of subscriptions.

Warranted

"Who is that gentleman who has been so violently denouncing the 'man with the muck rake,' as he calls it?"
"That's Bingerly, the political agent of the P., D. & X. corporation. He's growing uneasy."

Disproved

Mrs. Bugleigh—"It is all nonsense to say that a woman can not keep a secret."

Mrs. Batman—"Of course it is."
Mrs. Bugleigh—"My Easter bonnet cost \$33, but Mr. Bugleigh does not know it, and I'm not going to tell him."

Incurable

Stopping before a padded cell the hospital attendant called attention to the inmate.

"This, ladies and gentlemen, is our saddest case. Notice how he has the padded walls covered with mathematical problems, algebraical signs and geometric signs."

"What is his malady?" queried the sympathetic little woman in the forefront.

"He is daffy on the subject of trying to figure out how a man with a wife and six children and an income of \$60 a month can live up to the culinary hints in the Ladies' Own Companion. This is the incurable ward."

Piscatorial

Sittin' in the office
Wishin'
That I could hustle out
Fishin'.
But I got to sit here
Writin'
While bullheads an' perch are
Bitin'.

Atmosphere is warm an'
Hazy.
Makes a feller dull an'
Lazy.
Want t' fish but boss ain't
Willin'.
Got t' grind out some space
Fillin'.

Brain Leaks

Real prayer is from the heart.
The right way is the easy way.
Moral dyspepsia is not righteousness.

The man who looks for the easiest way out often finds himself further in. When you want anything done quickly, do not go to a man who is seldom busy.

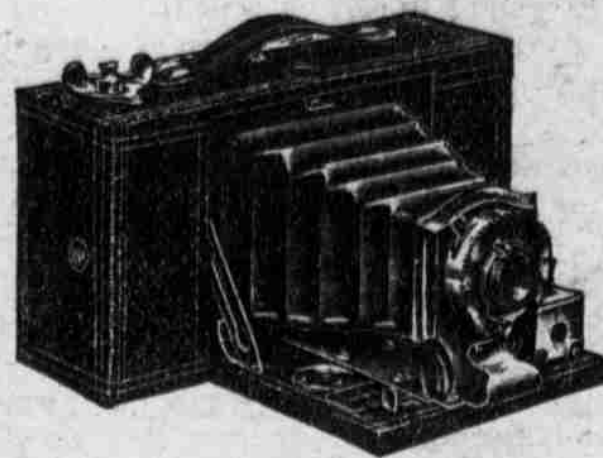
The man who talks about civic righteousness ought to keep his own backyard clean.

Funny, isn't it, that your boy can never find fishworms where you want to make the onion bed?

Nature does not have to exert herself very much to show man how very weak and inconsequential he is.

Every boy has three ambitions before he finally settles down. His first is to be the snare drummer in the village band. The second is to be an Indian killer and scout. The third is to be a locomotive engineer. Then he forgets about them and is ambitious only to make a living.

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