## MEAN ND OF THE WORLD?

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1294, 1303 and 1304 tremely hot. The the Danube dried up the vineyards and were destroyed by the trees torn to

and 1394 the sum- excessively hot and

1405 it was so cold the wine served to soldiers was cut in pieces with hatchets.

In 1473 and 1474 the summers were so hot the earth seemed on fire.

Any one can recall the hot summers of 1874, 1877 and 1890 and the drouth of 1894. The configuration of the heavens was more or less similar in all these years, showing conclusively that they influence the atmosphere and the earth, as the earth is making its revolutions around the sun.

Comets also affect the earth and its atmosphere. Elsewhere reference has been made to the stars acting as a balance and a guard to the earth as these swift messengers fly through space. The spectrum shows electricity is one of the elements of a comet. The idea has been advanced that they furnish this fluid or agent to the systems which they visit. Such appears to be the case with the earth. As to the stars balancing the comets, in 1811, when the great comet of that year made its appearance, the planets Neptune, Uranus and Saturn were in one sign of the zodiac. In 1843, Jupiter, Saturn and Neptune were in one sign. In 1861, when the earth passed through the comet's tail, Jupiter and Saturn were in the same sign. In 1882, when Grull's enormous comet appeared, Jupiter, Saturn and Neptune were in one sign. In 1899 and 1900, we will have the phenomenon of Venus, Mars, Saturn and Uranus in one sign and Jupiter very close by. If the parallel holds good, the inference is that a large comet will appear in our system within the next twelve months. The return of the comet of 1835 is predicted for 1911. Jupiter and Saturn having such a powerful influence on comets, for this reason its return may be hastened or retarded. In 1811, when the comet was visible, the temperature was very high. The harvest was bountiful. The vintage was abundant. The grapes were of such excellent flavor the wine was called "the comet wine," and sold at high prices.

In the spring of 1843, a writer says: "The world was startled by the appearance of an object in the western heavens soon after sunset, like a streak of aurora, streaming from the region of the sun. Its outline was so distinct and its light so conspicuous as immediately to arrest the attention of persons abroad upon the roads and at sea. It proved to be a comet of the very largest class." Lieutenant Maury, describing it, says: "Soon after we had re- ed the officer of the watch l the appearance of et in the west. The enon was sublime and ul. The needle was great- ttated, and a strongly ed pencil of light was ming up from the path of sun in an oblique direction he southward and eastward. rs could be seen twinkling through it, and no doubt was at first entertained but that this was the tail of the comet." A letter from Constantinople says: "The chief astrologer declares that it prognosticates great disasters; it forebodes divers calamities to the Greeks, and the French in Algiers. The Greeks read in its luminous tail the restoration of the Greek empire and the downfall of modern rule in Europe. The Persians consider it the flaming death bladed sword of Ali uplifted to wreak vengeance upon the heretic followers of Omer, for their outrages upon the sainted tombs of Kerbobah."

The possibility of colliding with a comet is one to 281,000,000 times. If we did, it could not hurt the surface of the earth, but the gases mingling with the atmosphere might destroy it and depopulate the globe. That time is not at hand. Here science and reason are left behind by revelation predicting events that are surely to come to pass long after this generation shall have passed away.—E. F. TEST, in Sunday's World-Herald.


WHAT OUR WIFE OFFERS.

Knowing to what extent disease has attacked the human race and also knowing that Catarrh, Rheumatism, Consumption, Fevers, Pneumonia, Tonsolitis, Diabetis, Brights Disease, Coughs, Sleeplessness, and other dreaded complaints can be overcome and driven out of the system without the use of medicines and while you sleep, I have taken the agency for the instrument which I am willing to guarantee will cure any of the above named diseases. Its name is the "Oxygenor King", its price is $25. Money will be refunded if instrument fails to do as advertised, when instructions are followed and on surrender of the "Oxygenor." It is practically "No cure, no pay." If you suffer, let me sell you an "Oxygenor King."

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### WOMEN EMPLOYES EARNED.

A Chicago Street Railway Says No More Need Apply.

From the Chicago Chronicle: The Metropolitan West Side Elevated Railroad company is the latest corporation to discriminate against women employes. The women now employed as ticket sellers will not be discharged so long as efficient, so the report goes, but men only will be appointed to fill vacancies as they occur. Since the recent action of the Chicago and Northwestern Railroad company in discriminating against women employes was made public it is claimed there has been a tendency among other large corporations to follow in the same line. The principal reason advanced by the Northwestern company for its change of policy was that women were unsuited for promotion to the higher railroading positions, and that its civil service policy could be carried out successfully only with exclusively male employes. The Union Loop and Lake Street "L" companies some time ago discarded women ticket sellers "for the good of the service." It is said the ticket offices of the Northwestern "L" road, now nearing completion, will be filled exclusively with men. As the company is the largest employer of labor of any of the "L" roads, its ban on female labor is creating more agitation in labor circles than any discriminating order of recent date.

### Kissing a Civilized Custom.

Among the aboriginal tribes of America and Central Africa kissing was unknown, though from the most remote times it has been familiar to Europeans and Asiatics. The Latins made three distinctions in kissing—the osculum being the kiss of friendship and respect, the basium that of ceremony, and the suavisium that of love. The Semitic races used to kiss, and we find that the "kiss of peace" formed a part of the sacred rites of the early Christians, as it does of the Greek church at the present day. The Mongolian kiss differs from ours, and the lips of the kissers do not come into contact with one another. In kissing a person it brings the nose into light contact with the hand, cheek or forehead; the breath is drawn in through the nostrils, and the act terminates with a slight smacking of the lips. The Chinese regard our mode of kissing as quite horrible, while we are so well satisfied with it that we have no desire to take lessons in the art from them.

### An Influenza Cure.

I am an expert in influenza, my knowledge being derived corpore vili, for I have had it several times. I can therefore prescribe. You catch it. Having caught it, go to bed; test your temperature. So long as it is above the normal point (generally about two days), take slops, and twice a day a couple of salicin tabloids of five grains each. When the temperature becomes normal feed up, still remaining in bed. If there is sore throat, use a gargle. The odds are that there will be no complications. In about five days the influenza disappears, leaving the patient weak as a rag. This weakness has to be met by continuing to feed up, and by taking a tonic, such as quinine, care being taken to avoid all chance of catching a cold.—London Truth.

### Development.

"Who do you think is greater?" said the earnest young woman who is studying music, "the person who creates a great work or the person who interprets it?" "Well," answered Col. Stillwell, "I can only say this much: When I was in the legislature we could get up all kinds of acts, but we never knew what was in 'em till after the lawyers took hold of 'em in the regular course of business."—Washington Star.

### The Currency Uncertain.

Foreigners in China buy nearly everything on credit, giving signed "chits" for every purchase, the reason being their unwillingness to load themselves down with silver or native coin, while paper money fluctuates too much.

### EXTREME OATH OF THE JESUIT.

I, ....., do in the presence of Almighty God, the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Blessed Michael the Archangel, the Blessed St. John the Baptist, the holy Apostles St. Peter and St. Paul and the saints and sacred host of heaven, and to you, my ghostly father, the superior general of the society of Jesus, founded by Saint Ignatius Loyola, in the pontification of Paul the Third, and continued to the present, do, by the womb of the virgin, the matrix of God, and the rod of Jesus Christ declare and swear that his holiness, the pope, is Christ's vice-gerent, and is the true and our head of the Catholic or universal church throughout the earth, and that by virtue of the keys of binding and loosing given to his holiness by my Saviour, Jesus Christ, he hath power to depose heretical kings, princes, states, commonwealths and governments, all being illegal without his sacred confirmation, and they may be safely destroyed. Therefore, to the utmost of my power, I will defend this doctrine and his holiness' right and custom against all usurpers of the heretical or Protestant authority whatsoever, especially the Lutheran church of Germany, Holland, Denmark, Sweden and Norway, and the now pretended authorities and churches of England and Scotland, and branches of the same now established in Ireland, and on the continent of America, and elsewhere, and all adherents in regard that they be usurped and heretical, opposing the sacred church of Rome.

"I do now denounce and disown any allegiance as due to any heretical king, prince or state named Protestant or Liberals or obedience to any of their laws, magistrates or officers.

"I do further declare that the doctrine of the churches of England and Scotland, of the Calvinists, Huguenots and others of the name of Protestant or Liberals to be damnable, and they themselves to be damned who will not forsake the same.

"I do further declare that I will help, assist and advise all or any of his holiness' agents, in any place wherever I shall be, in Switzerland, Germany, Holland, Denmark, Sweden, Norway, England, Iceland or America, or in any other kingdom or territory, I shall come to, and do my utmost to extirpate the heretical Protestant or Liberal doctrines, and to destroy all their pretended powers, legal or otherwise.

"I do further promise and declare that, notwithstanding I am dispensed with to assume any religion heretical for the propagation of the mother church's interest, to keep secret and private all her agents' councils from time to time, as they entrust me, and not to divulge, directly or indirectly, by word, writing or circumstances whatever, but to execute all that shall be proposed, given in charge, or discovered unto me, by you or my ghostly father, or any of his sacred convent.

"I do further promise and declare that I will have no opinion or will of my own or any mental reservation whatsoever, even as a corpse or cadaver (perinde ac cadaver), but will unhesitatingly obey each and every command that I may receive from my superiors in the militia of the pope and of Jesus Christ.

"That I will go to any part of the world whitheresoever I may be sent, to the frozen regions of the north, the burning sands of the desert of Africa, or the pingles of India, to the centers of civilization of Europe, or to the wild haunts of the barbarous savages of America, without murmuring or repining and will be submissive in all things whatsoever, communicated to me.

"I do furthermore promise and declare that I will, when opportunity presents, make and wage relentless war, secretely or openly, against all heretics, Protestants and Liberals as I am directed to do, to extirpate them from the face of the whole earth, and that I will spare neither age, sex or condition, and that I will hang, burn, waste, boil, flay, strangle and burn alive these infamous heretics; rip up the stomach and wombs of their women and crush their infants' heads against the walls in order to annihilate their execrable race. That when the same cannot be done openly, I will secretly use the poisonous cup, the strangulating cord, the steel of the poinard, or the leaden bullet, regardless of the rank, dignity or authority of the person or persons, whatever may be their condition in life, either public or private, as I at any time may be directed so to do by any agent of the pope or superior of the brotherhood of the holy father, of the society of Jesus.

In confirmation of which I hereby dedicate my life, my soul and all corporal powers, and with this dagger which I now receive, I will inscribe my name, written in my blood, in testimony thereof; and should I prove false or weaken in my determination, may my brethern and fellow soldiers of the militia of the pope cut off my hands and my feet, and my throat from ear to ear, my belly opened and sulphur burned therein, with all the punishment that can be inflicted upon me on earth and my soul be tortured by demons in an eternal hell forever.

All of which I, ....., do swear by the blessed trinity, and blessed sacrament which I am now to receive, to perform, and on my part to keep inviolably; and do call all the heavenly and glorious host of heaven to witness these, my real intentions, to keep this my oath.

In testimony hereof I take this most holy and blessed sacrament of the eucharist, and witness the same further, with my name written with the point of this dagger, dipped in my own blood, and seal in the face of this holy convent.

(He receives the wafer from the superior and writes his name with the point of his dagger, dipped in his own blood, taken from over the heart.)


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