

THE MILKY WAY.

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Its Name Among the Earlier Nations. What the Pythagoreans Said—An Old Legend—Some Popular Traditions—Another Class of Names.

Like the rainbow, that beautiful occasional visitor in the heavens, the Milky Way has been the subject of many strange beliefs. It is, perhaps, the most prominent constant appearance in the firmament, and could not fail to give rise to much conjecture as to its origin, its composition, and its reason d'être.

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Another class of traditional names characterizes the broad shining tract as a river, flowing through the celestial regions. The great Humboldt, the fact that the Arabs so designated it, and named the constellation Sagittarius, "the animal that is going to water," part of that group of stars lying across the Galaxy.

The Ande's Wine Party. It is a general idea that the nations of the east are singularly temperate as compared with those of the west.

"The Amir said to Abd-ur-Razzak: 'Shall we drink a little wine?' Accordingly, much wine was brought into the garden and fifty goblets placed in the middle of a small tent.

A FAMINE IN GOLD.

Some Figures Regarding Its Past, Present and Future Production.

"Probably nine-tenths of all the gold obtained by man has been taken from placer deposits, and our American experience has been no exception to the general rule," remarked an experienced mining operator in speaking of the past and future of this valuable product the other evening.

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"Colombia, Venezuela and Brazil have, on the contrary, always been producers of gold. It is estimated that from Brazil alone more than \$1,000,000,000 in gold were obtained during the first 300 years after the advent of the Portuguese.

"Australia produces about \$50,000,000 a year, and we cannot hope for more than \$5,000,000 annually from Asia. That will cover it all. I don't fear that you and I will ever suffer from a famine of gold, but unless the North American deposits are richer than is expected some one will suffer."

Hack Work and Journalism. Is the hack work of literature worse for a man's body or soul than the hack work of other professions? What is here meant by hack work?

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The Good Wives of Bulgaria. Bulgarian peasant women are extremely robust and hardy, though they are as a rule short of stature.

Social life among this class of the population differs from that of the Greeks chiefly in the position of the women. A Bulgarian father, or good wife, takes an almost equal share with her husband in the bread winning, and, consequently, her word has considerable weight in the family council.

An Appreciative Audience. An amusing story is told of a French actor who went into the country to study a new part.

Cure for Whooping Cough. In order to cure whooping cough in Warwickshire village, England, they cut a piece of hair from the nose of the child's peck, keep it very fine and spread it on a piece of bread and give it to a dog.

THE TELAUTOGRAPH.

RESPIRE FROM THE HORRORS OF THE "HELLO" MACHINE.

Elisha Gray's Latest Invention—A Contrivance Which Promises to Beat the Telephone—Written Messages Duplicated by Wire, Noiselessly and Exactly.

Professor Elisha Gray, of Highland Park, has just completed an invention scarcely less wonderful and valuable than the telephone, of which he was also the inventor, but of which he was defrauded.

"This teltautograph will supplant the telephone for many purposes. It can be worked in exchange, just as the telephone is, or by private wire. It has many advantages, too. It is noiseless and devoid of the many annoyances common to the telephone.

When one person wishes to communicate with another by the teltautograph he pushes a button, which rings an annunciator in exchange, or in the office of the person with whom he wishes to converse.

"Can this invention be used to advantage commercially? Yes, it will not cost more than \$15 or \$20, and is easily kept in order.

Around the walls of the distributing rooms of the postoffice in this city are imbedded a number of iron screens, which appear to be so many hot air registers.

Seals with Ballast. These seals are carnivorous mammals divided into two classes—the Pinnace, or common seals, with rudimentary ears, and the Otariae (sea lions, bears, elephants), which have the ears developed.

Pen Picture of "Carp." Frank G. Carpenter comes from Ohio, and is placed among our most popular letter writers. He is tall and thin, has reddish hair and mustache, and his pale blue eyes are indicative of a sanguine temperament.

COSTUMES IN ALGERIES.

Dress of the Poorer Classes—Ample Drapery of the Wealthy.

It is a strange fact that many of the natives of hot countries wear almost the same clothing winter and summer, and do not seem to suffer from cold when the thermometer stands at a few degrees.

The haiks are often made of hand woven wool, very thick and warm, others of silk, while the poorer classes wear a few yards of thin white cotton stuff.

A Wonderful Scientific Calculation. In the course of a lecture in connection with the London Society for the Extension of University Teaching, Sir James Paget said science would supply the natural life of man with wonders unnumbered.

Such were the transmissions outward, and all those were conditional on consciousness of the position of each hand and each finger before it was moved, and while moving it, the sound of each note and the force of each touch.

Miss Braddon's Noted Novel. As a girl Miss Braddon was attracted both to the profession of literature and the stage. She acted in several country theatres, and at the same time wrote short stories and literary sketches.

But even if you were strong enough to fill the position," was the publisher's reply, "there is no time."

Robin Goodfellow did not hit the public. It did not live to finish "Lady Audley." Maxwell lost money over it; but he discovered Miss Braddon, whose story took the town in its three volume shape, and laid in the foundation of a lasting fame and prosperity.

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The Plattsmouth Herald Is enjoying a Boom in both its DAILY AND WEEKLY EDITIONS.

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