

FROM THE CLOUDS.

WEATHER SHARPS WILL STUDY STORMS FROM BALLOONS.

Combination Kite and Air-Ship—Prof Moore Hopes to Be Able to Make Charts of the Air from Two or Three Miles High.

FORECASTING great storms by means of balloons is the latest scheme of science to enable the weather bureau to make its promises good.

"Our experiments will be along a line that has heretofore been considered impracticable, because there have been no balloons created up to the present time that will carry our instruments up to the height we want to go.

"But I have some ideas by which I think we can erect an air-ship—a sort of combination between a balloon and a kite, combining the principles of both—that will not only carry our instruments to the height we desire, but which will remain there for a sufficient length of time, although made captive.

"We will have to have something that will be forced up into the air the same as a kite is, and yet a kite will not answer the purpose, for it is a hard thing to force a kite into the air much over 1,500 feet.

"In the last twenty-five years we have been able to almost reach the acme of forecasting, as can be seen from our forecasts. We can even make better forecasts with our forces at work in the air.

"I do not know that we will be able to forecast by that means, and I am not sanguine, but we will strive to do so. I am now simply working in that direction.

Domestic Life of the First Consul. Much of the same policy was still displayed in the official receptions held in the Tuilleries.

Weather Signs. Look out for rain if sea birds fly towards land and birds fly towards sea.

Real Excitement. "Yes," said the mock-looking man, "I've no doubt you've had some great hunting experiences in the west."

CARDINAL VIRTUES.

They Are Prudence, Justice, Fortitude and Temperance.

"Be thou vigilant, labor in all things, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill thy ministry. Be sober." II. Tim. iv., 8. These cardinal virtues of Christianity are the characteristics of the true faith, and the source of all other virtues.

Father's Domestic Headship. Dr. Charles H. Parkhurst, D. D., in November Ladies' Home Journal writes concerning "The Father's Domestic Headship."

Only a Barber. Philadelphia has a barber, with a considerable business, who has not spoken a word to a customer in ten years past, and he is neither deaf nor dumb.

CASUALLY OBSERVED. Non-producers are the harshest critics. Your weakness is the sum of your appetite.

WEATHER SIGNS. Look out for rain if sea birds fly towards land and birds fly towards sea. Partridges drum only in the fall when a mild and open winter follows.

Healthiness of Yawning. A celebrated Belgian physician says that yawning is an exceedingly healthy function generally, besides having a very salutary effect in complaints of the pharynx and eustachian tubes.

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MYSTERY IS SOLVED. Now It Has Been Ascertained "Who Struck Billy Patterson." Milwaukee Evening Wisconsin: A slang phrase of some forty-five or fifty years ago was embodied in the question of "Who struck Billy Patterson?"

England's Fear of Invasion. The second preparation for war was the well known, yet curious and much discussed equipment of an expedition to invade England.

An Empty Sentiment. "I wish," said the man who indulges promiscuously in sentiment, "that I could be a boy again."

The Latest Folly. Two Parisians, accompanied by the wife of one of them, intend to try to go round the world with a big wheelbarrow.

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HE SAVED THE WOODS.

PATHEPIC STORY OF BILL SMITH'S LIFE.

Who Heard Was Eight Feet Long—His Wife Died Forty Years Ago and Then His Heart Sank—Dogs His Companions.



story of his life is an interesting one. From his early manhood, covering a period of nearly half a century, he had lived alone in one of the wildest and most desolate sections of the Adirondack wilderness.



BILL SMITH'S CABIN. church business, and all this loud talking to the Lord. I don't see any place in the Bible where it says you must holler because the Lord is deaf."

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whiskers or let 'em grow." And so I just turned on my heel and did let 'em grow, and the Lord only knows how long they'll keep on."

For twenty years after the death of his wife Smith did not want to see a human face, and he was rarely troubled. But of late years he would talk for hours at a time with a visitor.

"Have I ever been to town? Oh, yes, but I don't like it, and never could make myself feel at home. Was at Bloomsdale twice, and Vermontville half a dozen times, I guess, but there's too much noise and hurry to suit Bill."

He did not want to be called "Billie," because, as he used to say, "My wife used that name, and now that she is gone I won't allow any one else to use it."

Smith was buried, in accordance with his well known wish, on a little hill about a quarter of a mile from his cabin, and a wooden cross made by himself was placed to mark his grave.

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