THE STARS IN & A NOVEMBER.

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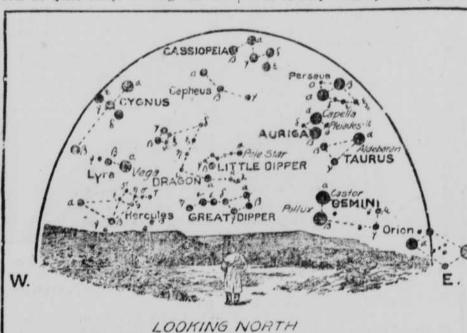
This month, the "true North" is just | imaginary line between the star "a" | shape. "Pegasus" (The Winged a little to the left of the Pole Star. of Perzeus (called Algenib) and the Horse) stretches its triangle close to Having thus secured your bearings, star marked "d" in Cassiopeia, and if "Andromeda" (The Chained Lady), you begin comparing the heavens with you look intently for a few moments, its three stars of the third magnitude the stars marked on the first map for you will notice a splendid cluster of Markab, Scheat, and Algenib, almost November labelied, Looking north- small stars forming what is called a embracing Alpheratz, the chief lumward. When you have located ev- "nebula:" it is really worth the inary of Andromeda, just as the fabled ery Constellation on the map, you trouble. The star in Perseus, marked horse of the gallant Perseus flew to "turn about face" and compare the "b," has the curious property of the rescue of the forlorn maiden. This state of the firmament with the sec- changing from a star of the second quartet of stars serve to help us loond map labeled, Looking southward. | magnitude to one of the fourth mag- | cate many other constellations. Unnitule; the transformation takes place derneath the stars "a" and "b" of As to the time of night to be chosen in three and a half hours; then the Pegasus, shines the Zodiacal Constelfor our study; in November darkness star, in the same space of time, re- lation "Aquarius" (The Water Bearer), sets in quite early. During the first turns to its pristine splendor, just like with a number of fourth magnitude

stars. To its right, a little above, we find the Constellation "Delphinus" (The Dolphin)-four stars in a square and one a little off to the east. Below it, shines the magnificent Altair (first magnitude) of the Constellation "Aquila" (The Eagle); the "Milky Way" again lends its richness as a

back ground for this grand luminary.

Directly under Aquarlus, "Cetus"

(The Whale) displays the very original design of its nine stars; Mira (The Marvel), one of them, perhaps the handsomest, has quite a history. Discovered in 1596, it has been found to disappear at times for periods varying from a fortnight to four whole years; its brightness changes from the sec



between the hours of 8:30 and 9 p. m. ous beauty.

During the second week, they will occupy the same position, between 8 and 8:30 p. m. During the third week, tion, we recognize the Constellation between 7:30 and 8 p. m. During the last week between 7 and 7:30 p. m.

To be still more exact, we will explain that, owing to the annual motion of the earth, each star comes to any thosen point in the heavens nearly "four minutes earlier" every day, making a difference of nearly half an hour in a week, and two hours in a month.

And now this informal half-hour of lesson begins.

Immediately above our head, at the Zenith point, shines the Constellation "Cassiopela" (the Seated Lady) in the shape of a large M composed of five remarkably fine stars of the third magnitude. It displays its splender to the right of the "Pole Star," at the same distance from it as the great-Dipper; only the latter constellation is situated to the left of the Pole Star. One of the Cassiopela stars is really double and exhibits, to the naked eye, on very clear nights, the beautiful combination of a large white star and a smaller one of a rich, ruddy purple. In 1572, the famous Danish astronomer, Tycho-Brahe, discovered another star in Cassiopela, that almost equaled the planet Venus in brightness. Two years later it vanished, and

has never been observed since.

This month, the constellation "Cepheus" is found directly under "Cassiopeia"; Alderamin of the third magnitude is the most remarkable of its stars; I told, in my preceding article, the poetic legend of King Cepheus. King of Ethiopia, and of his Queen Casslopeia's beauty-the cause of a terrible family disaster. Now, gazing down toward the horizon our eyes meet successively "The Little Dipper," including the Pole Star, just about 1 degree and 15 minutes to the right of discovery of this constellation. the true North; still lower down, the chariot and horses of the "Great Dipper" stretch almost along the line of as we were afraid of crowding it- of "Mars" will be visible during the the horizon the dazzling radiance of called "The Hyades." The superb Al- second half of the night, "Jupiter" their seven stars. Looking upward debaran (first magnitude) of a red- will shine in the west, until the 15th again, in an easternly direction, this dish hue, is often called "The Bull's shortly after sunset. Finally "Saturn" time, we admire "Perseus" the deliv- Eye." erer of poor Andromeda in the fable | This month, several of the Constel- dark hours,

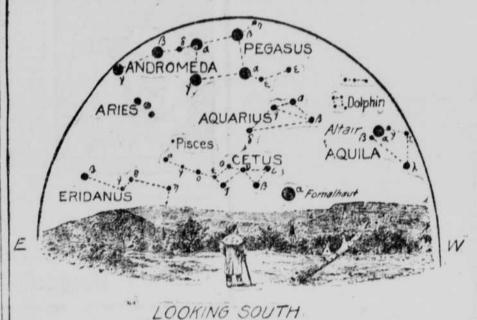
week in the month, the stars will be a light-house lamp, flashing out every visible in their respective positions few seconds a dazzling ray of lumin-

Allowing our eyes to travel downward, always along the eastern direc-"Auriga" (the Waggoner or Charioteer) with the superb "Capella" (the She-Goat) shining down on us. . "Menkailnan," another beauty, is a worthy mate of Capella. Three smaller stars in this constellation are known as "the Kids.

From Auriga to the Pole Star, the small constellation "Camelopard" (the Giraffe)-not marked on this mapstretches its line of five stars of the fourth magnitude.

The foot of Auriga is placed upon the extremity of the upper horn of the Zodiacal constellation "Taurus" (the lations-imperfectly visible in October.

ond to the fourth magnitude and vice versa. The Zodiacal Constellation "Pisces" (The Fishes) is visible just above Cetus; it contains but two stars, both of the fourth magnitude. Toward the west, above Pisces, shines another Zodiacal Constellation, "Aries" (The Ram) with three bright stars in its horns, one, Hamal, of the second magnitude. Finally, near the southwestern horizon, we gaze upon the upper portion of "Eridanus" (The River Eridan); this is the classical name of the famous Italian river Po. By pointing out "Fomalhaut" the splendid luminary of "Piscis Australis" (The Southern Fish) toward the southeastern horizon, I complete the study of the skies in November. Let me add that during the nights of the 13th and 14th of November a number of shooting stars-they are called "Leonides" will diaper the firmament with fantastic streaks of light as their predecessors did, on the same nights, in 1899. Unfortunately the full moon may interfere with the display. "Mercury"-often difficult to see with the naked eye, on account to is



Bull). The cluster of seven stars comparative proximity to the Sun-

the winter nights, facilitate greatly the

called "the Pleiades," in the neck of | will appear early in the night toward Taurus-so conspicuous throughout the west; after the 5th it will be so near the Sun as to become invisible. Beautiful "Venus" will illumine the It contains likewise another beau- skies toward the east during the last tiful cluster-not marked on the map of the night-hours. The ruddy light will light up the west during the early

Man Who Stole \$700,000.



ALVORDS WIFE AND CHILDREN

Cornelius I. Alvord, Jr., who stole | He has a large, round, juvial face and | adjustment when he decided to make \$700,000 from the First National bank had the reputation of being very fond a further examination, and soon saw of New York, is 60 years old, 5 feet of good clothes. Apart from a rather that many items had been deliberately 11 inches tall, and weighs 270 pounds, valuable diamond, which adorned his falsified.

has blue eyes, bright skin, and gray mustache and hair. His favorite pastimes were faro, roulette, betting on horse races, and speculation in stocks. He pretended to be a most devout church member. A curious fact in connection with Alvord is that his father, whose name he bears in full, stole \$100,000 from the Salt Springs bank of Syracuse forty-one years ago. He lost the money, it is said, in the slave trade, and was never prosecuted.

Vice President Hine of the First National bank explains some incidents leading up to the discovery of Alvord's crime. In the first place, Mr. Hine said Alverd had worked steadily and without suspicion until the afternoon of Oct. 18. By the merest accident a clerk saw him make certain erasures in the Clearing House sheet, and, while he thought this unusual, said nothing about it to anybody until shortly after 4 o'clock. By that time Alvord had gone, but it was expected that he would return, as he had some work to finish.

When Alvord failed to return the clerk who had seen him make the erasures made casual mention of the matter to Assistant Cashier Backus. The latter, without suspecting that anything was wrong, looked over Alvord's balance and soon found several discrepancies. He was on the point of leaving matters for Alvord's

LOOTED AND BURNED.

Shelby Nearly Wiped Off the Map as a Result of Thieves' Visit.

SHELBY, Neb., Nov. 3.-Burglars blew the postoffice safe and set fire to the opera house block, which was built in 1893, costing \$13,000. It is a mass of ruins. When discovered the postoffice. in the front part of Knerr's store, was in a blaze. The fire company soon arrived and did good work and kept the fire from spreading to the frame buildings to the north, the first being a few feet distant. The brick wall fell on W. E. Kinney's implement building and crushed it. Losses: Frank Brigham, \$11,000, on general store and double rooms; insurance, \$7,000. Ida M. Yerty, drug stock, \$1,600, no insurance. E. E. Knerr, hardware and jewelry, \$2,800; insurance, \$1,200. G. E. Brigham, store room, \$2,500; insurance, \$1,000. Dr. Inks' store room and office, \$3,000; insurance, \$1,200. Dr. Woodward, office fixtures, \$400; no insurance, J. C. Rahe, publisher of the Sun, \$1,500; no insurance. The top part, containing the opera house and offices, costing \$5,-000, had no insurance. The opera house was the pride of Shelby and was praised by every troupe playing here. The Nebraska Telephone office was in the drug store. No money was secured by the robbers in the postoffice, for the postmaster saved it. Three stores were broken open and tills tapped, also \$200 in stamps were stolen or burned. Mail sacks and all mail and postoffice equipments were burned. Stolen letters and registered packages had been opened and found a block away.

Finds Gold in Kearney. KEARNEY, Neb., Nov. 3--J. D. Bingham of Minden, insists that there is an abundance of gold about Sand creek, a short distance south of this city. He was in Kearney recently and brought with him a sack of specimens. He had been a resident of Kearney county for twenty-one years and has a farm on Sand creek. He was an old prospector and miner. His investigations have been pursued for twenty years, Mr. Bingham says the sand hills will yield a dollar and a half to fifteen dollars a ton and can be worked with great profit with the Edison machine. The machine costs a small forune, but with such a prospect as Mr. Bingham paints, there should be no trouble in obtaining the money. It is probable the prospector's story will have sufficient weight to interest some of Kearney's capitalists.

Increase in Sheep Receipts.

SOUTH OMAHA, Nov. 3.-Sheep reeipts for the month of October numbered 211,955 head, the largest in the history of the yards. All shippers of sheep to South Omaha now assert that this is the best sheep market on the river. In October of 1899 135,841 sheep were received and sold here and compared with the corresponding month of this year an increase of 76,114 head is shown in receipts. The increase in sheep receipts for ten months of the present year as compared with last year amounts to about 160,000 head. Prices for sheep still hold good and a continuation of heavy receipts is looked for by commission men and the management of the Stock Yards com-

Pronounces It Smallpox.

TEKAMAH, Neb., Nov. 3 .- A disease called Cuban itch has been prevalent for some months on the Omaha and Winnebago reservation and at Decatur. in this county; also in some of the farming communities of the county. It has spread so rapidly that the authorities of this city became alarmed and the attention of the state board of health was called to the matter. Dr. Towne of Omaha, a specialist, was sent here and after examining more than a dozen cases, pronounced it smallpox. similar to that which raged in Nebraska City two years ago, and in Omaha last year. Action is being taken to quarantine and suppress it and to protect this city from its gaining a footold here.

Charles Ardell Sentenced.

PLATTSMOUTH, Neb., Nov. 3. Deputy Sheriff J. D. McBride received a letter from the sheriff of Fresno county, California, stating that Charles Ardell, alias Frank Perry, who was recently arrested in this city, charged with the crime of having committed murder in that county by shooting and killing a fellow citizen had been tried. convicted and sentenced to the penitentiary for life.

Death at Tecumseh.

TECUMSEH. Neb., Nov. 2.-Miss Sarah A. Gariss died at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Gariss in Tecumseh after a short illness, of heart trouble. She was aged twentyone years, eleven months and fourteen days. The funeral was held at the family residence this afternoon at 3 o'clock, the services being conducted by Rev. A. B. Whitmer of the M. E.

Pranks of the Youngsters.

GRAND ISLAND, Neb., Nov. 3 .- Hailowe'en was celebrated by the reckless youth in this city in extravagant manner. On the north side particularly was great damage done to sidewalks and crosswalks. The usual displacement of various vehicles was indulged in and not a single arrest was made One of the particular pranks carried out by the observers of the night was the wiring in of Dr. E. J. Porter, who was compelled to crawl out of the window that he might turn the hose on his

Thrifty Farmers.

YORK, Neb., Nov. 3 .- A few farmers of Lockridge township adjoining York, formed the York County Cattle company, with a paid up capital of \$100. 000, which they have invested in young cattle and a large ranch in western Nebraska. This year they shipped in off the ranch to farms here a number of cattle which they will fatten on York county's surplus corn. Only a few years ago these farmers located here with no means to speak of. They now own good, well improved farms and are making money each year.

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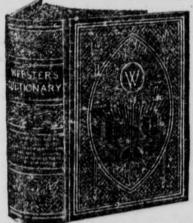
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