

...ABOUT... SUN RINGS

Queer Things
Astronomers
See Through
Big Telescopes

In regard to the halo around the sun which created much excitement throughout the eastern section of this country, Mr. Justice Stahn, secretary of the astronomical section of the Maryland Academy of Science, says: "Very often, when the heavens are overcast by slight, or light, fleecy clouds, we observe colored rings about the moon and the sun. They are termed halos, or aureoles. I have never observed a halo about the sun in the latitude of Baltimore, but halos about the moon are quite frequent. One of the most brilliant that I have observed in Baltimore occurred some time in the beginning of 1901. Very often the halos do not form a complete circle, but are visible only in sections. Probably the reason we do not notice the halo about the sun is on account of its intense brilliancy, and that we do not look at it directly. The best way to observe halos is to observe the reflection of the sun in a black mirror, black glass or glass smoked on one side. In meteorology the halos are divided into two classes—the corona, which is of small diameter, and the halo, which is of a greater extent. In the corona the color of the inner part of the ring is blue, and the outer red. In the large halo the red is on the inside and the blue outside. The corona is classed as a different phenomenon—that is, the light from the sun or moon in encountering the small particles in the cloud or which form the cloud is broken up, scattered or diffracted, like the gratings that Prof. Rowland ruled at the Johns Hopkins university. Diffracted light may be of two kinds. It may pass through fine material and be diffracted like in a transmission grating, or it may be broken up by encountering the fine particles and being reflected. We never have a diffraction caused by a reflection of the light from the small particles in the cloud. The halo is supposed to be due both to diffraction and reflection. When light is diffracted it passes through a medium

which both disperses it and bends it out of its course. Thus the rainbow is produced by the sunlight passing through the drops of water and the water regional ways opposite to the sun. Halos occur only in the higher clouds and are more frequent than the corona. Sometimes the halos intersect each other, and at their intersection round patches are formed, called mock suns. The particles of matter forming the medium for refracting the light are mostly small ice crystals or ice needles. Mr. Gildersleeve, the late president of the Baltimore Astronomical Society, related that at various times he had observed snow storms through the telescope while making daylight observations of the stars and planets. At any rate there is considerable solid matter in the atmosphere that we sometimes observe in sweeping around with the telescope. On rare occasions we can see a bird flying across the field of view, of which not a sign can be seen with the naked eye. Then, again, small specks fly across, looking like small meteors. At one time I observed a ray seeming to have its origin at the setting sun on the horizon and extending as a slender beam clear to the zenith and lost to view a little to the east of the zenith. The mock suns are mostly seen in high latitudes. We can then come to the conclusion that halos and mock suns are simply due to the state of the atmosphere when it contains moisture, ice crystals and snow, and they existed from the remotest times, when the earth had been fashioned to its present condition, and there is no cause for alarm."—Baltimore News.

Proof of Girl's Beauty.

"Is she pretty?" they asked of the young man who was speaking of his fiancée. "Well, I don't want to boast," he replied, "but she always gets a seat on the street car."—Baltimore American.

BATTLESHIP'S WEAKNESS

Barbettes on English Craft Said to Have Sunk Six Inches

The report that the Implacable's barbettes have sunk six inches or so is a very serious one, but while it is an error to minimize the matter, nothing is gained by exaggerating it. We still hope that a good deal of exaggeration will be found to exist in the early reports. So far as we can gather from the vague paragraphs going around the daily press, the thing that has happened is not altogether without precedent. Twice before it has occurred with that system of gun mounting of which the essence is an immense weight supported on a very small base at the bottom of the ship. The principle is, roughly, that of an inverted cone, and has been used in a not very dissimilar form by the French for a good ten years. It has certain great advantages, but like most advantages, there are counterbalancing factors. If anything in the ship's construction is faulty, the whole mounting is likely to sink, and the fault may be created by the strain of docking. This actually occurred with the Japanese battleship Shikishima, and it would puzzle anyone where to lay the blame. So far as we can gather her barbettes were moved in dock, and the ship did not happen to be fully supported directly underneath the barbettes. A sinking resulted, and it was remedied by cutting off some of the

base of the cone. Now it was obviously impossible for either builders or gun makers to anticipate an incident of this sort. Probably, we should say, the Implacable trouble is on all fours with that of the Shikishima. The Glory started for China with a defective barrette; this, so far as we can ascertain, was the direct result of rushing things, parts destined for various other ships being crowded into her so as to complete her in a hurry. It would be interesting to learn whether any Peters were robbed to pay the Implacable Paul. In any case, however, bad as the accident may be, there is no reason for the shriek that a certain class of people love to raise directly anything goes wrong. Any number of foreign ships meet similar or somewhat similar accidents. The foreigners, however, are never in a hurry to advertise the fact.—London Engineer.

It is the peculiar quality and character of an undisciplined man, and a man of the world, to expect no advantage, and to apprehend no mischief from himself, but all from objects without him. Whereas the philosopher, quite contrarily, looks only inward, and apprehends no good or evil can happen to him, but from himself alone.—Epictetus.

The Ringmaster of Old

He Used To Wear Evening Dress and White Gloves

A circus without a ringmaster! They used to have black hair, parted in the middle and beautifully smoothed, evening dress (even at matinees) and white gloves. The ringmaster was almost one's earliest hero; the butcher came first, perhaps, and then the policeman and railway guard; but the ringmaster, when his hour struck, thrust these plebeians, these usurers, these Warbucks and Simnels, into impeneable darkness. That whip was beyond all steels, all truncheons, all bull's eye lanterns and whistles; one would not exchange it for a scepter. The ringmaster's effluence was superior even to the dimming influences of the clown's wit. That immortal dialogue following upon the bit of a bottle of "wine" (always "wine," what is "wine?" champagne? claret? sherry? port?—port I suspect), that the ringmaster could not answer three questions with plain yes or no; how often have I heard it and how potent it always is! The first question was anything; the second question was anything; but the third, propounded by the clown after long self-communing, was steeped in gulle: "Do you still beat your wife?" There is no way out of that; affirmative and negative alike are powerless to rob that "still" of its sting; and off goes the clown with his bottle of wine, crack goes the whip, round ambles the old white horse with a back like Table Moun-

tain, and the signorina resumes her petty capers. And today the ringmaster is seen only for an instant, and the speaking clown not at all!—The Cornhill.

Name Sells the Cigar.

"It takes a lot of thinking to get up a name for a new cigar," remarked the representative of a big cigar manufactory. "The popularity of a cigar is influenced more or less by the judicious selection of a name. I've known some that didn't go at all under one name to have quite a large sale when put on the market as another brand. A good name for a cigar is one that is short and catchy. It must sound nice, for a name that jars on the ear will hoodoo any cigar. We do a lot of studying when we are about to introduce a new low-priced cigar to the public. At the factory a prize is usually offered for the best name, and there is much consideration given to the selection of the name. The smoker won't stand for a clumsy, unwieldy title, and we have to use judgment if we want to enjoy his patronage."—Chicago Journal.

In the palm of the hand there are 2,500 pores to the square inch. If these pores were united end to end they would measure nearly five miles. Man is the only animal that eats pie and employs a physician.

Thrown From His Cab and Killed.

The following is a most interesting and, in one respect, pathetic tale:—Mr. J. Pope, 42 Ferrar Road, Strat-ham, England, said:

"Yes, poor chap, he is gone, dead—horse bolted, thrown off his seat on his cab he was driving and killed—poor chap, and a good sort, too, mate. It was him, you see, who gave me the half-bottle of St. Jacobs Oil that made a new man of me. 'Twas like this: me and Bowman were great friends. Some gentleman had given him a bottle of St. Jacobs Oil which had done him a lot of good; he only used half the bottle, and remembering that I had been a martyr to rheumatism and sciatica for years, that I had literally tried everything, had doctors, and all without benefit, I became discouraged, and looked upon it that there was no help for me. Well," said Pope, "You may not believe me, for it is a miracle, but before I had used the contents of the half-bottle of St. Jacobs Oil which poor Bowman gave me, I was a well man. There it is, you see, after years of pain, after using remedies, oils, embrocations, horse liniments, and spent money on doctors without getting any better, I was completely cured in a few days. I bought another bottle, thinking the pain might come back, but it did not, so I gave the bottle away to a friend who had a lame back. I can't speak too highly of this wonderful pain-killer."

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