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A MIDSUMMER DAY.

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HAIL STORMS.

Want Causes Them, Together with Some Curious Phenomena.

The cause of hail storms has never been explained in a satisfactory manner. The most common theory is that hail is formed in the clouds by the successive attraction of the clouds charged with opposite electricity, and thus grow until they fall. But if the hail stones were thus attracted, it seems more probable that the two clouds would be mutually attracted, and would unite.

There have been many means suggested to prevent hail storms, but none have as yet been tried with success. So the field is still open to enterprising inventors and discoverers. In some countries bells have been rung, drums beaten, cannons fired, and even rockets discharged, but all have proved as inefficient as consecrated herbs, magic formulas, old-women remedies, or deities calculated to quiet the fears of the superstitious.

Accompanying hail storms thunder and lightning are frequent. Yet it is not common for lightning to strike either persons or buildings during these storms. An exchange furnishes some reasons for the color of lightning, which is said to be white.

The color of lightning is altogether due to the nature of the substance which is made incandescent in its track. This color, and the fact that it is ordinarily much more brightly marked in warm climates and inter-tropical countries than they ever are in England, are due to the same circumstances. The rays of light are signally communicated to the light of different kinds of fire-works.

It is a result of the intrinsic nature of the vapors, particles which are precipitated. The rays of iron has one kind of sheen, and the vapor of sulphur another. Each different foreign ingredient that floats in the air has its own peculiar color, and it can communicate to the lightning.

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There are many curious and unexplained facts. It has often been noted that in 1260 an inundation caused by a hail-storm killed horses in the English camp. The number of the one that were killed, but it is perfectly authentic that during a terrific hail-storm which befell the small town of Benenurg, in Harover, the floods, continuing to rise, and water which rushed down a sloping eminence, overturned a heavy cart drawn by four horses, and swept it along with them into the Weser. The torrent rushed with such impetuosity that it was as if it blocked the gates at the opposite end by raising an ice dam before them and inundated the streets at different elevations.

Querr Verdicts.

How may one explain the odd verdicts that are rendered? Often the sum found seems inexplicable. Lately a Peterson jury, in a case found for the lady—damages, \$8,337, and inquiry arose naturally enough, "when the \$7?"

A juror's scales for weighing would be affected so delicately as that? The jury has become conversant with the interior methods of the jury-room, and will say that the sum may not be a pre-arranged figure, but an average of the interior methods of the jury-room, and will say that the sum may not be a pre-arranged figure, but an average of the interior methods of the jury-room.

Propositions convictions are sometimes reached by this willingness to compromise opinions rather than be "kept out" longer. A Connecticut case was presented for a killing her husband by slow poisoning, and the jury—after long deliberation—found her guilty of murder in the second degree.

Now, the second degree of murder embraces the cases of a husband who deliberately kills. The first degree embraces the deliberate, premeditated cases, to which class poison eminently belongs. It is not probable that the jury really considered that a finding of murder in the second degree was more correct than sending a woman to be hanged.

"Suicide, eh? Not when watermelons and huckleberries are just coming into market." "I don't keep for melons nor nothing else, but I do keep for watermelons." "What is your particular sorrow?"

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The End of the World Come this Year!

Well, yes, anxious, troubled questioner, it will. We hope you will feel satisfied to have the matter definitely settled. And we can tell you positively that it will. We know as much about it as you do.

The water in the harbor is so shallow that, until the present Emperor projected a landing for small boats, the visitor arriving there by sea was forced to go ashore on the back of a native. This has been the Emperor's sole concession to the spirit of modern progress.

From any point of view the hoary little town is vastly interesting; the remoteness and security of its position, its picturesque architecture, and the underdone and the tenacity with which it clings to primitive customs and beliefs are so many charms. To the visitor a descent, and a striking family resemblance to Peter, are dragging their nets on the sand; single outside the gates; at the fountain stands Re-

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PERSONAL AND LITERARY.

Mr. Chadbourne, the retiring President of Williams College, is intending to edit several books, to manage some gold mines in North Carolina and a cotton-mill in Williamson.

The original of Mr. Millard's two exhibition pictures of this year, "Sweetest Eyes Ever Seen," is Miss Buckstone, the clever and pretty daughter of the late London manager.

There is a rumor in London that "a very distinguished personage" is to be engaged as a valet to a member of the aristocracy. The personage in question is said to be a Frenchman, and the aristocrat is said to be a Frenchman.

A poem written by Miss Amelia B. Edwards, the author of "The Desert of the Great Salt Lake," was published in a penny weekly of that time. Miss Edwards is the daughter of an officer who fought under Wellington.

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Our Young Readers.

SONG FOR A BIRTH DAY BOY. There, there a wailing note, From a waking bird, a new dawn dappled; There is a ripple of gold upon the brooks, And a glitter of gold upon the rocks.

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CHARLES'S SISTER.

"Oh, Charles! Why did you do it? On my birthday, too! I am so sorry, knowing that you will be four on the Fourth." And she spoke, Mary sat down darning her brood hat by one string, and looked disconsolately at her brother, who had been sent to bed as a punishment.

"How was I to know that just a little bunch of fire-crackers like that was going to smash the goblet? I did not think it would do anything but just lit it up." "What for, Charles? I am sure nobody could be half as good as mamma."

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