

THE SKIES OF JUNE.

A Bunch of Brilliants to be Seen at Nights.

Of the fourteen stars of the first magnitude which may be seen at one time or another by an observer in the mean latitude of the United States eight will be above the horizon at 9 o'clock this evening.

Arcturus, the Bear-warden, the principal star in Bootes, the Herdsman, will then be very nearly south, at a point well up toward the zenith. Midway between this star and the horizon, a little farther west, stands Spica, the Wheat-ear, in the constellation Virgo. Low in the south-east is the ruddy Antares, the "Scorpion's Heart," the rival in color of the planet Mars (Ares), as its name indicates. In the west, at one-third of the distance from horizon to zenith, is Regulus, the "Lion's Heart," the brightest star in Leo and the jewel in the handle of the Sickle, which forms the Lion's head and shoulders. Rarely above the horizon—too low to be visible—at a point between north and northwest, is Capella, the She-goat, the principal star in Auriga, the Wagoner, and photometrically the brightest star in the northern hemisphere. Just about setting the northwest are the Twins, Gemini, of which the more northerly, Castor, is a bright second-magnitude star, while the somewhat brighter Pollux ranks as a first-magnitude. In mid-heavens in the northeast stands Vega, the principal star in the Lyre. Just risen in the east, but scarcely yet visible, is Altair, in the Eagle. The brilliant ruddy star a short distance east of Regulus is the planet Mars.

CONSTELLATIONS.

A few of the constellations now visible, ancient or modern, are sufficiently well marked to be pointed out without the aid of a chart. The Sickle has already been located. It will serve to locate also the old constellation Leo. Very nearly overhead is the well-known Great Dipper, the Plow of our English cousins, the old-time Charles' Wain. Though often referred to as the Great Bear, Ursa Major, it forms, strictly speaking, only a portion of that rather mystifying constellation—the hindquarters and the decidedly unbearable tail. The brilliant Vega serves to locate the Lyre, a small triangular constellation which can easily be made out. Below and at the left of the Lyre is the Swan, Cygnus, better known as the Northern Cross, and by this designation easy to recognize. Arcturus, Spica, Denebola—a bright second-magnitude star in the Lion's tail, nearly midway from Regulus to the end star in the handle of the Dipper—these four stars form a large lozenge-shaped figure known as the Diamond of Virgo. In the upper portion of this diamond, between Denebola and Cor Caroli, lies the beautiful sprinkling of small stars known as Coma Berenices, Bernice's Hair. At about one-third of the distance from Arcturus to Vega is the beautiful Northern Crown, a nearly complete oval of six or seven stars, of which the brightest, the "Pearl of the Crown," is of the second magnitude. Between Spica and the southwestern horizon stands the Crow, Corvus, and the Cup, Crater, which, though formed of rather faint stars, are quite noticeable objects. The Cup, the more westerly of the two, is a very passable goblet, though a little lop-sided. Its bowl, which opens to the east, has about the size of the Northern Crown.

THE PLANETS.

Mercury has been an evening star since May 14, and by the first of this month it should become visible as such, on a clear evening, a half hour or so after sunset. Look for it near the horizon at a point a little north of west.

Venus has been an evening star since April 30, and should soon be far enough from the sun to become visible. Its position (apparent) now is between Mercury and the sun. The latter planet will, therefore, be the first of the two to become visible. Mercury will continue to be seen at a greater altitude than Venus until July 1, when, in drawing in toward the sun, it will come into conjunction with the brighter planet.

Mars is still an interesting evening star, in the constellation Leo, though its ruddy light is much

less brilliant than when the planet was at its nearest to us, in February. The position of the planet on the first of this month is about ten degrees east of the star Regulus. During the month it will move some fifteen degrees farther east.

Jupiter, in Sagittarius, and Saturn in the same constellation, ten or twelve degrees farther east, are both evening stars, rising shortly after 9 o'clock. By the close of the month both of these planets will have become conspicuous objects in the early evening, low in the southeast. Uranus, in the Scorpion, rises an hour and a half before Jupiter. It is situated about ten degrees northeast of Antares, and is easily visible through an opera-glass.—Philadelphia Record.

Life's Best Days.

The venerable pastor and great preacher, Dr. Richard S. Storrs, speaks this cheering word of testimony:

"I had as happy a childhood as falls to the lot of most children, and many a time it has been said of me by those who were visiting at my father's house; 'This is the happiest time in life for you.' I did not believe it as I grew older, and I know now that it was not true.

"The happiest time in your life is to come hereafter. If you do that which is right and useful to others, that which is honorable to yourself, and that which is for the glory and praise to God, every year of your life will be happier than that which went before it.

"So do not feel that you are entering an oppressive, grinding, hateful world. Life on earth grows better and sweeter as one goes on in it, and what you are to try to do is to try to make a success of that life, each one of you."—Ex.

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Wanted to Lynch Aguinaldo.

Hempstead (Ga.) Cor. Moultrie Observer.

Two of our prominent citizens who live within a thousand miles of where the writer is domiciled met in the public road the other day, when the following conversation occurred:

"What's the news?" "They've captured Aguinaldo." "Captured who?" "Aguinaldo." "What's he been doing?" "Killing folks." (Excitedly,) "Who has he killed?"

"Oh, lots of people." "Where is the scoundrel?" "He's in jail." (More excited.) "Let's get a crowd and lynch him."

"It would be to expensive." "Expensive! What's going to make it expensive?" "He's too far off." "Why, ain't he in Moultrie jail?"

"Not a bit of it." "Well, where is he, then?" "He's in jail at Manila." "You mean Camila, don't you?"

"No, I mean what I say." "How far is it?" "About 8,000 miles." "Get up, Jack." As he moved off he was heard to ejaculate: "Got no time to talk with every fool I meet in the road. Eight thousand miles! Why, that's clean outside of Georgy. Aguinaldo? Don't believe there is such a man in the world. Never heard of such a place as Manila before. These fellows what don't do nothing but read newspapers are mighty smart. Get up, Jack; lost half hour talking with that slop head when I ought to be home planting taters."

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Turlington Institute Commencement.

The editor had the pleasure in company with the Band and a number of our people, to attend the closing exercises of the Turlington Institute, at Smithfield, last Thursday and Friday. The Band as a whole enjoyed the trip and the exercises, and greatly appreciate the hospitality of the good people of that thriving city on the banks of the Neuse. The town of Smithfield and the county of Johnston are proud of the past record of the school, and are hopeful of the future. They have one of the very best schools in Eastern North Carolina. Its benefits and influence are felt throughout the entire section. The school has never enjoyed a more prosperous session than the one just closed.

Professor Turlington, the principal, is a man capable and worthy of the high position and the confidence he enjoys from the patrons and friends of the school.—Dunn Banner.

A Sprained Ankle Quickly Cured.

"At one time I suffered from a severe sprain of the ankle," says Geo. E. Cary, editor of the Guide, Washington, Va. "After using several well recommended medicines without success, I tried Chamberlain's Pain Balm, and am pleased to say that relief came as soon as I began its use and a complete cure speedily followed." Sold by Hood Bros.

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Saves Two From Death.

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Artist—"My last picture positively can't be improved upon." Critic—"Gracious! is it as bad as that?"

Men set up the drinks and the drinks upset men.

FOR THE LITTLE ONES.

"Observation" is an instructive as well as amusing game.

One of the best games for a company of young people is the game of "observation."

In the middle of the room adjoining the one in which the company is to assemble place a round table, and on it put 25 small articles, no matter what—just such things as may be found around the house. The only care necessary is to see that they are as different from each other as possible. Make a list of the articles and keep it concealed, for reference at the proper time.

Provide as many sheets of paper as there are members of the company, and down the left hand margin of each sheet write the numbers from 1 to 25. Keep the door of the adjoining room closed until you are ready to begin the game, so that no one may see what is on the table. At the proper time open the door and let everybody go in and look at the articles from three to five minutes, telling them that they are to make a list of them afterward from memory.

A Kind Fox Terrier.

"A remarkable instance of kindness was shown by my little fox terrier dog Tom," writes the owner of the animal, "who is chained in the poultry yard to protect the fowls from thieves.

"We have two roosters much given to fighting, and after many battles one lost an eye and had a wounded head, so all the fowls turned against him, and his enemy, the black cock, chased him about and much abused him till the poor thing took courage and ran to the dog for protection.

"Tom took a great liking to the poor hunted cock, and whenever he came to him for refuge he wagged his tail and kept the tormentors at bay. He even allowed himself to share his food with him, bones and all, and was in every way a true friend to the helpless bird.

"Such a lesson as this from a dumb animal might well be learned by boys and girls."

Dangerous Hide and Seek.

The little Eskimos play hide and seek among the icefields just as the boys and girls of warmer climes indulge in it in the streets and yards; but, awful to relate, they have to set one member of the company as a lookout for polar bears. Perhaps they are so familiar with these animals that the danger does not scare them. But doesn't it make your hair stand on end to think of the possibility of running rapidly around the corner of an iceberg to get to the goal first and running straight into the arms of a great white monster?—Minneapolis Journal.

A Finger Test.

(Chinese Mother Goose.)



You strike three times on the top, you see, And strike three times on the bottom for me; Then top and bottom you strike very fast And open a door in the middle at last.—St. Nicholas.

Dreams of Illusion.

At evening, when the lamp is lit, Around the fire my parents sit; They sit at home and talk and sing And do not play at anything.

Now, with my little gun I crawl All in the dark along the wall And follow round the forest track, Away behind the sofa back.

There, in the night, where none can spy, All in my hunter's camp I lie And play at books that I have read Till it is time to go to bed.

These are the hills, these are the woods, These are the stary solitudes, And there the river by whose brink The roaring lions come to drink.

I see the others far away, As if in forest camp they lay, And I, like to an Indian scout, Around their party prove about.

So when my nurse comes in for me Home I return across the sea, And go to bed with backward looks At my dear land of story books.—Robert Louis Stevenson.

A Bright Boy.

The teacher wished to give a practical illustration of the difference between "big" and "little," so she wrote on the blackboard, "I see a dog," the word "dog" in very large letters. All the hands instantly went up, and the class cried, as with one voice, "I see a big dog." Then she wrote the same words, but this time she made "dog" quite small, whereupon a boy immediately cried out, "I see a pup!"

URGENT.



Mrs. Jumbo—Oh, hurry, doctor, dear! My little Willie has swallowed a golf ball, and I'm afraid he'll have appendicitis!—Chicago News.

A Veterinarian's First Case.



"Why are you so out of sorts, Herberbauer? You ought to be pleased that your son has at last become a veterinarian!"

"That's just it! He was studying so long that I had to sell all my cows but one, and then he gave that one some medicine, and it died!"

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