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NATURE STUDY TO BE PUSHED Scientists, With Carnegie Money Behind Them, Are Going Where No Man Has Before to Study the Nature of the Sun.

BY GEORGE ROBERT AGNEW.

Washington, July 27.—If only a fraction of the work now under way by the Carnegie Institution of Washington, brings the results that are hoped for, the world will be astonished and delighted by the announcement of scientific discoveries that will seem stranger than fiction.

TO MAP THE SOUTHERN SKY.

Among other projects now in hand by the Carnegie Institution are the construction of an observatory in South America for the mapping of the Southern sky; the manufacture of glass from quartz, which will withstand heat better than steel; the creation of new fruits, vegetables, cereals, and animals for the study of heredity, and the evolution of improved types; a study of the human body as affected by foods, with a corresponding study of the nutritive and chemical value of the food.

SHIPPING ON THE LAKES.

The shipping on the lakes reserved for American use only, has attained a position against which no foreign country could now compete, if the field was made open.

The Author's Meaning.

Manchester Guardian. There are several anecdotes which have been told of a competent and reverent commentator who sometimes expounded a work of genius more effectively than its writer himself could do, especially such works as those of the great mystic Bohme.

Mysterious Shower of Pennies.

London Evening Standard. London street and Norfolk square, Paddington, are agitated over the deluge of a mysterious person—whether man or woman is not known—who every morning showers a shower of pennies on the roadway.

Philanthropic Sparrows.

For several days four or five sparrows had visited a certain place on the roof near my window. They always brought food for another little fellow, who never stirred a flight from the spot.

Could Tell It Another Way.

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man, President Woodward, of the Carnegie Institution, that the Santa Rosa man had succeeded in crossing a strawberry in a vegetable; a raspberry is a tree. But when they arrived at Burbank's place they were shown photographs of the remarkable fruit resulting from the strawberry-raspberry union, and Burbank agreed to repeat the experiment under their personal inspection, just to show them that he could.

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