

The Realm of North Carolina Society

GREENSBORO.

Correspondence of The Observer. Greensboro, Feb. 26.—Mrs. Howard Davidson gave a very beautiful and elegant party Monday afternoon in honor of her guest, Miss Ethel Graham, of Danville. The house was exceedingly attractive with its tasteful decorations of potted plants and cut flowers. The more than 100 guests were in shape of hats, which the ladies were marked with miniature flags. The prize was won by Mrs. Edwin Howell, while the consolation was a box of Huyler's cherries, was drawn by Mrs. Fisher. Elegant refreshments were served.

Mrs. Mosley entertained very charmingly Monday afternoon at her home in Fisher Park in honor of Washington's Birthday. The house was indeed beautifully decorated with a profusion of ferns, palms and cut flowers being used as decorative and tableware. The prizes were given as follows: First, a box of Huyler's cherries; second, a box of Huyler's cherries; third, a box of Huyler's cherries.

Miss Paisley Ellington entertained at bridge Friday morning at her attractive home in West Market street. In honor of Mrs. J. H. Bennett. The afternoon was spent in playing bridge. The prizes were given as follows: First, a box of Huyler's cherries; second, a box of Huyler's cherries; third, a box of Huyler's cherries.

One of the most interesting of the week was the party given by the Ladies' Aid at the home of Mrs. Mosley in Fisher Park. The prizes were given as follows: First, a box of Huyler's cherries; second, a box of Huyler's cherries; third, a box of Huyler's cherries.

Mrs. W. A. Riddick was hostess to the Bohemian Book Club Saturday afternoon at her home in West Market street. The prizes were given as follows: First, a box of Huyler's cherries; second, a box of Huyler's cherries; third, a box of Huyler's cherries.

Mrs. W. B. Merrimon gave a lovely luncheon party on Tuesday afternoon at her beautiful home on Edgewood street. A box of Huyler's cherries was given as a prize.

Miss Patricia H. Hinton gave a party at a delightful dinner party Monday morning at her home in West Market street. The prizes were given as follows: First, a box of Huyler's cherries; second, a box of Huyler's cherries; third, a box of Huyler's cherries.

Miss Sarah Eason entertained quite a number of her friends at a birthday party Saturday afternoon at her home on Spring Garden street.

Of the many late afternoon parties, perhaps none are more important than the Arts and Crafts Club. The February meeting of this organization was an unusually interesting one. The prizes were given as follows: First, a box of Huyler's cherries; second, a box of Huyler's cherries; third, a box of Huyler's cherries.

Miss Jessie H. Hinton gave a party at a delightful dinner party Monday morning at her home in West Market street. The prizes were given as follows: First, a box of Huyler's cherries; second, a box of Huyler's cherries; third, a box of Huyler's cherries.

The ladies' party given by Mrs. Janet Eason at her home in West Market street was a most successful one. The prizes were given as follows: First, a box of Huyler's cherries; second, a box of Huyler's cherries; third, a box of Huyler's cherries.

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KIMBALL J. C. MATTHEWS AND MRS. SOUTHERLAND.

Mrs. R. G. Sloan entertained the Wednesday Afternoon Bridge Club in a very delightful manner at her home on North Elm street.

The Jan. 26th, Tuesday night at the Morrison and Main streets. The prizes were given as follows: First, a box of Huyler's cherries; second, a box of Huyler's cherries; third, a box of Huyler's cherries.

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MRS. PAGE ENTERTAINS.

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The Heavens in March

By Prof. Eric Doolittle, of the University of Pennsylvania.

The beautiful planet Saturn, which with its rings and numerous moons, is always a most interesting object in the telescope, is rapidly leaving the evening sky. During the first week in March it may be seen setting almost exactly in the west point of the horizon, at about 7 o'clock, but the sun is steadily drawing nearer the planet, and on April 30 will pass to the east of it; from this time until the autumn, Saturn will be a morning star.

The far more brilliant Jupiter is high up in the southeast, in the most favorable position of the entire year for observation. It reached its least distance from the earth at 2 p. m., on February 18th, and during the next few weeks will only very slowly recede from us. Its golden disc, encircled by rose-colored bands parallel to the planet's equator, and its wealth of finer markings, which are brought into view one after the other, as this great world turns rapidly on its axis, from the most beautiful object of study of all the planets.

None of the bright winter constellations has yet left the evening sky, although toward the close of the

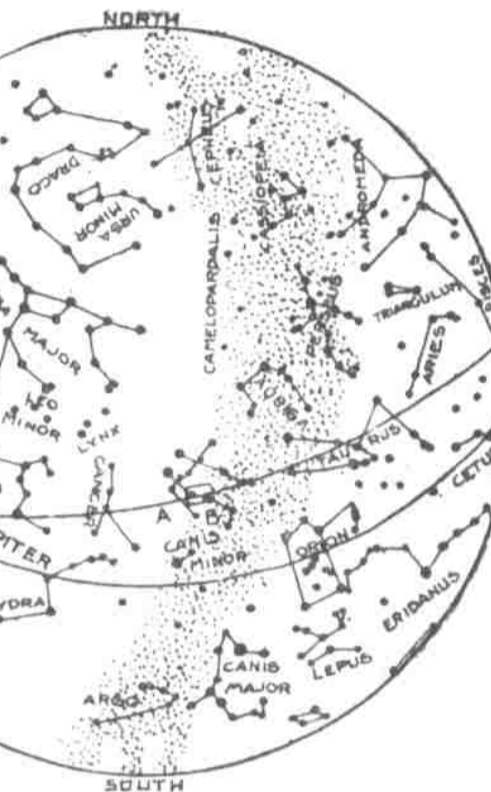


Fig. 1. The Constellations at 9 p. m., March 1st.

month the brilliant Taurus will be to set, but low down in the east the first of the faint summer constellations may be seen just beginning to appear. This is the Virgin, which closely follows the brilliant Leo by next winter. About the last of the winter constellations to linger with us, will sink in the west, and the whole southern sky will then be covered with the faint summer stars.

NEPTUNE AND URANUS.

During this month the possessor of a small telescope should hunt for the two faint little planets, Neptune and Uranus. The stars in the constellation of the Twins, between the stars A and B of Figure 1. If the observer will point his telescope at the star B, move it upward until it points to nearly the height of the star A, and then wait a minute and 40 seconds, the planet will drift into his field of view. If a mounted telescope is not available, he can readily find it with the help of Figure 2. In a small telescope the planet will not show a disc, for as seen by the eye it looks no larger than a five-cent piece would if held a mile away, but it has not the same appearance as the stars which are near it. It will be seen as a dull, greenish star of magnitude 7-8, contrasting strongly in color with the two red stars C and D, Figure 2.

So remote is this great world that the sun viewed from it would appear as an intensely bright star, showing no disc to the eye. Our own world and the three other planets nearest the sun would be so minute and so lost in the sun's rays as to be hopelessly invisible.

Two-thirds as far away as Neptune and yet 1,800,000,000 miles from the sun is its sister planet, Uranus. The two worlds are strikingly similar, each slightly more than 3,000 miles in diameter, each very much less dense than the earth, and both of them probably still very hot and in a vaporized condition. As Uranus is so much nearer to the earth it appears much brighter and is clearly visible to the eye under favorable conditions as a greenish sixth magnitude star.

Throughout the month, Uranus is near the planet Mars, which is setting out in the southeast for two or three hours before sunrise. It will be most readily found on the morning of the 26th or 27th, for in the afternoon of March 26th Mars, in its eastward motion, will pass exactly below the outer planet, at which time they will be separated by a distance only very slightly greater

than half the apparent diameter of the moon. THE TRANS-NEPTUNIAN PLANET. Though Neptune is so enormously distant from the sun that it requires 165 years to pass once around its orbit, it has many times been suspected that there may be one or even more great worlds so far away that their years are thousands of times as long as ours. The possible existence of such a body has been inferred from two different facts, of which the first is the position of the paths of certain comets, and the second is a possible disturbance of the motion of the planet Uranus. It is well known that when a comet passes near a planet the pull of the latter body may cause the comet to move in an entirely new path, and when this occurs both the point of the new path which is farthest from the sun and also the point in which the comet passes through the plane of the planet's orbit will lie near the orbit of the disturbing planet. Thus, in Figure 3 there are drawn the paths of several comets which have been disturbed in this way by the planet Jupiter. The points marked B

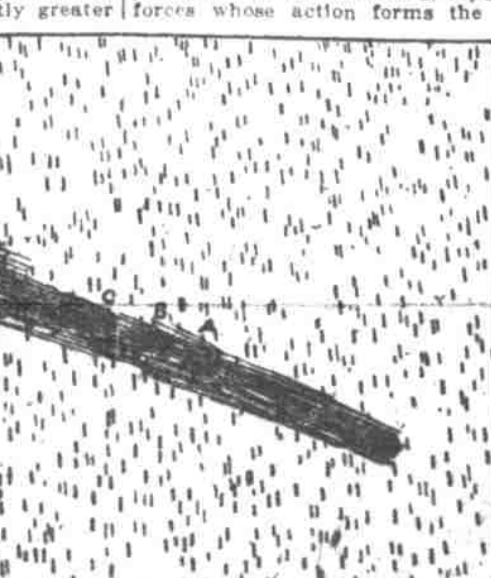


Fig. 3. Paths of comets which pass near the planet.

are those in which the comet moves through the plane of Jupiter's orbit, and it will be noticed that the points B and A all lie not far from the path of the planet Jupiter itself. There are 30 comets connected with Jupiter in this way, two with Saturn, three with Uranus, six with Neptune, and a few others whose great distance from the sun is almost twice that of Neptune. It is these last which are assumed to have been disturbed by a hitherto undiscovered planet.

If a new planet exists, its pull must slightly disturb the motions of Uranus and Neptune. We cannot be certain that such a disturbance exists until the pull of each of the unknown planets of the solar system has been determined and allowed for when this has been done the prediction of the position of the disturbing body among the stars is a comparatively simple matter. If it exists, which is as yet by no means certain, it will probably be discovered by photography. It has been suggested that this far-distant world, revolving slowly and majestically around the sun, shall be named Chronos, the time-keeper.

THE NEW COMET. Of this body hundreds of photographs have been secured, showing

of comets are electrical in character. THE ZODIACAL LIGHT. This is the best time of the year for observing that faint, mysterious pyramid of light which extends upward from the western horizon after the sun has fully set. It cannot be seen except when the sky is very clear and the moon absent; the observer should therefore look for it during the second and third weeks of the month. It is probable that this light is sunlight reflected from a great lens-shaped swarm of little particles which surround the sun and extend beyond the orbit of the earth, but there are also several other theories in regard to it.

SOUTHERN COTTON MILL STOCKS

Quotations by F. C. Abbott & Company February 27.

Table listing various stocks and their prices, including Abbeville, Aiken Mfg. Co., American Spinning Co., etc.

Table listing insurance stocks, including North State Fire, Dixie Fire, Piedmont Fire, etc.

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