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The Fear of Thunder.

"Electric storms are far less dangerous than the majority of people imagine," writes Edward W. Bok in June Ladies' Home Journal. "That a severe lightning storm is terrifying admits of no question, and will sometimes bring uneasiness to the heart of the strongest man. But the real danger is slight. The chance of lightning striking a house, for example, is not one in a million. Particularly is this true in cities, strung as most of them are with electric wires. The greater danger from electric storms is in the country, and even there the danger may be lessened if the simplest and most common sense of precautions are exercised. The surest electric conductor is a draught, and if, when a thunderstorm approaches, it is seen that all windows and doors liable to occasion a draught are kept closed, the danger is at once reduced to a minimum. If a woman is "caught" out in a thunder-storm the safest shelter is a house; the most dangerous a tree, particularly an oak tree. It is a peculiar, but nevertheless a proven, fact, that the oak is the most susceptible of all trees to a current of electricity. Over fifty per cent. of trees struck by lightning storms during one summer, the Government statistician tells us, were oaks, while the beech tree was the least harmed. Therefore, the worst possible place of shelter in an electric storm is under an oak tree, while by all odds, the safest place is in a house and out of a draught. * * * The actual danger (from an electric storm) is, in truth, not from the lightning nor the thunder, but from the nervous condition into which woman allow themselves to fall. And this is a danger which they can avoid. A little calm thought and a few grains of common sense will do it."

North Carolina Leads the World.

The World's Columbian Exposition, acting under act of Congress, has awarded a beautiful gold medal and diploma to the late ex Governor Thos. M. Holt for the best wheat exhibit at the World's Fair. It is a great compliment to North Carolina to get the prize when its wheat was in competition with the whole world, and especially with the great wheat growing countries of the Argentine Republic, Russia, Austria, England, France, Belgium and Germany. To beat them all, as well as every State in the Union, is no mean distinction for North Carolina.

The wheat that took the prize was grown on Governor Holt's famous farm in Davidson county, known as "Linwood Farm." Governor Holt was one of the best farmers in the State, and always took the greatest pride in his crops.

The diploma, signed by the officers of the Exposition, sets forth that the award is made for purity. The yield is 26 bushels per acre. It is illustrated with all the names of the wheat producing countries.

The medal is very elegant and beautiful, and North Carolina is proud of the distinction it confers. —News and Observer.

An Editor in a Quandary.

The Staunton News is having an experience common to every newspaper—inability to please everybody. One citizen has stopped the paper because there is too much baseball news in it, and another because there is not enough, thus putting the News between the "devil and the deep blue sea." It is utterly impossible to fill a newspaper, of whatever size, with matter which will be equally acceptable to every reader, as everyone not an idiot must know. The best newspaper, like the best menu, is made of the greatest variety of items as temptingly served as the patronage will justify. The man who denounces a newspaper because it contains news items that do not particularly interest him is just as unreasonable as one who refuses to eat at a table on which there are dishes that do not tickle his palate.

Byron used a great deal of hair-dressing, but was very particular to have only the best to be found in the market. If Ayer's Hair Vigor had been obtainable then, doubtless he would have tested its merits, as so many distinguished and fashionable people are doing now-a-days.

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INTERESTING FROM CUBA.

Maceo Has 20,000 Men—He Has Four Companies of Women Soldiers.—Lee Visits the Condemned Americans.

It has been learned here on undisputable authority that Maceo has an army of 20,000 men and they are strongly fortified in the mountains of Pinar del Rio, the Spaniards having ultimately failed to drive them from their strongholds. Maceo has eight cannon, two of which were captured from the "trocha" on his recent attack, when it was reported that he was repulsed.

The report that Maceo has four companies of women soldiers has been confirmed. The Cuban women have such a dread of Spanish brutality that many of them prefer fighting on the battlefields beside their husbands and brothers to being thrown in the forts at the Spaniards' mercy.

In Maceo's recent attack on the trocha, these amazons took part and fought fiercely, using machetes on the Spaniards. The attack was made north of San Marcos and General Bermudez crossed into Habana province with 1,500 men.

Consul General Fitzhugh Lee visited the men who were captured on the filibustering American schooner Competitor, and who are now confined in the Cuban fortress under sentence of death. Gen. Lee found the prisoners lodged in unhealthy quarters and will request Captain General Weyler to order that they be given better accommodations. The Consul General also saw Julio Sanguilly, an American citizen, who is under sentence of life imprisonment for conspiracy against the peace of Spain and whose case on appeal is now before the Court of Carsation in Madrid.

It is said that Gen. Lee, as a special favor, requested Captain General Weyler to release Mr. Dawley, the correspondent of Harper's Weekly, who was arrested a few days ago. The request was granted and it is expected that Dawley will be released from Morro Castle.

My Brave Good Husband.

One of the most remarkable incidents of the big cyclone in Michigan was that which Charles Bradley, of Thomas, proved himself an absolute hero Bradley and his wife and two children were just sitting down to supper when the storm struck their house. The husband cried out to his wife to go into the cellar at once. She obeyed and Bradley followed with the children. Mrs. Bradley was afraid that the lamp in the dining room might be overturned and set fire to the house. She went up stairs to extinguish the lamp and on her return was about to place the children under a washtub when the crash came. "Put the babies down and bend over them," said Bradley.

Mrs. Bradley did what she was told, and her husband protected her body with his own. The bricks and beams fell upon him, but he did not wince. When the damage was done Mrs. Bradley crawled out and her husband followed her. "When the cyclone passed," said the woman, describing the matter, "Charley told me to crawl out, and then he shook the rubbish off and got out himself. Oh, my brave, good husband!" Mr. Bradley's homestead was lifted by the wind and dropped one hundred feet from its original site.—Chicago Times.

A Good Prophet.

There are some politicians who seem to look upon Col. Keogh, of this place, as a very poor prophet.

All men of course slip up occasionally. But as a matter of fact the Colonel has been enabled to see further into the future than any other man in these parts.

Last fall, when everything looked and tended to the conclusion that there would be scarcely any political fight this year, he said to a Record man that he looked for the hottest political fight in the history of the State this fall; that while it looked just then as if the Democrats had no showing, especially nationally, that things would change and he felt sure it would be a hot fight, with the result in doubt until the votes are counted.

This was in October of last year. How does it look now?

It is worthy of note, also, that in January, 1895, Col. Keogh, speaking of fusion in 1896, gave his opinion of the outcome and he has been verified in every single particular.—Greensboro Record.

Fifteen Ohio counties held conventions Saturday, every one of them declaring for silver. In the Preble county convention 500 votes were cast, 498 for silver and 2 for gold. In Wert county 505 farmers left their plows to attend the convention and not a single vote cast for gold. This is the way the silver "craze" has died out in the west.

The coroner's jury found that a man named Gragg was guilty of the murder of Moore and Bowman, who were blown up with dynamite while asleep, in Caldwell county.

The Washington correspondent of the Philadelphia Ledger, Republican and for gold only, says the silver men will have ten majority in the next United States Senate.

Impoverished blood causes that tired feeling. Hood's Sarsaparilla purifies, enriches and vitalizes the blood and gives vigor and vitality.

Happiness on the Highway.

One may very well feel lonely in the crowded streets of a large city or even in the less busy throughfares of a pretentious town as he passes hundreds or scores of fellow-beings without a word or sign of greeting. Albeit he is a dweller in the community, his salutations, received and given, number not half of the persons he meets. Though well is he known to many, and though well does he know the names of a very large percentage of the passersby an almost indefinable something—or nothing—keeps friendly words unspoken and stills many a cordial hand. And thus is the sum of human happiness robbed of much that is its due. Long continued, this custom develops oftentimes into indifference, coldness or positive antipathy between many who daily pass and repass each other on the highway.

An ordinary country road is much more fraught with friendliness than is the average city street. Let the rural greeting be ever so bluff or homely it is far better than the blind, mad, uncaring rush in town where people brush by one another day after day for years—perhaps all their lives—without the slightest indication of recognizing or even seeing a fellow creature.

How many pleasant, happy and helpful friendships are missed by this "offishness" of a senseless custom! How many heavy hearts remain burdened when but a word of kindly salutation would lighten the load!

Surely the sticklers for "form" (who tacitly enact a creed of unbrotherliness) do not expect to maintain this stiff-necked "etiquette" in the better world; the universal brotherhood must be acknowledged there—then why not begin the practice here and now?

Greetings on road and street are small matters, yet they possess possibilities that cannot be measured. Perhaps in all your years of street salutations only one life was brightened for a little while,—then your greetings were richly worth while. It may be that a kind word or a gentle smile will bring sunshine to you in a cloudy season,—then you'll know it was worth while.

Be more cordial, more widely interested in your God, brothers: make and find happiness on the highway.—Christian Neighbor.

How It Stands Now.

The last week has made assurance doubly sure.

There is no longer any more doubt that silver candidates will be nominated at Chicago. Of the delegates already elected, 280 are for silver and 156 are for gold. This proportion, at least, will be maintained in the election of the balance of the delegates. The delegates already elected stand as follows:

	SILVER.	GOLD.
Alabama,	22	—
Colorado,	8	—
Iowa,	26	—
Kansas,	20	—
Kentucky,	26	—
Massachusetts,	—	30
Michigan,	—	28
Mississippi,	18	—
Missouri,	34	—
Montana,	6	—
Nebraska,	16	—
Nevada,	6	—
New Hampshire,	—	8
North Dakota,	6	—
Oregon,	8	—
Pennsylvania,	—	64
Rhode Island,	—	8
South Dakota,	—	8
South Carolina,	18	—
Tennessee,	24	—
Vermont,	—	8
Virginia,	24	—
Washington,	6	2
Wyoming,	6	—
District of Columbia,	2	—
Arizona,	2	—
Oklahoma,	2	—
Total,	280	156

There is nothing that causes women greater discomfort and misery than the constantly recurring Headache. Men suffer less with Headache. "My wife's health was very indifferent, having Headache continually, and just two packages of Simmons Liver Regulator released her from all Headache and gave tone and vigor to her whole system. I have never regretted it's use."—M. B. DeBord, Mt. Vernon, Ky.

Chairman Harrity says he will support the nominee, whether for silver or gold. It has seemed worth while to send out his statement through the press telegrams. If such were not his intentions he has no business being the manager of a great party.

Germetuer is the Best.

Mr. C. P. McLain, Acworth, Ga., says: "Several years ago my wife suffered from attacks of bilious colic and indigestion. She used different medicines and tried several doctors, but all without permanent benefit. She used Royal Germetuer some years ago, and it has given her more relief than all else, and she recommends it to the afflicted." Write to The Atlanta Chemical Co., Atlanta, Ga., for 48 page book giving full information, free. New package, large bottles, 108 doses, $1. For sale by Taylor & Banner and D. A. Houston.

The average reform party in politics, as evidenced by the history of the past in the United States, is a delusion, and often a snare. After it has had its first term or tasted of the fruits of victory it is the same old story of the "ins and outs," and the up-to-date reformer of the present age will go as far and fight as hard for office and do about as many questionable things to get in office as the old hard-shell ringster.

NORTH CAROLINA NEWS.

STATE ITEMS OF IMPORTANCE GATHERED FROM OUR MANY WIDE-AWAKE EXCHANGES.

A patriotic demonstration will be held on the Fourth of July at Pilgrim church, three miles east of Lexgington. A monument will be unveiled over the graves of two Revolutionary soldiers who were killed by the Tories in the war for independence 115 years ago.

Jerry Gambol was arrested Saturday night in Greensboro. He has several charges against him. The most serious of which are forging checks and breaking open stores. Several business houses of the town have been robbed recently but the officers were unable to run up with the guilty party until Saturday, when they discovered a check which Gambol had forged. The officers believe they have convicting evidence against Gambol.

Arthur and John Bebber and John Davis, all of little River township, Alexander county, got together last Thursday and went to a place where liquor is sold. There they bought a half gallon jug of whiskey and went home drinking. On the way they got into a quarrel and John Davis struck Arthur Bebber a severe blow on the head with the jug, breaking that vessel. Bebber walked half a mile after receiving the blow and lay in an old shop by the road-side. Davis went back and got another jug of whiskey. Bebber was left over night in the shop, but Friday morning medical attention was summoned. His injuries were found to be very serious and Saturday morning he died. Davis was arrested and placed in jail at Taylorsville.

It is significant that so far as the every-day man is concerned there is no gold in circulation in this country. It is certain that all the harm that may be done by "driving gold from circulation with free coinage of silver," has already been done. The bankers take pains to with-hold all the gold and treasury notes that come into their hands. The result is contraction of currency. No matter what the stated circulation per capita is, the real circulation is only the amount of the silver coin, silver certificates and bank notes; for these are the only kinds of money in the hands of the people in general. A million dollars of treasury notes in a bank vault may be counted as a part of the money in circulation, but so far as the man on the street is concerned it had as well be in China. We do not pretend to know all about the financial question, or even to have unchangeable opinions on it; but we cannot be blind to the facts: The money of the country is to a degree in a condition similar to a raft of logs congested in a river; and something must be done to break the raft, before a beginning toward better times may be made.—Bibical Recorder.

Cheaper Wheels.

Bicycles are cheaper this year than ever before, but still the bottom figure cannot be reached as yet. No longer ago than last year people hesitated before buying a cheap wheel, or one of a model that had not received the test of several seasons; and with reason. Those who bought a low-priced wheel for economy often had to trundle it home as the result of a breakdown, or spend nearly the machine's price in keeping it repaired.

Wheelmen say that their experience with cheap wheels this year has been different. They believe that the very fact of old bicycle makers having made so great a reduction in the price of their '96 wheels, together with the increased facilities for manufacturing, is proof that there is a chance for a still greater drop in price.

A few years ago one invested in a bicycle as he would in a horse or a buggy. He had no intention of selling or trading it at the end of six months. A bicycle of any sort was a luxury, and its rider became more attached to it each year. Wheels were but slightly modified from year to year, and to ride one machine five or six years was not at all uncommon. Like fiddles, bicycles were said to grow better with age. Now, it may be said, a wheel must be built for the occasion. "Mine is the latest '96 wheel," is the proud boast of cyclists to day.

This desire for new wheels of the latest pattern has done much to benefit manufacturers young in the wheel-making business. Cyclists feel that while a wheel may not have great endurance, it will suffice for a season or two, when they want a new one anyway.

It has been rumored that a consignment of bicycles is likely soon to arrive here from Japan, and that they will sell at a surprisingly low figure. Whatever may be the truth of this report, it is generally believed that bicycles should be cheaper than they now are, and that bright prospects await the concern which will furnish a rich man's wheel at a poor man's price.—New York Sun.

Democrats of Marian, Liberty, Taylor and Levy counties, Florida, selected delegates to the State Convention Wednesday. Free coinage of silver was endorsed and the issue of interest-bearing bonds in time of peace denounced.

TOTTEN PREDICTS WOE.

Soon All The Planets Will Be on the Other Side of the Sun Tugging Together.

Lieut. C. A. L. Totten, U. S. A., whose interpretations of the Bible and prophecies have won him fame in the past, thinks that the end of the age is at hand, and that the St. Louis tornado, the political situation and other present conditions prove that he is right. In a statement of his views, which he has just issued, he says:

"It will not be denied that if a magnet revolves in a circular orbit about a central core that is in connection with a register, the register will indicate no variation during the revolution, while, if the revolution be eccentric, as, for instance, in an elliptical orbit, the register will inevitably indicate maxima and minima, as the outward magnet draws near to and away from the central core. Now, the earth is just such a magnet, revolving about the sun, which is another, rotating about its own axis. Hence the needle points to the north, because of the thermo-electric action of the sun upon the whole magnet. As the earth's orbit is elliptical, it is a well-known scientific fact that we have periods of maxima and minima in electrical phenomena, during both the diurnal motion and the yearly revolution, as well as a secular rise and fall.

"So with all the planets. When they are at their nearest to the sun, or in perihelia, we have a maximum and the reverse obtains at their aphelia. When two or more planets are in coincident relation the cosmic resultant is increased.

"Let it now be noticed that we (human beings) are the denizens of our own terrestrial magnet, its subjects, so to speak, and are bound to show forth the influence in our collective capacity. And not only we but the atmosphere and the sea, aye, and the depths beneath, yea, and the physical currents in the human body and all that this implies must and will and do respond to the varying influences of the solar system, as a whole, and as expressed at the solar centre, and then telegraphed outward to all of its elements.

"Now, I am advancing no new theory, but one founded on the works of no less authority than Noah Webster, whose disquisition upon storms, pestilences, their history and periodicity, was considered important enough by our ancestors to be published at Government expense about 100 years ago. He was followed by Dr. Knapp, of Chicago, who, in 1882, propounded the perihelian theory, and anticipated all that is now going on in the solar system. So also Benner, famous among all stock brokers, financiers, and grain merchants for his prophecies as to the cycles of trade, the rise and fall of prices, elaborated the idea from another standpoint, and a host of other specialists have treated it along the whole range of religion, politics, business, crime, insanity, life and mortality.

"Twice in the Christian era three of the greater planets exterior to the earth have been in coincident perihelia, in the sixth and sixteenth century. They were famous eras of plague, pestilence, and perturbation among men, and now for the first time in the history of man all of the planets, exterior as well as interior, superior as well as inferior, are approaching a coincident period of ominous and I cannot but believe malific influence. It will culminate only at the very end of this century, and may extend well over into the next. At that time all of the planets will be in line, conjunction tugging together at the sun, while the earth upon the opposite side of the sun, will be subjected to their united action. I speak in general terms and upon premises that have been broadly published in standard journals. From the physical standpoint alone this condition of affairs cannot but result in widespread disaster, expressed in all the terms that nature knows, cyclones, earthquakes, tidal waves, etc., and among men, such an unbalancing of the normal condition as will try to their deepest foundations the institutions upon which the false system of modern society lives and moves and has its being.

"Already we can hear the mutter of the cosmic powers that are conspiring against us. I would have no difficulty of convincing a St. Louisian of this. I probably will be branded as a bald-headed fool by some Eastern paper, whose locality is reserved for parallel disaster in due time.

"The world is in confusion, and I cannot escape the firm conviction that it is to be worse confounded as the years roll on, and I also believe that man, who has wasted his resources and belied his mission, is responsible, both individually and as nationally collected, for his institution, and will be held responsible for their failure in the coming crisis."

The probable result of having all the planets on the other side of the sun tugging away is thus stated by Lieut. Totten.

"I have never posed as a prophet, nor do I believe that the end of the world, or of the Nation, is at hand, but I do believe that they are to be tried to a limit, and straightened out, and then the literal rule of the returned Messiah is to usher in an era in which the poor, the true, the good, the honest, the simple minded will inherit the earth, and a new order of ages will be set up by Him in person, Who is the desire of all the ages.

"Aside from the concert of history and chronology that testifies as to the approaching end of the age, is the principle of economy in the universe, which never puts off until to-morrow what can be done to-day. In other words, the entire energy of the system we inhabit conspires with prophecy as harmonized to history in offering such an opportunity at consummation as will not be repeated by the cycles for ages and ages, and it is toward this present situation that, upon whatsoever lines men have hypothecated their judgments in the past, all have agreed to unite. Hence I am with the concensus of all the past ages in my belief, and believe it will be borne out and justified. In the international arena agreeably to prophecy, I believe that the confusions now formulating will wind up at Jerusalem, and in winding up end the times of the Gentiles, after which that city will cease to be trodden under their feet and become the centre of an ever-widening circumference of right rule and justice until the whole world is included."

Mexico and Japan.

The gold standard people hold up Mexico and Japan as two of the frightful examples of the silver standard, when as a matter of fact there are no two countries in the world to-day which are making as much progress as Mexico and Japan. Speaking of Mexico the Omaha (Neb.) World-Herald quotes a resident of Mexico, who is writing of the silver standard in that country, as suggesting two propositions in reply to two of those laid down by Secretary Carlisle, one of which is: "There is not a silver standard country in the world to-day whose producers and manufacturers are not more prosperous than they ever were before." The other is: "There is not a gold standard country in the world to-day whose producers and manufacturers are as prosperous as they have been in the past." Neither of these propositions can be successfully disputed, for the current history of the times proves the truth of both. Every gold country in the world has suffered more or less from industrial depression and financial embarrassments, for which the gold standard advocates have been giving various reasons, but never admitting the true one.—Wilmington Star.

The Time for Building

Up the system is at this season. The cold weather has made unusual drains upon the vital forces. The blood has become impoverished and impure, and all the functions of the body suffer in consequence. Hood's Sarsaparilla is the great builder, because it is the One True Blood Purifier and nerve tonic.

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No Banking Reforms.

It does not speak well for the superior ability and efficiency of the Republican majority in the House of Representatives that its committee on banking and currency has been unable to agree on a bill for the reform of our banking laws and has adjourned till next December. It was a great charge against the Democrats when last in control of the House that they left the banking laws unamended. They did not give freedom to State banks and they did not correct the defects of the national banking system. Republicans laughed the Democrats to scorn for their impotence, and we were told to wait and see how scientifically and speedily the Republicans with their superior intelligence, would solve all these simple problems. We have waited, but we have not seen the solution. Inefficiency is the vice of the politicians of both parties. They are incapable of originating anything but raids on the treasury.—Baltimore Sun.

Some people are constantly troubled with pimples and boils, especially about the face and neck. The best remedy is a thorough course of Ayer's Sarsaparilla, which expels all humors through the proper channels, and so makes the skin become soft, healthy, and fair.

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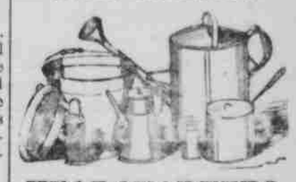

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