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Celestial Measurements.

The following is an extract from a recent lecture by Prof. C. A. Young, of Princeton College, N. J.:

"I always feel a little embarrassment in bringing such a subject as that I am to bring before you to night to the attention of a popular audience, because I know that it is not an amusing one. A very good friend of mine, who has delivered a lecture upon astronomical subjects in one of our neighboring cities, wrote me a few days ago, "Don't let I was to lecture on the Transit of Venus," asking "How can you make a right-angled triangle amusing?" I think the subject that I am to bring before you is an interesting one. I know of nothing in the whole range of sciences that more thoroughly illustrates the power and reach of the human mind than this—the reaching out into infinity, as astronomical science has done, and measuring the dimensions and [illegible] of the heavenly bodies [illegible]

[illegible] satisfies the appetite for knowing, and that is just as much a part of us as the appetite for eating, and a more noble part. The better part of us grows by learning just as the material part of us does by taking food. The eye does hunger once in a while to look up and try to get hold of the methods and principles by means of which astronomers and others have come to the knowledge that they possess of the worlds about us.

"Of course I need not tell any of you that you live on a little ball of water and rock, which is not hung in space as the geographies tell us—no more hung than the ball which has been struck by the bat of a ball player—but rushing through space with a velocity more than fifty times as great as any ball. The ball on which we live is moving around the sun, and moving in the same way as the earth we find eight larger planets, four of which are conspicuous. Now, we have been able to make out pretty certainly the size and dimensions of our own earth. That is not so very difficult. We have reached out farther, and now we are able to tell with considerable accuracy very nearly how far away and how large for some of them. We are able to reach out for the stars [illegible] how far they may be, [illegible] that our nearest neighbor is at a distance [illegible] the reach of human conception. The earth is about 8,000 miles in diameter. If you could make a straight railroad around the equator it would take just about twenty-six days to make the circuit of it at forty miles an hour, without any change of stations. No practical means of conveyance will take you around in less than three months.—Then the moon, our next neighbor, is about thirty times as far away as the earth is diameter—about 240,000 miles.—That is not so very uncommon, I think, when we come to the sun, we find its distance is about four hundred times as great as that of the moon—about 95,000,000 of miles.

"These figures mean nothing until you take an illustration. Take a railroad from the earth to the sun with a train running forty miles an hour without stops, and it would take about 265 years and a little over to make the journey. So that, if the first settlers of this country, at the time they started from their mother country, had started from the sun by this railroad they would be just reaching this country now. But very few of them could have afforded it, for even at a cent a mile the fare would have been $950,000. You see! There are very few people even in New York, that could afford to go to the sun at that cheap rate of fare. But when we come to consider the nearest star, whose distance is two hundred thousand times as great, we can do nothing with it, even in our imagination. If we should count the money that it would take for a railroad journey to it, even at the rate of a cent a mile, it would come to two hundred thousand millions of dollars—a hundred times the amount of the national debt of the United States. I do not suppose there is money enough in the world to pay the fare of one person. The credit of this illustration, however, is due to an English gentleman."

The assertion is going the rounds of the press that, according to a dispatch from Raleigh, Senator David Davis and Miss E. A. Burr are to be married at the lady's residence, near Fayetteville, immediately after the adjournment of Congress.

The zodiacal sign for the opening of winter is a goat. The goat is a hard butter, and hard butter is almost always a sign that the weather is cold.

She Didn't Dare to do It.

The other day a man and woman came to a sudden halt on Grand River street, and the woman dropped a basket she was carrying and called out:

"I will! I will! I'll not live with you another day!"

"You'll leave me, will you?" he calmly asked.

"Yes, I will!"

"When?"

"Now—right off—this minute!"

"You leave away?"

"Yes, sir!"

"I wouldn't if I were you."

"But I will, and I defy you to prevent me! I have suffered at your hands a long time, but put up with it!"

"Oh, I shan't try to stop you," he quietly replied. "I'll simply report to the police that my wife has disappeared mysteriously. They will want your description, and then you take an extra large mouth, you will roll in your sleep, you nose turns up at the end, [illegible] the squint, you certainly will—"

"Wretch, you wouldn't dare do that!" she screamed.

"I certainly will, and the description will go into all the papers."

They glared at each other for a minute like cats.

Then he walked on. She looked up and down the street, gritted her teeth together, and then picked up her basket and followed on after. He had what they call the deadwood on her.

Internal improvements: One of the Schaumburg girls, Rebecca, recently went to New York on a visit, and while absent she became acquainted with and married, without her father's knowledge or consent, a miserable looking, impecunious little man named Max Sonnenschein. When the happy couple arrived home and Moses Schaumburg saw his son-in-law he raved and went on like a pirate, but he had to accept the situation. He, however, never lost an opportunity of telling Rebecca what a miserable looking cuss her husband was. "Father," replied Rebecca, laying her head on her father's bosom, "Max isn't not pretty outside, but inside he was most handsome." meaning that Max had a kind heart. "Rebecca, you say that Max is handsome inside?" asked Moses. "Yes, faddier." "Then, why don't you turn him inside out? He would look so much better."—*Texas Siftings.*

A WAY FROM THE GRAVE.—Vicksburg, Jan. 26.—Early this morning a metallic coffin was found floating in the river at Delta point, opposite the city. It contained the body of a young lady handsomely dressed, and when opened looked as if she was asleep. The dress and [illegible] were as white and perfect as when first buried. The face was much disguised. The coffin was of old style, in use some twenty years ago, heavily enameled in white. It is thought the body must have been buried fully fifteen or twenty years ago, and to have fallen into the river at Islet Providence or near Goodrich's landing where [illegible] the river. The body after being viewed by a number of persons was buried at Delta Point.

A Gem Gift.

The richest treasure a man ever gets in this world is a good wife. The poorest investment he ever makes is a poor wife, no matter how much money she has. Marriage is a transaction which should be removed as far as possible from the moneyed value of either party. The happiest homes every where have been bought and paid for by the mutual earnings after marriage. Nothing is truer than that the good wife in the home is as surely a money-earner as the husband who toils with hand or brain. The best motto of every young man or woman is, "Marry for love and work for riches." It may be an old fogy idea, but millions of homes will bear testimony to its truthfulness.—*Ex.*

"My mother's awful fickle," said little Edith to Mrs. Smith, who was making a call. "When she saw you coming up the street she said, 'There's that horrid Mis. Smith; I hope she isn't coming here,' and in a minute she told you she was real glad to see you."

Custer county, Montana, is the largest county in the United States. Its area is 36,000 square miles. It is larger than the States of Vermont, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Delaware and Rhode Island all combined.

The Coldest Town on the Globe.

Jakutsk (or Yakootsk), chief town of the providence of that name in eastern Siberia, is on the left bank of the Lena river, 62 degrees, 1 minute, north; longitude 149 degrees, east; and distance from St. Petersburg 5915 miles. The ground remains frozen to the depth of 2,000 feet, except in midsummer, when it thaws three feet at the surface. During the days in August, the termometer marks 85 degrees, but from November to February it ranges from 42 to 58 degrees below zero, and the river is solid ice for nine months out of the twelve. The entire industry of the place—population about 7,000—is confined to candle works and yet it is the principal market of eastern Siberia for traffic with the hunting tribes of Boriats. The [illegible] horses, horned cattle, hogs, goats, sheep, [illegible] horses, [illegible] furs of wolves, foxes, martens, lynxes, squirrels, [illegible] many [illegible]

A strange practical joke was played on a German in the last year of King Charles, of Prussia, who died the other day in his 83d year, had smoked from eighteen to twenty-four Havanas daily for the past sixty years.—*Southern Dog.*

Giant Thorburn (the "Laurie Todd" of the literary papers of forty years ago) drank three quarts of strong coffee a day, two of which were taken without sugar or milk, smoked incessantly and chewed without limit. He lived to his 86th year, and when killed was hearty and hale. He began the use of tobacco when a boy. We know of another instance as remarkable—that of a worthy old man in Halifax, who began chewing tobacco at 14, and when we knew him at 61 he was still at it and able to walk on a warm summer day four miles to church. Still we do not advise any one to use the weed in any way. That many constitutions are injured by the use of tobacco is very certain.

Some Statements.

Superintendent Mills of the Oxford Orphan Asylum is a man who has had, necessarily, a varied experience, some of which seems to have been in connection with efforts to procure additional teachers for the Orphans. Hear him: "An old man in Sampsons said 'I've got two gals. One is got religion and the other aint. And the one what aint got no religion is better'n the one what has.' An old man in Wayne says 'It seems like our children must grow up in ignorance, because the Bests are so bad about marrying up teachers. Every time we get a good school started, one of the Best boys comes along and marries the teacher.'

"The sight that component was good yoke to, three widowers took teachers from the Orphan Asylum, and I found it difficult to all their applications supply."—*Proceedings.*

Advanced Education.

Old man—"John, bring in a scuttle of coal and set up the [illegible] rocking chairs."

Young man fresh from college.—"Why, father, it ought to be very cold this time of the year. To be sure the earth is nearer the sun than it is in the winter, but as the earth is near her perihelion, we are much nearer the sun now than in summer."

O. M. "Ahem! I didn't know that, as I never had the advantage of an advanced education. Well, then close the drafts to the stove and lower one of the windows."—Toledo Saturday American.

A young politician explained the tattered condition of his trousers to his father by stating that he was sitting under an apple tree enjoying himself when the farmer's dog came along and contested his seat.

An old bachelor says: "It is all nonsense to pretend that love is blind. I never knew a man in love that did not see ten times as much in his sweetheart as I could."

The turtle is so slow that he must take his house with him when he goes out for a walk. Otherwise he might not be able to reach home by bedtime.

Luck is the result of good judgement. One need not expect to find the four-leaved clover when there is snow on the ground.

A Victim of Circumstantial Evidence.

Forty odd years ago a poor German came to New York and took lodgings, where he was allowed to cook in the same room with the family. The husband and wife lived in a perpetual quarrel. One day the German came into the kitchen with a clasp knife and a pan of potatoes and he began to pare them for his dinner. The quarrelsome couple were in a more violent altercation than usual, but he sat with his back towards them, and, being ignorant of their language, felt no danger of being involved in their dispute. But the woman with a sudden and unexpected movement, snatched the knife from his hand and plunged it in her husband's heart. She had sufficient presence of mind to [illegible] and scream murder. The poor foreigner in the meanwhile seeing his wounded team reel upon forward to catch him in his arms, the knife in his hand and blood upon his clothes.

The woman swore in the most positive manner that he had been fighting with her [illegible] stabbed him with a knife [illegible] carried. The unfortunate German, as a too little English to understand her accusation or to tell his own story. He was dragged off to prison and the true state of the case was made known through an interpreter, but it was not believed, and the real criminal swore unhesitatingly that she saw him commit the murder. He was executed, notwithstanding the most persevering efforts of his lawyer, John Anthon whose convictions of the man's innocence were so painfully strong that from that day he refused to have any connection with a capital case. Some years after the woman died and on her death bed confessed her agency in the diabolical transaction.

Society according to Mrs. Lydia Maria Childs, who tells the story, was intensely agitated by the discovery, but the power to atone for the wrong had been thrown away, and the poor victim did not profit by this tardy repentance.

The Fangs of a Rattlesnake.

A physician who captured a rattlesnake proceeded to dissect the head for his amusement and information. Taking one side of its head, he extracted the fang when, lying close by, he found another fang a little shorter than the first, ready to take its place when the long one should be broken off or fallout. Next to the second fang was a third, and next to this a fourth, and after the fourth a fifth, each, as it was found, proving just a little shorter and a little smaller than the one found just before it, so that the serpent was endowed with five fangs on one side of its mouth, each to come in to use in regular succession. The physician dissected only one part of the snake's head but he proved to his satisfaction that the current belief that a rattlesnake has only one fang on each side of the head is a very common error, and piled to all [illegible] in this species.

A farmer should beg nothing he can produce. Even doing he violates a cardinal law of thrift. Of the farmers in Bedford county the year, who have relied entirely upon guano and bought their supplies and fertilizers, how many have made money? These views were suggested by the remark of one of our [illegible] farmers. He said that our [illegible] must be revolutionized." This same gentleman intends to devote next season a portion of his time to trucking. It is to be hoped that he will succeed. Keep the ball moving.—*Washington Gazette.*

A reporter's revenge: "If I were as fat as you," said a western newspaper reporter to a local politician, who turned the scales at 350 pounds and who had brusquely declined to be interviewed, "If I were as fat as you I'd die and give my heirs a chance to start a soap factory.

So your daughter has married a rich husband?" "Well," slowly replied the father, "I believe she has married a rich man but I understand he is a very poor husband."

A farm item remarks that in fly-time cows should be kept in stalls. This is for the convenience of the fly, increasing his opportunity of concentration, and economizing much valuable time that would be otherwise consumed in chasing a frisky heifer through a tenacre lot.

Unconscious repartee. Uncle Dick (an artist)—"Well, Johnny, and what are you going to be?" Johnny—"I shall be a judge, like papa." Uncle Dick—"Ah! but you haven't brains enough, my boy." Johnny—"Oh, then I'll be an artist, like you."