

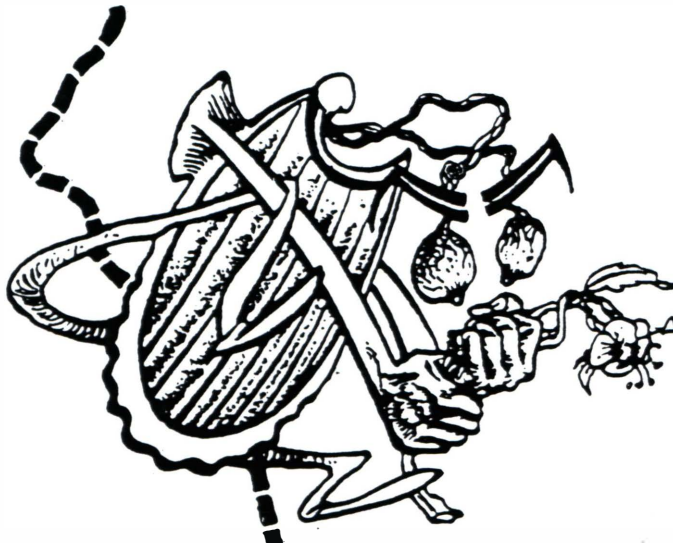
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### FIRST PRIZE

In Beverly, Mass., is Endicott Junior College. It was one of "at least" four institutions to receive gift radios "from war surplus stocks" all which were "booby-traps"—containing "a detonator to explode set in case a radio operator was forced to flee the enemy". A Malden High School teacher was first to discover the danger. No casualties reported in our account. Newburyport *Dail News*. Cr. Darling

Undergrads at NYU have organized a student society dedicated to a Fortean proposition if we ever heard one. It is the "Committee to Eliminate Russian Dressing". In the col of Inez Robb, St. Paul *Dispatch*, 2-1-54. Cr. Mealy

The College Place Methodist Church of Greensboro, N. C. has added a consulting psychiatrist to its staff. Dr. John Wakeman Turner will keep regular hours in the pastor's study and will be available for consultation with the Rev. Brunson Wallace's parishioners at other times. *Boston Globe*, 1-17-54. Cr. Darling, who writes, "Got to keep these backsliders somehow!"

The next four items make a pretty nosegay for taxpayers.

1. The San Francisco *Chronicle*, of noxious memory, printed, 8-23-53, a scare story headed, "Door-to-Door Tax Hunt to Begin Here This Week"—and the story states that "at least 100 agents" would move through the Bay area, concentrating on "small business", asking if tax returns have been filed. The heroes who direct this operation are M.A. Fremming, regional commissioner, and Glen Jamison, director of the Bureau of Internal Revenue, U. S. A.

2. A Post Office employee, Francis Greening, of Sydney, Australia, retired after 51 years in the department. For the past 11 years this nobleman of spirit has refused to accept his pay because "pay-as-you-earn" taxes had been deducted. He has a net of about \$11,200 coming to him. *Boston Globe*, 11-29-53.

3. This comes under the head of—"As the Twig is Bent." Washington (UP). "The Internal Revenue service said today it had sent sample income tax forms to every high school in the country so future taxpayers can get some advance practice." *Delaware (Ohio) Gazette*, 1-2-54.

4. In the col of Celric Adams, Minneapolis *Star*, 2-16-54. An unnamed sucker walked into the Federal Tax Office there and said he had earned about \$1,100 that year, by odd jobs, shovelling snow, raking yards, etc. "I also sold seven pints of blood and made \$700. But I did that to buy food." The authorities found that the man owed the Feds \$28. "I have only two bucks," said he, "but I'll bring in the rest—if it snows soon."

We suggest that the man bottle his blood—all he has left—and send it direct to McCarthy, or to his pal, Cardinal Spellman. The Cardinal was flying (In a plane!—In a plane!) from "Vieana and Frankfurt" (AP) to dine in Brussels with Premier Jean Van Houtte. Engine trouble put him down at Melsbroeck, Belgium, but the United States Air Force provided another plane to get him to the table on time. It is not clear from the AP story whether the first plane was also a USAF taxi for churchmen. Our contrib writes, "who paid us?"

Congressman Charles Iannello is alleged to have sent a telegram to Nathan M. Pusey, president of Harvard, demanding that he suspend two faculty members. The threat was, that if Prex Pusey did not do so, the lawmaker would make a law forcing him to comply. The nature of the Pusey reply is not yet at hand, but YS trusts that the politician was told to mind his own damned business. *Boston American*, 1-18-54.

In Boston no law is required to enforce Catholic whims, and the Attorney General—George Fingold—rules by the power of his threats. "Last night (he) threatened criminal proceedings unless distributors voluntarily recalled issues of a children's comic book picturing Santa Claus as just divorced." *Boston Globe*, 12-20-53.

This is seditious?

A Senator looking for waste in North Africa found an 80-mile "fuel pipeline leading nowhere and \$2,000,000 worth of SURPLUS lumber baking in the sun." *L.A. Examiner*, 1-10-54.

The U. S. Army has all the laws it needs for operations on Guam, apparently. Staff Sergeant Robert

Burns and Private Herman Dennis were—aceto Reuter—hanged at a deserted air force hangar twenty miles from town, “without the island knowing about it—because of fears of disturbances.” Burns and Dennis were accused of “raping and murdering a San Francisco woman in Guam five years ago”—but they died still protesting their innocence. *Liverpool Echo*, 1-28-54.

A resident of Caddo, Okla., called, variously, a cowboy and a cattleman—one fancies the difference lies in gross income—had his mail stopped because he sent out postcards to his friends, inviting those who voted for Eisenhower to attend a picnic and have their “... kicked free.” He went to Washington to fight the case, but his name makes him a sitting duck for conviction. He is called Pink Williams. Hayword (Calif.) *Daily Review*, 11-24-53.

A NANA story from Mexico City alleges that an unnamed judge on a local bench is “moon-mad”. His conduct on the bench is so capricious that—under Luna’s influence—he freed a confessed murderer. *St. Paul Pioneer Press*, 1-3-54.

In Auckland, New Zealand, a chiropractor knocked a constable’s hat off his head with a stick, to get pinched so that he could make a speech from the dock urging the Government “to subsidize chiropractors as it did doctors”. *New Zealand Truth*, 12-2-53, *cr* Guy Powell.

Those fish with feet have been turning up all over the place—too numerous to mention—but here’s a funny twist. The French authorities on Comoro Island in the Indian Ocean have forbidden anyone to fish for them or photograph them, “because” one Dr. Franco Prosperi, member of an Italian zoological expedition took an underwater picture of a live one. Does that make sense? *Daily Mail*, 11-9-53.

A dead lioness was washed up on a beach near Naples, Italy. *London Evening Standard*, 8-25-53 *Cr* Gee

Lamar Thompson of Newton, near Pottsville, Pa., shot something that looks like a rabbit, “except that it has a pair of small horns and four tusks protruding from its mouth.” AP seems to think that *ends* the mystery of a varmint reported locally for some time. Will nearby members take a look, please? *Evening Outlook*, 11-6-53.

A carpet in the home of folk named Barker, Burley Road, Leeds, put out a growth of thin strands—grasslike—5 inches high. Owners pulled the stuff off and submitted it for expert opinion. A new crop began growing—an inch in 48 hours. Five days later the *Yarmouth Evening Post* gave the verdict of a Leeds U. prof, and the Botanical Gardens at Kew. “A very common fungus . . . genus *phycomyces*, species *nitens* . . . most unusual case . . . has a particular liking for coffee grounds . . . We have never had any instance of it growing on a carpet before.” 1-22 and 1-27-54.

In Nimegen, Holland, a man was pinched for “cruelty to animals”. He had eaten a live mouse, to win a bet. (Brit.) *Dispatch*, 1-10-54, *cr* Elsander

Sixteen days later, in Los Angeles, ground was broken for a 9-foot statue of Gen. Douglas Mac Arthur, to be erected in Mac Arthur Park. A telegram from the old soldier was read, “honors me beyond my imagination.” Yea, brother! Redondo Beach, *Daily Breeze*, 1-26-54.

The L.A. *Daily News*, 1-16-54, printed a photo of Ralph McCabe, with a model ship in his hand, and an article about them by Dan Dwiggins. The boat runs by power taken out of the sea water it floats in. Nobody has been able to make that happen before, says McCabe. “because they stuck by the books. I decided to scrap the old rules of electrolosis and see if some new ones wouldn’t apply. When I talked this over with some engineers they laughed at the idea and said it wouldn’t work—but she ran.”

In Central Park, N.Y.C. a fire broke out in an old sycamore tree, in a hole 25 feet above the ground. The newsman quips, “possibly a squirrel was smoking in bed.” 1-10-54, *cr* Mitchell.

From Beloit, Kans., the AP attributes a pasture fire of 700 acres to a flaming owl. *Calgary (Alberta) Herald*, 2-19-54.

The Pope is said to be going to proclaim Pius X. a saint. If he does, we have some delightful cartoons to show you of Pius X, which appeared during his lifetime in comment upon his current activities.

Many members sent in the accounts of the Roman Catholic Church official recognition of the weeping statue of Syracuse, Italy. The “tears” fell August 20 to September 1, and now Cardinal Ernesto Ruffini declares that, “chemical examination had found the tears genuine”.

Genuine what?

Genuine tears?—of a virgin?—of a girl named Mary?—of a saint? What does he mean, *genuine*, and what was the yardstick?

A Frenchman in Entrevaux has a statue of St. Anne which has a broken finger which “bleeds” *genuine* blood, too. The Church hasn’t recognized this one yet, but the question is the same. Genuine Anne blood?—human blood?—pig blood?—statue blood?

Maybe it’s some of the blood that the Minneapolis snow-shoveller gave to pay his taxes.

Not to lag behind the Catholics, the Anglicans of St. John’s, in Winnipeg, Canada, have an organ that “played” for twenty minutes during the sermon of the Very Rev. J. O. Anderson. The instrument was “shut off dead”, nobody was at the keyboard, but the thing “played”—varying through several notes but no known melody”. *Cr* E. S. Anderson, SIC! *Sioux City (Ia.) Journal* 12-15-53, also, Steinberg, N.Y. *Post* and others.

A prof of the U of Michigan, who is also a fellow of the Royal Historical Society of London “and the Guggenheim Memorial Foundation”, knighted with the order of Orange-Nassau by Queen Wilhelmina, for his history of the Netherlands, named Albert Hyma, got his pitcha in the paper when he brought suit against Rev. (Miss) Lillian Lee, a Detroit “spiritualist”.

Voices had taken the savant and his wife for a \$16,400 ride, they say. *Minneapolis Star*, 12-1-53 *cr* Mealy

Still man’s mind works faster than “mechanical brains”—again. This fellow is from the Netherlands too. Wim Klein performed for London mathematicians, calculating without pencil and paper, and coming up with correct answers “nine times faster than an adding machine”. *N.Y. Times*, 8-23-53

In this connection, a tabulating machine at the Walt Disney Studio is mentioned by Matt Weinstock in his col, L.A. *Daily News*, 2-2-54. It makes out



checks, as one of its duties, and does all right until it comes to John E. Walker. Some 900 checks are made out perfectly, but Walker's reads, "1684 5 613259". Engineers couldn't fix it, aceto Weinstock. *Cr M. Smith.*

The congregation of the (godless) First Unitarian Church of L.A., voted against signing a loyalty oath. A Calif. State law requires the signing to free the Church from paying taxes. *Minneapolis Morning Tribune*, 2-23-54.

Speaking of oaths, UP sent this out of Portland, Me., allegedly the work of a seventh-grader asked to write the "pledge to the flag".

"I pledge some legions to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republican witches stand, one nation invisible with libertine justice for off." *Cr Eaton.*

A wealth of material on ballistics is piling up for our big "follow-up" issue, including continued activity on "the missile mile" in England, where more than 100 windshields have been pierced. Here we pause only to tell of a Hudson, Ohio, woman who appears to be death on the glass in the family car, and all she has to do to break it is sit down in the driver's seat. At least, that's *her* story. She is Mrs. Eva Wilkinson, and her picture, with shattered glass, appeared in the *Cleveland Press*, 8-25-53. Once it was the windshield that split, for no good reason, and once the rear window.

Pyrotecs also continue to come in at about the normal rate, but few have the distinctly Fortean touch of this one from MFS Lloyd W. Kennedy. Man, 58, dead in a burned bathrobe. Burns insufficient to kill him, and *nothing in the room was burned*, said the fire marshall. *Chicago Daily News*, 12-9-53.

## TWO-HEADED ATOMS

Apparently the series started in Wuerzburg, Germany, with the birth of a two-headed male about Oct. 22nd. They tried to keep it quiet. Prof. Julius Stroeder, head of the U clinic refused to discuss it, 1-22-54, but the creature was then said to be "three months old". It has 2 heads, 2 hearts, 1 intestinal tract, 4 arms, 2 legs.

The second similar creature was born Dec. 12, to residents of either Petersburg or Washington, Ind. It may have been born in an Indianapolis hospital. It also is a male, with 2 heads, 4 arms, 2 stomachs, the intestines join below the stomachs, two spinal columns, 1 heart, number of legs is not mentioned, apparently only 2.

Two days later, Dec. 14, a two-headed female creature was born at Belo Horizonte, 215 miles from Rio in Brazil. It had 2 heads, 4 arms, 3 legs, 2 hearts, 4 lungs, "a single torso".

Oddly, the *Dispatch* (Brit), 12-27-23, states: "three pairs of Siamese twins have been born since Boko came into the news—all of them have died."

If the above three creatures are those referred to, the statement is false, because at least Germany and Indiana were still alive on 1-22-54, and to the best of our knowledge all three are still alive 3-7-23 FS, which is the date of writing.

Nonetheless, this *Dispatch* piece is the one headed, "Atoms Again?"—and it goes on to say, "there is a theory that the mothers of these freak children may have come into contact with radio-active matter."

Naturally, no such suggestion is made in the freeprez of the U.S.A. On Jan. 9, AP sent out of Washington the information that Dr. Herman Yagoda, Bethesda, tentatively outlined the course of a radio-active particle from a bomb explosion. It could have been eaten by a grazing cow in India, got into the cow's bones, passed into gelatin made from the bones, into photo emulsion made in Britain, shipped to U.S., flown up 110,000 feet in a Navy research balloon, finally showed up under Dr. Yagoda's microscope when he studied the photos.

The only element in that chain of events which Dr. Y is not sure of, is where the cow was grazing. *India* was suggested by somebody else.

Under "Russell's Best" in this issue, see note about atomic effect on turtles.

But a great deterrent to these admissions arises in the suits filed in Japan, 1-9-54, by a group of attorneys headed by Maoichi Ikamato. They are demanding \$2,777 a head for every person killed at Hiroshima and Nagasaki, with smaller bounties for the injured.

The briefs state that the attacks were "wanton, irresponsible, and admittedly terrorist, and brutally designed to wreak the most barbarous death and suffering on civilians, women and children."

Oh-ho, say, can you see, by the dawn's early light!

## RUSSELL'S BEST

Eric likes this verse from Burton's version of the *Kasiduh*, and asks us to set it in letters of gold on a page by itself, but we see that our contemporary, the *Liberal* of Philadelphia has printed the first half of it in its past December issue, and so we merely concur, that it is Fortean and noble, which is redundant.

Do what thy manhood bids thee do,  
from none but self expect applause;  
He noblest lives and noblest dies who  
makes and keeps his self-made laws.  
All other Life is living Death, a world  
where none but Phantoms dwell,  
A breath, a wind, a sound, a voice, a  
tinkling of the camel-bell.

Of Russell's data, these are wriest:

Turtles on the Monte Bello Islands are having bigger families and more often since the first British atomic explosion a year ago . . . "scientists believe that atomic radiation could have a direct bearing on the increased fertility in marine life there." *Daily Express*, 11-18-53. Anybody seen any two headed turtles?

Captain W.N. Saxby, Royal Engineers, returned to Freemantle, Australia, from Montebello Islands. "He smiled when told it had been reported the explosion probably stimulated the fertility of turtles." *L. Echo*, 11-20-53. Are you sure he didn't laugh?

A stonemason and fisherman, Kriston Soendergaard, 80, of Glyngøere, Denmark, refuses to acknowledge any change in world economics since 1890. He does his work and sells his fish for 1890 prices. In return, the local tradesmen supply and serve him on the same basis. *L. Echo*, 11-17-53

Mail-carriers of Singapore refused to wear a new uniform with a broad red stripe down the pants, saying the costume was more suitable for circus clowns. *L. Echo*, 10-19-53

Internationale! We, in N.Y.C., take this from the *Liverpool Echo*. Reuter got it in Chicago. Mr. Denver Wright of St. Louis, took photos of South American Indians on the upper Amazon for the Bible Institute of Los Angeles. 8000 feet of color-film was held by the Eastman Kodak Co., Rochester, N. Y. since 1951 old style, as probably unmailable under obscenity law. Action by the Bible Institute in Federal Court got them their film. The Indians were naked.

John Reid, lecturing at U of Auckland, New Zealand, after a tour of U.S.A., described television as "the eighth horror of the world"—called American programmes "moronic" *L. Echo*, 12-30-53

In Milton Malbay, County Clare, Ireland, Ellen Looney, called "Grannie", mother of Sergeant Mike Looney of the N.Y. Police Department, turned down a trip to Hollywood to appear on "Truth or Consequences". The trip is worth about \$1800. Grannie is 80. She would have "met" her son on the show. She saw him last in 1926. *Daily Express*, 11-18-53. Probably a family spat, eh?

The South African Bureau of Standards is testing if "plastic" false teeth can be dissolved by whisky. A drinker of Johannesburg says his were. He swallowed most of them. *L. Echo*, 11-28-53

In Rome a title is at issue in the courts. Two men have been at suit for more than a year for the exclusive right to be known as "Wizard of Naples". One is "electric-fingered" Achille d'Angelo, the other, "hypnotic-eyed" Luigi d'Oriano. *L. Echo*, 1-13-54

A pure-food bill is at long last being deated in the British Parliament. It is having hard sledding because one clause empowers the Ministers of Food and Health to regulate the ADDITION of any substance (such as chalk or fluorine) that they might care to put into what people eat. *Observer*, 1-24-54

In debating the above point in the House of Lords, Lord Webb-Johnson, Past President of the Royal College of Surgeons called Lord Douglas of Barloch, a Socialist ex-Governor of Malta, a "fanatic". *Daily Telegraph*, 1-28-54, *cr* Hibbert.

Pork was the villain last November. The cases of trichinosis mounted to 90 in and near Liverpool. A scheme to vaccinate pigs with crystal violet vaccine—"at standard fees"—was introduced in Parliament.

Still, "pigs from Melton Mowbray, Leicestershire, famous for its pork pies, have been refused by a bacon factory because their fat was coloured pink." *Daily Express*, 2-1-54.

Bilge about Palomar piles up for another issue, but this is too sweet to keep. The *Manchester Guardian*—of all publications—printed a photo of spiral nebula, Messier 81, looking as well as usual, seen by the White Elephant. The caption finished—"The use of this telescope has enabled the distance to the nebula to be recalculated."

There's progress!

The superiority of British television was clearly established 1-13-54, when BBC put Jupiter on the air. It appeared "as a whitish oval about a third the width of the screen" . . . Said the commentator, "The image is waving about a little, due to strong winds causing the telescope to oscillate slightly."

He also explained that two dark bars, dimly visible running across the planet, were not on the planet itself but were caused by atmospheric.

Unexplained lights in the sky—now grouped for the next saucer run—continue to call out coast-guard life-boats off England. Six men drowned in such a false alarm, off Arbroath, 10-27-53

Also coming up, more data on that endless hum or whine heard in Britain. Nobody has cracked it yet.

The climbing of Everest has caused a perfect rash of Abom-snowman stories.

MFS Fraser of Marlow, Bucks, sends a piece from the *Daily Express* 2-15-54. At Shanklin, Isle of Wight, low tide, tracks of a four-footed thing which had left the water, made a semi-circle—50-yards—and disappeared out to sea again. Wights in the *Express* office guessed "(a) that a ship's Captain had been exercising his horse, or (b) two deep-sea divers had taken the wrong turning from Gosport."

The *Echo*—or Reuter, for them—sensationalized the yarn of the Springfield, Mo., snakes. In reporting the tenth one—10-26-53—the snakes are called "hooded cobras", a very dangerous poisonous reptile. In U.S.A. accounts by the always conservative and accurate UP, the snakes are called "boa constrictors"—non-poisonous and not very dangerous. A UP photo 12-3-53, of snake number 13, is a photo of a dead boa, shot by big brave policemen. *Cr* Clayton



It occurs to YS that some people will not agree that boas are relatively harmless snakes, so he dug up this shot of himself and a pet which he donated to the Bronx Zoo in May, 1930 AD. True, the pet was not a boa but a python, but the two are cousin constrictors and cannot harm anybody who is awake, able-bodied and not terrified by them. His name was Hissin-fabern-dlungi. He is dead.



## MITCHELL'S BEST

The *Times* thought this was fit to print, although we have been told ten thousand times that the U.S.A. does not use germs in warfare:

"AP—Feb. 5. The Defense Department's effort to induce a private chemical company to operate the military's three main germ warfare plants has failed. . . . the Mathieson Chemical Corporation. . . . has decided against taking a contract. . . . The effort to interest a company in running the bacteriological warfare laboratories . . . was part of Secretary of Defense Charles E. Wilson's program to get more participation of business in certain fields of national defense that customarily are operated by the military itself . . . informed persons said the two main reasons for private industry's reluctance were the administrative and business problems involved, and the mass destruction the weapon would create."

Mitchell heads the next one, "LEND-LEASE".

In 1949, accto UP in the *Times* of Dec. 15, two Congressmen visiting Spain were robbed. On Dec. 14, 1953, two men alleged to be the robbers were sentenced to long prison terms and "ordered to repay about \$4,510." Anybody know what took the Spanish cops and courts so long to operate?

The *Times*, 2-1-54, from Clearwater, Fla. An unnamed nurse tried to inject a patient with a hypodermic needle. The patient bit her. Later the patient died. The nurse sued the heirs.

*Ibid*, 11-6-53, Binghamton, N.Y. In City Hospital there, a surgeon unnamed, tells the nurses and operating room staff the price of each instrument, instead of the name of it. In operating, then, he calls out the price of the instrument he wants next. The help can't remember the names, but they never forget, "sixty-seven fifty"—"twenty-eight seventy-five" and so on.

A German law against vivisection, which bans "all use of animals in medical school teaching and in the training of surgeons" was signed by Hitler in 1933 and is still in effect. *Times* 10-28-53.

Alfred Holt of Baltimore has filed suit against the Government because, he states, they confiscated 280 acres of his land near Waynesboro, Pa., and offered only \$28,000 for it. He wants more. The land is allegedly the site of an "underground Pentagon". Whether this is the same one mentioned in DOUBT before, or a different one, the same taxpayers are footing the bill. Hyah, Sucker! *Times*, 9-11-53.

Accto E. L. Kilby, Commissioner of the Public Debt, speaking of the \$25 Bonds of the E series, says that 52 per cent of all sold in one calendar year are cashed in by June 30 of the following year. *Times*, 2-16-54.

In Houston, Texas, a "community project" has developed a "new medical machine (that) checks and records nine body functions" simultaneously, whilst it is also detecting brain complications, and it can "tell a doctor whether his patient needs artificial respiration". Mitchell slugs it, "PUT IN ANOTHER NICKEL". *Newsday*, 11-18-53.

From Rouen, France, thieves allegedly stole "50 square yards of freshly laid pavement." *INS*, 11-28-53.

In the night (Tues.-Wed.) before 11-19-53 old

style, headstones were overturned in 3 Brooklyn cemeteries. Damage estimated at \$25,000, attributed to "vandals". Then it was remembered that headstones had been overturned in still another cemetery on Nov. 14. Of the 4 sites, 2 were Jewish, 1 non-sectarian, and 1 Dutch Reformed Church. *Times*.

*Newsday*, 11-20-53, contains a letter from a reader in Freeport, stating that a 5th grade class of public school children was forbidden to have a Christmas party because the tots had not responded one hundred per cent to the Junior Red Cross drive.

One of the Congressmen from that district had at his disposal two appointments to West Point and two to Annapolis, valued at from \$40,000 to \$50,000 each. Usually at least 40 applicants for the places is "normal". Only 13 had been received by 11-20-53, and the Solon gave *Newsday* the story to spur the fighting spirit.

Nevertheless, the same paper reported, 2-3-54, that the local supervisor of Civil Defense was disturbed by "lack of participation of the townspeople" of the district.

One Dr. M.W.D. Jeffreys of the University of Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, South Africa, puts forward the theory that Negroes crossed the Atlantic to Mexico or South America as early as 900 A.D. *Times* cites the current (British) *Nature*. The story makes no specific claims for originality, but no prior exponent of this notion is mentioned, so YS takes this means to call Dr. Jeffreys' attention to a work in 4 vols., published as long ago as 1922, by one Leo Wiener, then Professor of Slavic languages and literatures, Harvard. The title—*Africa and the Discovery of America*.

*Times*, 11-28-53. That Theodore F. Powys, the brother of one of our Founders, died at Sturminster, England. The youngest of the brothers, Llewellyn, died in 1939. Our Fortean colleague—John Cowper Powys—is the eldest, and at *ae* 81 he has just released a new book.

The title is—IN SPITE OF—and the book appears to be a rather personal communication of the author's working philosophy to certain of his young kinsmen. Other readers are invited to imbibe the essences as they flow. From the Society, \$5.00.

Mitchell also sends the *Times* report of a scarcity of snowy owls in these parts this year. C.K. Nichols of the National Audubon Society is quoted as suggesting that this may mean that the lemmings did not commit suicide this year, altho this was expected to be a great year for that, as cycles go.

In this connection, we have a letter from a member—mis-laid at the mo—who told a lemming that we humans could not understand why they committed suicide in droves, and the lemming came back, "We can't understand why you humans don't!"

Mitchell gave us good coverage on the Piltdown bust, and any number of others sent special material not on the news wires. Cr Bump, Russell, Graham, Gee, Hibbert, Clayton, Trupp—and others. The line we like is near the end of George Sokolsky's col of 12-1-53 old style.

Now that the Piltdown Man is no longer an ancestor, I think I shall return to the theologians—

So-long, George.

Almost all the writers on the Piltdown subject enjoyed a big horse-laugh at Science for being "fooled", never realizing that their relish for this "exposure" is and must be based upon complete Faith in the Great God Chemical Analysis. Folks is funny monkeys.

The "exposure" must have caused a lot of curators to inventory their fossils. One at Sydney, Australia, the mining museum there, reports that a fossil insect it has treasured 40 years as an extinct variety is "a common gum tree insect"—a grasshopper. This one was supposed to have come embedded in a chunk of selenite—gypsum rock—found in the depths of a copper mine. *Cr Russell, L. Echo, 12-4-53*

Laugh or not, that's interesting, because if the grasshopper was as common when the selenite was formed as it is today, that's corroboration for the boys who say that NO evidence of insect evolution ever has been found.

Back to Mitchell: *Times* 9-29-23 cites the Canadian Press, from Liverpool, Eng. The following is the story as printed in its entirety.

"An egg, found in the Gobi Desert and estimated to be 40,000,000 years old, was taken out of its museum strong room here for a scientific conference. The six-inch pear-shaped egg, with a dull leaden-gray shell, is believed to be the only dinosaur egg in Europe."

Still another "authority" has again denounced as a fraud, the so-called "Kensington rune stone" from Douglas County, Minn. This voice is that of Dr. Erik Wahlgren, California V. *Cr Russell.*

*People* (Brit.) 3-1-53, advises its readers that wheat grains dug out of Egyptian tombs and "alleged to have been grown successfully after a lapse of thousands of years" probably did not do it. The *life* of the grain, "is rarely more than 10 years, say the scientists."

On the other hand, the *London Times*, 7-3-52, credited the National Capital Parks Service, Washington, D.C. with producing a "healthy pink bloom from a lotus seed" found in geological deposits in Manchuria . . . estimated to be tens of thousands of years old." *Cr non-member Graham.*

The perennial Wolf-boy comes in again, called a 9-year-old, at Lucknow, India. *Cr many members.*

At midnight mass, Christmas last, in Temoaya, Mexico, 23 children, women and men, were trampled to death when a short-circuit blew out the electric lights. The next day the priest had to be protected from the survivors by a police escort.

On the 12th of December, the crowd at the shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Mexico City, killed one and injured 250. Also, a baby was born to a woman in the crowd. *INS. Cr Darling*

Prof. Fritz Zwicky, whose name is familiar, but YS can't remember why, has written to practically every government in the world seeking permission to go up in a balloon and shoot a gun of his invention at the moon. The U.S.A. refused to let him. Others have not answered. Translated by Mitchell from the German of the *Zeitung, Braunschweig, Germany, 1-6-54.*

The tide—three feet above "normal"—along Long Island shores, 10-24-53, caused Mitchell to ask if the waters of the world were similarly high, as they "shoud" be, theoretically, at Lunar Perigee.

So far, only Boston has been heard from. Boston checks with theory. *Cr Darling.*

Some other accounts of high water came in this mail, however, all from non-member Graham:

Sept. 16, 1950 old style. (Perigee) The Thames rose 22 feet 9 inches.

Jan. 16, 1951 old style. A wave 35 feet high struck a ship in the Atlantic, killing two sailors. No names. Inquest at Falmouth, England.

Aug. 23, 1953 old style. In the Irish Sea, between Liverpool and Isle of Man, a 20-foot wave struck Mona's Queen, sending 23 to the hospital.

Sept. 25, 1953 (Thurs. before). At St. Malo, France, a "surprise" tide swamped some rocks, drowning two fishermen.



## FS EXPOSED

A certain literal-minded and otherwise obtuse type often protests that it does not understand what FS or YS is and are getting at. With what patience we find available at that given moment, we explain that the object is to MAKE people think without telling them WHAT to think. Sometimes we go so far as to say that "thinking" cannot be taught, it can only be induced, and we try to induce it.

The reason for this note is that, around town lately have appeared some printed wall-mottos which exemplify the Fortean Society method. These examples demonstrate how the Fortean system actually works.

These mottos are lampoons of such asinine ones as are put up by International Business Machines and Railway Express Agency and other octopi, who take themselves and their mottos seriously.

You have seen the serious legend—

## THINK

on walls, desks, machines, *et al.* You have also seen the command—

## SMILE

Now, never in ten thousand years could the first sign cause anybody to think, and only very rarely has the second one made anyone smile. But some smart boy has given those signs a goose that does the trick. He has given them the Fortean treatment, and gets results.

You can hardly keep your face straight when you see a sign on a man's desk reading—

## S N I L E

and I defy you to keep the wheels in your head  
from going around when you read—

## T H N I K

There, in two words, is what Charles Fort, his  
books, the Society and YS have been doing all these  
years.





## FLUORINE LOSING

Keep up the good work! Your opposition to mass-doping through the medication of "city water" is taking effect. Our statistics are very scrappy, but enormously salubrious. Not only are civic groups standing up and stopping the fluorine peddlers from coming into threatened districts but, in towns and states where the water-poisoners have previously got in, they are being thrown out.

From the House of Lords in London to the aboriginal wilds of Marshall, Texas, the subject is being debated, and fought in courts.

Members in Philadelphia and Cleveland will do themselves a favor by joining the organized opposition to the menace in their cities.

In the states of Washington, Oregon and North Dakota, cases testing the constitutionality of the mass-medication were pending before their Supreme Courts as of Jan. 3, 1954 old style.

If you need ammunition to fight fluoridization locally, write to Dr. Leo Spira, 344 West 72nd Street, New York City.

Chemicals put in swimming pools to purify the water, Mildura, Australia, turned blondes into green-heads, "and they stay like that for days." Calgary (Alberta) *Herald*, 1-26-54, Cr Millar

When an 11-week-old baby turned blue at Badwell Ash, Suffolk, the medico blamed it on "nitrates" in the well water. Observe the name of the town. *Daily Mail*, 12-14-53

Cr Collander, Russell, Mitchell, Darling, Mealy, Bonavia, Whiteside, Hibbert, Bonavia, F. McMahon, Darling, Hehr, Borden, Steinberg, E.S. Anderson, Millar, M.L. Wilson, Clayton, Boulton, Elsander, G. Lee, Gee, Fraser, Evans, Gallant, Parr, Bump, Emison, E. Mongan, Ruble, D. Brown, Jessup,—and keep the data coming.

## FALLS (?)

A "bright, electric blue residue" was left over "the factory district" of Elizabeth, N.J., the Tuesday before 12-23-53, from "a night smog (which had) cleared by mid-morning".

"Mysterious soot covered" San Leandro, Calif., descended in a cloud about 6 a.m. the Monday before 11-2-53.

Newcastle, England, is fighting for control of local factories to keep ashes off the heads of the citizens, but not all the substances which descend there are traceable to those sources. The *Evening Chronicle*, 10-11-53, stated that 1,712 tons of ash

had fallen there in the previous year, together with 24 tons of tar, 554 tons of "other combustibles", 1,354 tons of "soluble matter" which included 336 tons of sulphates, 216 tons of chlorine, and 135 tons of lime. The method of weighing is not described.

The "mysterious grey dust" which has been mentioned in DOUBT before, continued to fall on Newcastle and remained unidentified 12-7-53. Cr Elsander.

Smog examined at Harvard shows the presence of "sulphur dioxide and sulphuric acid in lethal quantities". L. *Echo*, 1-23-54, Cr Russell.

Five holes—several a foot wide—were made in a roof of a dwelling in Palmers Green, London, "last night". No one was hurt, but tiles were scattered over the road and garden, some came down inside the house. Gladys Gregory, in the kitchen, said, "It sounded like a bomb. I think it was something that fell off a plane." Nothing whatever was found in the way of a missile. *Daily Herald*, 10-20-53, Cr Elsander.

The Mau Mau in the Aberdore forest and around Mount Kenya know what fell on them, however. "Seventeen bombs of 500 and 1000 pounds" were dropped by Royal Air Force bombers, 11-9-53, acco Reuters, who calls the mission "experimental". The British are trying to find out if a 1000 pound bomb will kill a Mau Mau. Anybody like to make book?

Minnows were found in the water of a cooling apparatus atop the Oklahoma Gas & Electric Co., Oklahoma City, 10-5-53.



Dead fish found on the streets of Redondo, Calif. a mile and a half from the sea, after "near-flood conditions" following heavy rains, 1-26-54. A cop "surmized that the hundreds of dead fish . . . had fallen or been thrown from a truck."

The N.Y. *Times* credits "the Pan American Union" with the allegation that in Yoro, Honduras, sardines, "rarely more than three or four inches long" fall "one day each year, when the rainy season begins". Drawn up by waterspouts, say "the Scientists". 12-10-53.

MFS Dave Kelley, now in Mexico with an archaeological expedition writes—in a letter which we hope to find room for—that one native assistant who owns a ranch near Tamaulipas, Mexico, claims "that two years do not pass without a fall of fish" on his ranch, and "sometimes they fall more than once in a single year."

More of that radar-jamming tinfoil fell "on the greater Kansas City area" 12-10-53. It fell on power lines and caused power failures. Nearest air-fields disclaimed any knowledge of it. Sioux City (Iowa) *Journal-Tribune*.

## "HIDEOUS HAIRIES"

On New Year's Eve, Radio Malaya started it. Long-haired, fanged giants, males and females both mustachioed, first seen Christmas day, scaring people, and laughing when they ran away.

Tony Beamish, a radio man took upon himself to assert that the creatures were "unknown to science" and "one of the most valuable anthropoidal discoveries for years." Sounds more like a Texan than a Britisher, wot?

On New Year's Day, the "tribe" was reduced to "three". Somebody suggested that the jungle dwellers had been frightened out of their homes by bombing of the area by the civilized folk now infesting the neighborhood.

The *Daily Mail* named them "hideous hairies", 1-2-54. They had been seen again. "Appeared friendly." the police went after them.

Jan. 3rd. "Fair complexions" is added to the description.

Jan. 4th, two "scientists" interviewed local residents. Mr. R.O.D. Noone, called an anthropologist, and Mr. G.D.G. Siebeking, called just that. Soldiers now looking too.

Jan. 5th. The name is now, Sieveking, he is "Director of Museums" and he says these babies were reported in 1937.

Jan. 15th. No sign of the hairies, but a strange beast like a boar or a bear found. Refused to eat, slept a lot.

Jan. 19th. Vernon Bartlett, sent down by the *News Chronicle* brought back tales of a gigantic serpent in nearby Lake Bera. He did not see anything.



## YOU MUST READ . . .

*Press Agents of the Pentagon*, by John M. Swomley, Jr. Send 35 cents for one copy, or \$1.00 for three, to the National Council Against Conscription, 1013 Eighteenth Street, N.W., Washington 6, D.C.

Please do this. It will help to clarify where the "saucer" stories originate, and explain such phenomena as Kehoe.

## NEW BACONIANA

A brand new and very curious addition to the *Shakspeare-Bacon-or-Whom?* controversy comes out of the sea near Nova Scotia. That's where Oak Island is, and Oak Island has been the scene of buried treasure hunts since 1795. Captain Kidd may have drawn the map, and Bacon's "lost" manuscripts may have been buried there.

MFS Thomas P. Leary of Nebraska set the type of this book, and printed and bound the book by hand. Many illustrations, photos and diagrams.

*The Oak Island Enigma*, by Thomas P. Leary. Cloth-bound. Limited edition of 100 copies. From the Society, \$3.00

In this connection, Calvin Hoffman went to Denmark last November, looking for data to prove his theory that the plays of Shakspeare were authored by Christopher Marlowe. *Cf* Mitchell.



## DEAD HEAT

Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas, Dr. Robert Lindner and Albert Einstein were so closely grouped in the correspondence on the subject of Named Fellow for the year 23 FS that we should name all three. Any objections?

## VALE MILLIKAN

Dr. Robert A. Millikan, for many years one of the pillars of orthodox physics, died 13-21-23 FS, at the age of 85.

## THE ENCLOSURE

The Proclamation enclosed with this issue is self explanatory.

At press time, Philip Isely, editor of *Our Planet*, writes that Caresse Crosby is a candidate for delegate to the next Peoples World Convention.

The Greek Council of State (Supreme Court) decreed against the Mondialization of the footprint at Delphi, and MFS Crosby is now editing an English translation of the multi-lingual story of the effort.

The set-back has not stopped Caresse. Fortean World Citizens will do well to give her their support through PWC.

## MEMENTO OF THE MANNEKEN

The most famous citizen of Brussels, Belgium, is the subject of a handsome monograph in the French language by MFS Marc Lanval. We obtained a few copies of this illustrated booklet to use for awards, as in Naming Fellows, and so on. This—in turn—led to a friendly greeting for DOUBT and Forteanism in the State Museum at Brussels, where all the mementos of the Manneken-Pis are treasured.

Copies of M. Lanval's book, illustrated in two colors, are available to members, temporarily, for \$1.00 each. (In French, of course.)

## PSYCHIC NOMENCLATURE

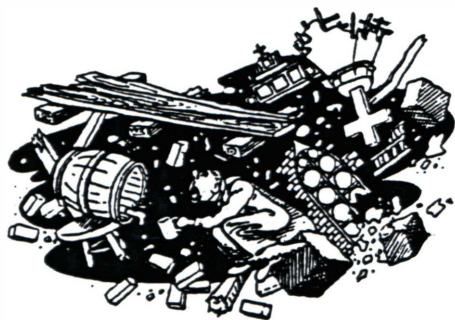
Not for many years has YS read such a solid contribution to the vocabulary of psychic phenomena as is presented by James Baker, Jr., in—especially—the second volume listed below. Actually, in the reading, I burst out laughing half a dozen times at the cunning twists this man gives composite words and coinages of his own, to describe states of mind, matter and less concrete concepts.

I thought he must be kidding, and wrote to him, lightly. He has not replied, and so I conclude that he takes this matter seriously.

Whether or no, the statement stands. The author of these pamphlets has gone far toward giving psychics, mediums, occultists, sensitives, and so on, a language they can speak to each other, and even in the hearing of Scientists—almost without fear of contradiction. That is the beauty of it. Using Baker's terms, you can't carp at his assertions or call his bona fides into doubt.

Each of these three titles is \$1.50. They are in paper covers, and no bargain as books, *per se*. Only for those specifically interested in making a "science" of "psychic manifestations"—or for semanticists.

1. The Metaphysical Organs of Man / a Theoretical Interpretation of the General Body of Psychic Phenomena. 30 pages.
2. An Introduction to the Principles and Practice of Pneumatology / A Suitable Scientific Nomenclature Descriptive of Phases and Incidents that occur in Astral Projection. 24 pages.  
(The one above is my favorite.)
3. The Exteriorization of the Mental Body / A Scientific Interpretation of the Out-of-the-Body Experience Known as Pneumakinesis. 32 pages.



### SHAKES

The quake and volcano reports this session hold a better than usual number of Fortean quirks.

As an aftermath of the Greek quakes, Prof. Angelo Galanopoulos, predicted more of the same, but not for 40 years. AP, 8-27-53

A hole 20 feet deep "appeared" in Market Street, Lewes, England. *Daily Mail*, 9-9-53.

Folk who went through it, around Sinking Springs, Pa., near Reading, pretty unanimously called the phenomena a series of "explosions", beginning before 3 A.M., 1-7-54. The shaking seemed incidental to them, but seismographs recorded it as a quake. Matthew I. Peacock of the Weather Bureau said that "tremors could have been caused by the explosion of a pocket of gas far underground."

A big one at L.A., 1-12-54, started a house in Long Beach swaying in rhythm with the quake. The big, two story house continued to sway and rock for an hour after the earthquake had ended, finally dancing off its foundation and settling down—a total loss—eighteen inches off its foundation. *Cr G. Lee*.

Same area, four days later, described by MFS Goldstein: "A heavy rainstorm, of torrential proportions at times, with thunder and lightening (a bolt struck the tower of City Hall) and some hail. About an hour and a half after the rain stopped, the earth tremor."

Violent storms in England and Germany killed people the same day.

Feb. 5th, seismographs at Cal. Tech. indicated a quake in the Imperial Valley, but nobody there had felt anything. *Philadelphia Daily News*, 2-5-54, or Borden

In Massachusetts and Connecticut 2-13-54, householders felt a quake which seismographs missed. The next day, Dr. L. Don Lee, Harvard, "solved" the mystery. Frost had cracked the ground, he said.

In the shaking of Wilkes-Barre, Pa., where two series of tremors in three days scared everybody, nothing of the kind ever occurred there before. It is a coal mining area, and "underground explosions" were reported at the time by some observers. "An official of Glen Alden Coal said the tremors had no connection with the mines." *N.Y. Times*, 2-23-54.

"By coincidence, similar earth movements rocked Allentown, 76 miles to the south, several hours earlier. Allentown has no coal workings under the city." *Newsday*, 2-24-54.



### MARKHAM WRITES

Denver, August 22, 1953 old style

In DOUBT (notes of Fort) you called particular attention to the phenomenon of apparently foreign black objects in the crater of Copernicus, on the moon.

In the past few days, while working with the notion of a Jovian periodicity in connection with some, at least, of the alien objects that keep turning up, I returned to the Copernican phenomenon and found something pretty strongly suggestive of ACTUAL relationship between it and another case of a black object seen in that particular crater.

First, I'll show you the peculiarities I once found in connection, then later, the new development.



The two incidents occurred January 13, 1851 and March 30, 1889. These dates are 13,956 days apart. 13,956 days are nearly equal to:

- 1) 18 synodic periods of Mars (14,015.180 days)
- 2) 24 synodic periods of Venus (14,038.848 days)
- 3) 35 synodic periods of Jupiter (13,960.940 days)
- 4) 2 lunar cycles (13,879.100 days)

You will note that the Copernicus phenomena, as well as showing coincidental relationships with the moon, Mars, and Venus, show by far the strongest coincidental timing with reference to Jupiter.

Well, Jupiter was in aphelion 2-6-1851 and in aphelion again 9-7-1886. Since earth passes the longitude of Jupiter's aphelion around April 4th, this enabled me to find some rough approximation to the angular separation between the positions of Earth and Jupiter at times of the two Copernicus phenomena. Taking the rockery postulate of a 997 day trip either to or from Jupiter on a so-called conventional, or natural, or elliptic orbit, I worked out the angular distances and times involved, and arrived at a result which adds further coincidence to the already overloaded total.

At the time of Copernicus I, Jupiter was about 80 degrees ahead of the earth. It was about 83 degrees ahead of the earth in the time of Copernicus II.

As nearly as I could determine by extremely crude method, both the Copernican appearances were seen at or around times for 997-day-orbit departures for Jupiter.

I learned that elliptical and hyperbolic orbit arrivals and departures here, from and to Jupiter, form a bracket.

Here is an example.

These are the results of my crude calculations and probably represent only an average condition, if that.

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|------------------------------|---------------|
| 1) Elliptical orbit arrival  | June 25, 1850 |
| 2) Hyperbolic orbit arrival  | Aug. 25, 1850 |
| 3) Hyperbolic orbit take-off | Oct. 20, 1850 |
| 4) Elliptical orbit take-off | Jan. 8, 1851. |

From 1 to 2 — 61 days

From 2 to 3 — 56 days

From 3 to 4 — 80 days.

My table, which I made up on this basis, is a poor one for use in comparison of data since the synodic period of Jupiter yaws around quite a bit, back and forth. But it should be close enough to reveal something—and here are some of the suggestables that have been noted so far:

- 1) The three data I took to be suggestive of titans, which were seen May 11, 14 and 27, 1952, occur during the overall limits of the times from elliptical arrival to departure of Jupiterene, or Jovian voyageurs.
- 2) "Howe", like the phenomenon seen by Professor Auber (Poey) in 1836 (5-15) and in 1886 (8-3), tend to be found during such Jovean visitation periods.

Ice-falls, where sheet-ice, chunks, etc., are mentioned, show relationship.

The Sedbergh-Kiel phenomena ("red rainbows" in the south) "began", e.g., the first "red rainbow" was seen, on July 1, 1898. By the table, 7-7-1898 was an elliptical orbit arrival time.

Similarly—a luminous red arch in the sky, seen at 600 pm, 11-12-1837, hence, time like the Sedbergh-Kiel phenomena, that occurred just after sunset

(in summer), was observed in the (table) time around an elliptical orbit departure.

But the most startling, and perhaps apropos, bit of lore that seems to match, in more particulars than one, with this periodicity and general idea, is the one about the bugs that fell at Pokroff, Russia. I repeat the datum—which appeared in DOUBT—for your briefing:

1827, October 17: At Pokroff, Russia, "a prodigious quantity of worms of a black color, ringed and in length  $3/4$  of a vershok." "They had on each side three feet by means of which they appeared to crawl very fast upon the snow." Body from head one third down looked like black velvet. *In a vessel filled with snow several lived 9 days although the thermometer 8 degrees below zero.* Those carried to a warm place soon died.

On earth there are no such insects as that, it appears quite safe to say. I studied some zoology, once, in a junior college, at Brownsville, Texas, and to the best of my recollection there are NO bugs who fail to get torpid when the weather gets cold. That is, there aren't any on earth.

When I saw that datum the first time it struck me as being one of the most forceful I'd yet seen, and I wrote it up in a notebook. Those insects had to come from somewhere, as certainly as living beings appear invariably to be the progeny of countless billions of generations of earlier forms relatable to them. But WHERE? Some colder place. There ought to be colder places than earth, if the astronomers are correct in their assumptions. Any of the outer planets. . . .

So lo and behold, what do I find now but that October 17, 1827, the date of the Pokroff monstrosities, lies between 9-11-1827 (hyperbolic arrival) and 11-6-1827, time of hyperbolic departure.

Joveans, pestered, belike, by bugs native to their planet, and which had pullulated threateningly during the 311 days it took their ultravelocity craft to get here, decided, soft-hearted people, to kick them off into Russia (it was winter and they'd live a while longer in any case) and swept them out of a hatch.

We are in, at this present time, one of the Jovian visitation periods and it ought to end in September (my crude figure gives the 8th Sept.) Began, around February 23, 1953. Hyperbolic arrival around April 27, 1953; Hyperbolic departure about June 22, 1953.



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# MORE NOTES of CHARLES FORT

The material on this page and those following comes from the MSS notes of Charles Fort. The notes begin with the year 1800 AD, and we are printing them chronologically, transcribed to the best of our ability. As you have observed from the several we have reproduced in facsimile — life size — the handwriting is difficult, to say the least; many are written in symbols and code, a personal shorthand. Each date is on a separate scrap of paper. They fill 32 boxes. The boxes are in two series, one numbered, one identified by letters of the alphabet. The numbered boxes contain records of non-human phenomena, the others, records of persons. It is our device to alternate the two series so that the printed record is chronologically consecutive.

The letters BA refer to Reports of the British Association for the Advancement of Science, which many US libraries have. The numerals, such as '11 or '64 etc., in connection with BA sometimes refer to volume number, sometimes to year. In applying for this material at your public library, mention that to the attendant and you should have no difficulty.

Back numbers of DOUBT contain all the notes to the point where we begin below. Subsequent issues will continue them until the 32 boxes are printed.

## 1867 Box 3 (Continued)

- May 9 In Symons' Met Mag. 2-59, a correspondent writes that, upon May 9, 1867, a large quantity of "berries" had fallen from the sky. It seems to me that nothing can be said except that they were wooden objects, and that this writer called them "berries" in sheer helplessness and unfamiliarity. His description is of objects like small oranges, half an inch in diameter, but made of a substance like hard, dark-brown wood, slightly aromatic. There is a letter from another correspondent, who says that these objects fell in a rain storm, in great quantities in Dublin, falling on both sides of the river. Someone else sent some of them to the Editor, who writes that they were simply hazelnuts that, for centuries, had been preserved in a bog. One expects him to go and say that a whirlwind had chanced upon and had especially selected a hoard of thousands of hazelnuts out of a bog. However, this time, he says that he cannot explain.
- 7 Cor who writes to Symons Met Mag 2/59 says, dated June 1st "I have been given two of these berries. They are in the form of a very small orange, about half an inch in diameter, black in color and when cut across, seem as if made of some hard, dark, brown wood. They also possess a light aromatic odor." Various speculations

have been given as to their origin, but none of them seem to be worth much.

- 9 See Manna berries—June 17 1890
- 9 Described in Irish Times, May 14 as "a shower of berries of a blackened appearance, varying in size from a pea to a sloe, and having a very aromatic odor, some hard and others soft."
- 9 Some one else sent to the editor of Symons (2-59) "small balls" which fell upon him, not told by him where. Editor says "They are simply hazel nuts, preserved in a bog for centuries. How they came to descend on him we cannot say."
- 9 Nothing in Dublin Evening Freeman
- 10 Violent th storms this evening, Birmingham, Newcastle, Cambridge, etc.
- 10 Linné / white cloud / Flammation BA 67/7
- 11 by Schmidt Linne like a white cloud. In it a delicate white point, casting a shadow. B A 167/18
- May 11 England / Snails after a thu. storm / Sci Gos 1867-215
- 11 Not said where. Cor tells of appearance of army of snails, with and without shells. Many killed by salt, shovelled away. Cor noted that it was after thunder-storms and wondered whether electricity had anything to do with the phe. Sci Gos 1867/215
- 12 Olivet, Mich., from 1:45 to 3:15 AM 28 meteors from a region between Aquarius and Pegasus. Am. J. Sci., 2-44-129 In Rept BA '67-'68 only these noted
- 14 LT p 7 Quake Comrie
- 16 Toward midnight shocks Tarbes, France La Sci Pour Tous 12-232
- 23-24 Linné / Schmidt / Rept BA 67/7
- 27 Bet 2:30 AM ad 3:00 AM / enormous meteor over Greece Chem News 16-228
- 30 Birmingham / Augs / Astro Reg 5/157
- 27-
- Jun 9 Tiflis / Crystalline hailstorm See 1869
- Jun 9
- 21 Hail Tiflis But the 2 calendars for (undecipherable word) of them see Nature 41-134

## BOX A (Resumed)

- May 31 LT May 31 p 5 Ghost in Woburn Sq.
- May about Stationary light / London Woburn Sq. D-257

## BOX 3 (Resumed)

- June 1-2 Azores / First indications were shocks Dec 24, 1866 then many others C.R. 65-663
- 1-2 Night Volc in Azores Had been shocks since May 26 C.R. 65-29

- 1-2 Night Submarine eruption Near Serreta  
38° 52' Lat N or S not said and Long 27°  
52' W La Sci Pour Tous 12-261
- Jun 5 Azores Maximum See June 1 Quakes  
greatest 12-13th.
- 5 Maximum volc Azores Then decreased to  
Aug 18 C.R. 65-667
- 9 Great quake Java BA '11
- 9 10:30 PM Meteorites Selif C.R. 65-240  
65-514
- 9 Near Selif, Algiers / Flashing light, rum-  
bling sound, fall of 3 stones / 10:30 PM  
local time. This is May 9 ac to Chem.  
News 16/83 See Aug 25, 1865 / Rept  
BA 867-381
- 9 10:30 PM / Details stones Selif La Sci  
Por Tous 12-301
- 9 Aerolite See 1866
- 10 3 distinct roundish black spots near Sul-  
picius Gallus by Dawes — not there June  
13 / The Student 1/261
- 11 Revue Coms Scientifiques 4/528 said that  
some persons heard or alleged heard 3  
detonations (reverse) before disappearance  
(Fort has this slugged "3's" TT)
- 11 8 PM Great sunset meteor France  
Switzerland (indecipherable) rain more  
than an hour BA 67-378
- 11 Sunset met / 8 PM / Basle etc great met  
train from a few minutes after sunset till  
an hour later 67-350
- 11 11:55 / Meteor Germany Zeit Met  
2/315-352 BA 69-284
- 11 Bolide reported from many places in Bel-  
gium. M. Quatelet gives it the one origin  
of to the right and a little below the moon  
Cosmos 2/6/223 / BA 67-378
- 11 Stream of light in Plato by Borot, who  
says that it was known by size through a  
very apparent depression in the west wall  
Student 1/264
- 11 C. L. Prince of Ackfield — objects cross-  
ing field of his telescope, supposed by  
him to be seeds (NM) Astro Reg 5/179
- 11 Spot on Mercury a little south of center  
by C L Prince of Ackfield Astro Reg  
5/179
- 13 June 11? 8 PM Paris Met train MWR  
07/391

### BOX A (Resumed)

- 13 Cor in *Land and Water*, Dec 19, 1868,  
writes that Thursday a "curious scream"  
was heard from some place on his lawn,  
between the caterwauling of a Tom cat  
and the scream of a macaw / Heard a  
few times during the night, and next day  
repeated at intervals of only a few seconds  
& 2 following nights / cor searched in  
vain and got men to help him trample the  
grass / This at Heywood, Cloanmel
- 13 LT, p. 11, and in issue of 20th, p. 7 /  
Ship fatality / Demon possession
- Summer Bullets / Mound City, Kansas / In Religio-  
Phil Jour., Ap. 24, 1880, source / Who  
read of the Lingo case — see March, 1880  
/ A cor J. H. Marshall writes that, having

read of the Lingo case he recalled experi-  
ence of his own. At time he was Register  
of Deeds of Linn Co. Home of himself,  
wife and niece, a little girl aged 11 /  
bullets were falling about in the room,  
forcefully, but not with gun velocity /  
large bird shot — broad daylight at inter-  
vals for an hour or more. Must have been  
a pound or more, but he *could find only*  
*half* a dozen / no ghostly phe then, but  
he says that at another time in the year  
raps were heard

### BOX 3 (Resumed)

- 30 Light quake Austria / B A '11
- Jul 3 Light quake India / Madras / B A '11
- 3 (May be 13) LT p. 14 / Volc — Obs-  
Marine off Serreta Point

### BOX A (Resumed)

- 3 Polt Mass / (This is a page of typescript,  
probably a piece taken out of the MSS of  
one of the published books. TT)  
*Atlantic Monthly*, 22-129: (19)  
That, in a town in Massachusetts, in a  
house wherein was employed an Irish girl,  
Mary Garrick, a series of disturbances be-  
gan, upon July 3, 1867, and lasted several  
months and was investigated by Mr. H. A.  
Willis, the writer in the *Atlantic Monthly*.  
Mr. Willis says that he saw remarkable  
levitations: a table rose and fell, when no  
one was near it — except that the girl was  
in the room. He gives other instances that  
indicate a power that was external to the  
girl — or that was emanating from her,  
without her knowledge, though that is not  
my own notion. Mr. Willis says that he  
saw a soapstone slab that weighed forty-  
eight pounds rise and then fall and break.  
He writes that the phenomena did occur,  
but that, in his opinion, to attribute mani-  
festations of an unknown force to "spirits  
of the departed" is "folly, delusion, and  
imposture." The attitude that I take in  
this book is about the same, though as the  
years go by, and senility begins to creep  
over me, I shall probably recant. It is not  
that I deny the possibility of attaining to  
immortality, or to Absolute Being, by a  
few persons in every generation, but that  
many phenomena, called "psychic" seem  
to have been dumped together in one  
maudlin doctrine.

Mary Garrick went away — the phe-  
nomena ceased. She returned — the phe-  
nomena renewed.

One's inclination, upon reading that, is  
to look knowing, but I think, myself, hav-  
ing had some experience, myself, that the  
knowing look is the preliminary to the  
crestfallen. Sometimes I suspect that there  
may be a functioning in all our theorizing:  
that we're a lot of trained seals, balancing  
hypotheses upon our noses, before an audi-  
ence of higher, invisible beings. It is easy  
enough to balance a theory upon the apex  
of (That is all. TT)



## BOX 3 (Resumed)

- Jul 9 Linne / Huggins / white spot / BA '67-7  
 10 Great aurora N. Zealand / Trans. N.Z. Inst. 1902-406  
 14 Brazil/ Compass needle oscillating upon appearance of meteor / BA 69-224  
 17 Great Naval review at Spithead — sound of guns heard in Herefordshire near Frome, 110 miles away / Nature 62-378  
 18 7:30 p.m. Meteor / Westmoreland Co., Pa. A.J.Scie. 2/44/288  
 26 Excessive rainfall / Symons Met Mag 2-1867
- Aug 6 8 p.m. Mr. Buckingham saw in the place of Linne the rise of an oval spot on the dark part of the moon / same evening / Mr. Bird saw "notches" in the luminator near Linne / BA 1867/7  
 6 Linne as an oval spot that rose gradually out of the dark part of the moon and cast a shadow / By Buckingham / BA '67/7  
 9 8:35 p.m. Lyons, France / Met / also 10th-11th-not Lyons / BA 68-348
- Aug Meteors BA 1867/20  
 10 Mets scarce in England / BA 67-409  
 11 At Hazleton, near Philadelphia, ab 2 a.m. "a considerable number of conspicuous meteors, by Prof. Crisson / Proc. Amer Phil Soc 10-342  
 11 At Poughkeepsie, NY, from 1 to 2 a.m. over 70 mets counted. Then too fast to be counted. BA 67-411  
 11 1 a.m. Amboise, France / Met visible 30 seconds "consisted apparently of smaller meteors moving together" / BA 68-348  
 13 LT, p. 10 and issue of the 14th, p. 5 August meteors  
 13 (This is a newspaper clipping. TT) (13th February 1867) WONDERFUL CELESTIAL PHENOMENON / Mr. T. W. Carr, who was evidently an observer of some repute, records the following wonderful celestial phenomenon as having been seen by him on the evening of the 13th August, 1867.  
 At 9:15 p.m. today a singular apparition was observed by myself and Mr. Pashley against the southern sky. It had the form of a vast candelabrum of light, with two pairs of branching arms curved upwards, and inwards at the upper ends towards the main stem: covering almost 90 degrees in width, it reached from the horizon almost to the zenith; and was brighter far than any cloud at night, and without any scintillation. It kept the same relative position and size for about three hours, appearing only to move more towards the west. It was pointed out and seen by Mr. Pashley, Mr. W. Main, and the head warder at the Asylum. (Sic/TT) Meteorological apparitions of somewhat analogous character sometimes accompany the greater meteor swarms, but their nature is not ascertained with any precision. At 10 to 11 p.m. several persons in Port-of-Spain, on Laventille Road and in Belmont heard a sudden, short, sharp crash on the hillside in the still night towards the north; each thought the sound was only about one or two hundred yards distant; it was the sound of a small wooden cottage crashing to the ground by a single coup, or a great dry tree suddenly broken down. This is noticed here as it was probably a meteor bursting over Cascade or Santa Cruz valley.  
 (On the clipping, Fort has written — ) Reprint in Port-of-Spain Gazette, Sept 21, 1925  
 15 LT, p. 8 / Meteors / Also see NY Times, same date.  
 19 Dobbs Ferry, NY / Met / BA 69-284  
 20 10 p.m. Edinburgh Met / BA 68-348  
 21 (It) 8:30 p.m. Piedmont, Turin, Moncalini / Met BA 68-348  
 22 Meteor Germany / Zeit Met 2/428  
 27 Star shower at Birmingham bet 9:30 and 11 p.m. Meteors in groups / BA '69-220  
 29 Total solar eclipse / Clutze (?TT)  
 29 to Sept 5 / eruption Iceland / Smithsonian Inst Rept — 1885- 510 (If not 1885, try 1875.TT)  
 ab. 27 Distance phe / Hecla / The Field, Oct 5, '67 See also LT Aug 29 and Nov 8 (reverse) At Reykravik, strong disagreeable odor — sheets of flame ascending like lightning — sounds like gunfire "lightning and rolling peals of thunder" / fall of grayish ashes, of black pumice and yellow sulphur  
 29 Eruption Iceland / La Sci P Tous / 13-23 and 13-63  
 Sep 3 Meteorite had fallen in a field during a th storm near Woodstock acts Birm Journal, June 6, quoting Rev. John Hoskyns — Abrahall of Woodstock in Daily News, June 5 (Oxfordshire)  
 6 LT, p. 7 Volc in the Arctic  
 7-9 Great sunspots / CR 65-501  
 9 Quake Greece / Patras, Cardia / BA 11  
 11 Meteor / 9 p.m. at Arachon, N.M. / CR 65-602  
 13 Sunspots reappeared / E. Mech 6-15  
 13 (Cut) Eclipse of the moon — as the earth's shadow progressed Aristarchus continued to be well seen / nearly the greatest phase / Just before which I saw it as an 8th mag. star, after that I did not see it at all (reverse) Herbert Ingall / Astro. Reg 5-241  
 13 Although the moon entered the penumbra of the earth's shadow at 9 h. 43 m., no change in its appearance was perceptible until 10 h. 30 m./ by John Browning / Astr. Reg 5-216  
 13 Eclipse of the moon / Intellectual Observer, 12-223, John Browning, FRAS, writes, "According to calculation, the eclipse must have commenced at 9:43, for at that time the moon entered the penumbra of the earth's shadow; yet, three quarters of an hour after this, no diminution of luminosity in the moon could be detected."

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