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FIRST PRIZE

Peace is a Red plot! . . . The bonbons go to MFS Keating this rubber, for a squib from the *Daily News*, 6-8-50 old style, relating that four men and a woman were arrested Memorial Day for painting a sign in Prospect Park, Brooklyn. The wording was, "PEACE—NO H-BOMB".

In this connection, we are informed by MFS Studer that a group of British Jehovah's Witnesses, here for the recent convention, were detained on Ellis Island under suspicion of "excessive pacifism".

In Philadelphia—City of Brotherly Love—two men were held in \$20,000. bail 7-25-50 old style—for possessing a quantity of peace literature.

In Milwaukee, 7-25-50, a 55-year-old man who signed a peace petition had his back broken by his workmates.

Second prize to MFS Milton Smith, for a story in the *L. A. Daily Mirror*, originating in Kingman, Ariz. As appears, a forest fire burned 3000 acres in the Hualpai Mountains, 6-21-50 old style, and in the fighting of it men were injured. Three of these, one of whom was dead, were brought to Kingman by Capt. Jack Warren of the National Guard. The two men and the corpse were transferred to a parked ambulance "outside Kingman Hospital", and Capt. Warren with uninjured companions returned to battle with the fire. "Several hours later when Warren called the hospital he was told the trio had not been seen." What's more, the ambulance could not be identified and had not been seen three days later.

Third prize to MFS Giles for the piece out of Buffalo's *Courier-Express* of 4-28-49 old style (?delayed?), telling about an attendant at Creedmor State Hospital for the Insane who was making book on the ponies for the solvent inmates. In his defense, the man's Attorney assured the court that he "wouldn't take bets from those patients who are too far gone". To which the Judge retorted that anybody who would trust the man with a bet certainly was in the right place.

BARLEY RAIN

On the first Friday of the month of Fort, 20 FS, barley, mixed with a little corn peppered five iron-workers on the top of the Empire State Building, from 10:00 A. M. to 10:05. "Something less than a peck" is mentioned, but the platform on which the men were working was "carpeted" by the grain. It was heard to strike windows of offices in that building only, and was felt to strike faces and shoulders of passersby on Fifth Avenue. The sky was hazy, the wind blowing only 5 miles an hour. Even the "experts" who mentioned the grain fields of the West and local breweries as possible sources hedged their explanations. No wind of only 5-mile velocity could lift grain 1200 to 1400 feet in the air they admitted. *Cr McMahon, Bonavia.*



FROGS AND FISH

A photo of the brown frogs "less than an inch long" which fell in Dunedin, Fla., last September appeared in the *St. Petersburg Times*, 9-18-49. *Cr Vernon.*

Same paper, 7-12-50, has a photo of boys seining minnows in the gutters of St. Pete. The fish fell in torrential rain 7-10. *Cr Vernon.*

The Poundmaster of the Berkeley (Calif.) City Pound discovered 4-13-50 some 25 to 30 baby perch on the grounds and roof of the Pound when he came to work. His "belief" was that a seagull was carrying a perch in its mouth when the fish dropped its young.

In Cleveland, 7-31-50 old style, several "teeny-weeny" fish pickel up alive in a rainstorm by Messers William Wallace and Jerry Delany.

Muddy rain fell in and around Richmond and Danville, Va., 3-29-50. Blamed on winds bringing dust from the West. Same phenomenon at Edmonton, Alberta, 6-2, same explanation. *Cr Goeller, Oltecher, Bristol and others.*

At 10:00 p. m., 7-4-50 old style, chunk of ice tore a hole in a roof in Spokane, Wash. The ice bounced into the yard and after melting 14 hours was still the size of a baseball. Explanation: that a plane had iced up while crossing the mountains and then shed a chunk as it came down to land. *Cr Redington.*

Near Troy, N.C., 4-16-50 old style, twenty-one snakes of different varieties, from 14 to 25 inches long, were found hanging in a locust tree. "The snakes hang tail downward, the heads impaled on the locust thorns. The tree is about 15 feet high, and the reptiles hang from the topmost branch downward to branches four feet from the ground . . . A watch will be kept on the tree in an attempt to clear up the mystery." *Cr Goeller.*

FREEDOM-LOVING PEOPLES
EVERYWHERE! LOOK AT THE
DIRTY AGGRESSOR!



SAUCERS

Since last writing YS has received 306 items relating to objects in the sky called "saucers" or "disks" or "discs" by the wipers. Thanks for these are due to members—Flagg, Reagan, Whitacre, Gee, Collender, Payne, Pollard, Bowring, C. Williams, Staats, Elsener, E. S. Anderson, Marble, Spingola, Russell, Giles, Firestone, Kelly, Oltscher, Goldstein, Goeller, Sheeley, Bristol, Fryberg, Stevens, Douglass, Carlson, Meally, Simpson, Wakefield, J. T. Dalie, Bloch, Creviston, Berest, McMahon, Hoernlein, A. Wilson, Blossom, Martin, besides many anonymous and many non-members. The following seem to be the best of these:

Drew Pearson's column, dated from Washington, D. C., printed in the Everett, Wash. *Daily Herald*, 6-16-50 old style, stated that the Navy is "itching" to uncover its "guided missile" which goes "unerringly to the target" steered by "radar echoes".

An AP despatch from Philadelphia, 7-27-50 old style, printed in the *Seattle Times*, stated that "Officials of the Lawton Public School playground today scheduled a model building contest—models of flying saucers. First prize was to go to the boy or girl who exhibited the most plausible and best-constructed interpretation of the mysterious aerial craft."

The *N. Y. Times*, 8-6-50 old style, on the front page: "Mayor O'Dwyer made public yesterday a program for the protection of New York residents against the atomic bomb. The plan calls for the construction of atomic bomb shelters under buildings,

city parks and playgrounds. To finance such shelters here it was estimated that \$450,000,000 would be required and it would be necessary for the Federal Government to help."

VISITATIONS

Not to be outdone by the Missions here and there about the world where birds arrive or do not arrive punctually on some saint's day, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Duane announce butterflies which come to their hotel in Monterey, Calif, every October or November. Rates on application.

METEORS

Besides the 306 pieces about "saucers", the usual number of apparently pure meteor reports came in—

Over Cleveland May 5

Over Florida June 5

Over Oklahoma June 17

Over New Orleans—from Alabama to Texas—

June 23

Over Cleveland July 17

(An ignoramus writing in the *Cleveland Plain Dealer* states that "the phenomenon appeared to be a meteorite, which is smaller in size than a meteor.")

Over Southern Calif. Aug. 8

Over Oregon Aug. 11

The only hurrah about the Perseids which has come to hand so far is that of J. Hugh (I Prefer God) Pruett. Apparently the more observant journey-

men of his profession have at least realized that the mid-August show has been over for some years. *Cr* Bowring, Wakefield, M. Smith, A. Wilson, Goeller, Pollard, Flagg

FORTEAN CLOUD

A cloud which changed color as it flew into the wind over San Francisco was reported seen by hundreds from San Rafael to the San Francisco Peninsula, from 1:30 p. m. 8-18-30 FS. Green, red, orange, blue was the color sequence.

To quiet the fears of the public—fears which their brother bureaucrats are doing their damndest to keep aboil—the Weather Bureau issued a special release, explaining that it was a “most unusual iridescent cloud, caused by refraction of the sunlight on extremely fine water particles”. *Comforting?* If you want to know how it moved against the wind, ask Ouija. *Cr* Pollard, Bowring, C. Williams

A “giant luminous red pencil of light” about 30 degrees above the S W horizon was watched by thousands in Edmonton, Alberta, from 11:00 to 11:30 p. m., April 19, 1950 old style. One observer said he had seen it three times in five months. Another, who had seen “a lot of northern lights”, said this was “something entirely different”.

Extraordinary auroral displays were visible in England, Feb. 20, from 6:15 to 9 and after.

A brilliant (but almost entirely white) display was visible over Nantucket, from 8:55 p. m. to 10:30, Fort 7, which was the night before the “hurricane”.

Last November, correspondence in Minneapolis papers brought out the assertion of one Forrest J. Blaine, that he had *ouched* an aurora: “it felt not unlike a Roentgen ray”: and of one Arthur Lampman, that he had *tasted* one. No comparison to other tastes is drawn, merely—“a taste in my mouth that was different from ordinary”. *Cr* Trupp, Elsander, Douglass, Thayer



WHAT EVER BECAME OF —

Mankind United?

METAL-CORED HAIL

Hail the size of hens' eggs battered Bennington, Vermont, 6-27, broke windows, dented cars. An estimated half of the stones contained pieces of black or blue metal, bean-size, in their centers. Experts in half a dozen fields of sciences said they never had heard the like—for two days. Then anonymous “technicians of a local division of a nationally known industrial plant” said the metal particles had been shot into the air from a coke oven in Troy, N. Y. *Cr* Kelly, Carr, Goeller, Staats and others.

WIND-MILL DISCOVERED

What will they think up next? . . . At a session of the “fourth world power conference in London”—7-11-50 old style—“Mr. T. G. N. Haldane and Mr. E. W. Golding presented a paper in which they said that it was possible that at least as much energy could in practice be obtained here from wind power as was available from the whole of the existing and potential water-power resources of Great Britain.” (not even counting the big W C when he gets to blowing.)

Six days after that had appeared in the London *Times*, Newcastle *North Mail* printed a story by Dudley Hawkins quoting Doctor L. S. M. Leakey, curator of Nairobi's Coryndon Museum, as advocating the construction of windmills across the Rift Valley of Central Africa to power the railways of Kenya. *Cr* Elsander

Next thing you know Holland will steal the idea.

HATS OFF

A really deep-dish custard is being baked for Robert R. Coles, associate curator of the Hayden Planetarium, N.Y.C., or for the INS journalist who interviewed him a year ago April. This nugget appeared in the Peoria *Star*, 4-12-49 old style:

“The total (lunar) eclipse will be visible throughout North and South America—unless, of course, the moon pulls one of those rare disappearing acts that had astronomers pretty worried back in 1844 . . . Robert R. Coles (etc.), explained that in that year unusually heavy cloud formations kept the sun's rays away from the moon and the moon just slipped from sight.” *Cr* Marshall

HITLER MARCHES ON

He was “living in retirement in Tibet”, as of May 16, accto rumor editorialized in the Manchester *Guardian*.

He was killed in Russia in December, 12 FS, accto A. Conway of London, writing in Reynolds *News*, May 28.

He was seen to board the yacht *Dangin*, at Cannes, June 21 accto “rumour” in the Liverpool *Echo*. Credit Russell and others.

NO SUCH ANIMAL

In Loch Ness, seen by eight workmen, Jan. 26. Boston *Globe*.

In Loch Ness, seen by eight workmen, March 16. Pittsburgh *Press*.

Loch Ness, near Glen Urquhart Castle, by “a little girl”. April 24. Liverpool *Echo*.

Loch Ness, near Glen Urquhart Castle, by Lady Maud Baillie, her two granddaughters, and Lady Spring Rice and two young children. May 4. *Weekly Scotsman*.

Loch Ness: "made its second appearance of the year" (sic), by two motorists, one named Russell, not our man. May 9. *Daily Mail*.

Loch Ness, by two business men and a youth. One of the men had seen it before, in the year 9 FS. June 23. *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*.

Loch Levin, connected with Loch Ness by water (32 miles away), sighted July 9. Wash. D. C. *Times-Herald*.

Loch Ness, honeymooners from Canada: the groom set up to be some sort of authority: said he thought it was "a land-locked seal of almost extinct species". July 13. Hamilton (Ont.) *Spectator*.

Newcastle *Evening Chronicle*, July 18. States that Boy Scouts are going to watch Loch Ness throughout month of Aug.

Loch Levin, same story as of July 9, but amplified. July 26, San Francisco *Examiner*.

Loch Fyne. Two men in a rowboat "attacked" by a shark. July 30. Los Angeles *Times*. (Loch Fyne connects with the sea.)

In Patricia Bay, Victoria, B. C. Goat's head, two horns. May 27.

Caught in the English Channel, landed at Granville, France, weighed 700 pounds, 12 feet long, blue skin, flippers like a seal, tail like a shark, gills and blowhole. June 7. *Express*.

"River monster" in the South Saskatchewan River, "half lizard and half alligator, about two feet wide and at least eight feet long". June 6. *Her-Trib*.

In the River Ingwempisi, South Africa, near the Swaziland border, 70 feet long, thick as a man's body. June 29. *News-Chronicle*.

In the sea off Margate, near a swimmer: "cars like a horse". July 31. *Reuter*.

Something identified as a "wolf-eel" caught by fisherman off Pismo Beach, Calif. May become part of permanent display at Hancock Museum, U. of Southern Cal. Cr. M. Smith, Bowring, Pollard, Flagg, Gee, Bristol, Wakefield, Elsender, C. Williams, Oltcher, Simpson, Russell, Reagan.

SANTA IN NEWS

Last Christmas, Rev. Dr. Martin F. Clough, Grace Baptist Church, Wash., D. C., preached against Santa Claus, calling him "Satan's earliest effort to produce an anti-Christ".

June 2, a Japanese described as "mentally unbalanced" was arrested in Tokyo when he talked about killing MacArthur. He was released when he asked, "Why should any Japanese want to kill Santa Claus?" Or, when the man was released, Gen. Willoughby asked that. One cannot follow the pronouns in a U. P. story.

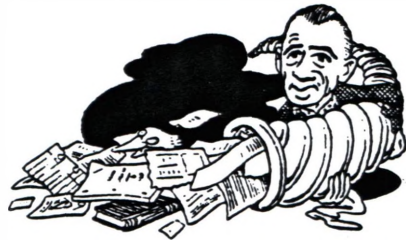
August 5, in Kansas City, Rev. Del A. Fehsenfeld, Argentine Baptist Church, was put out of the parsonage by Court order because he preached against Santa Claus and would not permit the figure to be represented at Christmas programs.

What's the matter with these Baptists?

In Kingston, Tenn., July 7, three people were held on charges of murder after a 14-year-old girl was held under the river too long in a baptismal rite. The preacher was her grandfather. Cr Flagg, Bristol, Giles.

LIGHTNING NO SPORT

As has been remarked here before, lethal lightning appears to bear a grudge toward sportsmen and people playing games. Among the summer's records are two baseball games struck, one player killed, one golf player, a "racegoer" at Kempton Park (England), one man fishing, three of a family on picnic, and—without fatalities—a club-house on a cricket field was struck. Cr Staats, Elsener, Hoernlein



RUSSELL'S BEST

In Dusseldorf, May 12 old style, Dr. Wegener, Deputy Food Minister of the Rhineland, explained why Germans have become noticeably fatter in the past year. It is because they have had less food. The *Manchester Guardian* comments: "Dr. Wegener's theory is clearly worth further exploration. It may well be the solution to any possible world food shortage in the future."

The Church of England Youth Council had sent out copies of a "service" to be performed on Empire Youth Sunday, May 21. It contained this passage, apparently addressed to Yaweh:

"Forgive, we beseech Thee, the shortcomings of our imperial history, the greed and failure to consider the interests of the weak, the misunderstandings and discords we have inflamed and aided, our intolerance, injustice and uncharitableness."

Eleven days before the date set for the performance of the "service", the Council informed recipients of the document that the passage should be deleted.

On Tyneside and at Dundee an outbreak of diphtheria was under investigation June 5. Accto the *Liverpool Echo*, 30 to 50 per cent of the cases occurred in persons who had previously been inoculated against the disease.

That the Danes are being subjected to the same sort of war-conditioning as the suckers everywhere else in the world was revealed May 18. *Reuter* stated that "every Dane is to carry a film as part of civil defence. If an atom bomb drops it will show how much he has been hurt by radio-active rays."

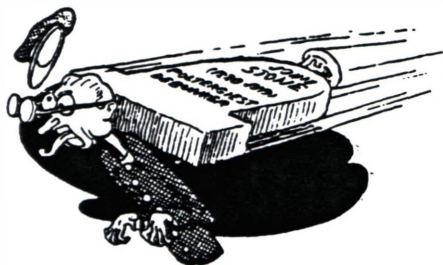
Our Lady of Fatima crashed in a plane near Bogota, Colombia, last November. See DOUBT #28, p. 2. Now, July 17, under a Bogota dateline, "the wreckage of a plane missing since June 9 was found today, with all aboard dead, in the Perija mountains, 70 miles west of Maracaibo, Venezuela . . . ten missionaries and five children were killed when the aircraft hit the treetops and caught fire."

The day before—that is, on July 16—a "pilgrim" train from Bordeaux to Lourdes collided with a freight at Gironde. One killed, four injured.

In this connection: "A 15-year-old boy drowned (Aug. 14) while bathing in the small volcanic lake

at Albano, in front of the palace where the Pope is in summer residence." *Cr Capen*

Mrs. Anna Neuhuber, *ae* 75, a widow, was praying on her husband's grave in Vienna, April 6, when his tombstone toppled over and killed her. *Cr Anon.*



On Memorial Day, in Pontiac, Mich., during "services", a tombstone fell upon and killed George Erikson, *ae* 3. *Cr Olther*

The U. S. State Department is setting up a "Science Office" under a "Science Adviser", with the unannounced purpose of handing out plums to friends in the form of *synecures*. "Science staffs with competent, respected scientists should (and will) be established in the principal U. S. Embassies, beginning with London for Western Europe, Johannesburg for South Africa, Rio de Janeiro for South America, and Sydney or Canberra for Australasia," *accto* to the Manchester *Guardian*. The deal was proposed by Dr. Lloyd Berkner, called a "special consultant" to Dean Acheson, and "leading State Department officials" say it will be carried out.

This is not the only plank from the Fortean Society Perpetual Peace Plan which is being adopted by Our Betters. In Korea the Aussies were shooting at American troops, July 2. *Cr A. Wilson*

Russell has also kept close tab on the antics of the captors of Michel Mourre, *ae* 22, who denounced Christianity from the pulpit of Notre Dame, Paris, last Easter Sunday. They put him in the Parisian equivalent of Bellevue at first, and the report on his mental condition stated in part that he was the victim of "sonorous counter-attacking parachutages of diving neologisms" and that his mind showed a "Glairous and Sartre-ish viscosity", that he had a teacher's temperament and an artist's spirit and was consequently dangerous in bourgeois districts.

DROSNES-LAZENBY FREE

The Pittsburgh cancer clinic case appears to be ended. The two people who were persecuted by a local wyper for giving relief to sufferers were freed by the court after two trials. They are Philip Drosnes and Lillian Lazenby, and they are engaged in the manufacture of "biologically processed foods". The Society's dossier on the case is a proud one, kept up to date throughout the long legal battle by MFS Olther.

CARLSON PMPH 25¢

MFS "Ajax" Carlson, former president of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, has donated to the Society a few copies of a pam-

phlet, a reprint of his essay on *Science, Education, and the Future of Man*. While they last—25 cents each.

SHAKE THAT THING

Dr. Hugo Benioff, Caltech, announced, May 12, that we should thenceforward have only "about" one earthquake a year, and old Mother Earth has been doing the bumps like a hula dancer ever since.

Please continue to send quake data. It is all preserved although only Fortean highlights appear in DOUBT. This mode of operation is followed to conserve space inasmuch as other organizations keep very good and complete records of ordinary temblors and tremors. *Cr Barrows*



POLIO AND TONSILS

How slow we lay-minded are, after all! Our suspicion, so recently stated, that tonsilectomy is the principal cause of polio, has taken so long to jell that we find organized medicine almost simultaneously engaging in a beautifully geared "public-relations" campaign to cover its crimes and its ignorance in this very matter.

You must not expect the medicos to confess their shameful blunder, or ever to admit that they have been gouging the throats of young and old all these years for profit without the least compunction for the future of their patients. No, no. That isn't the way these things are done. Instead, a soft, sweet campaign begins, intended to make it fashionable to keep one's tonsils, and polio is mentioned only incidentally. The pitch is to say that tonsilectomies are better avoided "in the infantile paralysis *season*" which is, notoriously—August.

One wonders if the practice has not been to concentrate tonsilectomies late in June and in July, after school is out, so Junior won't miss classes: in the summer, you see, when tonsillitis is rare, no colds or sore throats to interfere! Does anybody have any statistics on that? One ventures that there never would have been an "epidemic" of polio anywhere if an "epidemic" of tonsilectomies had not occurred roughly a month before.

Whether the medicine men are still guessing or merely introduce the topic of "immunizations" to diffuse lay-thought and blur the target is not certain, but YS inclines to the opinion that neither vaccination nor antitoxin injection has any bearing on the incidence of polio, the data below notwithstanding. And while one's neck is out so far, let's go the whole hog. YS is of opinion that polio is neither a germ nor a virus disease, that it is not even communicable, but that it is the result of severing nerves in the

throat or of causing such a great shock to those nerves that paralysis is induced.

When did F D R have his tonsils out?

Chronologically, these data have come in:

April 10, Melbourne, Australia. A survey of 641 cases of polio in Victoria last year revealed that 60 of them—all children under 5—had been immunized against diphtheria and whooping cough within the previous three months. Of these, 30 cases were "directly ascribed to the vaccine".

April 11, Canberra, Australia. A different doctor speaking on the same subject focussed attention on the "combined serum", as if no possible harm could come from separate injections, one against diphtheria and another against whooping cough.

April 12, Sydney, Australia. Inoculations against whooping cough have been stopped in New South Wales pending further investigation of the data above. Inoculations against diphtheria will continue.

July 5, Birmingham, England. Diphtheria immunization has been discontinued in Birmingham because 94 cases of polio had been confirmed since May 6, and 7 deaths from it had occurred in two weeks. Follows a lot of smoke-screen about "carriers," etc., concluding—"In small numbers (sic) of such persons inoculations are usually followed within thirty days by some degree of paralysis."

June 21, Glasgow, Scotland. No children under 10 years of age are to be operated on for tonsils and adenoids—and dentists have been advised not to extract their teeth—"until an infantile paralysis all-clear is given in the city."

June 5, MFS Martin wrote in answer to our request in DOUBT #29: "at the defenceless age of 3 years my tonsils were removed 3 months prior to my having a severe case of polio—according to the recollection of my mother."

June 11, the *American Weekly* ran a full page by Hearst's "Science Editor", G. B. Lal. The title: TONSILS Should They Really Come Out?

The text is largely garbage, sweet-scented, but reaching the conclusion that tonsils should not come out unless they are diseased. One might have thought that would be a lesson in freshman surgery, but apparently not. No matter. The kernel of the nut is this short paragraph, and the rest is guff or carry it:

"Tonsil operations should be avoided during the season when infantile paralysis epidemics are likely since medical experts believe that removal of tonsils somehow makes infection with polio more likely."

Bless your heart, Gobal!

June 23, St. Louis, Mo. One Dr. Marsh Pitzman has published a book which sells for a dollar setting forth the theory that polio is caused by drinking the milk of cows which have eaten Jimson weed.

July 14, New York. Sister Kenny was excited about "important evidence" received from the Algiers Pasteur Institute. "The discovery has caused her to cancel a proposed trip to Australia."

July 27, Welling, Kent, England. All immunizations have been stopped because a case of infantile paralysis developed in a person inoculated against diphtheria.

August 9, Milwaukee, Wis. The Medical Society of Milwaukee recommended immediate suspension of all non-emergency surgery on children under 16 as a precaution against polio . . . "there is a possibility

that polio occurs as the result of surgery," said Dr. James O. Kelley.

Aug. 17, Washington. Dr. James G. Cumming, retired, advanced the theory that "some kind of a wound" is necessary to permit infantile paralysis to develop . . . "the tendency of children toward a higher injury rate during summertime" may account for the greater prevalence of polio then. "He believes that direct damage to nerve fibres is necessary to allow the polio virus to invade the nervous system and produce disease . . . natural wounds like the cavities of lost baby teeth could provide such damage . . . tonsilectomies and other surgical operations as well as accidental wounds could disrupt these nerve fibers and lay the nerve system open to attack—provided sufficient virus got into the wound (SIC) . . . a group of 59 patients were investigated . . . 54 had some type of damage to the skin, mouth or throat . . . prior to coming down with polio."

On July 7, 20FS, this letter was mailed:

Hospital for "Infantile Paralysis"

Warm Springs

Georgia

Gentlemen

Are statistics available covering the percentage of patients treated by your institution, who still had tonsils?

(signed) Tiffany Thayer

Secretary

TT:m

The following reply was received, on the stationery of Georgia Warm Springs Foundation, Franklin D. Roosevelt, Founder, Warm Springs, Georgia. Basil O'Connor, President; C. W. Bussey, Business Manager; Fred Botts, Registrar; C. E. Irwin, M.D., Medical Director, Chief Surgeon; Stuart Raper, M.D., Assistant Medical Director, Internal Medicine; Robert L. Bennett, M.D., Assistant Medical Director, Physical Medicine; July 3, 1950.

The Fortean Society

Box 192, Grand Central Annex

New York City

Dear Sir:

In answer to your letter of June 24th, we have no statistics available covering the percentage of patients treated here who still have their tonsils.

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

(signed) C. E. Irwin

C. E. Irwin, M.D.

CEI:S

To which YS replied:

August 7 20 FS

July 22, 1950 old style

C. E. Irwin, M.D.

Georgia Warm Springs Foundation

Warm Springs, Ga.

Dear Dr. Irwin:

Thank you for your reply to my recent question. You have no statistics relating the incidence of polio cases under your care to previous tonsilectomies.

I suggest that this might be the most pertinent body of data you could assemble. I suspect that less than 1% of your patients—less than 1% of

all polio victims—have their tonsils still in their heads.

As long ago as 1937 old style, the medical literature included data indicating that the then so-called "meningococci" were carried in Rathke's pouch.

(signed)

TT:m

Secretary

Aside from the letters, the data above should be credited to—Bennett, E. O. Johnson, Gee, Russell, Barneson, G. C. Smith, and non-member Grant.

WHY WAS MRS. HARRIS HELD PRISONER?

The above is the title of a pamphlet which was sold by at least two quiet men on Fifth Avenue for several weeks this summer. Perhaps the sale continues. All our copies were obtained in July. The pamphlet states that Mrs. Jean Harris was committed to a New York hospital (for the insane) "because she got out a petition to Congress and had applied for a public address permit to tell the public that she had found out that a scientific device is secretly in use that can pick up the action of the life force in living organisms . . . With this wonder of science they . . . can pick up the action of your brain and play on it."

We have two versions of the pamphlet. In one Mrs. Harris offers to present her evidence to groups, and an address is given. In the other, this offer and the address are deleted.

Before you shrug off Mrs. Harris and her charge, hear the Liverpool *Echo*, April 18.

Reuter report from Detroit: "A nerve gas that would sap an enemy's will to fight is being developed by the United States . . . General Anthony C. McAuliffe, Chief of the U. S. Army Chemical Corps, disclosed here . . . said the Army Chemical Corps was spending more than £4,280,000 yearly on research and development in biological, radiological and chemical warfare . . ."

Then, too, there is that mysterious humming sound heard in England and Denmark, and the experiments with sound vibrations that drive mice into fits.

Hello, Brother Mouse! How are you feeling—so far? *Cr* McMahon, Keating Linc, Flagg, Russell

WORLD CITIZENS

Garry Davis and Audrey have returned to NYC after a short stay in Haiti.

John George Dibbern, *ue* 60, who has traveled on a home-made passport in various countries—U. S., Canada, New Zealand, and where-all — is in Tasmania.

Rudi Herzberger, World Citizen, spent three weeks in a Strasbourg jail—March-April—for crossing the border without a passport.

A new magazine called "Comradship of Peace" is being published in two languages, German and English, by Fred Saddai (22a) Wuppertal-Elberfeld, Weisenburgstr 27, Brit. Zone, Germany.

"Non-governmental" might describe it. Send a dollar and see how you like it.

SOME HAZE

Haze so thick that planes had to fly by instruments covered an estimated 2,000,000 square miles of the

Pacific, June 13 and several days after, densest over Wake Island.

The Great Big "S" guessed that it was salt particles swept up from the ocean, or smoke from Mauna Loa, or smoke from an unknown volcano, or dust from an African desert. The wonders of Science never cease! *Cr* Lasko, Russell, Anons

WHALES

March 21, "huge" one seen at Gallipoli. Unusual in the Mediterranean.

April 22, Stronsay, Orkney Islands, 96 or 97 whales, called "pilot" whales beached here and died. Fifty years previously on this beach, the "Stronsay Monster" was washed up. "It was a hideous beast nearly 60 ft. long, which looked like a finned mastodon. To this day nobody knows what it was." *New Review*

Recalled was the beaching of 120 "false killer" whales, Oct. 1927, in Durnoch Firth.

April 25, Glasgow, a ship loaded with 4,000 tons of whale meat did not know what to do with it. "An official of the Whalemeat Advisory Board in London" suggested the owners sell it to the U. S. for dollars.

May 13, at Thorntonloch, near Dunbar, East Lothian, Scotland, 150 or 162 or 147 or 146 "blue" whales or "bottle-nosed" whales were beached. They did not die as readily as the Stronsay batch, and the SPCA shot the survivors.

May 16, a school of about 50 whales appeared to be about to beach themselves on the Fife coast, Scotland, but the canny locals frightened them back to deep water by flying low over them in a plane.

July 4, Debate began in papers if the—now 274—whales had committed suicide. *Cr*. Pollard, E. S. Anderson, Olcher, Elselder, Russell, Simpson, A. Wilson.

MFS STETSON WRITES

Here is a comparison of certain astronomical statements that might be interesting to Fortean. The sources are three books published in the Pelican Mentor series, which are: *The Limitations of Science*, by J. W. N. Sullivan, described by the publishers as a "creative scientist", and two books of Professor G. Gamow, of George Washington University, entitled *The Birth and Death of the Sun* and *Biography of the Earth*. Not only do the two gentlemen contradict each other, but the last-named contradicts himself.

Sullivan, p. 75: the best theory of solar origins is the passing star and filament one. At least he calls it a theory.

Gamow, in T.B.a.D.o.t.S., p. 178: ". . . the formation of the planets is due to an encounter of our Sun with some other steller body of comparable size."

p. 180: "Thus we should be forced to the conclusion that planetary systems are very rare phenomena, and that our Sun must be extremely lucky to have one."

Gamow: B.o.t.E., p. 41: "One important consequence of the Weizsacker theory lies in the conclusion that the formation of the planetary system was not an exceptional event, but one that must have taken place in the formation of practically all of the stars." This, after he explains that the latest Weizsacker theory is that the Earth was never part of the Sun at all. This of course, is the new gospel.



Gamow provides a very pretty diagram on page 40 of B.o.t.E., illustrating the formation of the planets out of inter-stellar dust clouds, which apparently didn't exist when he wrote the earlier book.

Now about the Moon: Sullivan, on pp. 77-78 of his book states: The Pacific was not the depression left by the moon, because "But this supposes that the earth had solidified at the time the moon was born, and mathematical calculation seems to show that the moon could not have been born from a solid earth." He goes on to say that another theory is that the Pacific was scooped out by the tides.

A previous statement of fact: on p. 76: "A probable figure for the age of the earth, in round numbers, is two thousand million years. For practically the whole of that time the earth has been mainly solid. It has been calculated that the earth must have solidified within fifteen thousand years of its birth."

Gamow: B.o.t.E., pp. 56-57. A definite statement that the moon was torn from the Pacific. The absence of granite proves it. There is a pretty map on p. 57 showing that the major part of the earth consists of granite floating on basalt, but that the granite in the Pacific area is missing. Where is it? On the moon, of course.

Gamow: B.o.t.E., p. 73: "It seems at first sight that this evidence (high temperature of deep mines) leaves no room for any doubt that *some 50 kilometers under our feet the rocks constituting the body of the Earth must be in a completely molten state and resemble ordinary fluids in all their properties.*" He goes on to explain that the elasticity of the earth is not due to its being solid, but to the high pressure on the liquids. On page 93 there is a cross section of the earth, showing the thin solid crust, the thick plastic mantle of rock, and the "liquid iron core".

And there we have it: The solar system is unique, or else quite ordinary. The earth was either drawn from the sun in a filament, or else was never part of the sun at all. The moon moon either was torn from the Pacific basin, or else it wasn't, and the earth is either solid all the way through or else it isn't. You pays your money and you takes your choice. But whatever turns out to be true, *some* astronomer said so all along. They'll all point to him—Our Boy—and forget the others.

There are multitudes of contradictions among these three books, and I haven't time or paper to cover them. I'd have to quote all three books all the way through, because they hardly ever agree about anything, except when Professor Gamow hasn't yet changed his mind.



THE DOUBLE ROTATION OF THE EARTH—THE END OF COPERNICANISM

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It is the great discovery of Copernic, that the earth has an annual evolution. Whilst in the Middle Ages the astronomers tried in vain to explain the apparent movements of the planets by epicycloids, Copernic realized the exact mathematics of the planets by the hypothesis, that the earth has an annual movement, and that the sun is the centre of the evolution of the planets.

In the nineteenth century, the magnetic poles of the earth have been discovered. The north pole is situated on $70^{\circ} 40'$ latitude and $96^{\circ} 5'$ western longitude, the south pole has a latitude of 72° and a longitude of 155° eastern. The two poles are not quite fixed, but they are wandering within a small area.

The magnetic poles prove that the annual evolution of the earth is a rotation like the daily evolution round the axe north-south. For the magnetic poles, situated between the geographic poles and the polar circles, prove the double rotation of the earth. If the earth had only one rotation round the axe-north-south, it would be necessary that the magnetism poles are lying on the geographic poles. But they are the resulting points of two movements which take place in the same time: the daily rotation of the earth round the axe north-south, and the annual rotation round the axe of the ecliptic.

The angle between the two axes is an angle of pure mathematics. It diminishes slightly during the cen-

turies. Some numbers of this most important angle of astronomy are:

$$\begin{aligned} \sin e &= 2/5 \\ e &= 23^\circ 34' 54'' \quad \text{about 1000 after Chr.} \\ \text{tang } e &= \sin 180^\circ/7 \\ e &= 23^\circ 27' 19'' \quad \text{about 1900 after Chr.} \\ \text{tang } e &= \sqrt[3]{3}/4 \\ e &= 23^\circ 24' 50'' \quad \text{about 2200 after Chr.} \end{aligned}$$

It is an error, that this most important angle of astronomy has been caused by chance. It is a fundamental angle of pure mathematics.

The earth is turning round the axe of the ecliptic one time in a year. Of consequence, it does not progress like a planet round the sun. As I have set forth in my previous article (The Earth without Antipodes), the body of the earth is the under half of the spheric space of the universe. This enormous body has no progression in the space, but it has turnings. The centre of the earth remains fixed. It is a pole of space itself. The mathematics of Copernic are fulfilled without any change, if we consider the earth to be a large body of the universal space, having an annual rotation round the axis of the ecliptic. By this rotation, each point of the surface of the earth gets a translation in the space. Each observatory has an annual movement as if it were a marching man on a fixed surface.

Copernicanism which pretends that the earth is a planet, (that is a very small part of the space, having translations in the space) is refuted by nature which shows us the fact of the magnetic poles. These prove, that the earth has not only its daily turning, but that it has also its yearly turning. The exact situation of the two magnetic poles is the exact result of a geometric construction of simplest kind. (Barthel, Die Kosmologie Der Grosserte un Totalraims. 1939. p. 9.)

If the axis of the ecliptic exists as the axis of annual rotation of the earth, it must have its exact situation. Its poles, which are lying on the polar circles, must have a precise geographical longitude. This longitude of the two poles of the axis of the ecliptic is calculated by the magnetic poles. And the slight wanderings of these poles signify, that the geographical longitude of the poles of the ecliptic undergoes slight changes, while the earth is turning during the years and centuries round its two axes like a top with its gyrations. That is to say that there are slight organic inexactitudes within the turnings of the earth, as they are everywhere in real nature (for instance at the moon) which is never a rational machine with absolute exactitude. The wanderings of the magnetic poles show the organic lability in the turnings of the earth. No machine is absolutely exact in its functions, and that is a sign of reality.

The two magnetic poles are for every moment two points on the surface of the earth. They determine one principal circle on the surface of the earth. Draw this circle. Drop the perpendiculars on that circle on the surface of the earth from the two geographic poles. Produce these perpendiculars, till they get their points of intersection with the pole circles. Then these two points of intersection, which are points diametrically opposite to each other on the surface of the earth, are the two poles of the ecliptic. Their latitude remains the same and changes only with the angle of the ecliptic in the centuries. Their longitude has slight oscillations according to the wanderings of the magnetic poles.

To understand well the architecture of the universe, we must recognize that the spheric space is a physical reality like a crystal of ether. It has its properties and its effects. It is like a spheric crystal with double refraction, and with axes with distinct faculties. So the north-south-axis is the axis with which are connected the electro-magnetic phenomena of the fixed stars, whilst the axis of the ecliptic is that which is connected with the primary radiation of sunlight, quite as the two axes in a crystal with double refraction have their special functions. It is very interesting and important, that the galaxy forms with the equator the complementary angle of the ecliptic, that is to say the galaxy has the polar circles as its tangents, and its poles are situated on the tropics. The organic inexactitude of the galaxy itself is the cause for the organic inexactitude of its poles. This does not change anything in the law of nature, that the two axes of the astronomical space have their distinct functions for movement and for radiation of energy which are in correspondence with each other. The angle of the galaxy has a correspondence to the angle of the ecliptic, and daily and yearly rotation of the earth are in physical connexion, which can only be understood by crystallographic and geometrical laws, and by laws of higher optics, and not by mechanical laws. Our old astronomy has been retained in the 18th century, where only mechanics were known. We need the new astronomy of the earth as the maximal globe in the spheric space, and of its surface as the middle plane of the universe. That is the natural conviction of all human kind, till science in its rudest forms begins to teach its unnatural hypothesis of the small globe of the earth in a space which is infinitely larger than the earth. I should be glad to explain here the principal points of my new theory, which I have elaborated since 1914*. For to-day, I tried to show that the good mathematics of Copernic are not changed at all, (as all angles and times of astronomy are not changed) if we change the hypothesis, that the earth is a small globe, a small planet, a small particle in the universe. With a large globe, and the earth forming the under half of the universe, we obtain the same good results, and we make new discoveries by this new thought.

The photographs from the stratosphere taken from the U. S. Navy at White Sands (New Mexico), do not show a curving of the surface of the earth. For you can see on every globe, that from a height of 1/35 radius you can only survey a circle round the observer, the circumference of which is absolutely level. The photographs only show optical and perspectival curvings, which have no connexion with the shape of the earth. It would be good to impart this truth to the official direction at White Sands.

Cornell University at Ithaca (New York) has heard (by Radar) acoustic facts at the fixed stars. That is an important discovery, for it proves the falseness of the pretended distances.

*See Barthel, Kosmologische Briefe. Bern, Paul Haupt, 1931

NAMED NOMINEE

Justice L. Greenberg, South African Court of Appeals, is nominated for Fortean Fellowship, 30 FS, because he declared that "use of the 'truth' drug, sodium amytal, in criminal investigations should not be countenanced".



STENCHES

Seven cities on the Mississippi, including Moline, Ill., and Davenport, Ia., smelled fiercely from midnight until several hours later on the morning of 7-8-50. Circumstantial evidence led to the conclusion that stinkum to be put into natural gas had leaked from a drum on a passing truck. If that is true, the truck, its driver, its owner, and the owner of the cargo are saying nothing.

The local papers did a grand job of coverage from every angle, especially one Art Shinske of the Moline Daily *Dispatch*. In the course of his human interest yarn he mentioned humorously one man, a resident of the village of Silvis, who "insisted the Russians are flying over and gassing us".

The Sioux City *Journal* ignored that. Even Hearst's INS ignored it—which is something of a record—but when the Associated Press rewrite man got through with his whorish rendering, the story that went out on A.P. wires began: "A foul smell choked seven towns early today, sending some residents into hysterics and raising fears of a Russian gas bombing."

We have printed examples of that from L.A., Detroit and other places. Thus, you observe, where the stink really starts in your daily doses of poisoned "news". Cr Barneson, Staats, E. S. Anderson, Col-lender and others.

"Garlic gas" over L. A. Aug. 4. Cr Bristol. This time INS stuck in: "One woman thought an atomic bomb had been dropped."

From April 25 to May 4, Philadelphia smelled "sour". No explanation. Cr Meally

BANGS

Welland, Ontario, with earth tremor, "like a dynamite explosion", 8:45 p. m. 2-7-50, old style.

Seattle, shock vibration, low rumble, 7:55 p. m. 3-19-50.

Liverpool, England, loud explosion, shook ships at docks and rattled house doors, 9:10 a. m. 3-22-50.

San Francisco, explosion with shaking, no quake, 4:25 p. m. 4-26-50.

Tucson, Ariz. "muffled explosion" and shaking, 1:30 a. m. 5-6-50.

Dayton, O., The U. S. Air Force undertook to explain all mysterious bangs by attributing them to sound waves bouncing off the ground after "jet fighter planes" pull out of their dives at 700 miles per hour, 6-28-50. Cr Raven, Pollard, Russell, Bristol, Hoernlein, C. Williams, Anons.

NOT-SO-BUGS BAER

In his copyright column, Arthur (Bugs) Baer wrote last March: "A scientist is the only man in the world who can spend six weeks in a form-fitting vacuum and come out with something that wasn't there."

FOREIGN RELATIONS

Pakistan, otherwise known as the *Herald-Tribune India*, publishes a paper in the U. S. for purposes of good will, by tide, *Pakistan Affairs*. In the issue of May 26, we read: "Pakistan Prime Minister, Mr. Liaquat Ali Khan, and Begum Ali Kahn, after a five days' visit to New York continued their tour of the United States flying in the late President Roosevelt's four-engine airliner, SACRED COW, over 750 miles of the heart of industrial America from New York to Chicago."



LAND BEASTIES

Something called a "bear-man," wearing clothes and carrying a knife, was cutting up farm animals near Thessalon, Ont. July 12.

Something hairy with a flesh-colored face was frightening folks around Charlotte, Mich. July 14.

YS can't find Thessalon on a map, but if it is near Detroit, could be the same varmint, mebbe. Cr Staats, Dissopels

DIANETICS

More members than you could shake a stick at have called attention to a book by L. Ron Hubbard—*Dianetics*. Many are enthusiastic, hailing the subject as away beyond psychiatry, etc., etc.

Unfortunately, the author appears to have been impressed by recollection that Knut Hamsun was once a street car motorman, and he presents his matter in a stream-of-consciousness manner as if in answer to the question: "What does a streetcar motorman think about?" Maybe it's great stuff, but YS suggests a rereading of *Hunger* as a more profitable answer to the question.

OLD HAT

Elsewhere in this issue the Weather Bureau speaks reassuringly about an iridescent cloud. That was the San Francisco office. In Reading, Pa., April 1, the old "ice crystal-refraction" was used to calm the natives who saw two bright arcs above the moon with balls of light on each end of one of the arcs.

Same explanation served the Seattle branch April 4, when a bright ring at high noon "gave the appearance of a translucent disk covering the sun". Cr Giles, Hoernlein



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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 produced 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.

1858

Box 2 (Continued)

- 16-17 Simnal / See Nov 19, 1861 Also Dec 8, 1861.
16 On morning of 17th (ab 5 a m) remarkable aurora in Belgium. N.Q. 2-5-28.
16 Quake of Naples felt near Norwich, England. N.Q. 2-5-437.

- 16 At 7:50 p m great meteor. On 17th at 4 a m sky in N W fiery red as if lighted by a conflagration at Wokingham, Berks. Times — 18th. (reverse) others say ab 7:45 p m
16 Quake at Naples 10:15 p m Times 26th p 7.
16—
Jan 4 84 shocks in Naples Timbs '58-272.
16 Quake Naples Timbs '58-271 Had been a slight shock on 7th which threw down the cone of Vesuvius / 16th at 10:10 p m
16 Quake in Naples / 2 hours earlier met in Eng. Felt in E. N & Q 2/9/28.
16 Quake and phenomena See 1805 It
16 Great met near London ob 7:45 p m. Cor (19th) says saw lightning at intervals ½ hour after. Other letters.
16 Quake — distant See Aug 26 27 1839
16 See Aug 21 1871 Ireland and West Indies
16 Met France & Etna July 19, 1899.
16 Quake and distant meteor Sept 8, 9, 1891 / July 8, 1892.
16 Vesuvius and meteor in England Dec 8, 1861.
16 Great quake Greece, Meteor Germany Dec 28, 1869.
16 (Algeria) Met and Vesuvius (?) Sept 15, 1878.
17 Aurora Deep blood red flames in sky of Belgium ab 5 a m Consternation. At Malines fire engines called out Times 22nd.
17 Germany Westphalia etc. det met. BA '60
Box A (Resumed)
17 Cambridge, Mass. / St. Elmo's ordinary / Am J Sci 2/19/272.
Box 2 (Resumed)
19 2:30 a m / Charleston quake and rumbling Bull. Seis. A. 4-117
27 (F) 2:25 a m Meteorite near Bassein in Pegu, India. A. J. Sci. 2/32/142 (reverse)

- great detonation seen 200 miles away
- 18 Ac to "Carriber" (Sir George Duncan Gibb) "Odd Showers" in Montreal Weekly Gazette is from the Leroy (reverse) (N.Y. near Rochester Gazette — that "during the heavy rain of Sunday last" fell live lizards some 4 inches in length.
- 27 / D-90 Lizards of Montreal Wm. Andrews Book of Oddities p 32. (reverse) says that some specimens of frogs said fallen from sky preserved in Museum of Nat Hist, Montreal. These were Gibbs July ab 1841.
- 28 shocks in Sulat, Potenza Italy (reverse)
- 29 Potenza was in ruins from shocks of 16th Timbs 1858-273
- 28
- 30 Quake and phenomena See 1805 (It)
- 1858**
- Artific iron Mass / 152.
Klausenbourg Transylvania / fishes Cosmos 3/5/79
- Box A (Resumed)**
- Disap of man and his money belt found in a ring of earth. See Aug 11, 1886. Near Sandusky Co., Ohio
Sleeper Susan C. Gulse near Hickman, Ky. See July 14, 1869.
- Box 2 (Resumed)**
- Jan 7 LT p 8. It. great quake Naples
- 11 & 12 Sunspots noted in La Sci Pour Tous 3-103
- 20 Olmetz Large meteor BA 69-282.
- 23 It. Caggiano (Salerno) flashes and quake See March See 1805
- 27 3:45 p m Switzerland / det meteor BA 60-106
- Feb 3 (dust) Alexandria dense clouds at noon obscuring the sun and the fall of a fine powder. An account of a ship that sailed 40 or 50 miles and was still in these conditions. Attrib. to sand from Sahara Trans Bombay Geog Soc. 14/A p 4/11.
- Box A (Resumed)**
- Feb 11 First phe at Lourdes / story in Religio Ph.J. Nov. 30, 1872 YRA / xx (Lbrirary call letters. TT)
- Box 2 (Resumed)**
- 16-17 Switzerland? (Fort's question) brownish substance (fell) Viestelrahsschs (Well. that's what it looks like! TT) Naturat Geo. Zuesi, 13/313 (Jaosig)
- 19 LT p.10 / Aurora / Isle of Man
- 21 Greece
- 24 Martinque } quakes BA '11
- 27 Moluccas }
- 21 rain of stones on a ship off coast of Florida / La Sci. Pour Tous 3/160
- 23 11:20 pm Beeston Observatory / Magnificent meteor. Streams of auroral lights immediately before its starting point BA BA 59-82
- 26 It sounds / Saponara / sounds like gunfire / see 1816
- Mar 3 see Jan 23
- 5 Hurricane Madeira / N Y Herald Ap. 1 P-4
- 9 quake Algeria / 1st of list / many others before / Algeria series begins back Oran before 1820 ? (Fort's ?)
- 12-19 great sunspot noted in La Sci Pour Tous 3-142
- 15 Eclipse of sun / Leisure Hours 7-157, 277
- 15 Annular eclipse of sun and appearance of tremendous sunspot / Ast. Reg 8/10
- 17 LT p.12 Aurora
- 19 LT p.10 quake S. Wales
- Box A (Resumed)**
- 25 Apparition / Etudes ab. Marc, 1908
- Box 2 (Resumed)**
- Apr 2 Shock Plymouth & Liskcard See May 3 '09
- Apr 9- Japan
- May 2 Apr 13—Austria
- Apr 19—Asia Minor
- Apr 23—Japan
- Apr 24—Cent Amer
- Apr 30—Austria (reverse)
- Early in May—Nkaragua
- May 2—Mexico BA '11
- Sun 90—Feb 18, 1880
- Apr 9 Cyclone Andaman Sea / Jour Asiatic Soc & 10 Bengal 27/323
- 11-12 France / quake Grenoble CR 46/26
- 15 LT p 11 Aurora
- 24 8:10 P M / Met 1/3 size moon from Canis Majoris / Hobart Town BA 67-290
- May 4 Quainton 6 miles W of Aylesbury. "Ignited Globe" fell in a farm yard. Exploded with a loud report (reverse) fragments flew in different directions. One hit a cow. BA. 58/152
- 10 Shock Richmond, Canada. 17th another and sound like distant thunder See Nov 9, 1810
- 15 Op Mars (1)
- 19 Near Cravitz, Hungary / Meteorite BA '60
- 19 Kakowa Krasso-Szoreny Hungary (F)
- 19 Floods Highwater mark St. Louis not exceeded until June 7 1903 N Y Times 8th
- 21 Vesuvius A. Reg.
- 24-25-29 Naples Whirlwind on land then a whirlwind on the sea then Vesuvius CR 46-1098
- 24 France and Germany quake BA '11
- 27 At Naples. A whirlwind on land—one at sea and eruption of Vesuvius La Sci Pour Tour 3-231
- Last Larvae of beetles / near Mortagne, France of May / may be same as crickets. (D-931)
- May 27—Vesuvius violent Cardiff Times June 12
- June 5 (reverse at least to June 5 Ca Times 19th.
- 29—etc At least to June 1st. Vesuvius. Reflections from the glare like an aurora Morn Post June 10.
- Last At Mortagne/aux Herbiere Thick rain of of May beetles (Gryllus domesticus) fell in cold wind and seemed inanimate. (reverse) An. Soc. Ent. 1858/XCVI
- June Insects like crickets—half frozen / La Sci Pour Tous June 17, 1858 / 223 / La Vendée
- June 2 Donati's comet discussed in Leo / Good in Am Sci Disc
- 5 At Bolougne-sur-Mer. Also at Folkstone and other places in English Channel bright sunshine—water receded—in 5 minutes came back (reverse) 8 a m 8 feet higher than normal, with great wind and sky

- densely obscured and then again bright sunshine. Cardiff Times 12th.
- 5 5:30 A M The storm violent S of England. At Ramsgate a "tidal wave". Symons Met Mag 3-81.
- 6 Dry fog at Munster ac to M. Heis. No odor / Night of seventh. (reverse) Dry fog and meteor (verified) Cosmos 15/37
- 7 Dry fog and a meteor at Munster Cosmos 15/37
- 8 Rhymney, Wales. Violent th. storm and hail size of walnuts. Cardiff Times 12th.
- 10 "Pollen" / See Hand / Edin N S 10/116
- June 10? Inverness shore "sulphurous substance" Proc Roc Soc Edin 4/157
- 11 At Plinlimmon (Cardigan) Ice Cloudburst and 5 blocks of ice one 2 yards long by 3 wide (reverse) 4 others a yard square each. Field June 26 p 531.
- 12 Birm. Daily Post. June 9, 1868, cor writes that from a platform 3 and a half feet above the ground he had in 1858 gathered (reverse) many of the stones and also many little frogs "all shrivelled up as if with heat". Said still had dried body of one of the little frogs. Said the stones were lighter than Rowley rag—looked porous.
- June Birmingham pebbles See Aug 13, 1860
- 12 Birm Daily Post 14th—Dr. Ingletz writes "Many hundreds of thousands must have fallen, some of the sheets being shown with them. They are like fragments of lava, of very low specific gravity."
- 12 In Birmingham Jour (a weekly) 19th Shower of small stones, mostly black, water-worn bits of flint but colored pebbles too. Fell all over the city. From canvas awnings many pounds of them gathered.
- 12 Great storm Liverpool and Ireland Birm Daily Post 13th.
- 12 In Birm Daily Post, June 6, 1868. A conventional scientist (indecipherable) that the stones had fallen from the sky. Says that there were two such reports in the year 1858. He says were bits of pavement.
- 12 Stratford-on-Avon. Great thunder storm and large hail 11 AM. At Birm. one of the most terrific thunder storms remembered. Roads like rivers. Birmingham Da. Press 14th.
- 12 Birm Daily Press 15th cor writes that soon after noon on 12th the stones fell—hundreds of thousands. "Nearly every stone is angular, smooth at the edges, dark green and of a hard light substance which easily cuts glass." One the stones in his possession was "somewhat globular and brightly polished (reverse) with a neck, altogether like a dark-green pear pip. Evidently crystallized." Cor says that at 10:15 P M night before the storm he saw a great meteor dart into the tail of Ursa Major.
- 12 "unequaled" thunder storm at Liverpool Birm Daily Press 16th
- 12 At Stratford on Avon pieces of ice 2 inches long fell. B D Press 19th
- (no date) Birmingham Hungary pebbles Aug 10 1841
- (no date) Frogs with the Birmingham stones Birm
- (no date) Birmingham falls of 1868 or 1858 LT June 1 1868
- June 15 Afternoon — thunder storm and electric manifestation greater than remembered ever at Broseley before. B.D. Post 18th.
- 15 Night—at Stourbridge — "a most awful storm of thunder and lightning, worse than any ever seen or heard of in this country before". (reverse) B D Press 18th.
- 16 Extraordinary thunder storm at Birmingham with flashes of lightning many balls of fire. B. D. Post 16th.
- 16 Ashbourne / Storm and "huge pieces of ice." (reverse) Gardiners Chronicle June 26
- 16 At Chatworth thunder storm pieces of ice 6 inches in circumference. Birm Journal 19th.
- 16 Night / Even greater thunder storm and damage from lightning at Birmingham but though great electric storm not so much rain. B. D. Press 18
- 17 Villages in the High Peak of Derbyshire flooded by water pouring down the hills. Thought water spout had burst. (reverse) Houses washed away in a few minutes. Wolverhampton-Staordshire Journal 26th
- 19 / One of the severest quakes in Mexico / Y B 59-271 9 AM
- 23 Dry fog 26—brilliant meteor 28-dry fog. Russia Cosmos 15-88
- July 16 Small toads / France near Dijon / C. R 47/159 La Sci Pour Tous 3/312 (reverse) La Sci 3/288-304-312.
- 16 Tremendous thunder storm at Dukinfield Park. After it thousands of young toads were found. Numbers very great—children scooping up handfuls and filling their pockets with them. Manchester Examiner 20th p 3
- 16 In Hall-green and Dukinfield Park ac to Manchester Examiner after a heavy thunder storm thousands of little frogs, small toads LT July 21 p 9
- 16 Evening Shower of small toads at Dijon C R 47/159
- 16 Meteor explode near ship / Channel Islands / Conuntryside Monthly 2/191
- Aug 1 Manchester by Mr. Robt. Wilson / a Vulcan / Astro Reg 9/287
- 2 Near Seaford a host of saw flies—after a while hosts of lady birds. Entomologist's Weekly Intelligencer 4/149
- Aug 4 Germany, Berlin, etc / Met det? BA '60
- 9—10 At sea, off Jedo, Japan, hundreds of meteors BA '65
- 11 L T p 6 etc. Donati comet See Aug Index.
- 11 Light quake India Sunla BA '11
- 13 6:39 P M England great meteor BA (29?-79?)—108
- 17 LT p 7 Aug 20 p 9 Sept 15 p 9 Sept 17 p 9 Mets
- 18 Afternoon Near Iowa City, Iowa / Tornado Finley's Rept.
- 19 "Terrible hurricane and excessive rain" Piedmont, Italy (reverse) Cardiff Times Aug 28 p 3
- Box A (Resumed)**
- Sept Witch / East Thorpe, Essex.
- Box 2 (Resumed)**
- Sept 12 Great increase Donati's comet

- 13 Det. Met. 7:15 pm / in Bretagne, near Hédéc—an enormous (reverse) meteor with loud detonations.
- 13 N of France & Germany same? det. met. BA 60-94
- 13 6:48 P M / Near Neuilly (Seine) remarkable meteor CR 47-800
- 15 Met at Neuilly (Seine) C R 47-800.
- 28/30 / Repeats sound or quake / Dartmoor District at Crediton, no vibration of ground felt but rumbling sound heard and was attributed to a supposed explosion of gun powder. However, no such explosion had occurred. This in evening. About 7 P M on 28th, at Druids, near Asburton in this district, a rumbling sound was heard and in other places. About 8 PM sound and vibration of an explosion. In one place was attributed to distant cannonading. See Nov. / Quarterly Jour Geolog. Soc. London 15 1888 with 1893. / See June 22, 1889
- 28 8 PM Quake Dorset Timbs 59-271
- 30 Nottingham evening Many meteors BA '58
- 30 Meteor—Beeston by Lowe—listed by him as "curious" Rec. Sci., 1/138
- Sept 20 Great quakes—Turkey and Greece. Oct 3—
- to Oct 10 Algeria Oct 10—Italy Oct 16 France Oct 25 France. (reverse) See q's Feb 18 1889 BA '11
- Sept 30 Tremendous sunspot / N M / Ast. Reg. 7-19
- Oct 2 Donati's comet outshone Arcturus
- Oct 3 Quake Algeria BA '11
- 6 L T p 10 Comet and the astronomers. See Oct Index Comet
- 8 Evening / Many meteors BA '58
- 16 Vosges quake Remeremont C R 47/669
- 16 Quake at Remeremont in the Vosges, France and sounds like thunder La Sci Pour Tous 3-392
- Nov 5 M Standard of 16 cor writes that the "mysterious noise heard at Bude must be from explosion at Devonport where a sunken rock had been blown up.
- 9 (destroy) LT this date p. 10, 12th p. 8 13th p. 6 & 8 20th p. 12 Dec. 1st p. 9
- 11 Violent quake Lisbon. Preceded by 2 days incessant rain. The Geologist 2-32
- 11 Beeston Observatory many small meteors BA '59
- 12 LT p. 10 Aerolites.
- Box A (Resumed)**
- 14 to 28 Male convulsionary. Religion-Phil. J. April 8, 1876. William Hutchinson, a well-to-do farmer, about a mile from Springfield, Erie Co., Pa., taken with convulsions. Had been unusually healthy man. Most violent fit every evening about the same time. No more until anniversary of the first fit—same hour and lasted till about the 28th. Ten years went by and each anniversary the same seizures. He travelled to Europe, Australia, West Indies to shake off the seizures, but each anniversary they re-
- turned. (This copied from the New York Herald) / Seems to me his fears before these dates brought on phe.
- Box 2 (Resumed)**
- Nov 23 L T p 6 quake Portugal
- 25 11:45 P M / Cork, Ireland detonating meteor seen and sound like a loud clap thunder. Nat. Hist. Rev. 6-26
- 29 About 1 P M Biarritz—quake in a thick fog. Cosmos 13-700.
- 29 Light quake Basses Pyrénées BA '11
- 30 Pas de Calais / Met streak BA 60-106
- 30 8:45 P M Boscath Jabez Brown BA 58/156 See 1857
- Dec 6 L T p 9 Dec 10 p 9 Met in Broad day
- 7 LT p 6 Dec 8 p 10 Dec 10 p 7 Brilliant aurora
- 8 Island of Reunion Volc in full eruption Geologist 2-86
- 9 Aussun Haute Garonne near Spain Meteorite BA 1860 See Dec 24
- 9 Montrejean (F) / 7:30 A A / 2 stones fall C R 47/1053 48 / index aerolite. Montrejean in C R 48-193.
- 9 Meteorite of Montrejeau (Haute-Garonne) 7 AM L. An. Sci. 1860/16 or M-Jean?
- 14 LT p 6 Astro phe.
- 23 Quakes Jamaica Philippines BA '11
- 24 Molina, Murcia, Spain CR 66-639 near place of Dec 9
- 29 Venus Inf Conjunction Sun (A 1)
- 1859**
- In village of Stoke Lane, Somersetshire, England, shower of small fishes ac to Mrs Ellen S Marvin 1646 E 15th St. Sheepsh-head Bay N Y See letter
- Box A (Resumed)**
- Sleeper Susan C Godsey, near Hickman, Ky. See July 14, 1869
- Box 2 (Resumed)**
- Jan Tevigiano / detonations not accompanied by quaking. See 1816
- 4 Holstein / lar meteor / BA 69-283
- 23 begins Mauna Loa A J Sci 2/28/66-284 2/29/301
- 28 L T p 7 Sun Spots
- Feb 4 L T p 10 Ext. effect of a meteor.
- 7 Aix, France. Det. meteor BA 67-417
- 11 Fish / England D-81 36
Some of the fishes alive, on exhibition Regent's Park Zoological Gardens ac to Frank Buckland Field March 19
- Box A (Resumed)**
- 11 Fishes Glamorganshire
- Box 2 (Resumed)**
- 25 LT p 12 LT 26 p 12 LT 28 p 12 Aurora

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