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### FIRST PRIZE

It's Staats of Detroit, this quarter, with upwards of 30 data of rare quality. He found the best one "while cleaning the basement". It dates from September of the year 20 FS, and — as MFS Staats says — "reveals that there is very little deviation in the Piccard strain."

Don Piccard, nephew of Prof. Auguste, Swiss Balloonist, "missed the start of the first Dutch international balloon race (at Amsterdam) when he stuck his head into his own balloon and was overcome by gas."

From the same basement, likely, another oldie, May, 19 FS. The five-year-old son of Dr. John Birch, Onarga, Ill., pierced his hand with a rusty nail. The doctor gave the boy an anti-tetanus injection, and the child died. The coroner attributed death to the injection, but called it an "allergy".

Right up to date, 3-25-51, Doctors Boris Sokoloff and Walter H. Eddy, of Florida Southern College, announce that vitamin P, "obtained from the peel of oranges and grapefruit may offer much greater protection against an atomic bomb's radiation than steel and concrete shelters."

This reminds us of the time Europe was "starving" most recently, starving because of military action there by the U S A, after spending billions in taxes to make the people hungry, the plan was to spend more to make them hungry, and the first edible stuff sent them was I forget how many millions of dollars worth of grapefruit juice. Now grapefruit juice is away over 90% water, so that the 90% of the purchase price was paid to the canners for water to be sent to starving folk.

Grapefruit juice is consumed by American women who wish to reduce their weight, so it could not be expected to put much meat on European bones, but it put sugar in the pantry of the American canners.

But you observe that the canners were stuck with the garbage, the useless rinds of the grapefruits, poor

fellows, but not stuck for long. The same government which had created the hunger, and subsequently conceived this farcical means of assuaging it, had also spent billions of the tax take developing "atomic bomb radiations", which their own experts have called well over 90% buncomb, and spent still further moneys developing a fraud called "vitamins".

What more natural than that the garbage from around the water sent in cans to starving Europe should be found to contain a "new vitamin" which protects people from radiations of 90% buncomb!

God bless America!

MFS Bristol sent in a pretty set of three, for second honors.

An Australian bank examiner visited the institution in Chatsworth, Queensland. The place was open, but deserted of personnel. He checked the books, and eventually saw the manager and the teller sitting nearby playing poker with the accountant and "ledgerkeeper". "Hoping to scare the erring four, the inspector rang the burglar alarm. At the signal a bartender from a pub across the street hurried over with four beers."

In the British House of Commons (4-5-51), Leonard Ropner, M.P., asked how came it that freshly minted florins had been delivered to a Bermuda bank, labelled, "Made in U. S. A." Neither the U.S. mint nor the Treasury Department would admit making the coins. Ropner was supposed to receive his answer April 17, too late to catch this issue.

The Legislature of Washington (state), 2-13-51, abolished a park that never existed. In 19 FS, the Legislature passed a law creating a State Park on the Strait of Juan de Fuca. Come to find out, the land there was all privately owned. So — two years later — they decided not to have a park there.

A companion piece comes in from MFS Weller, concerning one Paul Snow whose hobby appears to be passing himself off upon State Legislatures as a Senator from Maine. He fooled the Kentucky Solons at an unstated date in the past, and got away with it again April 13, when he addressed a joint session of the Ohio legislators at Columbus. His speech was particularly hard upon the Democrats, and some of them checked with a Portland, Maine, newspaper. Between his visits to the marble halls sacred to the gobbling up of taxes, Mr. Snow resides in one or another State mental institution.

In Maine, 2-9-51 old style, the Register of Probate, one J. Horace McClure, asked the Legislature to reduce his salary by \$200 per annum. He thinks he is getting too much money for the work he does. Cr Lasko.

Last month the price of butter in N. Y. C. was 80 cents per pound and up, but the Italian liner Saturnia sailed with 1,300,000 pounds of the stuff which had been bought from CCC at 17 cents a pound, accto the *Daily News*.

The priest who runs the Sunday School of St. Luke's, at St. Albans, Herts., has taken up ventriloquism to hold his audiences. The dummy is Johnny the Golliwog, and he is very popular. Says the Rev.: "It is possible in this way to explain to the children passages which the teachers normally find difficult to make them understand."

Can't you hear the dialogue? "You nippers better believe in the immaculate conception or I'll mow you down."

Crowding all the above for a place on the Honor Roll is this monster from Giles . . . Dr. T. Dale

Steward of Smithsonian told a reporter (1-30-51) that dinosaurs apparently suffered from arthritis. How know? Their joints are rough.

Pertinent to the death by antitoxin, above, is a special despatch to the Buffalo *Evening News* from Atlanta, Ga. Dr. Thomas F. Sellers, director of the Georgia State Health Department is quoted. "It is my firm belief after 30 years of practical experience that complications produced by the (anti-rabies) vaccine when given to persons only indirectly or remotely exposed have caused more deaths than has rabies."

Dr. Ernest H. Tierkel agrees, but attributes the deaths to "allergic reaction". That is to say, if you die of antitoxin it is your own peculiar fault.

The Los Angeles County Medical Association "is starting a drive to immunize" all residents of the county against smallpox, typhoid-paratyphoid and tetanus, and children additionally for diphtheria and whooping cough. That should give L.A. the highest polio rate in the country. 2-28-51.

In Korea, 2-24-51, more than one million persons had been inoculated *this month* against typhus and smallpox. The serum manufacturers alone will keep that cozy little war going until Hell freezes over.

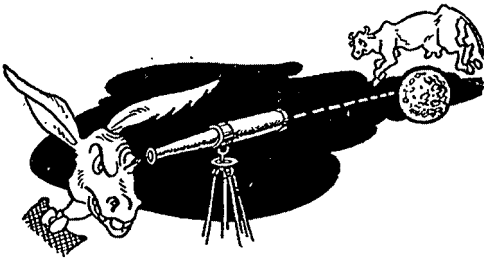
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## YOU CAN STOP LOOKING

The American Astronomers Society in session 12-30-50 at Haverford, Pa., was told — by whom is not stated in the Buffalo *Evening News* — that all the planets have now been found. "This definitely sets the bounds of the solar system and eliminates the need for further searching for unknown planets, it was said." Cr Goldstein.

## AMAZING INDIFFERENCE

No other file in the Fortean archives is so full as the one for UNFINISHED BUSINESS. This seems to us to be a sign of good health and endurance. If that folder ever were empty, the Fortean Society would be no more. However, it needs clearing out

a bit, so we take this means of passing on some of the labors hinted at. Volunteers are wanted, to find out why the people named below have not joined the Society. They appear to be Fortean at heart, and they have been sent applications for membership without results. If you know any of these unresponsives personally, please consult with them, either with a view toward their conversion or to learn if we can help them.

W. E. Jurgens Eastman, Assen, Holland, wrote to the Manchester *Guardian* about chipped milk bottles.

H. Leon Creeth, Tewkesbury, Gloucestershire, suggested using bullet-proof glass for milk bottles.

Frederick A. Jacobson, Oradell, N. J., had a run-in with the editor of *Different*.

Mrs. Cowan, Thornbury, Melbourne, Australia, active in the Spiritual Research Society.

Arthur Sternberg, St. Paul, Minn., alleged to have withheld a portion of his income tax as a protest against "the government's preparations for war".

(In this connection, see elsewhere in this issue, under TAX PROTESTORS)

T. Kushimoto, Hokkaido, Japan, wished to exchange his newspaper writing with the editor of the *Washington Post*.

Andrew Bernhard, called "Editor" of the Pittsburgh *Post-Gazette*, wrote a good article on "saucers", but perhaps his apathy toward the Society is of a piece with his paper's crusade against Drosnes-Lazenby who gave relief to cancer sufferers.

Fritz Wezork, a bookseller of Stuttgart, who distributed a few copies of DOUBT to his customers but remained courteously incurious.

M. Meulenhoff, a bookseller of Amsterdam, Holland, who wrote, "Please stop sending copies to our address, unless especially requested."

David K. Boynick, purportedly an INS staff man, NYC, who quoted the Bowery Social Register.

Erich Brandeis, a King Features columnist, who got a column out of the Fortean question, Is the Earth Really Round?

Albert Bofman, Chicago, who wrote, "The limited reading time at my disposal does not warrant your sending me further copies, especially since I don't seem in the hurried glance through it to get its motif."

H. I. Phillips, a syndicated columnist, who wrote in praise of Garry Davis.

Oliver F. Billingsley, proprietor of something called Project X, in Glendale, Calif. He threatened to start a magazine devoted entirely to "saucers".

Bosley Crowther, N.Y. *Times* columnist who took violent exception to the censorship of "The Miracle", a movie which local Catholics had the pull to get banned.

Freling Foster, column conductor on *Collier's*, deals in such oddities as made Ripley famous. These are not quite the same thing as Foreana but there is a great deal of overlapping.

Clifford Young, Monongahela, Pa., who knows where a "rough hewn sandstone" is *growing*, and who once found a "perfectly" round piece of "fool's gold".

George D. Boutwell, East Hartford, Conn., had intentions (in 17 FS) "of forming a Hygienic Co-op Community". He signed off, "Yours for Health truth and Medical Liberty."

Dr. the Rev. Leo Charles Donnelly, Detroit, Mich.; signed off. "With good wishes, not too courageously

Dr. Donnelly."

Arthur Ruthyen, Ajai, Calif., who used to sell Talismans "under the New Covenant of the Aquarian Age" — the purpose was to render "the wearers IMMUNE TO ALL FORMS OF DARK FORCE ATTACK".

D. Froot, "Univy of Cambridge," who sent us four of these Talismans and a bum Los Angeles address.

Perry Richards, "New York's Man-in-White" who wrote praising Fort highly and enclosing a photograph to which he referred, thus: "I may or may not be a crank, but I appeared for 5 years (1915-21) on Fifth Avenue and Broadway in an *entirely white dress* (as in the enclosed picture) the whole year around, even in the coldest weather. . . . Mr. Richards wrote from Hartford, Wash., in the year 18 FS, "within the next 20 years there will (be) phenomena on such a tremendous scale that humanity will stand aghast! They will affect every living thing. *Nobody will escape.* If your fine Society survives, all the better. The very crust of the earth will be violently shaken all over this stationary planet."

Max Wylie, a book reviewer for the N. Y. *Times* who mentions Charles Fort sympathetically in reviewing other men's books.

Al Baux, a cartoonist on the Worcester (Mass.) *Gazette*, who took "certain scientists" for a ride.

Pierre-Marie Ventre, Paris, France, who concocted a delightful philosophy called Resistentialism, accto Paul F. Jennings, of the *Times'* Paris staff.

Vice-Admiral C. S. Freeman, USN, "publisher" of an Intelligence Digest, from "deep amongst the Buckinghamshire beech trees".

Abdo John, Wilkes-Barre, Pa., who invented a machine alleged to "cure" hiccoughs. One case testimonial had been hiccing 176 days.

David Sturgis, Santa Monica, Calif., called Uranus "the planet of Universal democracy" and said that for the first time in 84 years Uranus had entered the sign of Cancer, "birth sign of America", in 18 FS, where it will stay for 7 years. Sturgis thinks that is good.

DAD, of Hollywood, who "established 1911, a means of disseminating "Education in a nutshell . . . Thousands have used these ideas in solving life problems."

Robert G. Hall, who wrote from the office of AP in Cincy, in December of the year 17 FS: "Please consider this as my application for membership in your Society" and then disappeared as completely as Bathurst.

Dr. J. Ennis, of Toronto, Ontario, who sends his patients to us.

Robert B. Maguire of Baltimore, who saw an incandescent ball floating over a road near Annapolis about 1936.

H. R. Paradise, Seattle, who wrote . . . "am working on a gun that will fire from the breech simultaneously with the frontal discharge, killing two soldiers at once. This will shorten wars."

Golden E. Smith of Chicago, who reported a long waiting list for THE BOOKS at the Chicago Public Library.

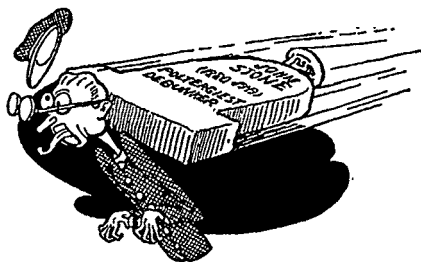
Robert H. Stair, Clark College, Vancouver, Wash., who wrote, "I am already familiar with Charles Fort and his works, and often use some of his theses as a spur in the stimulation of independent thought among my students."

Jimmy Witherspoon of Springfield, Mo., and Alfred Peloquin of Marlboro, Mass., who are interested in interplanetary rockets.

"Dr." G. N. M. Tyrell, past president of the (British) Society of Psychical Resarch, who was quoted as stating that "since the war" mediums reported an "inexplicable difficulty in getting through", that is, in establishing contact with "spirits".

Dr. R. N. Whitefield, Jackson, Miss., who was quoted: "It is my firm belief that an individual who spends nearly 25 years continuously in school is not altogether practical."

C. O. Steele, Bradentown, Florida, who published a paper called *The Individualist*.



A. W. Pleasants of Denver, who reported that a "grave" had been spaded into his "carefully tended lawn" and a "stolen" tombstone placed in position. The stone weighed an estimated 150 pounds. Half in and half out of the "grave" was a headless doll. An attempt was being made, Aug. 18 FS, to locate the graveyard source of the tombstone.

Walter W. Zimmerman, UCLA meteoriticist, Northridge, Calif., who stated that the Canyon Diablo "crater", in Arizona, was rectangular in shape.

Mrs. Robert Bailey, Nashville, Tenn., who saw "five grouped meteors" in the summer of 1913 AD, and alleges that they passed so closely that her party near Bowling Green, Ky., thought they were going to be struck.

Dean A. Worcester, Jr., Seattle, who published a five-page plan for making peace permanent, April 18 FS.

Mrs. Stuart Haldorn, Del Monte, Calif., who wrote, "I have often wondered why I didn't believe what THEY say about things — now I know — thanks to Charles Fort."

C. William Honhold and Robert D. Eaton, Sewickley, Pa., who claimed ownership of the moon, that is, Luna, April 18 FS.

John D. Paulus, of the Pittsburg *Press*, who took a fall out of Dale Carnegie that must have hurt, July 18 FS.

Carl H. Savitt, sometime instructor at Calif. Inst. of Tech., who claimed to have squared the circle, June 18 FS.

Herbert L. Matthews, book reviewer for the N. Y. *Times* who wrote, "The ugliness of Franco Spain was laid bare long ago for those who needed enlightenment, and now there are the converted to whom it is unnecessary to preach and the 'fellow travelers' whose faith cannot be shaken."

Fagin Fogg, columnist on the Jefferson Park (Ill.) *Times*, who wrote, "Some scientist, obviously sick and tired of all those loose generalities about a "snail's pace," carefully clocked a snail and discovered that a 'snail's pace' is exactly .00363005 miles per hour. It is entirely in the spirit of scientific

inquiry to get a figure as accurate as that despite its ultimate uselessness."

Edward F. Candler, called "a director" of the American Rocket Society, has a plan whereby "sunbeams may steer guided missiles in the next war."

Willy Wolfradt, staff writer on the German paper, *Aufbau*, who wrote a piece taking the "lie-detector" apart.

Matt Weinstock, columnist on the *LA Daily News*, who quoted Charles Fort at length in 18 FS, in commenting upon a Wonet.

Dickson Terry, feature writer on the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*, who handled a "Gigantic Bird Mystery" in a Fortean manner.

Kurt Seligmann, author of *The Mirror of Magic*, which mentions Charles Fort favorably.

Walter H. Johnson, editor of *Statewide*, Boise, Idaho, to whom permission was granted to quote Charles Fort in his paper.

Henry K. B. Stanton, Exeter, Devon, England, who wrote, "I seek information regarding the little, known inventor Grindell Matthews. I understand that, after the rejection of his death-ray by the 'proper authorities,' he took the idea to the U. S. A. and there made a film with his device as the theme. I am endeavouring to ascertain whether Matthews was the 'impostor' that a certain well known editor would have us believe, or whether he really was the 'stormy petrel of science', as his biographer describes him."

George Gatling, Orpington, Kent, England, who "wrote to the Times" decrying the morbidity of crowds waiting in the streets outside a palace while a royal birth proceeds inside.

Carl Giessen, Hago, Duisberg, Germany, who wrote, "B. H. Liddell Hart . . . seems to believe there are men in Western Germany who may willingly join an army again. The truth is that Germany really has become a peace-loving nation, and we all hate militarism from the bottom of our hearts . . . Everywhere one hears people say, 'We will never take part in any future wars.'"

Professors Fujio Hago and Shuinichi Oshigashi of Kyoto Imperial U., who worked with an American, Val D'Ancona, N.Y., and by putting a Junkers injector in an engine instead of a carburetor increased efficiency "considerably".

Hugh Laning, feature writer on the Sydney (Ausie) *Morning-Herald* wrote a fairly Fortean piece, Beware of the Poltergeist.



Olive Morgan, Gardiner, Oregon, who wrote asking us to "classify the 'Oregon Vortex' and to tell her about the 'Ape Men' in the 'vast unexplored wilderness between Mt. Baker and the

Canadian border." She read about both in the *American Weekly*.

Emerson M. Clymer, Quakertown, Pa., publisher of *The Rosicrucian Fraternity in America*.

G. W. Burner, M. D., Johnstown, O., wrote protesting the tragic farce of trying and executing so-called "war criminals" in Japan and Germany.

Ludwig Bemelmans, New York, Hollywood, and wherever, struck a Fortean chord in *Sacre du Printemps*, a short story.

L. Miller, Houston, Texas, a pamphleteer for monetary reform.

J. C. Lankes, Virginia, possessed of a fundamental Forteanism which is evident in his writing and his teaching.

Vardis Fisher, who wrote those books about our prehistoric prototypes, with Fortean independence.

Anthony Brooke, Raja Muda of Sarawak, Singapore, who wrote a somewhat Fortean letter to the *Manchester Guardian*.

### SIZZLING FACTS

The hottest book since Lincoln Steffens is Max Lowenthal's factual account of the growth of the monstrous FBI. The wipers have tried to steer you away from it in their reviews for reasons which will be obvious when you read it. Without passion or argument the author has set down the history of the slow murder of American freedom. If the little that is left of liberty seems to you to be worth saving, read this book.

Don't miss it!

Because of his great contribution in these pages to the restoration of independent thinking, Max Lowenthal, the author, has been nominated for Fortean Fellowship.

The publisher is the same William Sloane who was so instrumental in publishing THE BOOKS OF CHARLES FORT as an omnibus.

Read FBI, by Max Lowenthal, and learn how to defend yourself from the encroachments of the police-state.

From the Society — \$5.00.

### MORE BOOKS

A new fantasy by Erick Frank Russell — *Dreadful Sanctuary* — occurs in 1972, concerns the 18th rocket to the moon, and the question, "How do you know you are sane?" Russell's style and speed need no introduction to Fortean readers. Readers of *Sinister Barrier* won't want to miss this. From the Society — \$2.75.

Under the headline — AMERICA'S TRADITION OF PROTEST — the *Times* printed a favorable review of *Men of Good Hope*, by Daniel Aaron, and the book deserves the good review. Whether the tradition of the men studied by Mr. Aaron is particularly American or not is another question. It will be worth your while to see how the author links together the "progressive" line from Emerson to Theodore Parker, to Henry George to Edward Bellamy, to Henry Demarest Lloyd to William Dean Howells (sic) and Thorstein Veblen.

It will be worth your while also to rediscover Henry Demarest Lloyd, who appears to have suffered an undeserved neglect since his death, a victim of the traditional American conspiracy of silence. *Men of Good Hope*, from the Society, \$4.00.

In a monograph called *Greenhouse World*, Donald Lee Cyr carries on the studies of his ancestor, Isaac Newton Vail. New orthodox evidence for the an-

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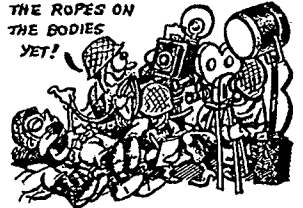
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*My Life With Dreiser*, by Helen Dreiser, widow of the writer, covers the friendship of Charles Fort and Theodore with first-hand intimacy. From the Society, \$3.75.

*One Woman's Fight*, by Vashu McCollum, Accepted Fellow Fortean Society, is the complete story of the famous case. From the Society, \$3.00.

### SPECIAL DRAYSON FIND

Our good member W. Janney who spent the period of World Fraud II in assorted prison camps, preferring to dig privy pits rather than salute what he would have had to salute and shoot what he would have had to shoot, has found a rare Drayson book, which some student of the Problem may wish to acquire. It is a first edition of *Untrodden Ground in Astronomy and Geology: Giving Further Details of the Second Rotation of the Earth and of the Important Calculations Which Can Be Made By Aid of a Knowledge Thereof*, London, 1890. Condition is described as "shabby and worn but sound". 8 vo, orig. blue cloth, 305 pp. \$10.00, from the Society.

### RUSSELL'S BEST

Funny, isn't it? — the cream of Russell's Forteanism, skimmed in Britain, originates in the USA, but the stories must not appear in native wypers, because nobody else sends them in.

Harlow Shapley discovered (3-18-51) "a star whose radius is more than eight times the distance between the sun and earth (93 million miles)". That will put the West Coast keepers of the White Elephant on their mettle.

A patent has been granted (1-16-51) in Washington to the inventor of a pellet containing Ethylic alcohol and tartaric acid. Put it in water and you have "something resembling champagne".

The 10,000-ton U.S. aircraft carrier *Independence* is to be blown up at sea "by a method stated not to be atomic which U. S. Navy is keeping secret." No cameramen or newsmen will be allowed to watch, but the taxpayers will be permitted to pay for the building of a successor to the *Independence* after she is sunk.

A Grand Island (Neb.) newspaper circulated a petition (3-20-51) ostensibly asking for better recreational facilities but in reality testing whether people read what they sign. These words in the body of the petition: — *That I be hanged by the neck until dead*. The Liverpool Echo states that 35 people signed. It does not state ONLY 35, but if that is the case, it speaks well for Grand Island citizens. In New York you can bet 35,000 would have signed it.

Memphis, Tenn., has "put out" (presumably banned) Charlie Chaplin's *City Lights*. 1-12-51. "The authorities say there is nothing against the picture but that the comedian is a traitor to the Christian way of life, an enemy of decency, virtue and marriage."

The Reuter's war correspondent, Alex Valentine, was forced to leave Korea by the U. S. Headquarters (1-16-51) because he wanted to put the truth into his despatches to his British employers.

Japan's two leading warplane designers — Saburo Horikoshi and Kiro Honjo — are working for the U. S. Air Force (on loan) in Tokyo. 1-7-51. "Since the terms of the Pacific surrender prohibited all aeronautical research design or manufacture (one) has been working on the design of light cars and sewing machines and (the other) on the design of bicycles."

The *Daily Express* of 1-21-51 states that Americans have had so many disappointments over the "wonder drugs" — from sulfa right down the line — that they have started calling them the "I wonder drugs".

When P. P. Jones (Oxford) told a conference of "university Conservative associations" that — "Britain and America are so important to one another that it is better they should pursue a wrong policy together than that one should pursue a right policy by itself." — he was greeted with cries of NO! — and SHAME! 3-21-51 old style.

Russell sends a picture clipped from *Time*, issue of 1-8-51, but does not include the accompanying text. The caption reads "Parade in Peking / wishes v. facts." and the photo is credited to "Sovofoto". The picture shows a great mass of Orientals in a kind of fatigue uniform, something like prison dress in U.S.A., and it has been retouched to look as if

these hundreds of men were carrying hundreds of photos of Stålin. To anyone familiar with retouching processes and the business of making cuts for reproduction, this picture is a bald and obvious fake. The question is whether "Sovofoto" or *Time* did the faking.

Russell pursues his international course with a Copenhagen bit, stating that in a blood bank there "soft music is played while blood is taken from donors". *Kashmiri Song*, no doubt.

In New Zealand, as of 1-16-51 old style, they had experienced 72 earthquakes in 5 days.

In Rome, the Pope approved a decree (1-12-51) proclaiming Gabriel, the Archangel of the Annunciation, "protector of radio communications".

Russell lists his "One Way Correspondence:

"Reports on the American witch hunt said it had proved effective, got rid of commies and other traitors and "cleared four thousand homo-sexuals out of the State Department." I wrote the F.B.I., Washington asking for data on this new political party called Homosex. No reply.

"Festival of Britain authorities announced that an astronomical telescope to be placed on view there could not be looked through by the public. I wrote asking whether any other astronomical telescope can be looked through, and if not, why not. No reply.

"British newspapers have been smacking lips over profitable defense contracts coming to Big Biz. Seemed to me that Big Biz must have become one-track-minded in letting other opportunities pass, and that it was up to the slicker like me to step in and take my slice. So I wrote to our Ministry of Supply asking for a highly profitable *attack* contract. No reply.



"I wrote four editors asking who they are going to blame for everything when Those Damned Reds have been wiped out. No reply.

"I wrote my Member of Parliament asking which did he consider the greater weapon, the Atom Bomb of The Chinese Womb. No reply."

In another letter, Russell writes:

"Ye Gee (MFS Judith Gee, London) reports an apparently worthwhile book on the sexual causes of war. The theory is that World Frauds are arranged by power-loving sexually impotent old men to take the steam off sexually excitable and therefore bellicose young men, thus ridding themselves of the surplus of younger competitors for fanny-favors and taming the rest. I am trying to get a copy for you."

Reporting upon his researches into the cause of that accident to the astronomer who fell off his telescope, Russell writes: "He tawt he taw a puddy tar."

And ends this session with a piquant morsel from Sheffield . . . A worker in a flour mill wanted to go home early, and conceived the jolly means of

turning loose some poison gas, thereby closing the mill. "The foreman and two were overcome." The mill was out of business four hours and work was then resumed — in gas masks. Now, where did the worker get the poison gas? Why, it is used in processing the flour — for the British table.

Ask your local Health Officer, family doctor, or MFS "Ajax" Carlson how flour is bleached and processed in America!

## MEMBERS ASK

Many members ask how they can help the Fortean Society, in ways other than contributing cash. Here are a few suggestions:

1. Check with all local free public libraries, whether or not they have THE BOOKS OF CHARLES FORT. Let us know, and send us the addresses of any who do not have it.
2. Check the nearest university libraries, on Fort and A. M. Drayson; also, State or Province libraries at the capital.
3. Urge your bookseller and rental library to keep THE BOOKS in stock and in circulation.
4. Send us the correct firm name and address of the largest newsstand in your locality, the one that takes pride in the completeness of its imported selection.
5. Send us the names of all local school papers, edited by undergraduates: high school, colleges, public and private.
6. Donate a copy of THE BOOKS to the library of the nearest penitentiary.
7. Keep a lending copy of THE BOOKS for the use of the smartest youngsters of your circle. Give THE BOOKS as a graduation present to at least one person yearly.
8. Write letters to the editors of your local papers on Fortean topics, and send carbon copies to the Society.
9. Send us names and addresses of the most intelligent people you know. State whether or not we may use your name in approaching them.
10. Put Fortean stickers on your outgoing mail.
11. Put Fortean bookmarks in library books you return.
12. When you receive DOUBT, if you do not use the booklist or the membership application blank yourself, mail either or both to someone who may find it interesting.
13. Cultivate the acquaintance of newspaper people and attempt to get them to adopt the Fortean attitude toward the news they write, and to mention Charles Fort whenever possible in their stories.
14. Write critical letters to the editor of encyclopedias and biographical dictionaries asking why Charles Fort is not listed in their books. He is listed in TWENTIETH CENTURY AUTHORS.
15. If you are a writer, painter, sculptor, composer or architect, apply your art to Fortean themes. What would a Fortean painting look like? A Fortean "cathedral"? What would a Fortean symphony sound like? A Fortean "hymn"?
16. What should be said in a Fortean funeral service? Try your hand at writing that.
17. Never let unreasoned assumptions pass unnoticed in the news. Write to the editor every time he is guilty, and send carbon copies of your letters to the Society.
18. Never let "authorities" of any kind, neither police, military, school; church or "defense" impose upon your liberty or dignity. Don't let anybody push you around or awe you. Don't mind what the neigh-

bors say or think. Do your own thinking — and speak up.



19. Use the Fortean Society 13-Month Calendar. Date your letters, checks, and all documents *both* ways so that others will ask why you do it, and you can explain how sensible the 13-Month Calendar would be if universally used.

All these things will help the Fortean Society—and you too.

### THAT'S OUR BOY

Reviewing *The Chemistry and Physiology of Growth*, a collection of 10 outstanding contributions to the subject, in the magazine, *Growth*, HFFS Hammett wrote:

Another outstanding aspect of these presentations is the absence of dogmatism. While the authors may state their precepts in what may seem irreversible terms, nonetheless each and every one exhibits a mind receptive to change. They are not exclusionists. And they admit in the words of Chas. Fort, that "everything in our experience is only a part of something else that in turn is only a part of still something else." Thus the barriers are being disposed of. And teamwork in attempting to solve the mysteries of the most general property of all things is developing.

### PURPURA TO YOU

The Fortean vocabulary is enriched by *purpura* the name of "a rare disease which breaks down the blood vessel tissues and leaves purple blotches on the body." Johnny Zachodni, 16, was said to have died of it in 14 FS, in White Hill Reformatory, Penna. The case has been reopened because fellow inmates, since released, say that Johnny was beaten to death by the guards. Purpura. Pretty?

### IS THIS, OLD STUFF?

Out of Rutgers, *via* MFS Bonavia, comes some cancer research data which quite blithely refers to "the most potent cancer causing chemicals" and, later, to "human beings who are exposed by their employment to cancer-causing chemicals . . . used in the dye industry and; until its cancer properties were discovered, as an insecticide."

YS is naive sometimes. Do the people in these employments know their danger? Do employers in those industries warn applicants? Who has a list of the industries involved? What were the names of the insecticides now so bravely discontinued? What diseases are caused by the insecticides which supplant the cancer causers?

### TAX PROTESTORS

Elsewhere in this issue one Arthur Sternberg is mentioned as withholding income tax in protest

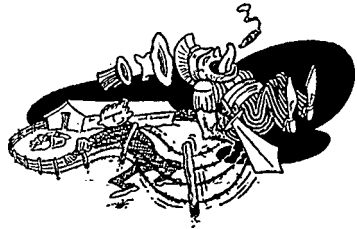
against war preparations.

Another doughty of like courage is named in the *News* of the War Resisters League. He is Walter Gormley, Mount Vernon, Iowa. As his car was auctioned off by "authorities" to pay 1947-49 tax, students from Cornell College stood by him bearing signs lettered with encouraging slogans. The *News* states that "at least 59" persons followed this course of protest at tax time this year.

Rev. A. J. Muste, a Presbyterian minister of N.Y.C., sent a three-page letter to the Bureau of Internal Revenue in lieu of a "return". With the letter went a copy of the Gospels and Henry Thoreau's essay on civil disobedience.

The Tax Refusal Committee of Peacemakers has members in 14 States.

The street address of Rev. A. J. Muste is given in the NYC telephone book as 520 West 122nd St.



### CONCHIE INFO

Conscientious Objectors to military service who need information about their status under existing laws may obtain it gratis by writing to Metropolitan Board of Conscientious Objectors, Room 1025, 5 Beekman Street, New York 38; N. Y.

Any of you members who save money by not contributing to Cancer, Heart and Polio Rackets can put the saving to good use by sending it to the above address as a contribution. "Its members and advisors serve without compensation but we have some clerical and mailing expenses, sometimes we provide bail, and we ought to advertise our existence much oftener so that an individual doesn't find himself in jail or the army through ignorance."

MFS PORTER SARGENT

1872 AD — 21 FS

### FORTEAN LOSS

Most of his adult life Porter Sargent was a nettle in the side of educational complacency, especially among private schools of the higher learning. He was a sharp critic, with the courage to speak out, and for many years an active Fortean. He died April 3, 21FS (March 27, 1951 old style). His work will be carried on by his surviving son, F. Porter Sargent. Another son, Upham, disappeared while on a canoe trip in the Hudson's Bay Indian country.

### CREDIT DUE

These good members sent in material which could not be used in this issue of DOUBT: Laclede, Creviston, Elsander, Keating, Emison, Collander,

Martin, Patterson, D. Carlson, Page, Payne, A. Wilson, Bristol, Trupp, Pollard, C. Williams, Lasko, Giles, Bump.

This includes 92 pieces on saucers or meteors.

Fortean have a legitimate gripe at the usurpation of our long-time franchise upon lights and objects in the sky by the military and its lackey freeprez. In a field where competent witnesses have ever been a rarity, the propaganda machinations



have so conditioned the public that "saucer" comes to mind first, no matter what is seen, and if the witness does not use the word, the reporters put it in their accounts anyway.

Amateur rocketeers have the same complaint. The Navy has the first trip to the moon well in hand. Let there be heroes out of uniform!

And now seismology and volcanology are going the same way. Time was when the Jesuits and other tremblor experts were agreed in stating that no man-made explosion could be mistaken for a quake on their records. An explosion might make a needle jump or it might put a seismograph out of commission, but the record never looked like a bona fide earthquake. Now the new crop of militarily trained juveniles who write the fiction, masquerading as news in the daily wipers has never been taught that. They have been taught to use the words "bomb" and "atomic" in every story they write. The AP account of the shock of March 14 old style GAL 8 ----- -- --

begins: "Millions of persons in northern Europe were terrified today by a violent shuddering of the earth's crust which some thought might have been caused by an atomic-sized explosion inside East Germany." And later in the same piece: "Denies A-Blast Reports . . . Officials of Stuttgart University scotched reports that an explosion of atomic intensity might have caused the shock. Prof. Wilhelm Hiller said after a careful check of records that an earthquake whose epicenter was near Euskirchen in the Rhineland caused the tremors.

"We are absolutely sure the center was not in East Germany," he added.

"Prof. Friedrich Becker, director of the observatory at Bonn, Germany, said the atomic explanation had not been eliminated, but that scientists, trying to find the origin and cause of the shock, were handicapped for lack of definite information from behind the Iron Curtain."

YS would like to have a phonograph record of that play's conversations with the two professors to play for you alongside the copy the journalist retched out of it.

The same type of subversive prostitution-of-natural-phenomena is being applied to volcanic eruptions.

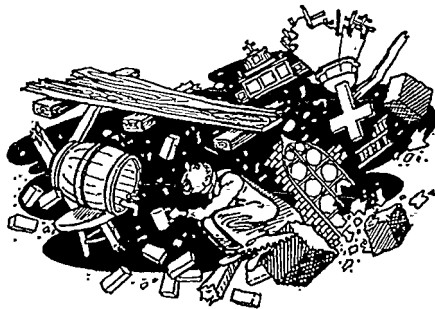
When Mt. Lamington went off in New Guinea (1-17-51) the Buffalo *Courier-Express* gave the story the headline — NEW GUINEA VOLCANO EXPLODES LIKE A-BOMB And the Newcastle (Eng.) *Evening Chronicle* starts its story: "Like an area blasted by an atom bomb is a description of the area affected by the New Guinea volcanic eruption."

How are sensible men to combat this unremitting assault upon their sanity? How are calm judgments to be formed when the big money, the big brass and the big printing presses of the entire world are all dedicated to the task of making every adult an hysterical ninny and every child a gibbering idiot?

Do you consider those questions the legitimate province of the Fortean Society?

Your Secretary does, for these reasons: it is the mentality of the race that is being preyed upon, and it is being preyed upon equally in all countries, East and West. Office-holders everywhere are trying to sell a bill of goods to us slugs in the street. There can be no choice between ideologies if all ideologies have to be swallowed whole like atom-bombs, saucers, lie-detectors, radar and civilian defense. These concepts are being forced upon us by authoritarian methods. It is high time we refused to take any more of it.

Whoever planned the grammar-school program of



"Protection for Surprise Atomic Attack", the cowering on the floor, hiding the head, wearing a dog tag and all the rest of it, never for one moment thought or suspected that there was the slightest possibility of a "surprise atomic attack" upon this country—ever. The program was planned for two reasons only. (A) To train up a generation full of fear and hatred for an "enemy"—because the last generation didn't hate anybody: we slugs in the street and our slugs in school are very poor haters by nature: it has to be beaten into our heads with dog tags. (2) To train up a generation of unthinking sheep, ready to crawl under the bed at the sound of "authority's" whistle, a generation of conformists utterly dependent upon "directives" from somebody—anybody in uniform.

YS feels so strongly on this subject that he wrote a letter—the same letter—to each of the other Founders and Honorary Founders. The answers are only now beginning to come back. Here is the letter, now addressed to the Members. Please answer it.

Dear Member:

An opportunity for the Fortean Society to do some good in this world appears to be presented by the development of so-called "Civilian Defense".

As Secretary of the Society, I am addressing this letters to the Founders and Honorary Founders, (and now to the Members), soliciting their opinions and advice. I present my view of the situation to you, and then ask a series of numbered questions. Will you please answer the questions, and add anything you wish by way of comment? I do not mind going to jail, if needs must, but I hesitate to precipitate trouble without consulting your honorable selves. I hesitate to crystallize and make public a Fortean viewpoint of such great significance without your concurrence.

As appears to me, we Forteans are the only body of individuals organized on a non-political basis who are concerned for our rapidly diminishing freedom. It is difficult to know how the majority of the general public feels about this, because, in addition to its chronic inarticulateness, it is now all but perfectly gagged. Perhaps it is no more than a prejudice of mine, but I credit native American horse sense with awareness of the situation, in its broader outlines, and I think it wants only the means to make its power felt. The big question is whether or not we wish to attempt to provide the means.

I conceive of an advertisement to be run in the New York Times and other newspapers in large cities, reading something like this:

### YOU DON'T HAVE TO TAKE IT!

Everyone knows that "Civilian Defense" is nothing but the politicians' alibi for wasting billions of the public money.

### IF YOU WISH TO PROTEST

- AGAINST wasteful war preparations —
- AGAINST peacetime conscription —
- AGAINST dog-tagging your children —
- AGAINST air-raid wardens —
- AGAINST regimentation in any form —

Address

The Fortean Society  
Box 192, Grand Central Annex  
New York City

Some papers will refuse that copy. Some will accept modified versions. By invoking the law we can force some to take it, either as written or as revised.

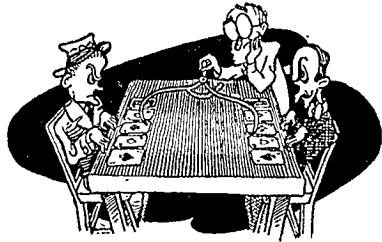
### QUESTIONS

- (1) Is individual liberty properly the concern of the Fortean Society?
- (2) Do you consider our freedom in jeopardy at this time?
- (3) Would you say that taking up this fight was a political action?
- (4) Would you condemn the action for that reason?
- (5) Would you condemn the action for other reasons? (Please state them).
- (6) Do you consider the advertisement as written a fair statement of fact?
- (7) What would you take out of it?
- (8) What would you add?
- (9) If the majority of Founders and Honorary Founders agreed with the action, in essence, and advised the Secretary to go to it, would you resign?
- (10) Would you help?
- (11) How?  
(Money is no immediate concern, but in the event of a long legal battle, even to the ultimate extreme of carrying the issue to the

- Supreme Court, funds would be required.)
- (12) If the Secretary were arrested, would you testify in his behalf?
  - (13) Would you contribute cash toward the expense of the trial?

Please reply at length.

Sincerely,  
(signed)  
Secretary



### DUKE ASKS US

MFS Turner is working at Duke U in the Parapsychology Laboratory. He writes:

"I am very much interested in the problem of unusual direction-finding in animals. The sort of thing I am referring to is exemplified by the case of "Bobbie", a collie dog who found his way back home to Oregon six months after being lost in Indiana. Another example is that of "Teddy", the toad, who returned ten miles to his favorite garden upon being carried away by Mr. F. H. Sidney, who followed him all the way back."

Will members send data directly to Malcolm E. Turner, Jr., please? Duke is at Durham, North Carolina.

We had no data in the archives for him, but here is one dated 12-21-50. A cat walked 17 miles, from the Carborundum plant in Niagara Falls to 132 Maple Grove Ave., Tonawanda, N. Y. The householders' name is LeRoy C. Schniepp. As the cat crossed the street in front of the house at the end of the hike, it was struck by a car, its back was broken, and it had to be "disposed of". Buffalo *Cowier-Express*. Credit Giles.

### FOR FUTURE REFERENCE

That Lewis H. Brown, "chairman of the board and chief executive" of Johns-Manville Corp., died, *ae* 57, of a heart attack, 2-26-51, at DeFray Beach, Fla. He was brought to Greenwich, Conn., for burial.

That Capt. Thomas Lincoln Wogan, 42, shot and killed himself in his car parked in his garage, 3-16-51, at San Diego. He was to have assumed command of Submarine Squadron 5 in the bay, the next day. Survived by three children.

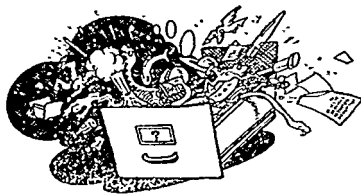
### HELP PATCHEN PLEASE

Attorney Julien Cornell, Honorary Life Member of the Fortean Society, born a Quaker, was one of the most active defenders of Conscientious Objectors before the bar through World Fraud II. He was also attorney for Ezra Pound. He is now Treasurer of the Kenneth Patchen Fund, Central Valley, New York.

Kenneth Patchen is probably the best writer of his years in America. He has been crippled for many years from "rheumatoid arthritis", bedridden and in constant pain, unable to earn anything.

Besides Cornell, the sponsors of the fund are W. H. Auden, Archibald MacLeish, T. S. Eliot, Thornton Wilder.

There's nothing phoney about the appeal. Send as much as you can afford to the fund at the above address. YS knows that Patchen wrote a perfectly scurvy attack upon Pound in PM during Pound's sorriest days—but that cuts no ice now. Give all you can.



## RUN OF THE MILL

An overhand knot was tied in the foot-thick anchor chain of Barnegat lightship—inexplicably. The one-ton anchor was on the bottom, and the ship was on the top. 2-12-51 old style. Cr Scott, Giles. (We have another similar datum. Was it not in an early DOUBT?)

Therese Neumann, the stigmatic, did not bleed this past Good Friday. On the other hand, Mrs. Donald McIsaac, Uptegrove, Ontario, started bleeding Fridays, before October of last year. We also hear rumors of the Vatican being moved to Quebec.

*Time*, a magazine, has only now discovered the screw-ball judge in South Carolina who reaches verdicts by spinning the Bible. We had him in DOUBT years ago. Cr Goeller

*Life*, another magazine, printed a picture of something purported to be a "baby mammoth", July 4, 1949 old style. The story states that the beast "lived in Alaska between 15,000 and 400,000 years ago". That's the biggest "between" since Diamond Lil closed.



Small fish in a rain water pond in Robla, near Sacramento, Calif. 3-5-51. Cr Emison

Two night watchmen in the ruins of Pompeii were found dead (3-29-51), "apparently suffocated by their coal fire". Cr Castillo

*Awake!* one of the Jehovah's Witnesses' papers, 2-8-51, chortles over the discovery that a purported spirit picture of a baby on a bathroom wall in Lily Dale, N. Y., was impressed there from the container of some cleansing tissues. Lily Dale is the spook-lovers Mecca.

A witch was saved from burning to death, after fire had been set to her petrol soaked clothing by citizens of Benevento, Italy, 2-5-51.

MFS Collander writes—"Send me a copy of Chakotin's Rape of the Masses. As I intend to be-

come a demagog at the earliest possible moment, please rush the above item."

Five Cahows have been found in Bermuda. They are sea birds, listed as extinct in 1620 and ever since. Cr Russell and others

A seed alleged to be 50,000 years old sprouted, AP sez, "but a fungus infection" killed it. Cr Goeller

Women in a factory at Oxford, Michigan, "faint like etherized flies" (11-18-50). Eight in hospital, "scores" visit doctors. Men are not affected. Cr Barneson

A sea crab allegedly found in mortar of a wall built in 1915. Hermosa Beach, Calif., 2-10-51. Cr Staats and others.

Accto missionaries driven out of China, the "Mandarin dialect" of the Chinese language has been set to Roman characters and is being taught in schools. The people like the change. 1-21-51 Cr Russell. A magazine called *People's China*, printed in English, may be had for \$2.00 for 6 months, \$3.50 a year. Address, 41 Yang Shih Ta Chieh, Peking, China.

Stories of a mysterious light on a road near Suffolk, Va., date back 75 years. It was seen by "hundreds" of spectators from March 2 to 7, 1951 old style. It looks like a one-eyed car coming toward the viewer on a road. It gets brighter until very close — then disappears. Cr Goeller and others.

## THE BREEZE AGAIN

MFS Clayton cites two data and adds another in the same category.

DOUBT #17, pg. 255.

"Your secretary recalls hearing from the lips of Charles Fort himself, the theory advanced by a pregnant peasant girl of Central Europe early in the century, ascribing her interesting condition to a certain 'exposure of her person to the incidence of the east wind' etc."

DOUBT #24, pg. 363.

MFS Monroe's clipping from TIME concerning the merry mares of "Portugall" impregnated by the west wind.

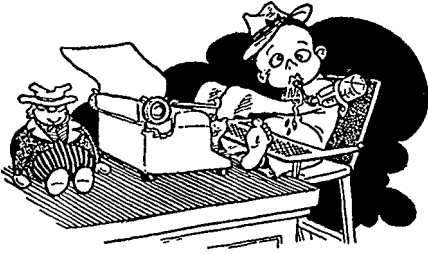
Has this item been submitted? I found it in the footnotes of an old copy of Scott's *Lady of the Lake*. (Ed. 1830)

(From Macfarlane, *ut supra*, ii 1830)

"— and ancient men doeth say that there was a battell foughten one ane litle hill . . . be certain men which they did not know what they were . . . both wenches and youths did conveen with others on that Hill; and the day being somewhat cold, did gather the bones of the dead men that were slayne long time before in that place, and did make a fire to warm them. At last they did all remove from the fire, except one maid or wench, which was verie cold, and she did remain there for a space. She being quyetlie her alone, without anie other companie, took up her cloaths above her knees, or thereby (sic) to warm her; a wind (no mention of direction) did come and caste the ashes upon her, and she was conceived of ane man-chyld."

## HORSE LAUGH

The guffaw of the quarter sprang loudly from uncouth throats at publication of a graph of Einstein's "brain waves". The graph as published in *Life*, and in the *Atlanta Journal*, reveals to the naked eye that Einstein thinking of relativity leaves a trail which cannot be distinguished from that of a so-



called "normal" brain thinking about nothing at all.

The dough that pays for this nonsense is put up by the U. S. Public Health Service, and the swami who is thus "widening the scope of electroencephalographic studies" is Dr. Alejandro P. Arellano Z. (That "Z" is not a misprint.) Dr. Z hails from Peru, but he is assisted by Dr. P. D. MacLean, presumably of Massachusetts. Those two don't go unbridled, however. Dr. Robert S. Schwab is "director of the hospital's brain wave laboratory". Massachusetts General, that is, *Cr Lonc, Bonavia* and many others.



## WHO'S STOPPING YOU, DOC?

Squawking to the *Her-Trib* because the Dog Pound bill had been defeated in the N. Y. State Legislature, W. Parker Anslow, Jr., Associate Prof. of Physiology, N. Y. U. Bellevue Med. Center, writes half a column of the same old tripe and finishes, "In fact, let us stop eating meat, wearing fur coats and shoes and otherwise dispense with all the contributions of lower animals to the health, welfare and comfort of man. In short, let us, one and all, commit suicide." *Cr Bonavia*.

## MR. PEACE AND QUAKES

Last September we received a copy of a letter which had been addressed to the Bureau of Standards, the Coast and Geodetic Survey, the Royal Observatory and other bastions of the accepted, by a Hollander named A. v. Vrede, who translates his name, "Mr. Peace". That won't do him any good in this country, because, as everyone knows, peace is a Red plot, and the proper names of the Herald

Angels were Lenin, Trotsky and Stalin.

Mr. Peace's letter had to do with his prediction — or pre-calculation — of a quake last June 27, based upon the Uranus/Sun/Earth conjunction. As nearly as YS can make out, the predictor gave himself leeway of 23-35 hours, which he dubbed "latency", and which gave him parts of three days on which to be proved "right", and he picked 156° West, in the South Pacific, as his theatre.

As appears, instead of being "latent", a suitable shock occurred 8 minutes ahead of time.

Now Mr. Peace has sent us a pre-calculation of a quake due July 2. He has kindly supplied a general statement of his "Evolution Theory" which is the basis of his predictions, and from which may be calculated the hour, minute and second of the July 2' cataclysm for any latitude. Unfortunately YS can not comprehend this material and space limitations forbid its full reproduction. However, members who are particularly interested may obtain a "condensed mathematical analysis" by sending some unused postage stamps with their request to I. P. R. O. Peace, Dr. Alexanderstraat 25, Eindhoven, Holland.

And everybody look out for July 2.

In this connection, Wakefield sends a piece from the *Oakland Tribune*, March 13, 51 old style, stating that even date was the 170th anniversary of the "discovery" of Uranus by Sir William Herschel. In that time Uranus has returned to its present position in relation to the sun only twice. (See Uranus elsewhere in this issue.)



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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.

## ERRATA

Immediately below is a group of ten notes which fell out of sequence in the hurly-burly of printing DOUBT #32. They belong on p. 77, in the second column, 16 lines from the bottom of the page, between the item — "Mar 10, Bradford met 2/3 size moon / 9:50 p.m. BA '60" and the next note below that.

With these ten notes inserted there, you will observe that the next note (which, as printed, looks like Mar 11) becomes April 11, and all notes below that, until May 1, are April notes.

So that the "Sun was obscured in Pernambuco" etc., April 11, 1860. Excuse it please.

## 1860

- Mar. 15 Sound and ice / Ice of Upper Wasdale, night of, in a "terrible snowstorm"—"a singular rolling noise in the air, which resembled the noise of musketry." In morning the ice found. Ice found morning of 16th / LT Ap p.7 (D-177)
- 19 Volc of Isle of Reunion 8:30 p.m. great but lasted 1 hour / CR 50-899
- Mar ab. Dark spot on Jupiter / M. Notices 20/244 also 59/76
- Mar Night of luminous band ap and disap regularly / called Aurora / at Havana / La

- Sci Pour Tous 5/221 (reverse) 11 p.m. to 4 a.m. C.R. 50-998
- 28 (F) Khiragurgh / N.W.P. (indecipherable) / India / S.E. of Bhurthur
- 28 (See 1859) Aerolite
- Apr 1 Met from Auriga to Venus which it crossed and instantly disappeared / BA 1860-6
- 1 Vesuvius still active / Y.B. '61-255
- 11 Dark or eclipse / Pernambuco / D-230
- 11 Light to E of sun, said been Venus / C.R. 50 / 1198 / but Venus was not visible to naked eye (p. 1199) and, as another says, if obscured sun, Venus instead of more visible should less visible (reverse) Venue inferior conjunction sun July 18, 1860.

## END OF ERRATA 1860

## Box 3 (Continued)

- Aug, 13 In Field Sept 8, cor writes that after an unusually heavy storm in Birm, resulting in an inundation, small stones found in the streets and were thought to have fallen from the sky. He quotes Post. Says that there was remarkably little sound. That the air was charged with electricity but there was neither thunder nor lightning. Acto Post the streets throughout the center of the town (were) covered with small stones "varying in size from a pea to a hazel nut, which had evidently descended.
- (p. 2) with the rain." So many that they could be gathered plentifully. The cor disbelieves they fell from sky but sends some of the stones. F. T. Buckland, too, disbelieves and writes "The evidence of this is by no means good." He seems to have had nothing but the cor's story and Post clippings sent by cor. He says they were waterworn quartz pebbles — "There are also specimens of a darker kind, apparently hard sandstone."
- 13 description of storm at Birm at 11 a.m. in LT Aug 14, p. 10, "The rain descended in vast sheets." No stones mentioned. N.M.
- 22 5:30 p.m. Trombes. at Singapore / CR 51-688
- Sept Putney near London / Hay fell in the Putnison's garden / CR 52/108
- Sept 3 Ab 3.6 p.m. quake Kent-Sevenoaks / T's Year Book 1861-258 like "shot and subdued clap of thunder — first thought been explosion of powder mill / sky densely overcast / thunder heard at a distance for 2 hours but no rain fell, but very heavy rain a few miles away.
- 6 Metz. / curious cloud / Cosmos 18/259
- 12 "Star" seen midday at Margate. Field, Oct

- 6, p. 282
- 20 quakes Chile and Iceland / BA'11 / Sim quakes Feb 18, 1889
- 22 LT, p. 7, quake at sea
- Sept Moon and one star visible in daylight / LT Sep 28, p. 9 Meteor Aug 6, p. 12
- Sep 27 quake Algeria / BA'11
- Oct One night in Picardy a metite fell — strong clect or phosphorescent light from it / Les Mondes 18-334
- Oct 17 quake Canada and N. U.S. full det's A. J. Sci 2/31/150
- 20 Many meteors Nottingham / BA'61
- 28 Waterspout Calcutta / Jour Asiatic Soc Bengal 29-374 (reverse) Bo / (Indecipherable) p. 214 (I wish I might make out that word, for Fort was making a segregation of data under the heading of "BO" — for body odor — at the time of his death. If anyone goes to volume 29 of the Journal named, please look at p. 214 and see if the item can be identified there. TT)
- Nov 7 LT, p. 10, also LT Nov. 19, p. 8, two items same page. One of them (of the three) is a man killed by acrolite / Old Month-vol (This should be especially interesting, since the old saw, that nobody ever has been struck by a meteorite has recently been trotted out again by Authority. TT)
- 15 New Jersey great det met / BA 67/418
- Dec 2 quake Asia Minor / Dec 3, Armenia and Cent America / BA'11 Sim quakes Feb 18, 1889
- 16 met and quake-effects, Siena (It) BA '61, also 67/419 (indecipherable) See Dec 28
- 16 ab: at Siena, acto Prof Campani, an enormous meteor from which was heard "a terrific noise" BA 61-37
- 28 Red / Italy / (Siena) (see 16 Dec) D-41
- 31 red rain / Siena (ór enna) Flam Atmos p. 410
- 1861**
- Jan 1 Red continues Siena / Italy / 16 / D-41  
**Box A (Resumed)**
- 1861 Sleeper / Susan c. Godsey near Hickman, Ky. See July 14, 1869  
**Box 3 (Resumed)**
- Jan 5 Large detonating meteor Bermuda / BA '61
- 7 7:51 p.m. Chester met first seen very near Mars / BA '61-8
- 21 Chatham, England / Explosion / An Reg. 1861
- 24 LT, p. 9 colored rain / I suppose this is Siena (Fort's word. TT)
- 27 8 a.m. Butte Co., Cal / explosive sound / Ref. May 13, 1850
- Feb 16 (also) 20, 21, 22 / quake Singapore / storm — fall of fish / D-231
- 1861 Battle of Malvun (?) Hill / heard 127 miles away / Nature 53/296
- 1861 Carbon / Cranborne / Australia / D-74
- Feb 5 7:30 p.m. Latitude about equator — 20° 27' W. Longitude / vessel shaken by a shock / La Sci Pour Tous 7-22
- 8 7:50 p.m. Norwalk, Ohio, great met / Sci Am. NS 4/167
- 14 Th stone / acrolite / 6:30 p.m. Tocane-Saint-Apre / Cosmos 18/452 moment of light rain / BA 67-419 / while raining at Malacca / French spelling / shock / 23rd. another / followed by deluge / CR 52-882
- 16 7:30 p.m. severe quake Penang, Singapore, etc / A. J. Sci 2/32/297
- 16 great quake Sumatra / BA'11
- 20 0° 30' 51 S. 20° 27' W. ship felt great concussion / CR 53-1003 see May 19, 1806 (reverse) said it was 1 h 30 m before the quake at Mendoza but this was March 20 / CR 55/675
- 23 (?) (Fort's question TT) Field of: Cor writes that 6 o'clock evening of Ash Wednesday at Northfield, Kent, came profoundest darkness which lasted an hour — (?) extraordinary circs. The stillness and the fright of animals. Editor writes that did he not know the cor he would doubt it / another cor March 2 corroborates says his feeling was of having been shut into a darkest of dungeons. Two others say Sunday / Feb 20, 13, 6. Wednesdays in Feb.
- Mar 1 Field March 9 cor tells of profound darkness at 6 (indecipherable) like see Feb 23
- 2 LT p.10. Aurora magnificent
- 4 Cone-shaped meteor / Australia / Timb's Year Book 1862/268
- 9-10 Aurora / C.R. 52/465
- 10 Met from Capella to Pleiades / 8:50 p.m. BA 61-8
- 20 Quake in Chile / C.R. 52-1148 other side of Andes from Mendoza
- 20 Quake Mendoza 8:45 p.m. LT June 17, p.10
- 20 see C.R. for account of quake by I. Domeyko (The next eight notes were within a wire clip fastened so by Fort. TT)
- 20 Quake Mendoza / Showers of ashes on the Uspalla a Pass / Geol. Mag. 4-207
- 20-21 Quake and ball of fire / see 1805
- 20 Quake was 8:30 p.m. The Geologist 4-391 / Earth opened, emitting violent streams of water
- 20 In Times June 17, p.10, letter from cor describing effects at Valparaiso (reverse) On Other side of Andes no volc mentioned
- 20 Melb Argus nothing / nor Southern Cross (Auckland)
- 20 Quake and hot rain / Western portion of La Plata — city of Mendoza destroyed — ab 10,000 perished—was preceded by fall of hot ashes and rocks fell "There appears to have been a connection between that earthquake and a volcanic eruption in the Andes." Ponton, Earthquakes, p.12 / 7 a.m.
- 20 8:30 p.m. Mendoza no volc mentioned in An Reg.
- 20 Mendoza / Writer in All the Year Round 6-444 says that in the opinion of Prof. Forbes, the geologist, who had investigated there had been no volcanic outburst but considerable emission of gases from the earth. (End of clipped group. TT)
- 21 Sunspot p.11 LT
- Box A (Resumed)**

- 22 See LT May 10, p.6 / "In an almost impenetrable ravine on bank of Rhone between Brohl and Niederbreisig body of a woman with stones piled on. Much decomposed. Death been caused by a shot through the body / cambric chemise and dimity nightgown of fine material.
- 26 LT p.6 Series of crimes
- Box 3 (Resumed)**
- Apr 29 Quake in Algeria / BA 11.  
3 LT p.11 / again
- Box A (Resumed)**
- About April / rappings in almost every house in the village of Hammondsville, Vt. Religio Ph / Ap. 19, 1873, p.2
- Box 3 (Resumed)**
- Apr 12 Met train Athens / L'Astro 2/85  
18 LT p.7 and May 21, p.11 / Sunspots  
21 Reported from many places near JuHiahbad (sic) India / Cosmos 19-171 (reverse) (indecipherable) by flaming whirlwind that swept over towns. However nothing was burned.  
27 Jamaica and Algeria quake BA'11 (reverse) Sim Quakes Feb 18, 1889  
29 (indecipherable) Met in Ursa Major / LT Mar 2, p.7 / Disc. Ap 4 in N.Y.
- May Doubtful star LT May 13, p.11, May 16, p.6; Apr 3, p.11
- May 4 Ballarat, Australia / meteor appeared to come from a cloud / ploughed up the earth a distance of 12 yards / BA 6r
- 7-8 Volc Met / Jubel Dubbeh / 13.57 N lat, 41.40' E long / Trans Bombay Geog Soc, 16-41
- 8 Volc / Jebel Dubbeh, African shore of Red Sea / villages covered with red dust / All the Year Round 8-251
- 7-8 Night / discharge was like red earth / LT June 20, 21
- 8 In Times Sept 24 / More detail of the volc Jebel Dubbeh, near Edd — was nothing but ashes ejected but 175 persons and great herds of cattle destroyed
- 8 Attributed to an unknown volcano on east coast of Africa — at Edd — sounds line cannonading heard — earth trembled / white dust and then red dust fell for 2 days (reverse) At Peran (? TT) the sounds were heard till 11th — dry fog on 10th in Red Sea / dust along whole coast of Yemen / This is not near the volc of 1846 (?) (Fort's question, TT) or about, which the only known Red Sea volc / Edd is on Abyssinian coast ab 13:57 N
- Box A (Resumed)**
- 10 Rhineck corpse LT p.6  
10 Rhineck corpse / see March 22
- Box 3 (Resumed)**
- 12 Metites (F) Bulsura Bengal / bank of the Gunduk, 42 miles NE of Gorucker / A.J. Sci. 2/36/67 (reverse) 2 hours later a storm and a little rain
- 14 (F) Canellas, Barcelona / 10 p.m. fireball and many small stones B9 67-418 (reverse) in Catalonia
- 18 Very large spot on sun near center of disk visible at sunset without glass LT May 21, p.11
- 23 Volc Iceland / LT June 28, p.6
- Last of see April, 1863  
last of see April, 1868 (B)
- Box A (Resumed)**
- Last of (Moa) In Nature 4/186 James Hector writes that near Jackson's Bay, Jan 1863, he saw numerous well beaten tracks ab 16 inches wide made some unknown large creature / Dr. James Hector of the Colonial Museum, Wellington, N.Z.
- Box 3 (Resumed)**
- June London Hay (? TT) Phipson / Earth's (indecipherable) p.63 See Phipson Story, Sept, 1860 / BA 1864/37
- june 9 hail Lucerne / James 2/343
- 12-13 night / "a notable number of shooting stars and fireballs" Victoria, Australia / BA '68-407
- 12-13 large number brilliant meteors in S. Australia / also in Victoria. Here a frequency of 5.6 meteors per hour / Neumayer — Meteorological Observations, p.141
- 16 Aeraolite same date June 16, 1860 (Not It) (I am guessing at the "It", taking it for an abbreviation for Italy, but it might be almost any other two letters of the alphabet.TT)
- 28 LT, p.6 Volc / Iceland (reverse) May 13, 1861
- 22 Great fire in London
- 28 Auroral display in N.S. Wales associated with comet (or coast. TT) Syd. M. Herald, July 8
- 28 or June 16 / stone fall 7 p.m. Grosjna, Caucasus / BA 67-418
- Last of Comet supposed to have come from sun / seen in Cancer
- 28 Grosnaja, Caucasus, Russia (F)
- 30 The unexpected comet / near the pole star / AN. Reg.
- Last of Another sudden comet in the North  
Jun July 3, 1819 right after sunset. Same time of year
- 30 In Knowledge, 5-177, Mr. H. Cowper Ran-yard writes that Mr. Hind had predicted that such a transit (earth passing through tail of the comet) would take place
- Last of Comet crossed ecliptic unseen because in  
Jun eclipse? (Fort's?)
- Last of Comet / see Nature 25/94
- Last of Big new comet near Capella June 24, 1881
- 30 Sudden comet in Auriga / see July 3, 1819 and before
- 30 identified it as Thatcher's Comet.

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