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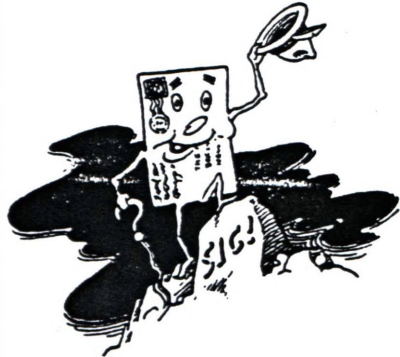
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FIRST PRIZE

Steinberg and Scandrett both sent in the news that, high above Cayuga's waters, eggs were being taken out of their shells and put into individual plastic packets, with a spot of carbon dioxide added "to maintain quality". It's done by a machine developed by Cornell's Prof. L. B. Darrah. Steinberg adds: "The shells of course will be saved to house artificial eggs." 11-4-55.

The father of two of those three boys murdered in Chicago, Anton Schuessler, *ae* 42, suffered so greatly in the twenty-five days after discovery of the crime that he was entered, a patient, at the Forest Sanitarium and Rest Home, Des Plaines, Ill.

"As a routine measure, electric shock treatment was administered to Schuessler because 'he was in a very depressed state,' rest home officials said. The broken man's first reactions were normal. But then his pulse began to weaken."

He died. *The Albertan*. 11-14-55, *cr* Millar.

An unnamed boy *ae* 14, in Washington, D. C., used to turn in false fire alarms. He underwent psychiatric treatments to cure him of that, and he stopped doing it. Apparently, he learned never to break the glass and pull the hook unless there actually was a fire. So—now he sets the house afire first. He had done it four times, as of 9-11-55. *Baltimore Sun*, credit Gustine.

Brother Gustine sent several other data of prime quality.

Dr. J. Gordon Cook, writing in the British magazine, *Family Doctor*, said "the sparkling advertising signs and street lamps of London make starlings more mature sexually than starlings living in the country." *Baltimore News-Post*, 9-30-55.

"If you are in the Dallas (Texas) area and feel the need of prayer, just dial UN-6181 at any hour of the day or night". The proprietor of this new answering service is Dr. W. A. Welsh, pastor of the East Dallas Christian Church. *Ibid*, 11-5-55.

Speaking of telephones, Mrs. Evan Haines who lives in a "low-rent housing block" owned by local Council at Beckenham, England, is getting one she does not want. Accto the lady, 350,000 persons are on waiting lists for phones they do want, but that cuts no ice with the Post Office—which operates the telephone system in Britain. A



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spokesman for that Office said: "We know Mrs. Haines doesn't want a telephone, but in the future some other tenant of her flat may have different ideas." *Baltimore Sun*, 9-26-55.

A "dense cloud of chloroform gas that defied explanation" drove forty persons from their homes in a 10-family apartment project in Atlanta. *Baltimore News-Post*, 9-30-55.

"A sniper with an air rifle" has wounded ten females *as* 11 to 60, in the Via Zara, Rome. *Baltimore Sun*, 10-5-55.

Also from Rome comes the announcement of colored asphalt for paving. Red, green, white, brown, yellow—not only reduces glare but might be used for giving directions. "Follow the red road to Rome and the beige road to Naples." *Baltimore News-Post*, 8-13-55.

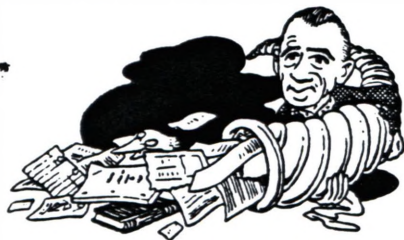
Steinberg gave us a few more gems also.

At a convention of bakers in Atlantic City, Dr. Walter M. Urban, associate director of the Swift & Co. research laboratories, Chicago, informed his listeners "that the use of spent uranium fuel from atomic reactors had proved effective in keeping bread fresh for extended periods." *N. Y. Times*, 10-3-55.

Pretty? The poison waste from making aluminum goes into our drinking water. The waste from making bombs goes into our bread. That beats sinking it in the ocean where it would kill the fish and bring down the price of tuna.

Somewhere between Liverpool and the Midlands in England, somebody "rustled" a herd of cattle in the course of transit. The number of animals is not stated, but the value is put between \$240,000 and \$280,000. Scotland Yard was organizing a posse as of 11-12-55. *N. Y. Post*.

On the Garden State Parkway, in New Jersey, between midnight and 6 a.m., some of the toll gates operate on the "honor" system, and the highway authority reports 77 to 80 per cent of the motorists pay their tolls. Steinberg adds: "I bet they all give blood too."



RUSSELL'S BEST

"After years of plug-pulling" Dr. Richard Scorer of the Imperial College of Science announces that "British bath water usually swirls down the plug-hole counter-clockwise." *Daily Express*, 8-31-55.

Pertinent to the Steinberg item above: "Warning of dangers which might be found in foods preserved by irradiation . . . is given in this week's *British Medical Journal*. With the prospect of radioactive waste products becoming readily available,

hopes had been raised that food could be sterilized easily and cheaply . . ." *Liverpool Echo*, 8-14-55.

You will recall that the British were smart enough to turn thumbs down on Salk vaccine, too.

At 3:42 a.m., over a wide area of Monmouthshire, houses shook and windows rattled. No bang was heard, no flash of light, no quake recorded, but the shake was felt at points 20 miles apart. *Ibid*, 8-20-55.

At the annual conference of the New York State Sheriff's Association, Quinn Tamm, an assistant director of the FBI, told the assembled that "about one of every 18 persons in the United States belong to the criminal element . . . that the FBI files now contained prints of 71,000,000 persons."

Apropos, and of even date, in the Manchester *Guardian*: In Geneva, at the United Nations Congress on the prevention of crime and treatment of offenders, Prof. Sheldon Glueck, of Harvard Law School, described "a system whereby potential juvenile delinquents can be identified . . . at the age of six."

"The New Zealand Education Board has ruled officially that bagpipes are not musical instruments." *Liverpool Echo*, 10-7-55.

GEE HAS FIELD DAY

All the following, exceptions noted, are from MFS Judith Gee of London.

"Since antibiotics were first introduced in England, carcinoma (cancer) of the lung has increased tenfold . . . It is perhaps more than a strange coincidence that statistically there appears to have been a steady increase of cancer, especially lung cancer, from the year 1935 . . . It was in 1935 that sulphanilamide therapy was born, and many other preparations have since been introduced which all act similarly." *London Times*, 8-31-55.

Anonymous sends a pertinent bit from the *Chicago Daily News*, 10-24-55. At an international conference on antibiotics in farming, in the U. S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C., John McKeen, president of Chas. Pfizer & Co., "a top maker of such wonder drugs as penicillin, terramycin, and all the 'mycins,'" said that terramycin added to stock feed cut the maturing time considerably. Broilers and pork have been produced this way and now they are feeding it to cattle.

The boast is that terramycin "contributed to pulling the price of pork down 30 per cent in three years"—and only yesterday YS read in the *Times* that we are going to have to plow-under pigs to keep the price of pork up. Around and around we go. How is your old carcinoma?

"A pearl has been found inside an egg laid by a hen near" Livingston, N. J. *Evening News*, 10-1-55.

Let's see Cornell tie that! YS

Rev. Colin Macbeth, vicar at Brockenhurst (England) appears to be drawing the birds and beasts. A toad took up residence under the box on which the lesson-reader stands, a squirrel devoured a meal on the altar and consumed some of the cloth

as well, a fly-catcher hatched its eggs in the porch and a bat came to rest on the preacher's shoulder during the sermon "and stayed there until the end of the service". *Daily Express*, 9-2-55.

Walkers in the Peak District National Park were asked to help officials trace and trap a young Australian wallaby which is at large. "It is not known where the wallaby came from." *Manchester Guardian*, 10-29-55.

Restoration work on the Acropolis in Athens, under the direction of Prof. Homer (sic) Thompson, head of the American School of Archaeology, was interrupted "a few days ago". The Prof was taking apart two blocks of marble held together by iron clamps "which could hardly have been disturbed since they were placed one upon the other twenty-two centuries ago". Then, in the words of the Professor, ". . . there leaped out a frog. We could not subsequently find the frog, but there it was, and we all saw it." *Sunday Times*, 10-16-55.

If you are driving through Crookham, Hampshire, stop at the Chequers Inn for a spot of warm beer and to see the bloodstains on the wall. A man was shot dead there 70 years ago, and just nobody has been able to remove the stains. One suspects that the owner would bash you if you tried. *Sunday Dispatch*, 9-11-55.

Near Rome, in the vicinity of Castel San Grogio, a new monster: "looks like a snake 90 feet long, head like a greyhound, red streaks down its back, rattling noises, a strange smell and big ears." *Evening News*, 9-16-55. *Cr* also Essenhigh.

The steamer *Joyita*, 70 tons, left Apia, Samoa, to make a 44-hour run to the Tokelau Islands. The skipper was a Welshman, T. H. Miller. Aboard were 25 persons including "several" New Zealand government officials.

When the *Joyita* failed to arrive on schedule, military planes searched 100,000 square miles of the South Pacific. Found nothing.

Five weeks and three days after sailing, the *Joyita* was sighted by the master of the steamer *Tuvalu*. Nobody was aboard. Food on table. Awnings stretched over chairs on deck. No clue why ship was abandoned—but—her funnel was gone and "some of the compartments were flooded".

Planes could not locate survivors. Natives on Alofi Island, 150 miles N, said they found planks and doors washed up showing traces of fire. Explanation: "natural phenomenon"—probably a water-spout. *Cr* also Dickhoff, Elsander, Gustine, Ihsen and others. All papers carried the story from 11-10-55, off and on until 11-21-55.

Earlier in the year, 9-30-55, the tanker *Olympic Cloud* sighted a yacht, the *Connemara IV*, drifting and abandoned in the Atlantic 400 miles SW of Bermuda. The tanker put a line on her, and began towing, but the rope parted and the yacht sank. *Evening News*.

An SOS was received by radio at Point Grey, Vancouver, B. C., 10-17-55, from an unidentified vessel near Bajo Reef. The message said the crew was abandoning ship. Rescue planes searched and found nothing. *N. Y. Times*.



BANGS

In process of compilation is a long series of unexplained bangs through the time period covered by our All Saucers issue, DOUBT #40. This will be arranged for easy collation with that data. However, the following sounded too loudly to wait for that.

March 16, 1:13 a.m. "explosion" awakened people in a five-mile area at Hampstead Heath.

July 5, 12:17 a.m. "tremendous explosion" South London, Kent and Surrey, "terrific jar": heard as far away as Maidstone, Westerham.

July 7. One Dickie Martin got his name in the papers by saying it was he, in a plane. Very sorry, an accident, you know.

Aug. 31, no hour stated, at Vauxhall, "mysterious bang like an explosion"—police could not trace cause.

Sept. 8, shortly before 6 a.m., Yeovil, firemen thought it was clap of thunder, then called "earth tremor". "Rumblings were heard at Taunton, 26 miles away." Lasted several seconds. No quake on seismograph record at Dorking.

Sept. 25, no hour stated, "loud explosion" in a walnut grove near Moraga, Contra Costa County, Calif. Officers found a hole almost two feet deep and three feet wide, "some indication of dynamite blast". Hair, bone and flesh scattered for more than 200 feet. Crime lab says the remains of a bear, "apparently dead before the blast".

Sept. 27, no hour stated, windows broken by "series of blasts" heard at Villas, Town Bank, North Cape May and Wildwood, N. J. "Authorities" blamed jets.

Sept. 29, 7:23 p.m. San Francisco, "a thunderous, earth-shaking explosion" heard all over town. Plane suggested but if it was, it was "unprecedentedly shattering" for a sonic boom. "Followed by a severe concussion." No quake visible on seismo record. No official explanation.

Oct. 7, the eighth day after above, no hour stated, another "blast rattled Bay area windows".

Oct. 16, "In a special pamphlet explaining the noises, Raymond H. Rice, vice president and chief engineer of North American Aviation, described the sonic booms as 'mileposts' in the progress of American aviation and said we should be proud of them." Henry Palm by-line in *San Francisco Chronicle*.

Nov. 1, 10:08 p.m., again at 11:08, and again at one minute after 12—"three muffled blasts" at Atlantic City. Suggested "big explosion some distance away". No explanation.

Credit for the above to Essenhigh, Gee, Borden, Goldstein, Forster, Clayson, Chapin, Oltcher, Gustine, Russell and Markham.

Markham "tentatively postulates" a departure for Luna on Sept. 29, and an arrival from Luna, Oct. 27. Accto his projections, the moon was in just the right spot to tie up with that theory on both occasions.

He also gives us these dates to watch in the near future:

Feb. 2—Hyperbolic arrival from Venus.

March 25—Contangential departure for Venus.

Apr. 26—90-degree elliptical orbit departure for Venus.

"Period of about 14 days either side of, but centering upon, June 22 (this being date of inferior conjunction of Venus)"

For these dates Markham forecasts, "unusual meteors, extraordinary storms, events like explosions of fireworks factories, etc., seiches in the Great Lakes, explosions of aircraft in the sky, cases where several jet aircraft get into trouble simultaneously, destruction of military aircraft under test—like the McConnell case—etc."



ELSENDER'S BEST

A gem-rush was on in the Hohen Tauern Alps of Austria, started "a few weeks ago" when German students on a hiking tour found some emeralds there. Now the inns and the roads are jammed and many carry home-made shelters into the craggy district. "One lucky Viennese youngster spent a fortnight . . . when he left he had a bag of rough emeralds weighing one thousand carats." *Newcastle Evening Chronicle*, 11-17-55.

Maria Grazia Gheller, 14, who has been asleep for three months, awoke 10-26-55. *Ibid*, 10-27-55.

"The world's first sun-powered telephone call was made in Americus, Georgia, yesterday." *North Mail*, 10-5-55. Why wasn't there anything in the USA papers about it?—or was there?

An unnamed Russ engineer on the Moscow radio, accto Reuter, suggests building a dam across the Bering Strait separating the Pacific and the Arctic Oceans. The dam would have a battery of hundreds of pumps to pour warm Pacific water into the cold Arctic. "This would produce an artificial warm current about equal to that of the Gulf Stream, greatly moderating the climate in the Arctic Zone and North-Eastern Asia." *Newcastle Evening Chronicle*, 9-26-55.

SHRIMPS

Life had a photo of them, so probably everybody knows that a cloudburst in the Mojave Desert filled "Bicycle Dry Lake" with shrimp, or "fairly shrimp".

Life, with wonted confidence, asserted that the eggs had been there all the time and that the hot water—110 degrees—hatched them.

Mebbe so, but the Manchester *Guardian* editorialized on the statement of Prof. James Welsh, Los Angeles U, to the effect that the wigglers "resemble the extinct animal called a trilobite. This went out of circulation nearly five hundred million years ago . . . Only yesterday Professor Welsh found it expedient to tag on to a statement that animals could not remain dormant for millions of years the phrase, 'as far as scientists know'."

By far the best piece on the subject comes to us from MFS Fraser of Marlow, Bucks. She sends a page from the British mag, *Time and Tide*, signed "Diogenes", and he is a full blown Fortean if you ever read one. Sorry we can't reprint it all. It begins: "There are many people who cannot confront mystery without feeling a great urge to solve it somehow. They show immense ingenuity in explaining it or, if they cannot explain it, in explaining it away."

By chance we find here at hand a piece of a cartoon from "Curious World", by Ferguson, a newspaper syndicated feature, printed about the year 10 FS, 1940 old style. The caption reads: "When a water hole is dug in the sand near White Sands National Monument, in New Mexico, the pool mysteriously becomes stocked with fish in a short time."

Credit for the above: Gee, Gustine, Madsen, Essenhigh, Bennett and Anonymus.



FALLS

First, some oldies which may or may not have been here before.

Fish, in rain, at Tucson, Arizona, 8-21-33 old style.

Red snow, two such, several days apart, first at Montrose, Colo., and then in the foothills around Salida, Colo. *Buffalo Times*, 7-23-35.

One clam—in shell—in rain at Yuma, Arizona, struck an unnamed boy on the shoulder. *N. Y. Post*, 8-20-41.

Frogs, in rain, at De Witt, Ark., 10-18-42. *Buffalo Evening News*, 10-31-42.

Black snow in Bulgaria. L. A. *Daily News*, 3-29-44.

Undated, but soon after censorship was lifted at termination of World Fraud II. Frogs, in rain, almost entirely covered the village of Chedgrave, in the NE county of Norfolk. If anybody has the date, please supply it.

More recently:

"Mysterious silver-colored metal particles" plagued South Buffalo. Began in April, "periodically" since Cover driveways, autos, furniture. 6-4-55, *Buffalo News*.

"A piece of meteoric rock damaged the home of Earl S. Long of Jamestown, N. Y.) Saturday evening. The rock shattered into many pieces." 6-13-55, *Ibid*.

Money fell into 45th Street, apparently from a window of the Astor Hotel, 8 to 8:30 p.m. 10-1-55. Several handfuls of change and—perhaps—some bills. *Cr Gustine and Steinberg*.

Ice, in chunks, size of a saucer and an inch thick, sky overcast, no plane heard or seen, in Seattle, Wash. *Daily Times*, 12-2-55.

NOT SEEN TO FALL

Golf balls keep turning up in a cabbage patch at Sandwich, Kent, a new one every day for 11 days, 250 yards from a road, 2 miles from a golf course. *Evening Standard*, 10-8-55, *cr* Essenhigh.

Speaking of cabbages:

A housewife in Melbourne, Australia, cut into a head of cabbage and found a live fish inside: "recent cyclone—found enough moisture to keep it alive." *San Diego Tribune-Sun*, 10-21-40.

Henrietta Cohen, recording secretary of the Baron de Hirsch Ladies Aid Society, opened a cupboard at Yorkville temple to prepare refreshments for a meeting. In a paper bag she found \$16,540 in bills. "Nobody could explain where the money came from." *Baltimore Sun*, 11-2-55.

A dead hog, about 250 pounds, found at a main intersection of streets in Louisville, Ky. *Ibid*, 11-19-55.

Undated, but this winter:

About two dozen boxes of carpet tacks strewn all over the police station parking lot at Central District Station, Baltimore. *Cr Gustine*.



SOME WANT ACTION

MFS Ammon writes, from Kansas City: "DOUBT is most fascinating to read. The last issue was particularly interesting to me. However, I am filled with consternation and a creeping paralysis upon realizing that so many well-placed, prominent and conscientious people are aware of the vandalism and mockery in our government. Apparently, they can find no outlet for their protests unless they wish to label themselves 'Note takers'.

"For heaven's sake, isn't there something a group of earnest dissenters can do? Are your notes on the States of Confusion to be relegated to files to be opened by future generations of head-shakers and tch-rchers?

"Wouldn't a bit of constructive suggestion be apropos?"

Brother Ammon had not yet joined us at the time Your Secretary asked the membership if they would back him up in an advertising campaign denouncing the boondoggle of "Defense" spending.

Some 68% of those who replied told YS that they did not think it was the Society's place to DO things like that. Upon searching the cockles of his own conscience, YS agrees with them.

The Fortean Society, by its very nature, cannot assume an "official" position on any subject, cannot dictate what any individual member's point of view shall be. We are an association of folks who insist upon thinking for themselves and taking only such action as they wish.

In that spirit, which was Charles Fort's, YS feels that his duty to the membership is done when he calls their attention to what is going on, as reported by the individual members all over the world. What the members DO about it is strictly their own business.

YS has no wish to be a "leader" of any movement whatsoever, and he would be ashamed of Forteans who permitted him to "lead" them. You are not sheep, and if you need a shepherd—or would accept and follow one—you are not true Forteans.

The columns of DOUBT are kept as free from politics as is possible under the weight of data pertaining to the ascendant dogmas of our day. One takes the position that dogma is the worst of all evils, and that those who wish to impose their dogmas upon the rest of us are far worse public enemies than any mere murderer. Following that principle YS fought national conscription before World Fraud II. When "War" became the ascendant dogma, and the aim of every office holder and

almost every newspaper was to make literally everybody hate The Enemy, DOUBT combatted that and defended Conscientious Objectors. When McCarthy and his ilk bloomed their short while, like noxious morning glories, DOUBT threw rocks at them because they were trying to impose their dogma of conformity upon us by force.

It is only under such circumstances that politics are ever touched upon in DOUBT, and even when those topics are thus forced upon our attention our interest is not political but anti-dogmatic, and we fight in self-defense.

To be sure, many Forteans are in politics, and it would be highly salubrious for the state of governments, local, national and international, if more of them took a greater interest and gave their neighbors the benefit of their clear-headed thinking and self-respecting integrity. But it is not DOUBT's place to urge that participation upon you.

There is one suggestion for MFS Ammon and those who feel as he does about action. Get into your local governments and clean them up. Somebody will probably shoot you, but that's an occupational hazard of practicing honesty.

From time to time we have tossed a posie at one or another tax-objector sturdy enough to refuse to pay for government acts they disapproved of. Those people set a noble example, and if others who wish to DO something will apply themselves to organizing a general tax-payers' strike, they could accomplish a great deal. That is a second suggestion, and your progress will be reported in DOUBT if you keep us posted, but YS does not think it is his place to do that organizing. Just being a "Note taker"—and Note publisher—keeps his life vigorous enough.



SOME DO NOT

MFS Banner writes, from Orange, Calif.: "As a clearing house of Fortean data I like and appreciate DOUBT, but I deplore that it contains so much material that I do not consider Fortean data.

"I am well aware of the many and complex foibles and inconsistencies of human societies and do not particularly enjoy being reminded of the stupidity that underlies the pros and cons of such subjects as: Vaccination, Militarism, Medical Rackets, Conscientious Objectors, Civilian Defense, Churches, Atheism, Antisemitism, Negrophilia, Tonsillectomy, Polio, Political Creeds.

"To me Fortean Data comprise only: More or less well established events or phenomena that are in conflict with accepted Science or with the normal and usual procedures to which we are accustomed."

So—there you have it.

The reply just above, to MFS Ammon is a partial reply to Brother Banner, too, and here is the rest.

Article 7 of the aims and purposes of the Founders of the Fortean Society reads:

"To widen the scope of Fortean inquiry to all phases of life."

That is what we hope we are doing when we print the matter MFS Banner objects to.

NOMINATIONS

Pertinent to the above, and demonstrating how impossible it would be to deliver the Society's voting power as a unit on any subject, Russell nominates for Named Fellow—Pierre Poujade, leader of the French tax-resistance movement—and then fills out the page calling Founder Ben Hecht unprintable names.

Some other nominations have come in:

Mrs. Francis T. Supine, "prominent Carlsbad (N. M.) matron" spent 20 months in jail rather than pay a fine she felt was unjustified.

Mrs. Floyd Gallo, Sacramento, Calif., stood off the Highways engineers with a shotgun because the State was not paying her what she thought her property was worth.

Mrs. Victor Baker, Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin, sat down beside a charge of dynamite the engineers had set and refused to budge until she had the last payment on her confiscated property.

Henry J. Odenheimer, Allentown, Pa., farmer, threw a barricade across a township road and threatened to blow up the Lehigh Valley Thruway unless the State Highway Department settled his land damage claim.

Not nominated, but plenty brave, are about 30 Japanese commuters who had missed a train. They sat down on the track to stop an express—and climbed aboard.

Then there is Tom Leanord of Shepperton, England. He walked into his living room. His 4-year-old daughter said, "Shut up, Daddy, I'm watching TV." Tom took the TV into the yard, piled the radio on top of it, smashed the works and set it afire. He doesn't need any honors from us. Two hundred fellow townsmen cheered him to the echo.

A kinsprout in Tonbridge, Kent, comes to us thru MFS Mitchell. She is Mrs. Joan Burke who addressed the Institute of Housing about 9-18-55. Mrs. Burke said that her son Richard *ae* 10 was "fast becoming a moron. He just sits like a codfish in front of the television". *L. I. Daily Press*, 9-19-55.

ANGEL HAIR

Whitsett near Greensboro, N. C., was the site of a fall of wispy stuff, "like bite-sized chunks of cotton candy". Spider web was suggested at the start, but "saucers" were also mentioned, as "silvery steel balls moving in all directions". That was on 10-27-55.

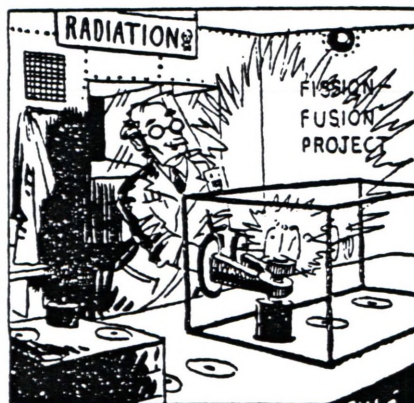
The story got to England at once, and the *Evening News* of 10-28 compared the details with a similar phenom at Catrine, Ayrshire, that same date.

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MONDAY



TUESDAY



WEDNESDAY

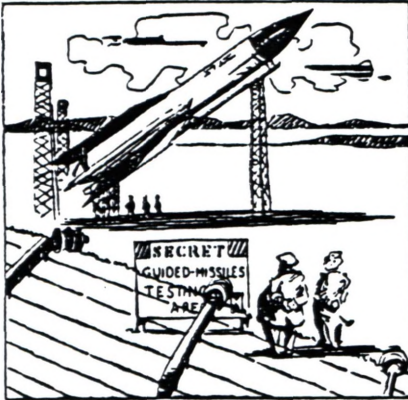


A corr named H. R. Watson wrote the *News*, 11-2-55, recalling a fall at a football game in Florence, Italy, "a year ago". Analyzed by the Director of the Chemical Institute of Milan U: "It was fibre-like, had considerable resistance to traction and torsion, and, when heated, became brown and left transparent ashes. The ashes contained borium, silicon calcium, and magnesium, similar to borosilicate glass."

Nov. 17, AP gave the report of Dr. A. D. Shaftesbury, Woman's College Zoology Department, on the Whitsett stuff. He called it spider web, period.

Besides the above, we have 40 other "saucer" items in the period, for which *cr* (Editor) Biddle, Russell, Essenhigh, Gee, Elsander, (Editor) Williamson, Nelle, (Editor) Fulton, Gustine, Goldstein, Layne, S. G. Johnson, Borden, Evans, (Editor) Moseley and Anon.

THURSDAY



FRIDAY



SATURDAY



SUNDAY



PEACE NEWS

"The Scientist" reproduced here appeared first in *Peace News*, a weekly newspaper published in London. The supply for USA subscribers comes by air express on the day of publication. Order yours from Peace News, c/o American Friends Service Committee, 130 Brattle Street, Cambridge 38, Mass. Trial sub, 3 months \$1.00.

While you have your purse out, send a dollar to Humanist World Digest, 1011 Heinz Avenue, Berkeley, Calif. Tell them to start your sub with the November (1955) issue. It contains a lead article by William Edward Zeuch, Hypocrisy at the Summit, which every school child should have in his head before the next "flag salute".

MEMBER GET A MEMBER

Nobody expects Fortean to be missionaries, but a lot of you know other people like-minded with yourselves who would read Charles Fort with real relish and enjoy membership in the Society.

For every new member sent in by a member—until further notice—we will give, *free* (absolutely), a copy of Malter's *Introduction to Errors of Thought*.

Get them started now because dues are going up next year.

TO PRICK A SWOLLEN
ONE IN THE BELLY I
CALL GOOD SPORT.



HIS HONOR THE MAYOR

Mayor D'Alessandro of Baltimore is a busy fellow. Last February, at the opening of a motion picture based upon Leon Uris' book, *Battle Cry*, the mayor gave the writer a key to the city.

On Sept. 7, at a meeting the mayor had called of "distributors" to discuss "books termed objectionable for reading by juveniles", the distributors said they had no guide. The mayor gave them a list prepared by *Catholic Review*, official publication of the Archdiocese of Baltimore.

Uris' book was on the list, so the author mailed back his key to the city, from Hollywood.

In the *Sun*, 11-22-55, is a picture of His Honor and one James Margaritis. James is wearing a kind of space helmet fitted with two-way radio, and he is presenting the mayor with "deeds" to a piece of the moon. This five-acre area is to be owned by the people of Baltimore "for a municipal park". The deed was issued by the Interplanetary Development Corporation of Glen Cove, N. Y. More about them later. *Cr* Gustine.



HOW THE MONEY ROLLS IN

Some obliging soul has provided us with three Christmas mailings sent to Catholic suckers, one from Father Benedict, Third Order Regular, St. Francis Monastery, Loretto, Pa.; one from Fathers

of Our Lady of Mercy, Berea, Ohio; and the third, from the Most Reverend Minister General, Third Order Regular of St. Francis, Washington, D. C.

Altho not identical, the three mailings are the same in essence. The Washington job consists of a printed letter, an order form (called "MY PETITIONS"), three Christmas cards with matching envelopes, and a self-addressed return envelope requiring a 3-cent stamp.

The cards are a gift from Fr. John H. Boccella, T.O.R., and they bear a picture and some legends. The picture is a Madonna and Child.

The letter explains the use of these cards. You are supposed to send them to friends you may wish to have remembered at Masses said in Rome. The legends run: "Your Christmas Remembrance in Rome"—"My Christmas gift to you is a remembrance shared in a Solemn High Midnight Mass and a special petition for your welfare in a New Year's Novena of High Masses celebrated at the Basilica of Saints Cosmas and Damian in Rome. May these Masses bring you many blessings."

The order form provides space for you to fill in the names of the "privileged persons" to whom you have sent those cards, and further space for "your petitions" in their behalf.

The headline reads, in part, "Ask for A Special Favor for the New Year from The Divine Infant of Prague."

Space is also provided for you to state the sum of your \$ donation "To aid your Order in developing and maintaining an American Parish Center in Rome's Primavalle".

Fr. Boccella *closes* his *letter*, "With my Seraphic blessing."

The job purporting to come from Berea, Ohio, has some different wrinkles, and it was actually mailed in New York, N. Y. I have thrown away the other two envelopes, but I think they were mailed in NYC, too. Only too obviously the three mailings are the product of the same mail-order house.

The "gift" from Ohio is a green wreath—called "An Advent Wreath in miniature"—woven of straw, measuring 2½ inches across, tied with a red straw bow, and dangling a pewter colored, metallic, bell-shaped medal. On one side of the medal is a figure of a doll I take to be the Christ Child in regalia. The other side is stamped with a floral spray and the word "Italy".

In the accompanying letter, Fr. Raymond, O.D.M., alleges that "The Superior General has personally blessed a number of Christmas Wreaths which have been sent to me from Rome to distribute to our benefactors."

The offer of remembrance at Masses in Rome is repeated, but no church is named, and the Masses "will be celebrated by a Mercedorian Father".

The pitch for dough is on the order blank, which is a request to "Please enroll in your Perpetual Mass Association of the Order of Our Lady of Mercy the individuals or family whose names I have written on the reverse side, and according to the membership checked below.

Annual Enrollment

Individual, living or dead	\$1
Group—3 persons	\$2
Family—living and dead	\$10

Perpetual Enrollment

Deceased person	\$5
Living person	\$10
Family—living and dead	\$25

If Family Membership is by Installments, please mark X here.

I am enclosing my voluntary donation of \$ This alms is to aid the work of your Order, especially the education of young men for the priesthood."

Also enclosed is a reproduction of a wash drawing purporting to be a new monastery and seminary at Le Roy, N. Y. The caption to that picture is, "Won't you help through a Christmas gift in honor of the Infant Savior?"

Fr. Raymond includes his Christmas card to you, "Printed in Italy", and a flyer which reads: "My Spiritual Flowers/At Christmas/for the bouquet honoring/Pope Pius XII" and space is provided for the faithful to enter the number of times they will "repeat Aspirations", "pray Hail Mary's", "repeat Our Father's", "offer Litanies", "pray Rosaries", "participate at Mass", "remember Him during Holy Communion".

The "gift" from Loretto, Pa., is a calendar, and the rest is about the same, except for a premium offer which tickles me no end.

"If you enroll TWO PERSONS or more in the Guild of St. Francis" you get a "twin-picture Devotional Shrine (2½" x 1¼") Frame and Base of Pink Plastic". This premium, as it is sent out "Contains full-color Pictures of Our Blessed Mother and Infant Jesus of Prague"—it will be blessed—and the flyer points out that "Shrine pictures are replaceable by others you may have, or by photographs of your loved ones . . . An offering of \$1 is suggested for each membership."

You get that "alms"—"offering"—"donation"—that prevents prosecution for fraud.

BEREA COINCIDENCE

Surely by coincidence, another mail-order offering bearing a Berea, Ohio, address comes to hand from a different source.

This headline is, "3rd Sex Comes Out of Hiding"—and the circular sells a single copy of the Homosexual Magazine for \$1.00.

Now, that magazine, named "ONE", is published at 25 cents per copy, at 232 South Hill Street, Los Angeles 12, Calif.

Eager beavers in Berea, aren't they?

YS never had heard of the place before, but a little checking tells us that it is ten miles from Cleveland and has a population of about 6,000. Maybe some of you Cleveland members know all about this new mail-order center. If so, tell all.

Wait now. One more just arrived from the Very Rev. Dennis Burke, O. Praem., Norbertine Fathers, De Pere, Wisconsin. In the corner of the return envelope we read, "J. M. J. Please place stamp here."

For you benighted pagans YS explains that J. M. J. means "Jesus, Mary and Joseph" please place stamp here. Amen.



MITCHELL'S BEST

MFS Mitchell writes:

"In an article panning so-called "flying saucers" Charles Fort is mentioned in the first paragraph: "The English author Charles Fort, who died in 1932 and who spent a lifetime collecting accounts of unusual objects in the sky, reports that in the eighteenth and nineteenth century there were literally epidemics of such puzzling luminous objects."

"The article is written by one Dr. Rudolf Pabst who has occupied himself with the saucer nonsense which still haunts many heads of defenders of US-Occidental Civilization and appeared in the *Sachsische Zeitung* of 27 April 1955. It is worthless to saucer fans, a scream for Fortean and otherwise good material for students of semantics".

Air Force Secretary Harold E. Talbott dedicated a "heavy press" plant in Cleveland, 5-5-55. It will press spars for jet fighting planes, and Talbott, with a perfectly straight face, told his audience, "This plant is a great force for peace in the world."

The plant cost us \$40,000,000, and, after Talbott pushed the buttons which started it pressing, he "turned the plant over to the Aluminum Company of America, which will operate it on a lease arrangement." For details of that "arrangement" consult your stock broker, you can't learn anything about it from your government.

A new volcano, similar in its beginnings to Paracutin, is growing in a cotton field in Mexico, 170 miles SE of Los Angeles, Calif., *Times*, 9-7-55.

An Egyptian mummy, "long-prized" by the museum at Zwolle, Holland, was recently X-rayed. "The negative showed four legs and feet, as well as a mass of broken ribs, a broken skull and other bones in some confusion." Obviously, the Tut and his family had been in a train wreck. *Times*, 7-2-55.

Those flying Finn twins who have never yet committed any crime are out of jail again, after serving 114 days. *Times*, 8-12-55.

The *Times* garbled this one, but as much of it as makes sense is this: Jean Franco, leader of the French expedition scaling Mt. Makalu in the Himalayas, had six altimeters with him but none of them worked. Confusion enters the type at that point, but apparently sir John somebody, who worked on Everest, also suffered altimeter failure at 20,000 feet. *Times*, 8-1-55.

In a nation-wide radio broadcast, 6-19-55, J. Bracken Lee, Governor of the State of Utah, "called for the elimination of Federal income taxes." *Times*, 6-20.

In Manila, Mrs. Agatona de Jesus foreclosed a mortgage on a two-story house and notified the occupants to move. When she went to see if they were gone, they were, and so was the house. *Times*, 8-23-55.

On Aug. 1, or the night before, some person or persons stole 2 canons, one from a church in Southampton, Long Island, the other from a lawn in Pleasantville, N. J. The one in Pleasantville had been stolen once before and later returned.

"Top Pentagon leaders are considering methods of stepping up Japanese rearmament. They are openly dissatisfied with the rate that the Japanese have been rebuilding their strength, citing a *growth of apathy* toward rearmament". *N. Y. Times*, 11-7-55.

In a word, the Pentagon is now in almost as much of a lather as it was before Pearl Harbor. It may take even more lashing this time to bring those old friends of Lafcadio Hearn up to the standard of Pentagon civilization. Not that our boys are not up to it. Those (former) dirty little yellow bellies will be made hep to the jive if it takes every atom in our pile.

Same paper, same date:

"Brucker Presses Germ War Plans"

It is almost as tough to get civilian Americans interested in Civil Defense as to get the Japs back into monkey suits.

Val Peterson, that white Christian, told the U. S. Civil Defense Council that "the country can no longer rely upon the support of civilian volunteers. If the public does not present us with a solid cadre of volunteers, then we have no other alternative than to draft the young manhood of our country into Civil Defense ranks." *Newsday*, 10-1-55.

How are you going to do that, Val? — by burning our faces off with radiation or by planting germ bombs in our coffee?

Five hundred egrets were killed on East and West Marin Islands in the bay off San Rafael, Calif. "Two youths, known to have visited this area recently, are being sought for the act of vandalism." *N. Y. Times*, 10-13-55.

The "two youths" were probably Japanese pacifists or Communists, or — they might have been red Indians. . . The Choctaws have Uncle Sam — the Great White Father — in court for breaking a contract with them. They want \$208,000,000 for the part of Mississippi they gave up 125 years ago. Their attorney is William T. Weir, *ae* 78, who taught himself law in the Abraham Lincoln manner, by the light of burning pine-knots. MFS Mitchell writes, "Send him a medal!"

CARRIAGE FORWARD

MFS Essenhigh has supplied the meaning of the British term "carriage forward". You'll remember that Robert Donaldson received the corpse of his infant son from the hospital labeled in that fashion. It does not mean "return postage guaranteed", as we guessed. It means "collect carriage charges from the recipient".

WHILE THEY LAST

A few copies of the British edition of Russell's *Dreadful Sanctuary* are available at \$3.00. This is Eric's romance about the 18th attempt to reach the moon by rocket, in the AD year, 1972. One character asks the very Fortean question, "How do you know you are sane?" Read it. From the Society, while they last, \$3.00.



FOR THE BIRDS

Now we are getting somewhere.

". . . the contract for the first stage rocket to launch the bird (artificial satellite, to you) has been awarded to Glenn L. Martin Co."

The "awarding" of a contract means business. No pun intended. The business is to continue to the end of 1958 (old style).

"It is part of the U. S. participation in the geophysical year, a period from July 1, 1957 to the end of 1958." (Obviously, the "geophysical year" employs the 18-month calendar).

The swami in charge of this boondoggle is Dr. Joseph Kaplan, called "Chairman of the U. S. National Committee for the International Geophysical Year, a division of the National Academy of Sciences which has been given (? awarded?) the job (? job ?) of carrying out the American satellite program."

The stuff above within quotes comes from the *N. Y. Journal-American* of 11-7-55.

Will some of you Washington members look into Dr. Kaplan's background and history — and report? We may have a new Einstein here.

No USA report is at hand, but Reuter told the *Daily Mail* (British) that the contract for the motor and other parts had been given to General Electric. Who else? 10-7-55, *cr* Elsander.

MEMORY LAPSES

A member of the gentler sex recently asked some pointed questions about "Rosicrucians". YS replied with a general thumbs-down, and can no longer remember the member's name. This note is to say that a more detailed analysis of AMORC may be obtained from The Rosicrucian Foundation, Quakertown, Pa. This note in DOUBT does not imply an endorsement.

Another member asked — about eighteen months ago — where he could read the story of two ladies who were walking in the gardens at Versailles and found themselves transported back in time to 1789.

We replied that the theme had been many times used, but perhaps this is the specific instance the inquirer had in mind, alleged to have occurred August 10, 1901, involving Miss C. Anne E. Moberly and Miss Eleanor F. Jourdain, both deceased, of course.

That story, by A. M. Phillips, *Time-travel Happens!* was printed in *Unknown*, a mag, Dec. 1939 old style.

MFS Brooks who supplied us, writes, "I understand there has also been a book written on the subject by the two ladies themselves, entitled, *An Adventure*." The Society does not have this book.

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.

1869

Jan

- 13 1:20 a.m. Brighton / meteor slightly West of North followed by 2 reports like gun-
15 Nature, 30/19 / Cor writes th (paper Hampton's / BA 69-307
13 1:20 a.m. Brighton / det met / Symons' 4-10
fire / D. News 14th, p. 3 / Seen at cut off TT) quake near Colchester acto witness / 3 sounds and an interval / then more sounds.
18 "a splendidly well-defined meteor shower Italy / BA 71-46
26 8 p.m. Meteor / Tremont (Saone-et-Loire) CR 68-276 / N.M.
29 30 (Alps) At Araches (Haute Savoie) Cosmos —3/4/455 / data communicated to the Association Scientifique, by M. Rey de Morande / this night after a gale snow fell. In the morning a great number of living larvae found in the snow / They could not have had origin in Switzerland where temperature had been very low. They appeared to be mostly larvae of Trogossita Mauritanica, which were common in the "Midi" of France. Also some of a little butterfly of a family of Noc-

tuliens, probably Stibia Stagnicola (page 2) This caterpillar reaches full size in "le courant" of February and lives in the center and "Midi" of France. This fall was at an altitude of from 1000 to 1200 metres / See La Sc. P. Tous, 15-183 / B.D. 93

- 29-30 Insects fell on ground at altitude of 1000 to 1200 metres / Cosmos, 3-4-455 / Ground frozen—had been very cold. From 25th the average temperature at 7 a.m. was 5 degrees.
29-30 Larvae different / At Araches / Haute Savoie / In snow that fell this night acto Mitissot, was observed / The Student, 3-400, could not have been hatched there the temp. so low. Said were common to S of France. They were of Trogossita Mauritanica and caterpillars "supposed" to belong to Stibia Stagnicola
29 LT of / p. 5 / Expected meteor
30 A newspaper of that date as copied in Melbourne Age, Feb 3, p. 2 / At Wagga-Wagga / dust and darkness—"Suddenly a mighty roaring was heard in the distance, and looking westward one beheld what looked like a solid wall of water rushing upon the town
Feb 2 Met France / BA 69-281
2 Unusual cluster sunspots Western limb of sun / E Mechan 8/468, 491
3 LT of / p. 12 / Sunspots
4 Marseilles / fog, but moist / spreading disagreeable odor / CR 68-1023
8 Met France / BA 69-281
9 S. Africa / fire broke out over regions 400 miles long 15 to 150 wide / Sci Rev 4/100
11 5:31 p.m. Malta / large met passed near Mars / BA 74-292
12 Remarkable storm / Symes 4/21
13 Op Mars (A1)
13-14 At Marseilles 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. many meteors / 93 counted / CR 68-1023
18 Ice / says that in a storm near Warwick / Queensland fell a hailstone that broke the skull of a horse and killed him / Bendigo Advertiser / Feb 27
23 Eleven spots on floor of Plato / but turned to Mars? (Fort's question) Astro Reg 7/178
24 Met France / BA 69-281
Mar 2 Met France / BA 69-281
3 Very dark and great dust fall Melbourne / The Field, May 22, 424-2
3 Ice / Bendigo Advertiser of this date / that a cor writing to the Ballarat Star had reported as having fallen in a recent th. storm a large block of ice 20 feet by 20 feet by about 20 inches thickness. The story was doubted but the Editor

- of the Ararat Advertiser wrote that the ice had fallen and had been visited by many persons, and was solid ice and no accumulation of hailstones.
- 3 Aust & Europe / See auroras Ap 15 and May 14
- 3 Melbourne in darkness & great dust fall / Field May 22
- 3 Dust / Melbourne / The Age, Mar 4, p. 3 / ab 7 a.m. vast clouds of dust and Melbourne in darkness / See March 4 / Fell in a gale at Castlemaine and Ballarat. "Such a peculiar storm is unprecedented in this colony." Said been one something like it in Sydney ab 16 years before.
- 3 Melbourne dust / At 1 a.m. a hot wind blowing. About 7 a.m. came a "tremendous dust storm which obscured the city / The Argus (Melbourne) March 4—everything in darkness. "A very peculiar phenomenon was noticeable in the approach of this dust storm. Along the whole of its upper edge glowed a strong, yellow light which gave the idea of a fierce fire raging behind dense clouds of smoke." Writer thinks it due to electric conditions. / A violent magnetic storm at the same time.
- 4 Sicily and Calabria / Zeit Met 4/204 / in Krains on 25th, p. 206, p. 229
- 4 At Castlemains ab 9 p.m. 2 extraordinary meteors. They left dark trains that turned yellow. Visible 80 seconds / trains or mets? (Fort's question) not said / Melb. Age, Mar 6, p. 2
- 7 Long trains of sunspots / M. Notices 29-226
- 10 Medilena / red snow / CR 70-1041
- 24 brownish yellow matter (Naples) Cosmos 3/4/398
- 10 Supposed sirocco / fog and red rain / L. Ann Sci 14-191
- 10 with dust / find no meteors in BA
- 12 time of fall of dust at Balna there was a slight shock of earthquake at Biskra / La Sci Pour Tous 15-159
- 14 large sunspot / M. Notices 29-300
- 15 6 p.m. smart shock E. Lancashire / Mar 17 several / afternoon and evening / E Yorkshire Birmingham Gazette March 20
- 15 ab 6 p.m. Lancashire quake / LT March 16 & W. Yorkshire / and loud rumbling sound like distant thunderstorm, rumbling sound at Hull no mention shock felt—Times of 19th, p. 12
- 16 ab 3 p.m. severe shocks & rumbling sounds. E. Yorkshire / (L) Times of the 19th, p. 11
- 17 Great explosion in Paris / also one at Saintes, Belgium / D News of 22nd, p. 2
- 23 Volc? / Straits of Messina 3 p.m. for 20 minutes fell a heavy shower of mud / Sci Op. Ap. 7, 1869, p. 439
- 23 Sicily / thick clouds and a yellow rain /
- In all respects like Fall of the 10th / See 24
- 24 Colored rain at Lesina and Illyria / see 23 / CR 70/1371
- 24 dust fall / Dardanelles / Monats b. Ak (paper cut off TT) Berl / 1869-308
- 27 Met Mars / 9:55 p.m. at Paris / by M. Lansedat / came from a point near Mars / CR 68/784 also La Sci P T 14-149
- 27 Bolide at Paris / La Sci P T 14-149
- 29 red snow / Sicily and Dardanelles / Les Mondes 25/226
- 29 Auroral bands and lunar halo N. Zealand / Trans N.Z. Inst 1902-406
- 30 thunder & lightning & earthquake shocks at Ballarat, Victoria / Melbourne Age, Ap 1, p. 2
- Apr 1 4 Meteors / Montcalieri / L'Annee Sci 14-11
- 2, 3, 8, 9 Aurora in north of Europe / CR 68-954
- 3 Detonating meteor 5 a.m. Carlisle / Sci Gossip 1869-119
- April, early in, Carlisle / flaming thing struck a gate post—passed (paper cut off TT)—gave impression of being "prevented from falling by some invisible connecting cord" / Symes Met 4/37
- April small quake Peshawar, India / BA '11
- Apr 9 Leaves / Last Cit., 1889
- 9 Leaves fell / France / Antriche (Indre-et-Loir) D-242
- 10 Leaves / Ap 1, 1900
(The next four notes were clipped together by Fort. TT)
- 10 Leaves / Ap. 1885 / Ap 25, 1886
- Ap. Leaves / Oct last 1889
- Ap. Leaves / Dec 12, 1920
- Ap. Leaves / Ap 1, 1900
(The following were not in the wire clip. TT)
- Apr 10 Leaves / Ap. 25, 1886
- 10 Leaves See May 2, 1885
- 10 Leaves / Dec 11, 1920
- 15 Aurora / La Sci P. T. 14-180
- 15 haze / 7:45 p.m. New York / Mars in a ring of light with radiating bars / Moon like nucleus of a comet with vast tail / Sci Am 21-299
- 15 great Aurora, Toronto / Nature 2-453
- 15 "very fine display of Aurora Victoria, Australia / Trans Roy Soc Victoria 10-62
- 15 Melbourne Argus Ap. 16, p. 4 / ab midnight Aurora illuminating a large extent of the southern heavens. (Fort's emphasis. TT) a wide arch from horizon to horizon. Also a glare which was thought by many persons to be the reflection of a great fire from beyond St. Kilda.
- 15 At Paris / CR 68-947 / 8 p.m. shafts of light from Great Bear toward E., like a fair
- 15 Aurora / CR 68-950 / At Brussels — 990, 991, 1049, 1120, 1140, 1164 / Circumstances—962 / Liverpool & Munich—1051, 1201

- 15 A / (Stands for "Aurora." TT) Am J Sci 2/48/114, 146
 16 Aurora / p. 1, NY Times
 17 LT of, p. 8 and p. 12 / Aurora / Worcestershire
 18 Afternoon / Lyndon, Ill / Tornado / Finleys Report
 25 or 18 / Levitation / Galagnani's Messenger / Ap 30, from the Exeter Gazeteer — About noon "Sunday" sun shining brilliantly—cloudless—"not breath of wind—suddenly a noise like of a rocket and dust was whirled. A current of air rushed across River Exe. raising a wave ab a foot high.

Box A (Resumed)

- Apr 27 began / Religio-Phil Jour Oct 2, p. 1-4, copying from the Richmond Enquirer of Sept 1 / W.R. Chiles / Home of Mr. Chiles, Ninth Street, Richmond / Furniture "turned topsy turvy" stones thrown. A Mrs. Bagsett arrested / someone swore saw her throw a stone. Others testified that they saw stones arriving at time Mrs. B near them and under watch and not guilty / also doorbell tinging — Mrs. B was the next door neighbor. Raps / Ap 27 and for 10 days doorbell ringing and raps on door / end of ten days stones began and reached climax May 27, / stopped ab June 1
 27 Mrs B acquitted without jury leaving box / This was a Mrs B "young lady"

Box 3 (Resumed)

- 28 Met France / BA 69-281
 May early in / vast fire from earth — naphtha (?TT) on Caspian Sea caught fire / Chem News 19/286
 May 1 Great sunspot / M. Notices 29-302
 1 Remarkable sunspots with spiral effect / on 2nd spiral effect gone / Sci Op 2-79
 2 12 p.m. — cor who signs self D.T.K. Astro Reg 7/139 Northampton / thinks could not be seeds so early in May / looking at Venus — saw strange objects of various sizes — some appeared larger than Jupiter / stream for more than an hour many of the larger had a bluish fringe on one side.
 5 6:32 p.m. metite of Krahenburg, in the Palatinate / BA 69-20
 5 At Oro (?TT) Caliente, Mexico, during a th storm body of fire fall upon a church, and exploded and wrecked the molding, killed 40 worshippers / Sunday Times (London) June 6
 6 4:30 a.m. Near (indecipherable) Island, south of Yeddo Gulf, Japan, as reported by Capt. Nickerson of the ship National Eagle — column of smoke issuing from the ocean and volcanic rocks protruding and sea muddy / San Fran Ev Bul, June 3

- 13 Aurora / 10:15 p.m. Korkshire / corruscations meeting in a large irregular oval halo (Fort's emphasis) / 10:45 at Hull / all corruscations converged toward Epsilon in Bootes / Ab 11 at Hull Mars enveloped in red mass of light / York Mars (Indecipherable) as in it / Ab 15 or 20 degrees SE of the zenith. This place remained fixed the whole evening but arches moved / Astro Reg 7-135 / Belfast — body of light concentrated 8 to 10 degrees SE of Polaris (Ursa Major in the zenith) A silver line shot from the pointers

13-14-15 Aurora / CR 68, p.1159, 1162, 1164, 1203

- 14 (indecipherable, could be "same times" or "sound issues" or "sound flames" or "some flames") in Australia and England / Nautical Mag 1870/120
 15-16 At Grenfell, N.S.Wales / southern sky aurora / Sydney Morning Herald 19th
 18 Conj Mars and moon / Ast Reg 7/139
 19 See aug 29, 1863 / Heard again at Hank-hurt (?TT) by Prof.Herschel / constant rumbling sound at 3:20 p.m. lasted 10 minutes — heard again at 6 o'clock Proc Brit Met Soc., 2-102 (over) He repeats the effect was "awe inspiring" / Says at the first sound sky blue, says a very heavy black storm was passing along the whole N horizon very low and distant (Fort's emphasis) but to others it sounded like blasting as he thought it was artillery practice at Hastings except that would be an interrupted sound. / Repeated May 31 — a roaring sound with gusts of wind and rain
 20 LT, p.9 / Th. storms
 20 Ab 11 p.m. great det met New York City etc. BA 69-308, 1870/88 / Am J. Sci 2/48/145-146
 22 (F) 9:45 a.m. / Cleguerec, Vendee / metites / BA '69 / C.R. 68-1338
 22 9:45 p.m. Meteor seen Napoleonville (Morbihan) C.R. 68-1338 / du sud au nord (reverse) fell near Cliquerec / fell incandescent / most like Jan 30, 1868
 22 In Les Mondes 20-656, said that this met stone was before broken by peasants in the form of a regular cone
 25? (Fort's ?) Symons 4-137 quoting Morning Advertiser of May 28, which says that like the stones which fell at Birm the year before they looked up Barley rag stone until broken up, then difference apparent / quotes Birm D. Post / ("Birm" will probably be Birmingham. TT)
 25 Nothing in Wolv. Chronicle / Try Birm paper Wolv. Dept.
 25 In London Morning Advertiser of 28th from Birmingham Gazette / said that the large number of stones found after the rain "bearing resemblance to nothing with which the roads are paved or any stones found in the district".

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