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Hopping From World to World.
Few children reach the age of eight years without having worked out a cosmology of their own and their own system of metaphysics. A group of youngsters of that mature age were going home from school the other day when one began to instruct the others what to do in case of a certain crisis. "When the end of the world comes do you know what you want to do?" asked the narrator. "Well, you want to give a little jump like this. The world will slip out from under you and you'll light on the one a-floppin' it said he all right." Then the youngsters began practicing the sort of jump that was necessary to give them immortality.—Kansas City Times.

Curious Fishing.
Very curious is the method of fishing followed by the Chinese in the strait of Malacca. The fisherman lets down from the side of the boat a screen of white canvas stretched on wood. The school of fish mistake this for some floating obstruction and try to leap over it with the result that the fish jump into the boat and are thus captured. This method is employed by Malays in their waters.

Ventriloquism in the Bible.
Ventriloquism, which is described as "speaking from the belly," has its first historic mention as far as we are aware, in Isaiah xliii, 4, "And thou shalt be brought down and shall speak out of the ground, and thy speech shall be as one that hath a familiar spirit, out of the ground, and thy speech shall whisper out of the dust."—Brooklyn Eagle.

Reasoned.
"Here," roared the old lawyer to his son, studying law with him. "You told me you had read this work on evidence, and yet the leaves are not cut."
"Used X rays," yawned the versatile son, and the father chuckled with delight as he thought what a lawyer the boy would make.—London Punch.

The One Exception.
"Of course," said Stenpeak, "I don't always do what my wife tells me."
"What?" exclaimed Mosher in surprise.
"No; you see if she's in a sarcastic mood when she orders me to do anything I know she wants me to do just the opposite."—Philadelphia Press.

His Experience.
First Artist—But you love art for its own sake? Second Artist—Why, yes, I'm coming to the conclusion that that's all there is to it.—Brooklyn Life.

TITON AND GOLIAH



These famous stallions will stand the season of 1906 as follows: First three days of week at Preble; Last three days of week at the Conrad farm near Freidheim.
TERMS—\$16 to insure colt with proper care to stand and suck.

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THE COMET'S TAIL.

It May Be Described as a Current of Gaseous Particles.

What is a comet? Up to the time of the Renaissance a comet was universally supposed to be a vapor in the atmosphere, presaging pestilence, wars and the death of kings. The Danish astronomer Tycho Brahe was the first to show that comets lay in the celestial spaces beyond our atmosphere, and Newton proved that the heads of comets obeyed the law of gravitation, like other celestial bodies.

We can now say with considerable assurance that a comet's head consists of a swarm of meteors surrounded and interspersed with a gaseous atmosphere which renders it luminous and therefore visible by continuous internal discharges. When the atmosphere disappears and the discharges cease the head becomes invisible, and the comet becomes a simple meteor swarm.

The most puzzling thing about a comet has always been its tail, and it is only within recent years that we have begun to know enough about matter in a finely divided state to be able to offer any satisfactory explanation for it. Its most obvious peculiarity is that it does not obey the law of gravitation.

That the tail is gaseous is clearly proved by the spectroscopic, the hunched spectrum having been traced to a distance of 3,000,000 miles from the head of Swift's comet (1892, 1).

According to the modern theory of electricity, the sun is a negatively charged body, from whose surface vast numbers of minute bodies called corpuscles are being constantly repelled at velocities not far from 100,000 miles per second. These corpuscles, electrons, or ions, as they are sometimes named, are rather crudely called negative electricity. These corpuscles that strike the comet immediately attach themselves to the gaseous molecules surrounding the head, charging them negatively and causing them to be repelled at high speed not only from the outer molecules forming the head, but particularly from the direction of the negatively charged sun. The successive envelopes sometimes seen surrounding the nucleus of a comet may indicate either some special activity going on within the comet itself or they may indicate the effect of successive waves of corpuscles shot out from the sun.

A comet's tail may therefore be described as a current of gaseous particles receding from the head, each particle or molecule carrying a negative electric charge. A certain amount of impalpable dust of a particular grade of fineness probably accompanies the gaseous stream. In at least one case this dust was present in sufficient quantities to produce an appreciable effect, but it did not extend to the extreme end of the tail.—Professor W. H. Pickering in Harper's Magazine.

Dust on the Ocean.

"To talk of a 'dusty' ocean highway sounds absurd, but the expression is perfectly accurate," states a writer. "Every one who is familiar with ships knows that, no matter how carefully the decks may be washed in the morning, a great quantity of dust will collect by nightfall. You say, 'But the modern steamship, burning hundreds of tons of coal a day, easily accounts for such a deposit.' True, but the records of sailing vessels show that the latter collect more dust than a steamer. On a recent voyage of a sailing vessel—a journey which lasted ninety-seven days—twenty-four barrels of dust were swept from the decks! The captain was a man of scientific tastes and made careful observations, but could not solve the mystery. Some, no doubt, comes from the wear and tear on the sails and rigging, but that accounts for only a small portion. To add to the mystery, bits of cork, wood and vegetable fiber are frequently found in this sea dust. Where does it come from?"—Korea News.

Eating by Law.

"While in Berlin one hot day," said a traveler, "I stepped into a combination beer garden and restaurant and ordered a glass of beer and some fruit. The waiter shook his head.

"You must get fruit and beer together in Berlin, herr," he said.

"Why not?" said I.

"It is against the law," the waiter replied. "There is a law here in Germany that no one is to be served beer and fruit together. If a restaurateur breaks this law he loses his license. It is a good law," the waiter added. "It is based on good sound sense. Beer and fruit don't mix. They are bad for the stomach. Sometimes they cause death."

"Since that time," the tourist added, "I have never mixed beer and fruit. It is a strange idea, isn't it, to have food laws like that? Suppose congress should pass a law prohibiting the eating at the same meal of ice cream and lobster or mince pie and plum pudding. What a howl would go up, eh?"—New York Press.

Sponge Fishing.

The Greeks are considered the principal sponge fishers, and it takes much experience, skill and hardihood to qualify a man for a first class sponge diver. Many of the most valuable specimens are found at a depth varying from ten to thirty-five fathoms. To aid in the descent the divers make use of a triangular stone with a hole in one corner, through which a rope is spliced. On reaching the deep sea gardens, where the rock ledges are clothed with marine growths, the diver retaining a hold on his rope, dexterously breaks away the holdfast of the sponges and places them under his arm until a sufficient load has been gleaned, when a pull on the rope signals his companions above that he is ready to ascend, and he is then hauled to the surface, bearing his ocean treasures.

Weather Forecast.
Fair tonight and Sunday.

MARKET REPORT.

Accurate prices paid by Decatur merchants for various products. Corrected every day at 2 o'clock.

Buffalo Stock Market

4 Buffalo, N. Y. Mar. 30 Special—
Cattle—Receipts 2 cars; market steady
Prime Steers..... \$ 5 75
Medium Steers..... \$ 5 25
Stockers to best feeders..... \$ 4 00
Cows..... \$ 4 25
Bologna bulls..... \$ 4 50

Hogs—Receipts 25 cars; market steady

Good mediums & heavy's..... \$ 6 80
Yorkers..... \$ 6 80
Pigs..... \$ 6 80
Good Roughs..... 4.85 \$ 5 20
Common Roughs..... 2.75 \$ 5 20
Stags..... 6 30
Sheep—Receipts 50 cars; market slow
Choice lambs..... \$ 7 10
Choice westerns..... \$ 7 00
Choice yearlings..... \$ 6 50
Handy mixed sheep..... \$ 5 90
Call and common sheep..... 3.00 \$ 4 50

PITTSBURG MARKETS

Union Stock Yards, Pittsburg, Pa. Mar. 30—Hogs—Supply 8 cars market steady
Heavy Hogs..... \$ 6 75
Medium..... \$ 6 80
Yorkers..... \$ 6 80
Light..... \$ 6 60
Pigs..... \$ 6 50

Toledo Markets

Changed every afternoon at 3:00 o'clock by J. D. Hale, Decatur special wire service.
May Wheat..... \$ 82 1/2
July Wheat..... 79 1/2
Corn, May..... 45 1/2
Oats, cash..... 32 1/2
July Corn..... 45 1/2
May Oats..... 32 1/2
July Oats..... 31
Rye cash..... 64

Chicago Markets

Chicago market closed at 1:15 p. m. today, according to Decatur Stock and Grain Exchange
May Wheat..... \$ 77 1/2
July Wheat..... 76 1/2
May Corn..... 44 1/2
July Corn..... 44 1/2
May Oats..... 30 1/2
July Oats..... 29 1/2
May Pork..... 16 27
May Lard..... 8 37

GRAIN.

BY E. L. CARROLL, GRAIN MERCHANT
Machine shucked one cent loss.
Corn New, delivered..... 55
Oats, new..... 29
Wheat, No. 2 Red..... 79
Wheat, No. 3 Red..... 75
Barley..... 86
Rye No. 2..... 70
Clover Seed..... 7 00
Alfalfa..... 6 15
Buckwheat..... 48
Flax Seed..... 80
Timothy..... \$1 25

Wheat, Flour, Etc.

The Oak Roller Mills Quotations.
Oak Patent Flour..... \$4.00 @ 4.40
Bran, per ton..... \$18.00
Middlings, per ton..... \$20.00
Rough meal, per cwt..... \$1.00
Kiln dried bolted meal, per cwt..... \$1.50
Screenings, No. 1, per bu..... .90
"No. 2, per bu..... .40
Chop feed, per ton..... \$20.00
Wheat, No. 2, per bu..... .79

Corrected every day by
A. VANCAMP.

HAY MARKET

E. L. CARROLL
No 1 Timothy Baled..... \$8.00
Mixed Baled..... 6.00
Clover Baled..... 5.00

OIL MARKET.

Indiana..... 89
Tennessee..... 1 04
Kansan..... 69
Nebraska, (Kan.)..... 51
Barkerville..... 95
England..... 49
Texas..... \$1.58
Pennsylvania..... 1.58
Ontario..... 1.10
New Castle..... 1.35
North Lima..... .94
South Lima..... .79

STOCK

BY FRED SCHEIMAN OUR LEE
Lamb..... 350 @ 350
Hog per cwt..... 6.00
Cattle per lb..... 5 @ 5
Calves, Per lb..... 5 @ 5
Cows..... 1 @ 8
Sheep..... 4 @ 5

POULTRY

BY J. W. PLACE CO
Hickens, young per lb..... 64
Fowls, per lb..... 64
Young Turkey..... 64
Old Turkey..... 8
Young Ducks..... 8
Old Ducks..... 8
Geese..... 9

WOOL AND HIDES

BY E. KALTER & SON, Phone 442
Wool unwashed
Bleed Hides..... 9
Calf..... 11
Sheep Pelts..... 25 @ 1.50
Tallow..... 4
Mink..... 25 @ 3.00
Skunk..... 25 @ 1.50
Coco..... 10 @ 1.25
Possum..... 10 @ 40
Muskrat..... 3 @ 22

OTHER PRODUCTS.

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Eggs fresh, per dozen..... \$ 12
Lard..... 07
Butter, per pound..... 15
Potatoes..... 60

MARKET NOTES

COAL—Per Ton
Prices of coal on and after December 1st, until further notice will be as follows:
Eoking Lump, per ton..... \$3 75
Virginia Splim..... 4 00
Indiana Lump..... 3 40
Domestic Nut..... 3 40
Washed Nut..... 3 75
Pittsburg Lump..... 3 75
Pocahontas..... 4 50
Kentucky Cannell..... 6 00
Anthracite..... 7 50
Charges for carrying coal—25c per ton on truck; 10c on rail; up stairs 50c per ton.

Liverpool market closed steady.

Wheat, 1/2 cent higher.

Corn, 1/2 cent higher.

Receipts at Chicago today:

Hogs..... 11000
Wheat..... 8 cars
Corn..... 27 cars
Oats..... 110 cars
Cattle..... 2000
Sheep..... 2000

Estimate for tomorrow:

Hogs..... 28000
Wheat..... 2 cars
Corn..... 271 cars
Oats..... 123 cars

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