

GOOD SENSE

A person can step outside on a moonlight night and gaze into the heavens and experience sensations of wonder and amazement according to his or her capacity for thought. It is a nice pastime and the study of astronomy is both delightful and useful. However, for the majority of our people it is better for them to breathe the fresh air and bask in the "moonshine" and let it go at that rather than to allow their minds to wander into channels beyond a depth possible to fathom. For instance: The human mind cannot conceive anything without an end—yet it is just as impossible to gaze into the sky and conceive an end to space. People who continuously ponder on matters of this character—something impossible of definite and accurate solution—are liable later on to become inmates of an asylum for those of our commonwealth whose minds have become unhinged.

Every-day life is full of problems, the solution of which are not in any way vital to the majority of us. It is better and wiser for us to pay heed to those features of our lives which affect us materially for good or ill. Let us be practical in all our endeavors and not bother ourselves with the limitations of space when the prices of food and raiment cut so large a figure in our comfort and general welfare—whether we are fat or lean, warm or cold.

Not long ago we noticed in a "query colum" where the question had been asked if there are 23 worlds—presumably similar to ours. What a nonsensical question! Who would venture a definite answer? It is beyond the human mind. We know of a few, but knowing the limitation of space, and the bodies floating in it, no human being could give the last word in answer to such a question. To the great majority of us the price of butter and eggs is of far greater importance than is the possible existence of untold worlds whose orbits are inestimable distances from ours.

Let our readers shun all purely visionary things. There is too much "fol-de-rol" and too little common sense sifted into the concerns of our daily lives. It would seem that one could be happy without being silly; that the real joys of life do not depend on impractical ideas or things, but upon that which is dictated and ordained by sober thought, good judgment, and a wholesome desire to know the truth and live right.

SUN TIME

From an exchange we glean the following easily understood explanation of the difference in "sun time" and "clock time," which should be interesting and instructive reading for the majority of our subscribers:

The sun is a rough time-piece, not an accurate one. That is to say, the motion of the earth round the sun

is affected by over a dozen different forces and the result is a complicated condition which makes the sun agree with clock time only four times a year. At other times the sun is faster or slower than clock time. A sun-dial indicates sun time, and in order to find the correct time by it you have to add or subtract anywhere up to 16 minutes, according to the day of the year. The clocks which are connected by telegraph with the naval observatory at Washington are very reliable, being corrected hourly or daily. This time, however, does not necessarily agree with the times given in almanacs for rising and setting of sun, etc., as these latter times are approximate only. The actual time the sun rises above the horizon depends very much on whether it rises from behind a water surface, or a flat land surface, or a hill or a mountain. Times given for sunrise, etc., are theoretical—for the theoretical horizon—not for any actual or local horizon.

BITS of HUMOR

"History repeats itself."

"So they say. But it never came to my rescue when the teacher called on me to recite."

Elise—My grandpa has reached the age of 96. Isn't it wonderful?

Bobby—Wonderful nothing! Look at the time it's taken him to do it.

"Briggs—You talk a good deal less since you've been married.

Griggs—Yes; my wife thinks I'm the smartest man on earth, and I have to be mighty careful what I say.

"I asked the boss for an increase in salary. Told him I couldn't live on the sum I was getting."

"What did he say?"

"Told me it was a business, not a lifesaving institution, he was running."

"You know," said the lady whose motor car had run down a man, "you must have been walking very carelessly. I am a very careful driver. I have been driving a car for seven years."

"Lady, you've got nothing on me. I've been walking for 54 years,"

An Irishman had a run of hard luck and decided to commit suicide. A man discovered the Irishman a few hours later. He had a rope tied around his waist and was dangling from a tree. "What are you doing?" asked the man.

"I'm hangin' myself," replied the Irishman.

"You can't hang yourself by putting the rope around your waist," said the man. "You should put it around your neck."

"Och," replied the Irishman, "I tried it that way, but I couldn't breathe."