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THE INTERSTELLAR ETHER.

Ethereal Waves Which Affect the Eye and the Photographic Plate.

Our eye does not act by detecting heat; in other words, it is not affected by the whole range of ethereal quiverings, but only by a very minute and apparently insignificant portion. It wholly ignores the ether waves whose frequency is comparable with that of sound, and for 30 or 40 octaves above this nothing about us responds; but high up in a range of vibration of the inconceivably high pitch of four to seven hundred million per second—a range which extremely few accessible bodies are able to emit, and which it requires some knowledge and skill artificially to produce—to those waves the eye is acutely, surpassingly and most intelligently sensitive.

This little fragment of total radiation is in itself trival and negligible. Were it not for men and glowworms and a few other forms of life, hardly any of it would ever occur on such a moderate sized lump of matter as the earth. Except for an occasional volcano or a flash of lightning, only gigantic bodies like the sun and stars have energy enough to produce these higher flutelike notes, and they do it by sheer main force and violence—the violence of their gravitative energy—producing not only these, but every other kind of radiation also. Glowworms, so far as I know, alone have learned the secret of emitting the physiologically useful waves, and none other.

Why these waves are physiologically useful, why they are what is called "light," while other kinds of radiation are "dark," are questions to be asked, but at present only tentatively answered. The answer must ultimately be given by the physiologist, for the distinction between light and nonlight can only be stated in terms of the eye and its peculiar specialized sensitiveness, but a hint may be given him by the physicist.

The etheral waves which affect the eye and the photographic plate are of a size not wholly incomparable with that of atoms of matter. When a physical phenomenon is concerned with the ultimate atoms of matter, it is relegated at present to the vaguer group of knowledge summarized under the head of chemistry. Sight is probably a chemical sense. In the retina may be complex aggregations of atoms, shaken asunder by the incident light vibrations, and rapidly built up again by the living tissues in which they live, the nerve endings meanwhile appreciating them in their temporarily dissociated condition—a vague speculation, not to be further countenanced except as a working hypothesis leading to examination of fact, but nevertheless the direction in which the thoughts of some physicists are tending—a direction toward which many recently discovered experimental facts point.—Professor Lodge in Fortnightly Review.

The Turkish Harem.

In a recent lecture on "Turkey," Mr. Oscar F. Straus, ex-minister of the United States to that country, threw some interesting light upon a most interesting phase of Turkish life—the harem. The lecturer admitted that his knowledge came entirely from hearsay. He had never been in one and had never known a diplomat who had. He pronounced the institution not altogether unattractive. Turkish women are not secluded in the harem as in a prison. They are absolute mistresses of that side of the house and free to exercise their rights indisputably. A Turkish husband would not dare to enter his wife's apartments when it is not her pleasure that he should, and she has only to place her slippers outside the door to indicate such desire for seclusion. In many ways the oriental wife makes her caprices felt, and her spouse can only submit with what grace he may, like his occidental brother.

The right to divorce is vested with the husband, but the divorcee retires with all her property to her family and may marry again at once. And this right to hold property separately from their husbands which English and American women have only lately acquired has been the privilege of the Turkish wife for a thousand years.

Longing For Royalty.

First Freeman (laying down a newspaper)—It has been said that every American is a king by birthright; but, after all, there's nothing like being born to a genuine throne.

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If Women Proposed.

Charles—What would be the result if it were the custom for women to propose instead of men?

Laura—There would be fewer engagements and more marriages.—London Tit-Bits.

Through Santa Clara Wheat

By FRANCIS BRET HARTE.

It was here that Mrs. Randolph, late relict of the late Scipion L'Hommadieu, devoted herself to bringing up her children after the extremest of French methods and in resurrecting a "de" from her own family to give a distinct and aristocratic character to their name. The "de Fontages L'Hommadieus" were, however, only known to their neighbors after the western fashion, by their stepfather's name, when they were known at all, which was seldom. For the boy was unpleasantly conceited as a precocious worlding and the girl as unpleasantly complacent in her role of ingenue. The household was completely dominated by Mrs. Randolph. A punctilious Catholic, she attended all the functions of the adjacent mission, and the shadow of a black soutane at twilight gliding through the wild oat fields behind the ranche had often been mistaken for a coyote. The peace loving major did not object to a piety which, while it left his own conscience free, imparted a respectable religious air to his household and kept him from the equally distasteful approaches of the Puritanism of his neighbors, and was blissfully unconscious that he was strengthening the antagonistic foreign element in his family with an alien church.

Meantime, as the repaired buggy was slowly making its way toward his house, Maj. Randolph entered his wife's boudoir with a letter which the San Francisco post had just brought him. A look of embarrassment on his good humored face straightened the hard lines of hers, she felt some momentary weakness of her natural enemy and prepared to give battle.

"I'm afraid here's something of a muddle, Josephine," he began with a deprecating smile; "Mallory, who was coming down here with his daughter, you know"——

"This is the first intimation I have had that anything has been settled upon," interrupted the lady with appalling deliberation.

"However, my dear, you know I told you last week that he thought of bringing her here while he went south on business. You know, being a widower, he has no one to leave her with."

"And I suppose it is the American fashion to intrust one's daughters to any old boon companion?"

"Mallory is an old friend," interrupted the major impatiently. "He knows I'm married, and although he has never seen you he is quite willing to leave his daughter here."

"Thank you!"

"Come, you know what I mean. The man naturally believes that my wife will be a proper chaperon for his daughter. But that is not the present question. He intended to call here; I expected to take you over to San Jose to see her and all that you know, but the fact of it is—that is—it seems from this letter that—he's been called away sooner than he expected, and that—well—hang it! The girl is actually on her way here now."

"Alone?"

"I suppose so. You know one thinks nothing of that here."

"Or any other propriety for that matter."

"For heaven's sake, Josephine, don't be ridiculous! Of course it's stupid her coming in this way, and Mallory ought to have brought her, but she's coming and we must receive her. By Jove! Here she is now!" he added, starting up after a hurried glance through the window. "But what kind of a d—d turn out is that, anyhow?"

It certainly was an odd looking conveyance that had entered the gates and was now slowly coming up the drive toward the house: A large draught horse, harnessed to a dust covered buggy, whose strained foreaxle, bent by the last mile of heavy road, had slanted the tops of the forewheels toward each other at an alarming angle. The light, graceful dress and elegant parasol of the young girl who occupied half of its single seat looked ludicrously pronounced by the side of the slouching figure and grimy duster of the driver, who occupied the other half.

Mrs. Randolph gave a gritty laugh. "I thought you said she was alone. Is that an escort she has picked up, American fashion, on the road?"

"That's her hired driver, no doubt. Hang it! she can't drive here by herself," retorted the major, impatiently, hurrying to the door and down the staircase. But he was instantly followed by his wife. She had no idea of permitting a possible understanding to be exchanged in their first greeting. The late M. L'Hommadien had been able to impart a whole plan of intrigue in a single word and glance.

Happily Rose Mallory, already in the hall, in a few words detailed the accident that had befallen her to the honest sympathy of the major and the coldly polite concern of Mrs. Randolph, who in deliberately chosen sentences managed to convey to the young girl the conviction that accidents of any kind to young ladies were to be regarded as only a shade removed from indiscretions. Rose was impressed and even flattered by the fastidiousness of this foreign appearing woman, and after the fashion of youthful natures accorded to her the respect due to recognized authority. When to this authority, which was evident, she added a depreciation of the major, I fear that some common instinct of feminine tyranny responded in Rose's heart, and that on the very threshold of the honest soldier's home she tacitly agreed with the wife to look down upon him. Mrs. Randolph departed to inform her son and daughter of their guest's arrival. As a matter of fact, however, they had already observed her approach to the house through the slits of their drawn window blinds and those even narrower prejudices and limited comprehensions which their education had fostered. The girl, Adele, had only grasped the fact that Rose had come to their house in fine clothes, alone with a man in a broken down vehicle, and was moved to easy mirth and righteous wonder. The young man, Emile, had agreed with her, with the mental reservation that the guest was pretty and must eventually fall in love with him. They both, however, welcomed her with a trained politeness and a superficial attention that, while the indifference of her own countrymen in the wheat field was still fresh in her recollection, struck her with grateful contrast. The major's quiet and unobtrusive kindliness naturally made less impression, or was accepted as a matter of course.

"Well," said the major, cheerfully but tentatively, to his wife, when they were alone again, "she seems a nice girl, after all. And a good deal of pluck and character, by Jove, to push on in that broken buggy, rather than linger or come in a farm cart, eh?"

"She was alone in that wheat field," said Mrs. Randolph with grim deliberation, "for half an hour—she confesses it herself—talking with a young man!"

"Yes, but the others had gone for the buggy. And, in the name of heaven, what would you have her do? Hide herself in the grain!" said the major, desperately. "Besides," he added with a recklessness he afterward regretted, "that mechanical chap they've got there is really intelligent and worth talking to."

"I have no doubt she thought so," said Mrs. Randolph, with a mirthless smile; "in fact I observe that the American freedom generally means doing what you want to do. Indeed I wonder she didn't bring him with her! Only, I beg major, that you will not again in the presence of my daughter—and I may even say of my son—talk lightly of the solitary meetings of young ladies with mechanics, even though their faces were smutty and their clothes covered with oil."

The major here muttered something about there being less danger in a young lady listening to the intelligence of a coarsely dressed laborer than to the compliments of a rose scented fop, but Mrs. Randolph walked out of the room before he finished the evident platitude.

That night Rose Mallory retired to her room in a state of self satisfaction that she even felt was to a certain extent a virtue. She was delighted with her reception and with her hostess and family. It was strange her father had not spoken more of Mrs. Randolph, who was clearly the superior of his old friend. What fine manners they all had, so different from other people she had known. There was quite an Old World civilization about them: really it was like going abroad! She would make the most of her opportunity and profit by her visit. She would begin by improving her French—they spoke it perfectly and with such a pure accent. She would correct certain errors she was conscious of in her own manners, and copy Mrs. Randolph as much as possible. Certainly there was a great deal to be said of Mrs. Randolph's way of looking at things. Now she thought of it calmly, there was too much informality and freedom in American ways! There was not enough respect due to position and circumstances! Take those men in the wheat field for example—yet here she found it difficult to formulate an indictment against them for "freedom." She would like to go there some day with the Randolphs and let them see what company manners were! She was thoroughly convinced now that her father had done wrong in sending her alone; it certainly was most disrespectful to them and careless of him (she had quite forgotten that she had herself proposed to her father to go alone rather than wait at the hotel), and she must have looked very ridiculous in her fine clothes and the broken down buggy. When her trunk came by express to-morrow she would look out something more sober. She must remember that she was in a Catholic and religious household now. Ah yes! how very fine it was to see that priest at dinner in his soutane, sitting down like one of the family and making them all seem like a picture of some historical and aristocratic romance! And then they were actually "de Fontages L'Hommadieu." How different he was from that shabby Methodist minister who used to come to see her father in a black cravat with a hideous bow. Really there was something to say for a religion that contained so much picturesque refinement—and for her part—but that will do. I beg to say that I am not writing of any particular snob nor feminine monstrosity, but of a very charming creature who was quite able to say her prayers afterward like a good girl, and lay her pretty cheek upon her pillow without a blush.

She opened her window and looked out. The moon, a great silver dome, was uplifting itself from a bluish gray level which she knew was the distant plain of wheat. Somewhere in its midst appeared a dull star, at times brightening as if blown upon or drawn upward in a comet-like trail. By some odd instinct she felt that it was the solitary forge of the young inventor, and pictured him standing before it with his abstracted hazel eyes and a face more begrimed in the moonlight than ever. When did he wash himself? Perhaps not until Sunday. How lonely it must be out there! She slightly shivered and turned from the window. As she did so it seemed to her that something knocked against her door from without. Opening it quickly she was almost certain that the sound of a rustling skirt retreated along the passage. It was very late—perhaps she had disturbed the house by slutting her window. No doubt it was the motherly interest of Mrs. Randolph that impelled her to softly come and look after her. And for once her simple surmises were correct. For not only the inspecting eyes of her hostess, but the amatory glances of the youthful Emile had been fastened upon her window until the light disappeared, and even the Holy Mission Church of San Jose had assured itself of the dear child's safety with a large and supple ear at her keyhole.

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