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MOONSTRUCK.

"The sun shall not smite thee by day nor the moon by night." This beautiful verse expresses the belief, common in ancient days, that the moon exercises a baleful influence upon those exposed to her direct rays. In modern times the pernicious influence of the moon has been doubted and even denied. But whatever the influence of the moon in the temperate zones, within the tropics it is injurious to sleep exposed to its rays, especially when at the full. On a voyage to the antipodes, when near the line, a Maltese sailor, a most comical fellow, slept for some hours on the boom with his face toward the full moon. On waking in the morning, the muscles on the right side of his face were contracted, so that every attempt to speak was attended with the most ludicrous contortions. Feeling sure that something was seriously wrong, he spoke to another sailor, who, supposing that as usual he was at his old tricks, burst out into laughter. Off he went to another, with exactly the same result. The poor fellow now got into a rage, thereby adding not a little to the ludicrousness of the scene. After a while the truth dawned upon the captain and officers of the vessel. The doctor gave him some medicine, the muscles gradually relaxed, and in the course of a week our Maltese friend was well again. Some five or six years ago, when sailing from Tahiti to Mangaia, a little boy of mine, in perfect health, was thoughtlessly placed by his nurse in his berth, the slanting beams of the moon falling on his face. Next morning he was feverish and ill, and it was two or three days before he was himself again. On the island of Aitutaki a native woman was watching night after night for the return of her husband from the island of Atiu. While doing so one night she fell asleep, the moon's rays pouring into her face. On awakening she felt ill, and her eyes were drawn on one side. Considerable interest was felt by the Islanders in her case. Eventually, however, her eyes were restored. These facts illustrate the injury done to human beings by the moon in the tropics. I never heard of insanity or death resulting from this cause. It is well known, however, in tropical countries that the rays of the moon occasion the rapid decomposition of flesh and fish. A number of bonitas having been caught one evening near the line by a friend of mine the spoil was hung up in the rigging of the ship, and was thus exposed to the moon through the night. Next morning it was cooked for breakfast. Symptoms of poisoning were soon exhibited by all who partook of it—their heads swelling to a great size, etc. Emetics were promptly administered, and happily no one died. The natives of the South Pacific are careful never to expose fish (a constant article of diet in many islands) to the moon's rays by any chance. They often sleep by the sea shore after fishing, but never with the face uncovered. The aboriginals of Australia do the same as well as they can with their fishing nets, etc. May not the injurious influence of the moon (in addition to her beauty and utility) account for the almost universal worship of that orb throughout the heathen world.—*Exchange.*

The Ithaca (N. Y.) *Ithican* observes: Our druggists report that St. Jacobs Oil goes off like hot cakes.

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How He Got Solid with the Dukes.

Tom Ochiltree tells a story of the time when he was editor of the *Houston Telegraph*, a "dandy newspaper" of somewhat limited circulation, printed in a Texas town six days a week. He happened to be in Paris—"used to run over very often you know"—and was walking down avenue de l'Opera one night "with Jim Bennett and a lot of dukes and princes. When we came to a telegraph office Jim says: 'Hold on, dukes, I want to file a dispatch to the *Herald*.' So we all went into the telegraph office. Bennett hauled out a big wad of manuscript and handed it to the clerk. There were a good many thousand words in it, and the dukes and things were very much impressed. I saw that I must do something to keep my end up, so I said carelessly to Bennett: 'Jim is that anything particular?' He says: 'Well, it's a little dispatch one of my fellows handed me just now. I thought enough of it to bring it over here.' 'Very well, I said, 'do you mind if I duplicate it?' 'Not at all,' says Jim. 'Well, then, says I to the clerk at the window, 'just duplicate that to the *Houston Telegraph*.' It broke the back of the *Houston Telegraph*, but it made me solid with the dukes."

"Again, to die early in life," Dr. Talmage says, "brings one so much the sooner to the center of things. All astronomers agree that the universe swings around some great center. God's favorite figure in geometry is the circle. Somewhere is the great hub around which the wheel of the universe turns, and that is heaven. Our standpoint in this world is defective. We are at the wrong end of the telescope. We are down in the cellar of life, and yet trying to scan the broad heavens of immortality, while our departed Christian friends have gone up stairs to study it. The child who died at five years of age a few days ago, at whose funeral I officiated, knows more to-day of God than Andover or Princeton or Edinburgh or all the theologians of the world. Yet men are rushing around among the apothecaries, wondering if this medicine is good for neuralgia, and that for rheumatism, and others for other diseases, lest they should suddenly be ushered into heaven. Men ought not to go around groaning because another year is gone. We must live not according to the old maxim, which says men should live as though every day might be their last, but as though we were to live forever. But don't let us be nervous lest we should have to move out of a shanty into an Alhambra."

The Secretary of the Treasury on the 22d inst., sent a communication to the Senate in answer to a resolution of that body calling for a detailed statement showing the cost of collecting the internal revenue in each collection district in the United States for the year ending June 30, 1882, the percentage of cost upon the total sum collected in each district, and the number of employees in each. Amount collected in Oregon during the year \$88,679 82; expenses \$3,743 39; per cent of cost .056; number of persons employed as given, 5. The expenses for collecting the entire revenues of the United States for the last six years have been about \$27,087,300 or about 3.5 per cent on amount collected.

The deficiency in the hop market this year is estimated at 55,000 pounds. This will insure good prices for next year's crop.

A Milwaukee despatch of the 17th, says that when the safe of the burned Newhall house was opened there were numerous papers and documents and three blank books, but no register, no transfer book, nor memorandum of the guests or employees could be found. Mr. Antidel hurriedly threw the matter into the box and basket and with his man left the scene at once. The theories advanced as to the cause of the disappearance of all these important volumes are numerous, but none are satisfactory. In view of the fact that papers and books of every description and kind are found in every direction only partially consumed, the vanishing of such solid books as the register and its companion is regarded as mysterious and unexplainable. Other books known to have been in the office have been found in part, but there is nothing to show of that which would be precious beyond all price.

According to the *Madras Mail* several bags of cloves shipped from Zanzibar to London were found to contain a heavy percentage of artificial cloves neatly manufactured by machinery. They were made of pine, stained of dark color, and had been soaked in an essence of the spice to give them the required odor.

D. P. Thompson says that by next April no less than 500 men, and more if they can be obtained, will be employed on the Baker City line between that place and Pendleton; and if men and money can do it the road will be completed to Baker City inside of six months after operations are begun.

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