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A CRUSH OF WORLDS.

How Our Solar System May End and a New One Be Born.

The whole of the present solar system is ultimately to fall into the sun, causing an explosion that may result in a new solar system. Such is the theory put forward by Professor Philip Fauth, a well known astronomer, whose reputation has rested principally upon his researches into the conditions on the moon.

The novel feature of Dr. Fauth's theory is that it is based upon the supposition that a great part of the known solar system, including especially the planets Jupiter, Uranus and Saturn, are not composed of mineral matter at all, but are tremendous masses of ice or balls of ice surrounding a mineral kernel. Furthermore, he declares, a part of what is now known as the Milky Way is not mineral or gaseous, but "a ring of ice dust," masses of particles of ice suspended in space, the other planets receiving a constant addition to their ice mass from this source.

Professor Fauth declares that the world already at some remote periods has had a similar experience, resulting in the death of nearly all animate nature, and that all species of life as we know it have arisen since then. Eventually the planets swinging through their narrow orbits will fall into the sun, causing a new explosion and perhaps the birth of a new solar system, but for thousands of years before that time, all life, either on earth or elsewhere, will have disappeared.—Kansas City Journal.

ACROSS THE PACIFIC.

Influence of the "Great Circle" on the Journey to Manila.

If you wanted to go from the Panama canal to Yokohama which of these two would be the shorter route? First, across the ocean to Hawaii and from there to Yokohama, or, second, up along the coast to San Francisco and then directly across the Pacific to Asia? Nearly everybody would answer in favor of the Hawaiian route. But the navigators tell us the journey is 200 miles shorter by way of San Francisco. The "great circle" does it. Its influence on distance sends ships from San Francisco to Manila by way of the Aleutian Islands. Actually our vessels would go much farther north than they do but for the discouragement of the United States hydrographic bureau at Washington, which advises a central route, more than 200 miles longer than the great circle, in order to escape the fogs and lee of the far north.

The Hawaiian Islands are frequently described as "the crossroads of the Pacific." Their people are naturally looking forward to wonderful commercial development. They will doubtless enjoy substantial progress as a commercial center because many conditions in ocean currents and in prevailing winds and in fuel costs favor Honolulu as a way station route. But it is well to remember that these islands were planted a little too near the equator to be a crossroads of the north Pacific.—Boston Herald.

Wonderful Names.

The seventeenth century jurymen had one disadvantage to contend with from which his successor is happily free. He was frequently burdened with an intolerable name. James Broome in his "Travels Over England, Scotland and Wales," a work published in 1700, gives a copy of "a Jury Return made at Rye, Sussex, in the late Rebellion, Troublesome Times." Here are the names: "Stand fast on high Stringer of Crowhurst, Earth Adams of Warblinton, Killstin Pimple of Witham, Graceful Harding of Lewes, Weep not Billing of the same, Be Faithful Joiner of Britling, Fly Debate Roberts of the same, Fight the good Flight of Faith White of Emes, Return Spelman of Watling, Meek Brewer of Oakham, More Fruit Fowler of East Hodley, Hope for Bendling of the same."—London Chronicle.

He Saved the Patent Office.

When in the war of 1812 the British, who had taken Washington, trained their guns upon the patent office. Dr. Thornton, throwing himself directly before the guns, cried: "Are you Englishmen or Goths and Vandals? This is the patent office—a depository of the ingenuity and inventions of the American nation in which the whole civilized world is interested. Would you destroy it? Then let the charge pass through my body."

And the building was spared. Twenty-four years afterward, however, it was destroyed by fire, together with everything in it.

Couldn't Forget It.

"Saturday night some miscreant lodged off a whole cord of my wood, and somehow I can't forget about it," declared Silas.

"Have you tried to forget it?" inquired his friend.

"Yes. Sunday morning I went to church, hoping I could get it off my mind, and before I had been there five minutes the choir started in singing 'The Lost Chord,' so I got out."—Judge.

MONEY STONES OF YAP.

Natives of the Island Do Not Carry Change in Their Pockets.

Propped up against the house of the native chief of Yap, which is one of the Caroline Islands lying southeast of the Philippines, may be seen a row of "money stones," the current coin of the island. In shape these stones are like millstones, but they do no grinding. They serve simply as a parade of the wealth of the village. Their value lies solely in the difficulty with which they are obtained.

The yellowish granite of which they are made is found only in the island of Palao, 200 miles away, and when the monsoon favors forty or fifty natives voyage there in their canoes. After pacifying the king of Palao with presents the work of hewing the wala-ka, or money stones, begins, lasting for months until the monsoon changes, when the toilers start homeward with their "coin."

The smallest of these stones is about a foot in diameter and three inches thick, with a round hole through its center. It will buy food for a family for a month. The large stones, about three feet in diameter and eight inches thick, have relatively much greater value, since it is more difficult to transport them in cranky canoes over such a long stretch of sea. Indemnities can be paid with such a stone or the aid of neutrals purchased in time of war.—William L. Cathcart in St. Nicholas.

THE NUMBER NINE.

Easy to Multiply by It if You Will Remember This Rule.

Examine any one of the statements of equality in the multiplication table of nine, up to and including nine times ten. Select, for example, $9 \times 7 = 63$; or $9 \times 2 = 18$.

Observe that in each case the first digit in the product is one less than the number by which nine is multiplied, and the second digit in the product is such that when added to the first digit, the sum of the two is nine.

You may make practical use of this peculiarity of nine and its multiples by applying it in the following way:

If nine is to be multiplied by eight, for example, think at once of seven (which is one less than eight, the multiplier); then think of two, which must be added to seven to make nine, and you have seventy-two, the product of nine and eight.

Or, if nine is to be multiplied by five think of four, which is one less than five; then think of five, which must be added to four to make nine, and you have forty-five, the product of nine and five.

By using this method the nines, usually among the hardest of the tables to fix in the memory, may, in a short time, be fairly classed with the fives and tens and eights, which are said to "remember themselves."—Youth's Companion.

A High Priced Fricassee.

Lord Alvanley, a noted wit and high liver in England a hundred years or so ago, insisted on having an apple tart on his dinner table every day throughout the year. On one occasion he paid a caterer \$1,000 for a luncheon put up in a basket that sufficed a small boating party going up the Thames. Being one of a dozen men dining together at a London club where each was required to produce his own dish, Alvanley's, as the most expensive, won him the advantage of being entertained free of cost. This benefit was gained at an expense of \$540, that being the price of a simple fricassee composed entirely of the "nolk," or small pieces at each side of the back, taken from thirteen kinds of birds, among them being 100 snipe, 40 woodcocks and 20 pheasants—in all about 300 birds.

Patent Office Documents.

If all the documents stored in the patent office at Washington could be placed end to end they would form a strip that would reach around the earth three times.

PITTSBURG IS SMALL BUYER OF APPLES

Pittsburg supplies fruits and vegetables, not locally grown, to towns within a radius of 100 miles. This territory embraces a population of about five million people. Only two to three hundred cars of box apples are sold annually at Pittsburg.

James M. Fanning, in explanation, says: "Up to this time, the percentage of box apples sold by auction has been very small and many of the cars which were disposed of in this manner were of inferior quality, and also undesirable in other respects. "It is very essential to have a steady supply of first class goods in order to properly develop the handling of this commodity by auction. Once established in this manner, the buyers always look to the auction for their supplies."

New Orleans Auction Center

New Orleans, the great Port of Entry for the South, uses the auction system for most of the standardized fruits. New Orleans is noted for the amount of lemons and bananas sold there.

******* AUCTION INFORMATION *******

Information and data concerning the fruit auction companies of the Eastern cities can be obtained by addressing Arthur M. Gairy, 643 Holly Street, Portland, Oregon.

Literary.

"Oh, I simply adore Meredith and Browning and Henry James," said the gushing young person.

"So do I," said Little Binks. "They are perfectly delightful. It's like sending your mind to a gymnasium. Er—do you read them in the original?"—New York Times.

The Rip Van Winkle Kind.

Salesman—Why not try one of our Rip Van Winkle rugs, madam? Or prospective Purchaser—What kind are they? Salesman—They have an unusually long nap.—Indianapolis Star.

The Outlet.

Physiology Teacher—Clarence, you may explain how we hear things. Clarence—Pa tells 'em to ma as a secret, and ma gives 'em away at the bridge club.—Cleveland Leader.

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9:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.
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12:30 p.m.	1:00 p.m.
2:00 p.m.	3:00 p.m.
4:00 p.m.	4:30 p.m.
5:00 p.m.	6:00 p.m.
7:00 p.m.	7:30 p.m.
8:30 p.m.	9:00 p.m.
10:00 p.m.	11:00 p.m.
11:30 p.m. Saturday	12:00 p.m.
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How the Roman Empire Grew.

Rome was founded 750 B. C. the kings were expelled 509 B. C., and it was not until 290 B. C., 460 years after the founding of the city, that the Romans conquered their immediate neighbors, the Samnites, Latins, etc. It was not until 290 B. C., following the defeat of Pyrrhus, that Rome was supreme in Italy, from the southern boundary of Cisalpine Gaul to the Sicilian strait. For 350 years, from the foundation of the city, the Romans could stand on the hills of their city and almost look across their entire territory, as it stretched away only some twenty miles on either hand. After the consolidation of their power in Italy, however, it took them but 150 years to conquer the world.

Cast and Wrought Iron.

In a paper recently read before the Society of Chemical Industry the statement was made that the strength of cast iron was affected by the addition of wrought iron in the following proportions: With 100 parts of cast iron ten parts of wrought iron increase the strength 2 per cent; twenty parts of wrought iron increase the strength 32 per cent; thirty parts of wrought iron increase the strength 60 per cent; forty parts of wrought iron increase the strength only 33 per cent. The maximum result is therefore produced with 30 per cent wrought scrap.—Indianapolis News.

The Harm of Damp Houses.

It is dangerous to health and even to life in a damp, moldy house or one built over a moldy cellar. Many years ago the London Lancet in an article on diphtheria traced the disease in certain cases to the presence of certain molds and fungoid growths which seemed to be breathed into the throat. Remember, one of the best disinfectants is lime. Moldy clothes, such as shoes and other articles that are unfit for use, should be destroyed at once.

Well Informed.

"There goes a man who has delved deep in Roman history."
"An authority on the subject, eh?"
"Sure. He knows lots more about Julius Caesar than the average voter knows about his congressman."—Spokane Review.

Milestones In Life.

"Did anything ever feel more conspicuous than your first long trousers?"
"Only the vast expanse of my first dress shirt."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Nothing to It.

His Wife—Never mind if you have lost everything. You still have me.
Mr. Bustup—But you're not an asset; you're a running expense.—Judge.



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