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## SHOOTING AT THE MOON

The Smithsonian Institution has a scheme for sending a sky-rocket to the moon. It is a rocket of improved design, invented by Prof. Goddard of Clark College, which is guaranteed to whiz upward at the rate of about a mile a second, maintaining its initial velocity by a succession of explosions.

The idea is to wait till the dark of the moon, then take a pot-shot at it with one of these rockets, provided with enough ammunition to carry it up through the atmosphere and beyond the pull of the earth. After that it should find its mark easily, because the moon's attraction would draw the missile to itself. The rocket would carry a charge of flash-powder, to be exploded on contact. The astronomers, having fired it, would turn powerful telescopes on the moon. If they saw a sudden flash on the moon's dark surface, they would feel safe in inferring that the rocket had arrived.

What then? Well—they would know that they had succeeded in shooting to the moon. That is probably enough for the scientists. Astronomers are agreed that the moon is so frozen up that there is no life on it whatever. Thus there could be no shooting back, as in the case of the hypothetical Martians, if anybody ever succeeded in shooting to Mars and making the natives notice the shooting and grasp what it was for. The man in the moon would shine on in untroubled serenity.

Still, it would be a triumph from which every human being, learned or ignorant, would surely get a thrill. And the quest is richly suggestive of the new era.

This rocket inevitably reminds one of the great "strife guns" with which Germany lately surprised and shocked the world. They are said to have fired a shell which itself fired another shell, thus carrying 75 miles. There is at least as much profit in shooting at the moon as there was in shooting at Paris.

## THE IDEAL MAN

A minister who wanted to preach a sermon on "the ideal young man" sought advice from his congregation in the form of a questionnaire. When the resultant sermon was forthcoming, it appeared that it takes about 179 virtues to make an ideal man.

And it's a safe guess that if any human being were endowed with all those virtues, nobody else on the face of the earth would want anything to do with him. Lamentable as the fact may be, all philosophers agree that it takes vices, too, to make a man—at least, on this earthly plane.

Boiling down that interminable catalogue of real or imaginary virtues, however, one may get hold of something tangible and practical. It appears that nearly all of the 500 men and women who contributed their opinions were agreed on at least three essentials.

Their ideal man must be honest, he must be religious and he must be courteous.

Isn't that a pretty good character prescription for anybody, in any walk of life? Honesty, which makes a man dependable; religion, which gives him a sustaining faith; and courtesy, which is a habit of kindness, making easier the common path of humanity. Can that be improved on, in three words?

Secretary Glass has asked for authority to sell the old building in New Orleans, used for many years as a U. S. mint. Sure, sell the mint—the South is dry.

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## GROUND OWLS

(By Guy Fitch Phelps)

I want to go back to the piute flower,  
To the mule deer buck and doe;  
To the rainbow trout and aspen bower,  
And the white streams cold as snow.

I want to sprawl under the red fir shade,  
On the slope of the Saw Tooth hill,  
And sleep on a bed which the good God made  
Where the silence is wide and still.

I want to drink out of the old mud spring  
Where the wild horse comes at noon,  
And the hot wind goes with a scorching wing,  
And a pitiful mournful croon.

I want to get onto a short-backed roan,  
And follow the trails afar;  
Where they wind by the black butte grim and lone,  
And the winds of the desert war.

Where the gaunt coyote has tracked the sand  
As memory scars the heart,  
And the ghosts of dead men walk the land  
Where the salt dusts burn and smart.

O, I want to ride by the desert path,  
Through the scrub sage grim and gray,  
Where Thirst sits scowling in sullen wrath  
On the brow of the panting day.

Where the rabbit darts from his white sage nook,  
Brown wraith of the alkali;  
Whirls here and there, sits up to look,  
With startle and burning eye.

And the lone wolf yaps as the sun goes down  
Of a cosmic hate untold;  
As weird as the mists on the dim ridge brown,  
As old as the heart is old.

## Comment of the State Press

Snappy Gleanings from the Press of the Valley

### Thrift Week—

The only way to stop the useless expenditure of money is to stop it. A campaign of education in thrift is on this week all over the United States, under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A. Its purpose is to show concretely how to live decently and still lay by something for the time when the capacity to earn a living has passed.—Telegram.

### Pandora's Box—

The Capital Journal predicted when the special of the legislature was summoned that Governor Olcott was opening a Pandora's box of troubles—and the result certified it. The people breathe freer now that the session is adjourned.

### Fish and Politics—

Fish and game affairs should be kept out of politics. To leave the appointment of the commissioners to the legislature would insure the opposite.—East Oregonian.

### Good Example—

The special session of the Oregon legislature, which astonished the entire state by adjourning Sunday morning instead of taking the full constitutional period of 20 days, has offered an interesting demonstration of what can be accomplished by working at high pressure and reducing oratory as nearly as possible to the minimum limit.—Eugene Register.

### Want's Peace—

While all the rest of the world wants peace these Senators want a debate on peace. They are willing to let the great concern of America and the world go on the rocks in order that they may vent their partisan spleen on the President and serve their partisan and personal purposes. They are making a sorry spectacle of America, whose leadership in civilization they would turn into a leadership in dishonor and chaos.—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.—Exchange.

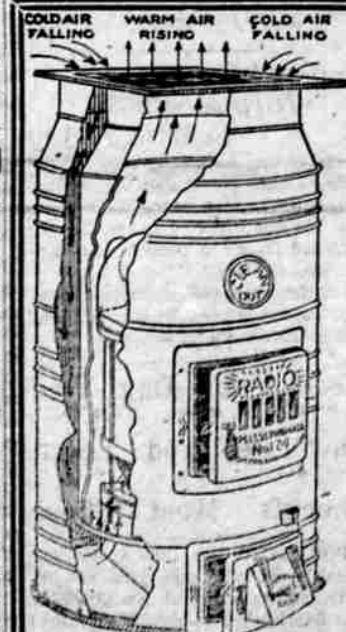
### Dr. Bowen 314

Dr. Charles A. Bowen of Portland began his week of revival services in the Methodist church under the most favorable circumstances and with the best possible spirit. The crowd was not large as frequently happens on Monday evening, but every one gave the speaker the closest attention. Dr. Bowen's forcible presentation of truth is arousing the thoughtful people to a better form of church work and greater enthusiasm in their service.  
Dr. Bowen has received telegraphic permission from the Centenary office to remain here during the remainder of the week, and the pastor and people count themselves fortunate to have the services of so strong a preacher for such an extended period. The Bible readings will be held as usual at 2:30 every afternoon, and the evening service at 7:30.

In Burma it is "good form" for young girls to smoke cigars.

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