

LIFE ON THE OTHER WORLDS

Astronomers Less Optimistic Regarding Existence of Life Than the Enthusiast.

Discussing planetary life, so far as it bears on the planetary system of the sun, we may state the average astronomical opinion; it is far less optimistic for the diffusion of life than is the opinion of the enthusiast.

(1.) Venus, so far as we can see more nearly fulfills the conditions than any planet other than the earth. Its mass and orbit are certainly favorable, its distance, rotation, and chemical constitution, are probably not unfavorable, though we cannot penetrate its dense covering of clouds and seek out the mysteries of its surface.

(2.) Low forms of life may exist on the planet Mars, where the thin atmosphere does permit our telescopic explorations. High forms of life at the present time are, however, generally deemed improbable, and being comparable with man and other terrestrial mammals are considered utterly impossible.

(3.) The other planets of the solar system are now quite unsuited to protoplasmic life.—Harlow Shapley, director of Harvard College Observatory, in Harper's.

Couldn't Wait Longer.

An old lady was on a visit to her married daughter. One day there was company, and little Theodore, the hope of the house, was doing his best to amuse his mother's visitors. Presently he left the room, to return soon afterward with a zinc bucket. This he planted right in front of his grandmother, while the others sat wondering what was about to happen.

"Grandma," said little Theodore "will oo kick it?"

"Bless the child," said the surprised old lady, "why do you wish me to do that, darling?"

"Because," replied the young hopeful, "I heard pa say we should be awfully rich when oo kicked the bucket!"

His Boss-y.

All good farmers like their cows, but Lewis Owen either carried matters to extremes or else he must have had an especially likeable cow. This is the way they tell the story down in Crawford county, Indiana, where Mr. Owen is a Kentuckian, recently bought a farm.

One of his neighbors was James H. Clay, also a Kentuckian, and from him Owen bought a cow, but the cow didn't want to leave her family pasture. She liked the Clay farm, she was contented there. So they traded farms and Owen moved over with the cow. Everyone is said to be satisfied especially Boss-y.

Yes, Why?

"Do you think I shall live until I'm 90, doctor?"

"How old are you now?"

"Forty."

"Do you drink, gamble, smoke, or have you any vices of any kind?"

"No, I don't drink, I never gamble, I loathe smoking; in fact, I haven't any vices."

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ATTACKED BY A RHINOCEROS

Doctor Shelby Tells How He Killed the Huge Beast With a Snap Shot.

On one expedition—notable in my memory because I was unaccompanied by any other white men—I spied a huge rhinoceros under a fig tree not more than a hundred yards away, writes Doctor Shelby, the big game hunter.

As soon as the boys saw that rhino they grabbed up their loads, and started on down the trail.

I decided not to kill the huge beast, and was about to turn in my tracks, when he rushed me snorting and lowering his head.

He was upon me before I was in a position to shoot, so there was nothing to do but leap nimbly to one side.

He put on the brakes and almost stopped, then continued on down the trail in the wake of the porters. They were heavily loaded and would have difficulty in escaping, so I made up my mind I would have to kill him.

As I raised my rifle he was just turning a bend 20 yards down the trail, and, scarcely taking aim, I fired.

It was a snap shot for his body. I fancied that he lurched forward. At any rate, he disappeared around the bend and I could hear him rolling over and over down the trail, while the cries of a dozen or more terror-stricken natives rent the air.

I hurried forward. Around the bend I found loads scattered everywhere. Some boys had scrambled upon large rocks. Two had jumped into a tree.

Some had jumped aside. One of these had been bowled over by the rhino, which then rolled over him, but luckily the boy had fallen between two rocks, which received the ponderous weight of the beast instead.

IRVING OFFENDED SOCIETY

But Author of "Knickerbocker's History" Became So Famous He Couldn't Be Ignored.

Society's hauteur and pride in ancestry inspired Washington Irving to write his "Knickerbocker's History," which lacerated the sensibilities of the ancestor-worshipping New Yorkers, writes Mrs. John King Van Rensselaer, in the Ladies' Home Journal. Eventually Irving's fame became so great that the social system was obliged to accept the man who had affronted it.

Society's association with Irving did little to make it think more kindly of the professional writer. He was a moody man, subject to fits of sullen depression caused, the romantic said, by the death of his betrothed, Matilda Hoffman. He never married, and her picture always stood at his bedside. It is now in the New York Historical society.

English authors carried on the work of making their profession socially unpopular. One of the first of these to come to New York was Thomas Moore, then at the height of his fame. He was a lofty and superior little man, patronizing in his pleasant moments and at other times surprisingly rude. He snubbed New York society, which had welcomed him.

Dickens and Thackeray did nothing during their American tours to re-establish literary men in the good graces of society. They were scornful and caustic toward American institutions, even American aristocracy.

KIN OF NAPOLEON INGRATES

His Sister Pauline Alone Was Faithful to the Emperor to the End.

With one exception Napoleon's brothers and sisters proved to be incompetent, ungrateful, or openly his foes. Napoleon made his eldest brother, Joseph, king of Spain, and Spain proved almost as deadly to him as did Russia.

He made his youngest brother, Jerome, who deserted his American wife at the behest of Napoleon, king of Westphalia, says the Detroit News, and Jerome turned the palace into a pigsty and brought discredit on the very name of Bonaparte. His brother Louis, for whom he had starved himself, he placed upon the throne of Holland, and Louis promptly devoted himself to his own interests, conniving at many things which were inimical to France. He was planning high advancement for his brother, Lucien, when Lucien married a disreputable actress and fled with her to England, where he was received by the most persistent of all Napoleon's enemies.

Napoleon's three sisters have been styled "the three crowned courtesans." He made Elsie a princess in her own right, and gave her the grand duchy of Tuscany. He married Caroline to Marshal Murat, and they became respectively king and queen of Naples. Caroline urged her husband to turn against his former chief, and Elsie threw in her fortunes with the Murats. For Pauline he did very little, yet she alone stood by him to the end. He gave her a marriage dowry of half a million francs when she married the Prince Borghese.

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THEY TIRE OF GIVING LIFT

Motorists Find Their Kindness to Strangers on Road Sometimes is Grossly Abused.

Any automobilist going out Westchester way, particularly on the roads leading to New Rochelle and Rye Beach, will find himself besieged by young men and boys seeking "a lift." Occasionally but not so often two girls "walking" will ask a similar favor.

One man complains that he even went out of his way to be obliging to his "guests," but that now the world may walk for all he'll care, says the New York Sun and Globe. The other day, hailed by three youths, he stopped and they all piled in. The man's wife was with him on the front seat and passing through New Rochelle she remembered there was a call she wished to make.

The three alighted grumbling. Later the automobilist found that his passengers had burned holes in his floor mat, and scuffed the woodwork of the panels on the front seat.

"You got off lightly," a friend remarked. "I make it a point to give no one a lift, for I understand that in the event of an accident a self-invited guest could sue me and likely obtain substantial damages."

Naming Pullmans a Task.

The first pullman car was a remodeled Chicago & Alton day coach, No. 9, and continued with its original designation. It was first decided to letter pullman car A, B, C, etc., but when 26 cars had been lettered, numbering was resumed. However, to avoid conflict with railroad car numbers, it was decided to give each pullman car a baptismal name, copying the custom of naming locomotives in the '70s after officials and other celebrities, says the Detroit News. "The Pioneer" was the first name used on a pullman car. Later names of women, flowers, birds, cities, towns, rivers, lakes, soldiers, poets, battlefields and camps were adopted. There are now so many pullman cars that it has been found necessary to take names from ancient history.

Alligator Gar Fights Captor.

Porter Davis, local fisherman, caught a mammoth alligator measuring six feet and five inches in length and weighing 114 pounds on a trot line out in the Ohio river a short distance below the gravel pit, says the Mount Vernon (O.) Democrat. Davis said the creature put up a game fight, coming at him in his skiff with his mouth open and its long teeth gleaming. Davis used a grab hook in landing the gar. The creature was kept alive and exhibited by Davis on the court square. Fishermen say the gar could inflict serious injury to swimmers and that it constitutes a warning to the host of small boys going into the river near the gravel pit.

"Fat King" Claims Award.

The "Fat King," as Maj. G. W. Ellis of the British army, was known to the troops in France during the war, is a claimant before the royal commission of awards to inventors. The claim is for an invention that the major perfected whereby the food waste at camps and bases was treated in such a way that the fat was separated from the rest of the refuse, sent back to England and used for the manufacture of glycerine.

Patent Given to the People.

For the benefit of the public, the government has patented a water-resisting glue developed by one of its research departments. Any person may obtain the directions for its manufacture by applying to the bureau. It is an improvement on a glue made during the war by adding certain copper salts to the old formula, giving it more strength, resistance to moisture, and better working qualities.—Popular Mechanics.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our sincere appreciation to the friends and neighbors for their kindness and beautiful flowers during the illness and death of our beloved husband and father, Charles Hagerman.

Mrs. Charles Hagerman,
Mrs. Edna Bloomfield,
Mrs. E. A. McKellar.

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Last Tuesday afternoon the officers of the Christ Lutheran Church at Aurora together with the Building Committee of that congregation, passed through the remodeled church to inspect it. After considering every detail, they unanimously passed a resolution to the effect that the contractor, Mr. J. B. Ratzburg of Aurora, had done a very good job. They also resolved that this resolution be given publicity in the local paper. Mr. Ratzburg received payment in full, and both the Building Committee and the contractor expressed their mutual satisfaction. Mr. Ratzburg employed Mr. Geo. Muessig to do the carpenter work.

The Committee:

Joe Eibeland,
Otto Knorr,
Fred Keil.

Aurora Lutheran Church

Next Sunday we intend to rededicate our remodeled church. The program for the day is as follows:

THE FORENOON SERVICE AT 10-30.—Anthem by the choir, "From the Rising of the Sun." Dedication ceremony by Rev. L. Ludwig and Rev.

Wm. Schoeler. Vocal solo by Mrs. A. Potter, "We Shall Know as We Are Known." Sermon in English, by Rev. L. Ludwig. Anthem by the choir, "I Will Lift up Mine Eyes." Short address in German, by Rev. H. Lucas, Song by the choir, "Victory Through Grace."

THE AFTERNOON SERVICE AT 2-30.—Anthem by the choir, "Thou Art the Way." Sermon in German, by Rev. Aug. Krause. Vocal solo by Mrs. Wm. Schoeler, "Jesus Thou art Standing." Short address in English by Rev. Geo. Koehler. Anthem by the choir, "Teach Me, O Lord."

THE EVENING SERVICE AT 8.—Anthem by the choir, "I Will Rejoice." Liturgical service with reading of Scripture. Vocal solo, by Mrs. Wm. Schoeler, "Ashamed of Thee." Sermon in English by Edward Butenschoen. Song by the choir, "The Whole Wide World for Jesus."

A cordial invitation is extended to the citizens of Aurora and vicinity to worship with us. At the noon hour lunch will be served in the basement to all guests who have come from a distance. Once more, a welcome to everybody!

Wm. Schoeler.

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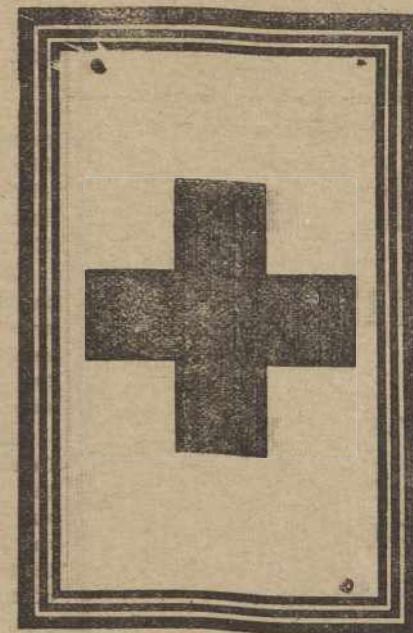
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