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Is Venus Inhabited.

A Question That Astronomers Are Much Interested In.

It will be remembered that about two years ago, the famous Italian astronomer, Schiaparelli, announced that he had discovered that Venus, which is a world very slightly smaller than ours, makes only one turn on its axis in going once around the sun. It would follow from this that on Venus there is no succession of days and nights as upon the earth, but that perpetual day reigns on one side of the planet and perpetual night on the other. In other words, if Schiaparelli is right, Venus always presents the same face to the sun, just as the moon forever turns the same hemisphere toward the earth.

The inhabitants of the sunward side of Venus, then—if there be any—never see the sun set, while the inhabitants of the other side never see the sun at all, unless they visit the opposite hemisphere of their globe.

Of course no one knows whether there are inhabitants upon Venus or not, but we do know that Venus has an atmosphere, and that in its atmosphere watery vapor exists and clouds float, and that upon the surface of the planet the force of gravitation is not very different from that which it manifests on the surface of the earth.

Accordingly there are some reasons to be urged in behalf of the opinion that Venus may be an inhabited world.

But if one-half of Venus be buried in endless night while the other half lies glaring beneath a never-setting sun, it is evident that the inhabitants, if that planet must have experiences that would be most strange and trying to us. So the question whether Venus really does rotate on its axis only once in two hundred and twenty-five days, the period of its revolution around the sun, derives an added interest from the consideration that the planet possibly has inhabitants.

The older observations indicated that Venus rotated in between twenty-four hours, giving it days and nights about equal to those of the earth. In order to settle the question it has recently been proposed to apply the spectroscopic. It is known that in the spectrum of a celestial body which is rapidly approaching the earth the spectroscopic lines are shifted toward the blue while in the spectrum of a fast retreating body the lines are shifted toward the red.

This principle has been used in measuring the rate of the sun's rotation. The lines are shifted toward the blue on the eastern and toward the red on the western edge of the sun, and by measuring the amount of shifting the rate of rotation is found. It is easy to see that the same method may be applied to find out how fast Venus revolves on its axis.

Every one who watches the glorious evening star growing brighter and brighter in the sunset sky during the coming months will certainly be eager to hear the latest news from the astronomers who are trying to find out whether Venus has successive days and nights like the earth or has only a day side and a night side.—*Youth's Companion.*

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The Black Sheep.

"On one occasion," said a story-telling Congressman to a group of newspaper men. "I was in the mountains of Kentucky and staid all night with an old farmer who was considerably above the average for that section. After supper we talked politics and religion for a while, and then finally worked around to personal subjects. He didn't know who I was, but I was going to spring it on him. Just to see how it would effect him when he found he was entertaining a Congressman unaware."

"How many sons have you?" I asked when he had been talking familiarly a little.

"Six."

"Ah, that's a fine lot of boys."

"Yes, and they are fine boys."

"Have they all turned out well?"

"All but one," and the old man's voice saddened somewhat.

"Ah?" I said, not wishing to ask him about the black sheep directly.

"Yes; John is the one; he went to the Legislature."

"Oh," I laughed, "he might have done worse."

"Yes," replied the farmer gloomily; "I s'pose he might. They wanted him to run for Congress but he wouldn't do it."

—Philips Brooks' grave in Mount Auburn Cemetery is in an old-fashioned lot surrounded by a plain iron fence. The only ornament there is a bed of myrtle, by which the mound is thickly overgrown, and the flowers which fresh.

Carter Harrison Killed.

Shot at His Home in Chicago on Saturday Evening.—Deed Was Done By a Lunatic—He Fired Four Times at the Mayor, Shooting Him in the Lungs, Stomach, Liver and Hand—Death Resulted Eleven Minutes After the Wounds Were Inflicted.—The Assassin Gave Himself Up to the Police Shortly After the Shooting.

Mayor Carter Henry Harrison was shot and almost instantly killed last Saturday evening in the front hallway of his handsome residence, in Ashland avenue, by a crank named Eugene Prendergast.

The shooting took place at ten minutes past 8 o'clock, and it was seventeen minutes afterwards that the mayor breathed his last, surrounded by the members of his family. It was practically the eve of the mayor's wedding, for he was to have left here on Nov. 5. The ceremony which would have united him to Annie Howard was to have taken place on the 17th inst., at the house of the bride, in New Orleans.

Mayor Harrison after dinner had gone to his study, where he was when the front door bell rang. A maid servant went to the door and admitted a poorly dressed man, who said: "I want to see the mayor."

"All right," replied the maid, "just wait a moment and I'll call him."

WENT TO HIS DEATH.

As the mayor had many callers, both day and night, and the servants had orders to admit them all, no matter how poorly dressed, the maid thought nothing of the visitor, merely passing in the back hallway to tell the mayor a man wanted to see him. Seeing who it was the mayor said shortly: "Well, my man, what is it?"

"You have not kept your promise to me," replied the man, "and I don't like that way of doing." Then, without a word as to what he intended doing, the fellow drew a revolver of 38 calibre and, presenting it at the mayor's breast, fired. The shot entered Mr. Harrison's body near the heart, but he did not fall. Another report rang out, the bullet taking effect in the abdomen, and then the mayor reeled as though about to fall. As he wavered he threw up his left hand and the third shot fired by the assassin struck him in that member.

At this the mayor reeled and fell heavily to the floor, his head within the dining room and his feet in the hall. His son who was upstairs, the butler, and a neighbor across the street all heard the shots and ran at once, but the mayor was dying and even the doctors who were summoned at once attempted no examination for they saw it was a question of only a few moments.

At no time had the mayor seemed to be in pain, and he died as quietly and easily as though falling asleep.

GAVE HIMSELF UP.

After running away from the mayor's house the assassin made his way to the Desplaines station, which is more than a mile from the scene of the tragedy and at once acknowledged his crime. He was promptly locked up and now awaits trial.

CARTER H. HARRISON'S LIFE.

He was born on a farm near Lexington, Ky., of an old Virginia family, on February 15, 1825. The last President and he were second cousins, and he was a full cousin of John C. Breckinridge. He graduated at Yale in 1845 after which he traveled abroad two years. On returning to America he went to Chicago where he entered the real estate and insurance business. He was always an ambitious man and pursued his studies after leaving school. He early identified himself with the Democracy of Chicago and was five times Mayor of that wonderful city. He was twice elected to congress, and declined a third term. In 1884 he was defeated for Governor by only 14,000 votes and in 1886 he made his memorable trip around the world. His first wife died in Europe in 1875, his second wife lived but a few years. He was to have been married on the 16th of November to Miss Annie B. Howard, of New Orleans, daughter of the founder of the Louisiana State Lottery. The wedding was to have been of regal splendor and Mr. Harrison had intended to take another trip around the world as soon as his term of office had expired.

—California claims the attractive prizes of the Midway Plaisance for her Midwinter Fair, and their should be no tenable objection in the way. Let the frayed-out freaks, the oddities and human eccentrics flee to the Pacific Coast. No one can reasonably interpose a barrier to the contemplated refuge. The few furnished fakirs are entitled to a new home. The street in Cairo, with its donkeys and camels, is entitled to further conspicuous harvest. Millions have gazed upon Turkish and Persian bazars, the Bedouins, the Damascus palace and Old Vienna. If their going secures protection to the country from these and other collections of the wild-eyed and frizzled freak, by all means permit California to enforce her welcome and invitation to work a new claim. There might be a single exception to the right of way in this exodus. The concessionaire should be included in the procession. Thanksgiving this year would be fraught with much keener significance with the entire outfit where no part of it could get back.

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—A couple were married the other day on the Ferris wheel, and one of the relatives added the gloom of the occasion by remarking that they took each other "for wheel or for woe."

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