

MOON SIGNS ARE BUNK SO SCIENTISTS SAY

Many rural people practice what is known as moon farming, says the Watchman. That is, they plant seeds, shear sheep, prune trees, butcher animals, lay shingles and do other farm work according to the phases of the moon. They believe: "Pork from hogs killed in the dark of the moon will shrink when cooked. Animals born during the new moon thrive better. Pigeons sheared in the wane of the moon weigh more. The seeds of corn and other crops that grow above the ground rot when planted in the light of the moon. Crops that grow under the ground, like potatoes and beets, grow near the surface and produce a light yield when planted in the dark of the moon. Shingles laid during the new moon curl up and pull the nails out. In a sentence, nothing should be done except when the moon is right. Darwin wrote that the Gauchos of the Argentine think that "nothing can succeed without it being begun when the moon is on the increase." Before the Revolution the French Government directed its foresters to cut timber only "in the wane of the moon," on the theory that wood cut during that phase would not rot so quickly. Belief in the moon's influence over such activities dates back thousands of years and is probably a survival of moon worship among the ancients. Two centuries ago it was still widely believed that the lunar orb controlled even human affairs. Scientists sought in vain for a relation between the phases of the moon and activities on the earth. Moon-farming, says the Department of Agriculture, has no support from any scientific point of view. Repeated experiments indicate that the phases of the earth's satellite do not affect the germination of seeds, the warping of stalks, the weight of wool or the shrinkage of pork. Most of the beliefs associated with moon-farming are not based on the assumption that direct moonlight is especially potent, but rather that the moon exercises some mysterious and occult power over mundane activities. Even the light and heat from the moon are not sufficient to affect plant growth materially. The moon has no appreciable influence on any of the major conditions affecting the growth of plants and consequently does not govern agriculture. Moon-light is merely reflected sunlight. Experiments show that full daylight is about 600,000 times brighter than full moonlight, and plants so shadowed that they receive only 1-100 of normal daylight, grow little better than they do in total darkness. But 1-100 of daylight, already too feeble to stimulate plant activity appreciably, is still 600 times brighter than full moonlight. Therefore the stimulus of moonlight on plant growth must be negligible. From time to time some pseudo-scientist revives the theory that moonlight, being "reflected light," is "polarized" and therefore particularly potent in affecting plants. There is no evidence that such is the case.

MIDDLE AGED MEN ARE BEST WORKERS.

Middle-aged folks have been getting a grand boost lately. Men over forty-five are the most useful workers, according to the New York Industrial Safety Commission. Middle-aged students (many of them taking correspondence courses) show the best result in examinations, the University of California has found. And most interesting of all are the conclusions reached at the University of Michigan where the earning capacity of women has just been investigated. In a mass of data taken among 4,000 women, the following facts were noted: Miss Frances Cunningham of the National Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs, has been giving publicity on the subject. Working women, it appears, increase their earning power steadily up to the age of fifty. A pleasant surprise. But nearly half of the women who work after forty support one or more dependents either wholly or partially. Moreover, sixty-eight percent of those who live at home were shown to contribute their entire earnings to the support of their families. Of these a number are young women who will marry later. The older women are the ones whose situation is precarious. It is generally acknowledged now, that discrimination is shown against older women when they seek new employment. Discussing "Age and the Job" at a meeting of the American Women's Association, Glenn Bowers, industrial relations counsel, declared that gray hairs do not bring prestige to women in business as they do to men. Loss of "it," he said, is the impression conveyed when a business woman's hair grows gray. This problem of merit versus looks is being tackled all over the country.

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