## A RAIN OF SPIDER WEBS.

In the latter part of October the good people of Milwaukee, Wis., and neighboring towns were astonished by a general fall of spider webs. The webs seemed to come from "over the lake," and appeared to fall from a great height. The strands were from two feet to several rods in length. At Green Bay the fall was the same, coming from the direction of the bay, only the webs varied from sixty feet in length to mere specks, and were seen as far up in the air as the power of the eye could reach. At Vesburg and Fort Howard, Sheboygan and Ozaukee, the fall was similarly observed, in some places being so thick as to annoy the eye. In all instances the webs were strong in texture and very white.

Curiously there is no mention, in any of the reports we have seen, of the presence of spiders in this general shower of webs. It is to be hoped that some competent observer—that is, some one who has made a study of spiders and their habits—was at hand and will report more specifically the conditions of this interesting phenomenon.

Quite a number of notable gossamer showers have been reported in different parts of the world. White describes several in his history of Selborne. In one of them the fall continued nearly a whole day, the webs coming from such a height that from the top of the highest hill near by they were seen descending from a region still above the range of distinct vision.

Darwin describes a similar shower observed by him from the deck of the Beagle, off the mouth of La Plata River, when the vessel was sixty miles from land. He was probably the first to notice that each web of the gossamer carried a Lilliputian aeronaut. He watched the spiders on their arrival and saw many of them put forth a new web and float away.

The behavior of the spiders when setting out on their aerial voyage has been minutely described by a recent English observer. The shower observed by him occurred in September, 1875, after a thunderstorm without rain. He says:

"About ten A. M. I noticed small spiders running over my coat-sleeves, and had to brush off several trails of gossamer webs. Looking around, I found that brick walls, houses, branches of trees, etc., had these webs dangling from them, and that other gossamer webs were continually falling from above and adding to the accumulation. By midday a long fence was festooned from point to point of its triangular rail-tops with a ribbon-like ladder of gossamer; and this was growing broader and broader as the tiny creatures kept running along this ladder, each increasing the breadth by adding its own contribution of another silken thread.

"On examining next an iron palisading near, I found it in a similar condition, with the tops of the iron spikes connected by a vibrating silken ladder of gossamer, in some places nearly an inch broad. All along this ladder the little strangers were running in an excited and hurried manner, as if they had lost their way and had got into a strange country. Some, in traveling over their improvised road, made mistakes and got into bordering webs of the garden spider, where they were speedily devoured. About 1 P. M. the clouds cleared off, the sun shone out and I noticed that some of the spiders had begun to reascend into the atmosphere. They might have commenced this reascension earlier; but on observing that some were reascending all my attention was devoted to single spiders, and this is what I saw: Fixing my eyes upon one of them, I observed that as it left the gossamer pathway it selected a clean spot on the iron railing, and gathering its limbs closely together it projected from its spinnerets several threads, which expanded outward and stretched upward from nine to twelve inches. Then this parachute seemed to show a buoyant tendency, and suddenly the tiny creature left hold of the iron rail, or was lifted off it, and quickly 'vanished into thin air.' One after another I closely watched, with the same general result; though once or twice when the spider left the rail it floated for a few seconds in an almost horizontal direction, prior to exchanging it for an approximately vertical one. They, however, disappeared from sight so quickly that the angle of ascent could only be guessed at. This, however, may be set down, as the rule, at from ninety to one hundred degrees."

The object of these spider migrations, if they are migrations, and the reasons for the fall of the webs at a time when the spiders are able to ascend at will, are mysteries which are as hard to explain to-day as they were in Chaucer's time, or in that mythical period from which comes the ancient nursery rhyme:

"'Old woman, old woman, old woman,' quoth I,
'O whither, O whither, O, whither so high?'
'To sweep the cobwebs out of the sky.'"

From the strength of the webs reported in the recent Western showers there would appear to be a doubt as to the spider which produced them. They seem to have been too strong for gossamers. Perhaps the shower may have been due to an unusual excursion of the more familiar geometric spider, this species having the same power of shooting out webs which float on the air and sometimes serve as an air-raft for the producer. The natural history of spiders is comparatively an unexplored field for observation; and it is possible that many species emulate the wandering gossamer spider, and betake themselves to the air when occasion serves.—*Scientific American.*

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HISTORY OF THE TOMATO.—A good many years ago a scamp who had recently arrived from the Bermuda Islands was sent to the York county (Pa.) jail for some offence committed against the laws of the commonwealth. He had with him a few seeds which he planted in the rich soil of the jail yard. Before the plants which sprang from the seed reached maturity he was discharged, and no one knew the name or nature of them. They grew luxuriantly, bearing fruit of a large size and unusual appearance. As this strange fruit ripened, its color changed from green to a brilliant red, and became an object of wonder and admiration to all the inmates of the jail. Mrs. Klinefelter, the lady keeper, cautioned all the prisoners against eating any of the fruit, as she was sure it was poisonous, and besides that, she had promised the man who had planted the seed that she would endeavor to preserve specimens of it for him should he return in time.

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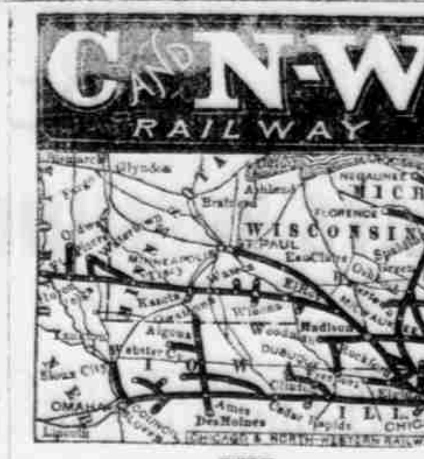

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Supposing the tack to be cut is an eight-ounce carpet-tack, the strip of iron, as chopped and ready for the machine, would be about eleven-sixteenths of an inch thick and three feet long. The piece is placed firmly in the feeding apparatus, and by this arrangement carried between the knives of the machine.

At each revolution of the balance-wheel the knives cut off a small piece from the end of this plate. The piece cut off is pointed at one end, and square for forming the head at the other. It is then carried between two dies by the action of the knives, and these dies coming together form the body of the coming tack under the head. Enough of the iron projects beyond the face of the dies to form the head, and, while held firmly by them, a leaver strikes this projecting piece into a round head. This, as we have said before, is all done during one revolution of the balance-wheel, and the knives, as soon as the tack drops from the machine, are ready to cut off another piece. These machines are run at the rate of about 250 revolutions per minute. The shoe-nail machines for cutting headless shoe-nails, are run about 500 revolutions per minute, and cut from three to five nails at each revolution. When we think of the number of machines being run in the United States, namely, about 1,700, and the quantity of tacks and nails they can produce, it is as much of a mystery where they go as it is what becomes of the pins.

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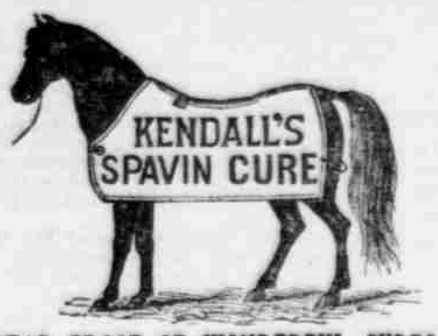

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