DON'T GET SCARED MAY 18TH.

On May 18th many of us earth be ings will witness a sight the like of which has never before been seen by men, at least since men have kept a written history of events. On that day, for over three hours we shall be viewing the sun through the great blazing head of a comet.

Of a sudden our earth, swinging through space at 65,000 miles per hour, will plunge into the tail of Halley's comet, close to the neck of it. The tail will have been whipped against us at its own speed of 105,-000 miles an hour. Thus this globe will dive through the luminous haze at a total speed of 170,000 miles an hour, 47 miles per second, the earth entirely immersing herself in the celestial mist in less than three minutes, yet so thick is the tail at the point of perforation-600,000 miles that we shall be nearly three hours and a half passing through.

What will happen? No two scien- Dogs can thrive on bones better tists agree in detail. They are, how- than a woman can on unkind words. ever, practically certain there will be no harm done to any creature of the earth, save the harm which fear does. But the superstitious are almost certain to be stricken with mortal terror during those three

For those three hours will show to men the most sublime, awe-inspiring display of heavenly fireworks this alsike. earth has witnessed since space roared with the primordial flames of responsibility for the high cost of ward to their golden wedding ancreation, the astronomers say.

But, the chances are it will be nothing but light-terrific, but harmless. For our sunlight during those 205 minutes will be filtered through the comet's head or nucleus (the head will be eclipsing the sun) and that head will have just come from a bath in the very flames of the sun. This gaseous head, 51 times as big as our with the distance of the sun), will be turn. boiling, fuming, exploding, blasting, its recent experience.

And it is through such a lens our it covered from the weather. sunlight must come filtered for three hours and a half May 18th.

We did, indeed, have one slight previous experience with the tail of a comet. On June 30, 1861, we snipped through part of the tail of Tebbet's comet. But it was a mere wisp of tail-iust a thread at the extreme end of the tail's 24,000,000 miles of length-a hair a scant 300 miles judgment and to wait until all the thick.

Yet, for the experience of seeing

The moment came. Liais saw the sky turn like blood at years hence. midday. Then there was a rapid plunge into a lurid, phosphorescent yellow and almost instantly the sky darkened to a coppery green, as if a tornado were approaching. And next instant, before the observer could realize it, the sun shown serenely again, the earth's minute for passing through the 300-mile-thick hair was up and Liais packed his instruments and went home.

over three hours. Will the effect be many men poor is buying what they neat and expeditious manner. proportionately awful?

Scientists all over the earth are warning people to be prepared for who was charged fifty cents for two strange sights, but not to be frighten- boiled eggs in a Washington hotel re- and dolphins are known, and aled. For, as the saying goes the cently, has no cause to shake his though they live in the open sea and whole 62,000,000 miles of its tail. fist at the farmer. That modest in- look like fish they are not fish at all,

Says Andre, director of the Lyons ference went mostly for style. observatory: "You must not be asstrange and stranger than anything ever seen before."

What effect the adventure will have upon the earth is disputed. Comets are little understood. There are instruments which can detect their weight and instruments which partially show their composition, but beyond those known facts each scientist has a different explanation.

A recent theory is that the comet nucleus or head is simply an enormous gas lens, and what appears to be a tall is, in reality, only the pencil of concentrated sunlight such as proceeds from the ordinary searchlight. Outside of this pencil we can see its length. But once in it, we would oberve an increase in the heat and brilliancy of the sunlight.

Under this theory the only effect that will be noticed May 18th will be that the sunshine will fairly burn one. But in the shade it should be fairly comfortable.

If the comet's tail is of gas, at least the gas is much diluted, returned to Washington and had a Some observers fear the deadly cyanogen gas, which, if thick, would stiffe all breathing things at once. Diluted, such a gas might turn the whole world very sick to its stomach for two or three hours.

Some predict a display of electrical phenomena, tremendous, but harmless as the aurora borealis. Deslandres, a Frenchman, says the tail is made up of cathode rays, which, touching our atmosphere, would be- cided to make an investigation of the come X-rays of great intensity. The the water out of it. So we may be our comet bath.

Some believe the comet's tail is intensely hot. But this heat must be thinly distributed, owing to the filmy character of the tail. Moreover, the earth has an enveloping blanket of cool air to save it. The foundryman can wet his finger and plunge it safely into molten iron. The air blanket would act like a water jacket.

There is a chance yet that we won't touch the tail at all. The full observations have not yet been taken. The final calculations may show that the tail will miss the earth by a few stermacher, Kutztown; Allen P. Dickthousand miles—a microscopical dis-

tance in space-but still enough so that we would pass the tail in bliss-

ful ignorance of its nearness. At any rate there seems little danger of any harm to come to us of the The thing to do is to hold tight, don't lose courage, and keep your eyes open. For you're likely to see things you can tell about to your grandchildren.

GUMPTION ON THE FARM. Trade one of the pups for a pig.

Roll the meadows and green fields. Beware of planting sprouted po-

tato seed. Plant the garden when the cherry

blooms. It is scabby business to plant scabby potatoes.

Few farmers harrow quite enough. Harrow, harrow, harrow.

He who by the plow would thrive must straighten up and look alive.

Keep manure near the surface; plow it deep and you lose some of Seek only that which is honorable

that thou in thy poverty shouldst die rich

Don't forget to make two sowings of clover, and be sure to use one-half Those who charge farmers with the

living tell a fib. Do not rush the teams too hard; let them have a time to get their

shoulders hardened to the work. The farmer who allowed his implements to be sheltered by the sky during the winter will now find him-

self out. When a man insists upon giving earth and only 14,000,000 miles you advice, you can readily get rid live to celebrate their golden wecaway (a mere step compared even of him by offering him a little in re-

If there is no place in the shed for in titanic convulsions of heat after the grindstone, get a box at the store lotted space. The golden wedding is that will fit over it, thus keeping the crossing of the Rubicon.

> Do you remember, when you were young, how it encourages and cheered you to be consulted by your elders? Try it on the young folks of the household.

> Everybody is impatient to begin the spring work, but it is wise to temper impatience with good conditions are right.

When you get the annual springthat hair severed, the French as- cleaning fever, don't cut down or dig tronomer Liais journeyed to Rio de up all the nice little trees. Let Janiero and set up his instruments, every one stand that isn't in the way, Suddenly The trees will come handy twenty

When you want to do a good job of hoeing or weed cutting this paper. The rubbish is utilized by spring, put an edge upon the hoe. How much better the tool will work, and the operator as well! We despise a dull hoe, and do not own

Just as nearly as you can, grow all the stuff you will need for your family and your stock right at home this We'll be in Halley's comet's tail year. One thing that keeps a good ought to raise themselves.

The Philadelphia Congressman . condensed, "might be packed in a dividual got only eight cents for but are true mammais, breathing air those two eggs. The forty cents dif- and feeding their young on milk like

Seeding oats and peas: As a soiling crop for stock, use one and onehalf bushels of each per acre. The peas need to be covered much deeper than the oats, hence it is necessary to seed them separately. Seed highly ox'dized, but the smoke from the peas first, weighting the drill one's lips is gray, because it is highhoes in order to put them in four ly watered and nydrocarbonized or five inches deep. The oats are sown broadcast and harrowed, or else drilled shallow. Make the first seeding as early as it is possible to attempts made by Sir Thomas Lipton work the ground, following with two to capture the America's cup, the inlater seedings at intervals of two trinsic value of which is about \$250,weeks each. Canadian field peas have cost him \$500,000 for yachts are the kind to sow for this purpose. | alone. -From April Farm Journal.

SALEM'S MEN AT FAULT.

Rear Admiral Dillingham Returns From Trip of Investigation.

Washington, March 29.-Rear Admiral Albert C. Dillingham, who was sent to Hampton Roads to investigate the wearer in case of accident at sea,

conditions on board the cruiser Salem conference with Acting Secretary of the Navy Winthrop. Admiral Dilling ham was instructed to report on the nileged dissatisfaction among the enlisted men of the Salem. There have been many summary and deck courts martial on the vessel recently.

As several of the offenders were war rant officers who had been in the navy for many years and who previously bore good records, the department deinternal conditions of the Salem. Adeffect of X-rays upon air is to weing miral Dillingham finds that the men were at fauit. Commander George R soaked with deluges of rain during Evans, who has been in command of the Salem, will not be relieved.

> Nominated by the President. Washington, March 31. - President Taft sent to the senate the nominations of the following postmasters:

New York-Herman E. Buck, Canis-

Pennsylvania-Charles S. Martin, Al- the only currency. lentown: William E. Housel, Lewisburg; W. A. Brown, Wampum; I. Warner Arthur, Bryn Mawr; Huston S. Williams, Fairchance; John P. S. Fern-

RUBBER FINGERS.

They're Common Enough Now, But Many Still Cut off a Glove Finger.

When you cut your finger nowadays and wrap it up in gauze, you don't have so hunt for an old pair of gloves and lop off a finger to form the outer bandage of your wounded member: you simply go to the drug store and buy a rubber finger for a nicke .

And yet many persons go on cutting off giove fingers. They have got into the habit of saving up old giotes for just such purposes of home surgery, and the habit sticks pertinaciously.

Most of them don't know that you can get rubber fingers of all sizes. They are made to fit the baby who in his first adventures is pretty sure to find a knife somewhere and to acquire the knowledge that it cuts, and grownups, too, no matter how Dogs can thrive on bones better big the hand. And they are mighty continient, for you gut one on and it stays on, whereas you know a glove finger has to be tled on by strings passing over the hand and around the wrist.

New devices to save time and bother are put on the market daily, but it takes some folks a long time to find o.: about them .- New York Sun.

Golden Weddings.

Married couples look eagerly forni ersary, and immediately after its re ebration one or the other as a tule, dies. This is due to superstition. If the golden wedding were celebrated at sixty-five years of married life people would live fifteen years longer than 'ay do, ever looking forward in happy anticipation of its approach. Let's try it. Out of 1,000 couples only seventeen ding. Assuming that the marriage takes place at 20 years, this means a life of three-score and ten, the al-

About the Potato...

The history of this vegetable affords a striking illustration of the influence of authority. For more than two centuries its use as a food was vehemently opposed. At last Louis XV, were a bunch of its flowers in the midst of his courtiers, and the consumption of the root became universal in France.

House Refuse in Germany.

In certain towns in Germany householders are compelled by law to sort out their house dust. have to provide three receptaclesone for ashes and sweepings, one for cooking refuse, and one for rags and the town authorities.

Electric Meat Saw.

The up-to-date butcher shop is now provided with an electric meat saw. and the old handsaw is relegated to the junk pile. In its place is a small handsaw driven by an electric motor, which severs all bo. es in a

Whales and Dolphins.

About 40 different kin is of whales cows and horses.

Tobacco Smoke.

The smoke from the powl of one's pipe is blue because coming direct from the red hot tobacco, it is very

Costly Attempts. It has become known that the three

Effect of Color on Dew.

The deposit of dew is greatly influenced by color. It will be found thickest on a board painted yellow, but not at all on red and black.

Float the Wearer.

A sait of clothes which will final has been patented by a Norwegian in-

Mail Orders in the East,

Mall orders for merchindise are practically unknown in China and the mast in general.

An intoxicated per on is, as a rule, no more fit to be at large than a lunatic. No one may say what he will do next.

The fock of Gibraltar is honeycombed with 70 miles of tunneling.

The Bank of England employs about 1,000 people.

England has about 13,000 square mlim of coal fields,

Ninety-six per cent of the coal ts produced north of the equator. in many parts of Africa, gir is

The average life of a ship is twenty-six rears.

Blond people are rarely afficted with cancer.

HE DEFENDS TIPPING.

Man Who Was Once a Walter Con-

siders Other's Standpoint. Somehow I don't approve these wholesale kicks on the tipping system," said a business man who is fairly prosperous "I was a waiter myself once and know how it seems from the other side.

"Oh, no, I wasn't a regular professional, merely one of the college brand. Many college men, of course, help themselves through rollege by working as waiters and bellboys and boatmen and other things at summer resorts, and if they are squeamish about taking tips, why, it isn't worth while taking such jobs.

'It came hard at first to take tips; gave me a sort of a feeling that I was arched fingers of his hand. unclassing myself. But it wore off. In fact there was a certain amount of satisfaction, after a while, in getting a tip that had been earned by giving more careful service than the job really demanded. I remember now the pleasure it gave me to receive a gratuity, and the "thank you" was always meant

"So now when life lies in less arduous places I find pleasure in giving a tip I do not regard it as an overcharge or an extortion, merely a little reward that I can well afford to give to one who will appreciate

If more persons would only look on that side of the question, the pleasure that a gratuity gives the recipient, I am sure there would be less kicking. Surely there is joy in kindness, at least I have found it

Poor Material For British Army. If there be any doubt that nhyslcal deterioration in the submerged classes is more serious than it used to be the report of the Army Medical Department pins one down between that opinion and the conclusion that the army is recruited from a lower social stratum "Average British recruits." the report states, "are not only the youngest but in the poorest physical condition of those in any civilized army. They cannot stand work which did not injure well fed conscripts of twenty years of age; still less can they face exercises which would do harm to robust men." They are in fact from want of food and from eigarette habit such miserable specimens of humanity that it takes two years to make men of them. The report confirms what we said the other day, to the effect that a British army is painfully produced from the army of the British unemployed; as many as 95 per cent. of accepted recruits are hopeless "out of works." There is a good deal amiss with the conditions that make these degenerates and the report gives one to think furiously; but the larger question raised by it is whether any amount of training and selection can produce an efficient army out of such material.

Doomsday Book,

A book of the general survey of England, commenced in the reign of William 1. (the Conqueror) about 1080, some say about 1086. It was intended to be a "register to determine the right in the tenure of estates, to discover the extent of any man's land, to fix his homage, and to settle the question of the military aid he was bound to furnish.

England Adopts French System.

The French gardening methods by which an acre of ground is made to yield, \$2,433 to \$2,920 per annum by the fercing hot bed process has been introduced in England. Vegetables are produced all the year and are forced by a steady temperature of 90 degrees.

Age of Animals.

The whale, elephant, swan, tortoise, eagle, raven and camel are all long lived animals, and have been known to exceed the century mark. There are well-authenticated instances of elephants, whales and tortoise living to be more than two hundred and fifty years.

Norway's Wooden Churches.

Some of the wooden churches of Norway are fully 100 years old and are still in an excellent state of preservation. Their timbers have successfully resisted the frosty and almost arctic winters because they have been repeatedly coated with tar.

The Philosophy of Folly.

"They say," observes the Philosopher of Folly, "that it takes nine tailors to make a man. I always acknowledge the truth of this old proverh when one of these dudes boasts that he has patronized the same tailor all his life."

Simply Impossible.

Big with the importance of a new discovery, a London preacher says . "Never check the flowing tide of woman's talk. We never heard of anybody who ever did.

The Philosopher of Folly. I wonder why it is," muses the Philosopher of Folly, "that when a 'fireproof building catches fire, they always send in three slarms."

Some People. Some people hunt for work in about the same way that an optimist hunts for trouble

Too Bad. Post-Whatever does this mean? My publisher sends me a bill for a

new waste-basket.

********* Selections

FORCE OF HABIT.

How the Bluejackets on Shore and In

Shelter Hold Their Pipes. in a barroom where many of the bluejackets with the American fleet took their nightcaps before returning to their ships a petty officer said to a landlubber acquaintance:

"See how the boys hold their pipes!"

Almost every one of them had the bowl of his pipe covered by the

"See?" said the petty officer. "Now wait till one of them lights his pipe." In a little while a saftor filled his pipe, got out his match and faced the open door of the barroom. There was not a breath of breeze coming through the door, but the sailor covered the lighted match and the pipe bowl with one hand while he was getting a light, and after he had thrown the dead match away he continued to smoke with his fingers arched over the pipe bowl.

"Force of habit," said the petty officer. "He doesn't intend that the Pa. piping breeze shall blow the lighted tobacco out of his pipe."

Superstitious Remedies.

For whooping cough a cooked dormouse is good. In the eighteenth century this remedy was employed in Scotland. Here is another medica-

ment for the same complaint: "Watercross is a very good thing, sir, with a little bit of that brown sugar what you uses to put onto bacon, and some honey mixed with it. And I'll tell you what's a good thing for croup but a riesty bacon fat fried down, and afore It resolves add some pepper and vinegar; it opens the pipes of the lungs. d'ye see." And if you are adventurous you may try this for "phiegm can the chest": Catch a "dear little douty frog" and tie a bit of string to one of its back legs. Then you "keep on letting it go down your throat and pulling it up again." The narrator of this added to Mr. T. W. Thompson, who sets down these stories: dear God's truth, young fellow, and it cleared the phlegm out of his throat footful, but we wouldn't do such a thing as that."

Number of Nails to a Horseshoe. Centuries ago there lived a farrier, Walter le Brun by name, whose dexterity at the anvil on the occasion of a great tilting meeting on the banks of the Thames was noticed by the then reigning monarch, Edward III., who rewarded the blacksmith by granting him sufficient land adjoining the titliing green for the erection thereon of a force. As quit rent he had to present annually to the King six horseshoes and sixty-one horseshoe nails.

To the modern mind the number of nails would appear to be superfluous, but when it is remembered that the horseshoes of that period required ten nalls apiece it will be seen that the calculations of Edward III. merely allowed one "over" in case of accident. Furthermore, the shoes were all to be for the horse's forefeet, from which fact some historians draw the inference that the animals ridden in the knights' tournaments were ened to injure each other with their front hoofs.

Had Expressed No Opinion.

Here the judge took a hand in examining the venireman. "You don't seem to understand the

questions addressed to you by the attorneys," he said. "What they want to know is whether you have formed or expressed any opinion in this case. That is to say, have you told anybody whether or not you believe the defendant guilty of the crime charged against him or have you said to anybody that you believe him to be inno-

cent? "Course not, judge," answered the venireman. "It ain't necessary for me to 'xpress no opinion about him. I've knowed him for thirty year, an' I know blame well he stole the cow-"That will do, Mr. Skiles. You may stand aside."-Chicago Tribune.

Short Wills.

Apropos of Mr. Harriman's short simple will, it is of interest to note that Lord Mansfield found half a sheet of note paper ample for the disposal of his worldly possessions. Sir James Fitzjames Stephen's will began and ended in thirteen words. A dozen lines served to dispose of Lord Russell of Killowen's estate of nearly £150,000, while Lord Brampton of the Court of Exchequer the brother of Anthony Hope, disposed of his estate of nearly £142,000 in 400 words.

Coquetry of Golf.

Golf is the coquette of games. It always lures you on and always evades you. Ten years ago I thought I had nearly got it. I think so to-day, and ten years hence I may still have the same delusion; but my scoring cards will show, I fear, that the coquette has not yet been caught. The middle aged lover cannot hope to win her smile.-Conan Doyle in the Strand.

Gave Providence an Evening Off. Bishop Potter was to preach at a certain parish in the West in the evening, and the congregation was not a little amused at the somewhat ambiguous announcement of their worthy pastor, who said:

"Remember our special service next Sunday afternoon. The Lord will be with us during the morning services, and Bishop Potter in the evening."

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