### CLOUD BAROMETERS

#### HOW TO FORETELL THE WEATHER BY LOOKING OVERHEAD

Cirrus Is the Highest of All Clouds and Cumulus Is Much the Biggest of Any Form of Cloud-The Wettest Cloud of All Is Nimbus

"It is clouding up. It must be going to rain." This is a remark you may hear constantly, and few people seem to realize that the one thing is by no means a consequence of the other True, all clouds are composed of water vapor, but it is absurd to imagine that because clouds become visible in the sky they are therefore going to discharge their contents upon our heads.

On the contrary, some clouds are netually prophets of fine weather. Ch rus, for instance, or curl cloud, as it is often picturesquely called, is, as a rule, a fine weather harbinger. Cirrus is the highest of all clouds. You can tell that by the fact that its thin, twisty, fibrous streaks are illuminated by the last rays of the setting sun long after the earth below is wrapped in shadow Threads and groups of cirrus clouds, the finer the better, appearing after a gale, presage a long continuance of settled weather. On the other hand if after several fine days cirrus appears in long parallel bands stretching right across the sky in the form popularly known as "mares' tails," there will al most certainly be a change of wind and probably rain to follow.

Unlike other clouds, cirrus is com posed not of water vapor, but of tiny crystals of ice. You can tell by its motion what the pace and direction of the highest current of wind. Quiet ly as it appears to be moving, careful observation has proved that cirru sometimes travels at the rate of a mile in eighteen seconds.

Another form of cloud which is usually an accompaniment of fine warm weather are those cottonlike whitish balls which are scientifically termed cumulus.

Early in the morning of a fine sum mer day cumulus begins to form as few soft, scattered specks in the blue above. These specks grow and enlarge without, as a rule, traveling very fast for they are formed by vapor ascend ing from the earth in columns. By early afternoon they often cover the whole sky, but toward 4 or 5 o'clock they usually decrease and finally van ish by sunset. If they behave in this way you may be almost certain that the ensuing twenty-four hours will b

On the other hand, if the cumulu clouds increase toward sunset, turn black in their centers and shine at the edges with an angry light, rain will follow, or, in very hot weather, thunder Thunder is specially foretold by the cumulus clouds showing rounded sharply marked tops with silvery white Cumulus, which turns very dark with black, shaggy edges, mean cold rain accompanied by wind.

Cumulus is much the biggest of an form of cloud. A single cloud of this description will measure six or ever seven miles from its flat, dark base to its rounded, glistening summit-that is to say, its bulk and height far exceed of earth's greatest mountains those The temperature in such a cloud a this has been measured to vary over 150 degrees-that is, from 80 degrees Fahrenheit at the base to 75 degree below zero at its summit.

Stratus is still another form of cloud which presents no special indication of rain. It is more common at night than in the day and consists of long, hori zontal bands of darkish cloud, which the very low and near the earth's sur-

#### Silkworm Fishing Lines. A tourist friend who has recently returned from a trip through the south

cocoon is then drawn out from its body

in the form of a thick silken thread.

which is treated with chemicals and

afterward dried. These threads are

made up in bundles of a hundred each.

and the Spanish peasants travel with

then along the shores of the Mediter-

South Pole Seals.

covery of remains of an ordinary seal

in the stomach of a sea leopard, which

is provided with a very fierce set of

teeth, quite in keeping with the pos

Scolding.

dicted to it and confirmed in it. It is

an unreasoning and unreasonable habit

Persons who once get into the way a

scolding always find something to

scold about. If there is nothing else

they begin scolding at the mere ab

sence of anything to scold at. It is an

extremely disagreeable habit. It is

contagious. Once introduced into a

family, it is pretty certain in a short

time to affect all the members.--Ex

Japanese Buddhists.

Japanese Buddhists have a word,

nazoraeru," which is translated by

the dictionaries as "to imitate," but i

has the esoteric meaning of "to sub-

stitute in imagination one object or

action for another, so as to bring about

some magical or miraculous result." At

example of this is laying a pebble be

fore the image of Buddha to show that

you would like to build a temple in

and making a bookcase revolve which

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dhist canon and earnestly wishing that

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sible habit of feeding on other seals.

nished it .- Forest and Stream,

abundant near the south pole.

A Fish That Blows Himself Up Into : of Europe was telling the other day Round Ball.

THE FUNNY PUFFER.

of the large proportions assumed by The funniest little fellow in salt wathe production of silkworm gut for ter is the puffer or swell fish. Fisherfishing lines in Spain since the decline men call him the blow fish. of slik culture there. The grub is fed When he is swimming around at ease on mulberry leaves as usual in silk with nothing to alarm him he looks culture, but before it begins to spinqueer enough, for the skin of his abdo that is, in May and June-It is killed men is all loose and wrinkled, and he by immersion in vinegar. The subhas such a funny little tall and such stance which would have formed the

ridiculous little fins and such a blg, three cornered head that he looks entirely absurd. His mouth, instead of being big and gaping, as most fish mouths are, is only a tiny round hole at the end of a pointed, conical snout. Out of this circular mouth protrude his teeth, like those of a rabbit.

ramean as far as France. The best He would be about as homely a fish quality of the gut, as every fisherman as could be made if it were not for knows or ought for his own protection the beautiful orange and yellow and when shopping to know, is round. The silver colorings that play all over him. But queer as he looks when he is at fint shaped article is always inferior and is due, not, as often supposed, to case it is only when he is frightened careless drawing of it, but to un or excited that he becomes really run healthiness in the worm which furny. If he is hooked, for instance, he comes to the surface grinding those protruding teeth so that the sound can

be heard a good many feet away. And Seals, according to the crew of the then as soon as the hand touches him antarctic exploring ship Discovery, are he begins to grunt hoarsely, and with each grunt he swells a bit till within a They are very tame and can be clubbed b few moments he has puffed himself : full of air that he is guite round and any one without showing more fight firm like a ball. So thoroughly does than opening their jaws and making a he distend bluself with air that when harsh noise. They are possessed of the fishermen hurl him at the water extraordinary vitality and are not easy to kill. Antarctic seals are not pro with all their force, as they often do he will bounce just like a rubber ball. vided with marketable fur. The skins If he is dropped into the water after of the majority of seals in the autarc blowing himself full of sir he float tic regions show an extraordinary number of cicatrices, some old and on it as lightly as thistledown, and he will stay that way until he has assured some recent, which for some time have himself that danger has gone by. He been a puzzle to zoologists. It is a does the same when he is pursued by question whether they are the result other fish. And as he floats almost on of warfare among the bull seals or are tirely out of water, with only a little caused by attacks of some monster not yet known to science. Some light has bit of his hard, spiny body sunk under the surface, very few fish can hurt been shed on this subject by the dishim once he is inflated.

# HIS CLEAR MEMORY.

The Witness Proved to the Lawye That He Could Remember. A story is told of an eminent lawyer

Scolding is mostly a habit. It is receiving a severe reprimand from a often the result of nervousness and an witness whom he was trying to brow irritable condition of both mind and beat. It was an important issue, and body. A person is tried or annoyed at in order to save his cause from defeat some trivial cause and forthwith com it was necessary that the lawyer should mences finding fault with everything impeach the witness. He endeavored and everybody within reach. Scolding to do it on the ground of age in the is a habit very easily formed. It is as following manner: tonishing how soon one becomes ad "How old are you?" asked the law-

"Seventy-two years," replied the with

Dess "Your memory, of course, is not se brilliant and vivid as it was twenty years ago, is it?" asked the lawyer. "I do not know but it is," answeres

the witness. "State some circumstance which occurred, say, twelve years ago," said the lawyer, "and we shall be able to see how well you can remember."

"I appeal to your honor," said the witness, "if I am to be interrogated in this manner. It is insolent!" "You had better answer the ques tion," replied the ludge.

"Yes, sir; state it," said the lawyer, "Well, sir, if you compel me to do it will. About twelve years ago you studied in Judge --- 's office, did you not?"

"Yes," answered the lawyer.

"Well, sir, I remember your father coming into my office and saying to me. 'Mr. D., my son is to be examined tomorrow, and I wish you would lend me \$15 to buy him a suit of clothes." I remember also, sir, that from, that day to this he has never paid me that

#### Sex In Enting.

A woman enjoys well cooked, well perved food, but her happiness does not depend upon it so completely as does a man's. Without regular, abundant meals a man is disturbed in spirit and considers himself abused. When man loses his appetite it is because of some physical ailment, never a mental A great blow may make touching of food an actual impossibility for his sister for hours, or even days; but, no matter if the foundations of the earth were shaken, the ordinary man can eat. He can eat at any time or all the time. I know a man who is "living on the street" during his wife's absence, and he confesses to averaging five meals a day. Food so often is not more than rai-

ment with a girl. Investigate the light housekeeping arrangements of sky parlors, or even first class rooms, and consider the well gowned girl therein and see if it is. I know a girl, and a college girl, who existed on 87 cents for one week in order to buy an expensive triffe her mother's good sense had denied her. Shopgiris, they say, sacrifice their lunches to buy a Laura Jean Libbey novel, but where is the man that ever goes without a reason-able amount of good food for any need he may have?-Brown Book.

Powerful Odor of Ambergris. The druggist held in his hand a lump of gray substance like putty. It was smaller than a baseball and as light as cork. Through it, here and there, ran streaks of yellow and black.

"This is a lump of ambergris," the druggist said. "It is worth about \$500, I judge, Smell it." The patron put his nose to the am-

bergris. Then he said, surprised: "Why, it has no smell." The druggist, smiling, rubbed it with

his sleeve, and immediately a powerful, musklike odor filled the air. "Crude ambergris," he said, "never

smells until you warm it or rub it. "This chunk of ambergris here smells like musk. That is because it is crude. The odor of prepared ambergris has not the least reachablance to musk."

He rubbed his band over his sleeve. "From handling this" he said, "my cont will smell for months. My hands, no matter how I wash them, will smell for several days."-Seattle Post-Intelligencer.

#### Crystallizing Flowers.

The process of crystallizing flowers is simple and can be satisfactorily accomplished by any one who has artistic skill. Arrange some basket forms of any desired pattern with pliable wire and wrap them with copper gauze. Into these tie to the bottom violets, ferns, geranium leaves-in fact, any flowers except full blown roses-and sink them in a solution of alum of one pound to a gallon of wa-Wait until the solution has coolter. ed, as the colors will then be preserved in their original beauty, and the crystallized alum will hold them faster than when formed in a hot solution. When you have a light covering of crystals that completely envelops the articles, remove cheerfully and allow it to drip twelve hours. These baskets make a unique ornament and long preserve their freshness.

#### Rameau and the Dog.

Many eccentricities are pardoned in musical geniuses, especially by those who do not suffer from them. Unfor tunately the object of a musician's wrath is quite apt to be unable to appreciate why he has offended. One can fancy the possessor of the untrained voice who figures in the fol-

lowing story thinking hard things of 1203273734

#### The Color of Man

lor of the skin in the variou The co races of man has never yet been acien tifically accounted for, although numer ous mythological stories have been tole and senseless theories advanced as reasons for the remarkable variations in hue. Nor have we any certain data concerning the color of the cuticle of the primeval man, the original "lord of creation." A pretty African legend is that he was as black as the proverbial ace of spades and that the present pale color of the Caucasian race is the result of the scare God gave Adam at the time of the fall. It is proper to state here that the

same legend says that the present black race are descendants of one of Adam's sons that was born and left

Eden before the great change in color overtook our first parents. The Chinese believe that the original man was a creature half god and half man and that his color came about as a result of bathing in a river of liquid gold. The Mussulmans, the American Indians and several oriental tribes and

nations account for their prevailing red or copper color by telling the story of the Great Being creating the first pair from red kaolin, the common fire clay of the potter shops.

Best Selling Book In the World. The Bible is the best selling book in the world. It leads, and by a long in terval, all other publications in copies purchased in the ordinary channels of trade without regard to what may be called the official distribution

Every bookstore which undertakes to carry a full line of stock sells the Bible. Several important corporations confine themselves to the manufacture and sale of Bibles, and others find in the Bible their leading feature. Of no other book can this be said. Speaking some time ago of the insatiable demand for the Bible as an article of merchandise, an officer of the Methodist Book Concern sold: "Like all sublishers, we have to keep watch of the sale of books in general, even the most popular, so as not to get overstocked. But this never occurs in printing the Bible. We just keep the presses steadily at work, and if we happen to find that we have 40,000 or 50,000 copies on hand it gives us no uneasiness. We are sure to sell them, and we go straight ahead printing."-Century.

The Dirtiest People In the World. With possible exceptions in the cases of Tibet and Lapland we are compelled to admit that the English working classes are probably the dirtiest bipeds in the world, alike in their clothes and in their persons, and that they display themselves in public and even travel by public conveyances in conditions which would not be tolerated in

dirt is ever seen in public on the contipent of Europe unless in its far eastern portions, and dirt is prejudicial to health not only by its direct physical gree, by reason of the absence of solf respect which it entails and which removes from the dirty man or woman at least one safeguard against drunkenness and against misconduct.-London Lancet.

Asparagus, deservedly a favorite vegetable, was extensively cultivated by the ancient Romans, but was not introduced into England before 1660. In some parts of Europe the seeds are used as substitute for coffee, and a spirituous liquor is made from the ripe berries. Asparague is both lithic and dipretic and its roots used to be extensively used in medicine. In some recipe books directions for boiling asparagus one hour, but this is a great mistake-twenty or thirty minutes is long enough to cook it sufficiently-but there was one suggestion worth following. Instead of cutting off the white parts it advised that they be broken, saying that if they were too tough to break they were unfit to eat.

Night Was Her Terror. "I would cough nearly all night long," writes Mrs. Chas. Applegate, of Alexandria, Ind., "and could hardly get any sleep. I had consumption so had that if I walked a block I would cough frightfully and spit blood, but, when all other medicines failed, three \$1.00 bottles of Dr. King's New Discovery wholly cured me and I gained 58 pounds." It's absolutely guaranteed to ure Coughs, Colds, La Grippe, Bronchitis and all Throat and Lung Troubles. Price 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottles free at H. Alex Stoke's drug store.

#### World's Fair Excursions

Low-rate ten-day excursions via Pennylvania Railroad, July 2, 7, 14, 21, and Rate, \$14.65 from Reynoldsville. Train leaves Reynoldsville at 5.27 p. m. connecting with special train from New York arriving in St. Louis at 4.15 p. m. next day.

## The Good Old Way.

A severe cold or attack of la grippe is like a fire, the sooner you combat it the better your chances are to overpower it. But few mothers in this age are willing to do the necessary work re-

quired to give a good old-fashioned reliable treatment such as would be administered by their grandmothers, backed by Boschee's German Syrup, which was always liberally used in connection with the home treatment of colds and is still in greater household favor than any known remedy. But even without the application of the old fashioned aids German Syrup will cure a severe cold in quick time. It will core colds in children or grown people. It relieves the congested organs, allays the irrita tion, and effectively stops the cough Any child will take it. It is invaluable in a household of children. Trial size bottle, 25c ; regular size, 75c. For sale by H. Alex Stoke

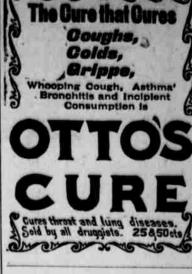
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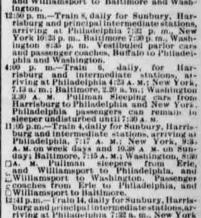
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Asparagus.

any other civilized country. Nothing like English working class operation, but, in a still greater de-

face. It rises on calm, clear evenings after warm days and may often be seen in mountainous districts slowly creeping up the hillsides. If the su rises through layers of stratus it is usually a sign of a fine, warm day to After sunrise, stratus, as a rule, come. rises higher into the air and slowly dis-

In early summer, when the weather is showery, you may perhaps notice, through breaks in the rain clouds, an appearance of dense white cloudlets in small, irregular tufts brightly irradiated by sunshine. The children call it mackerel sky. Its real name is cirro cumulus, and it is a sure sign of heat and probably fine weather. Seen in winter, mackerel sky portends a thaw and wet, mild weather. It is the next lighest cloud to the cirrus and is some times called sonder cloud.

A sure prophet of wind and rain is cirro stratus or vane cloud. It consists of long, thin clouds with torn edges flying at a great height above the earth. It is dull in color and irregular in

The wettest cloud of all is nimbus which is seen in its most perfect form luring a thunderstorm. It is a mixture of other clouds, a dense black or gray sheet which often appears to come up against the wind. Usually when it first appears driving up over the horizon its edges are fringed and tipped with ing masses of cumulus. The most us sign about a nimbus cloud is when its advancing summit is tipped with a mass of dense, white, smoky cloud, which seems to roll over and This is an omen of severe electrical disturbance and a furious squall. -Penrson's Weekly.

#### A Cool Hand.

"Mamie, girl, that young man of yours has been coming now for almost year."

"Isn't it about time he was breaking the ice?"

"I don't believe he intends to break ice. He's going to wear it out."-

man in Russia until the day of ath, if she remain unmarried, is the absolute sway of her parents.

yes of heaven as if you did read them. The bookcase is fitted with a kind of capstan for the purpose. er.

#### Peg Tankards.

The pegging or marking of drinking cups was introduced by St. Dunstan to check the intemperate habits of the times by preventing one man from taking a larger draft than his companions. But the device proved the neans of increasing the evil it was intended to remedy, for, refining upon St. Dunstan's plan, the most abstemious were required to drink precisely to a peg or pin, whether they could soberly take such a quantity of liquor

#### Dutiful For Once.

Boy-My tooth aches, and mamma carful." said I should come here and let you look at it. Dentist-I see. It must come out. Won't take but a minute Now be a brave little man, and I'll-Boy (hastily backing off)-Mamma didn't say I should let you pull it; she only said I should let you look at it.

#### A Paragon.

Mamle-Florence's love of truth amounts to a passion. She really goe to extremes. Kittle-In what respect? Mamie-Why, she admits that her best friend is younger than she is.

#### All Serene

"Has Jones an assured reputation as an author?

"Absolutely. Why, he says he can now turn out poor work all the rest of his life."--Life.

#### Cautious.

Dr. Bill (meeting former patient)-Ah, good morning, Mr. Jones! How are you feeling this morning? Mr. es-Doctor, does it cost anything if I tell you?

#### Only Wanted a Chance.

Mother-Perhaps the young man needs a little encouragement. Daugh-ter-Yes, mamma; I wish you would eep out of sight more while he is

If you are to be hanged, people won't boast that they used to know you.-Atchison Globe.

sum. That, sir, I remember as though it were yesterday."-Philadelphia Ledg-

### An Amplified Woman.

"The car was entirely empty with the exception of one man," said Miss Myra Kelly. "He was the reverse of the car. As I entered he rose, made me an unsteady but magnificent bow and said "'Madam, pleashe be kind 'nough to asshept thish plashe,' There was

nothing else for me to do, so I thanked him and sat down. "And for twenty blocks that idiot hung from a strap, swaying in the breeze, with not a soul in the car but ourselves. Occasionally I have been taken for other women, but I never before had any one think that I was a

#### Artificial Snow. A curious instance of the formation

of artificial snow was witnessed on one occasion in the town of Agen, in France. A fire broke out in a sawmill when the temperature was 10 de grees below freezing point. The water thrown upon the fire was instantly taporized, and, rising in the cold, dry air, was immediately condensed and fell as snow. With bright starlight and a strong northwest wind blowing the whirling snow above and the raging

### sented.

Would Show No Mercy. Hogan (calling on next door neigh bor)-I suppose ye've heard th' illigant classical music that's bin imynatin' frum me risidence for th' pasht wake or

so? We got wan av thim mechanical planny players on thrile. Clancy (fierce ly)-On thrile, is it? Glory be! I only wisht I wor th' judge!-Puck. Not a Sure Test.

Mamma-I am sure. Mirauda, that Harold thinks as much of you as ever. He still eats your cooking, doesn't he? Young Wife-Yes, but I'm afraid, mamma, he does it now from a sense of duty.-Chicago Tribune.

He who tells a lie is not sensible how great a task he undertakes, for he must be forced to invent twenty nore to maintain that one.-Pope.

One day Rameau while calling on a lady fixed a stern glance on a little dog who sat in her lap and was barking good naturedly. Suddenly Rameau eized the poor little fellow and threw him out of the window. "What is the matter?" asked his

iostess, much alarmed. "He barked false!" said Rameau in-

dignantly.

A Puzzler.

At an examination in an English school the teacher was so pleased with his class that he said they could ask him any question they liked. Some were asked and replied to. See

ing one little fellow in deep thought, teacher asked him for a question. The boy answered, with a grave face: "P-please, sir, if you was in a soft mud heap up to your neck and I was to throw a brick at your head, would you duck?"

#### The answer is not recorded.

#### Quite Different.

Mother-You've been sitting in the conservatory all this time, and with young Charlie Brown! Am I never to instill a sense of decency in you? Daughter-'Twas Lord Copperbulge I was with, mamma, dear. Mother-Oh, that's a different matter. Girls will be girls! fire below, a brilliant spectacle was pre

For a Rainy Day. Smith (newly married)—Don't you think we had better hay aside something for a rainy day? Young Wife-Charley, dear, I am so glad you said that. While I was out shopping this morning I bought two lovely silk umbrellas, one for you and one for me.

#### His Public Speech.

Mrs. Littlewit (proudly)-Only just think! Charles has gone to address a public gathering. Friend-I didn't know he was a speechmaker. Mrs. Littlewit-Nor I, but he's been called upon to make a statement before a meeting of his creditors.

no breeze that can cool the heat of love. Disappointed Benedict-Ever tried the marriage refrigerator, son?love. New Orleans Picayune.

#### Sheep Sorrel Ple.

A Kansas editor pays tribute to the sheep sorrel ple, which was one of the luxuries of primitive Kansas. "It was dried apple ple from December until grass, or until the squaws came around with wild gooseberries. But, happy thought, with the coming of the johnny jumpup came sheep sorrel. and, with sorghum sweetening, what lovely ples were made! Corn bread and Missouri bacon, sorghum and buttermilk, with a quarter section of sheep sorrel pie to finish up! Kansas people of this day and generation don't know what real good living is."

#### On the Pyramids.

It is said that Richard Harding Reynoldsville, Pa. Davis once made a joke about the pyramids that is still repeated at Shep heard's hotel, the fashionable hostelry of Cairo. Mr. Davis was studying the Wedding Invitations and Visit pyramids, and a guide approached and said to him: ing Cards neatly and prompt ly printed at The Star office.

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