

CLOUDS AND THE WEATHER

Forecasts of Thunderstorms and Hail Are Easily Distinguished—Explained by Professor.

Cloud weather forecasts made by Dr. A. de Quervain of Zurich are of the utmost scientific and practical importance.

When reaching heights of six or seven miles it becomes a thunder cloud. The high floating top assumes the shape of a fleecy ice needle cloud and extends sideways in anvil shape.

This sort of cloud can be regarded as a presage of good weather. The well shaped hooded clouds have not been sufficiently explained. Often they encompass the top of a quickly rising cumulus cloud and until recently were thought to be instrumental in the production of hail.

Even such reliable presages of thunderstorms are the remarkably delicate varieties of fleecy clouds which are mostly found floating about four miles high.

DEATH RATE OF THE SEXES

Statistics Show That Women Have a Right to Expect a Longer Life Than Men.

As is well known, the term of life of women is slightly longer than that of men. The difference of the mortality rates during the first few years of life, however, is striking.

FOOL AND VANDAL

It is said that an ancient oak, one of the blessed trees of the old Green Bay Indian trail, is to be marked by a commemorative tablet.

PROGRESS OF MEDICAL SCIENCE

Dr. T. Lander Brunton, speaking in Edinburgh on the advance in medical surgery and nursing, said he remembered that in one ward with 25 patients there was one night nurse whom he found asleep on the hearth.

UNSATISFACTORY

"Have you seen the Washington monument?" "Yes," replied the New Yorker. "It's a pretty tall building, but what's the good of it without any offices on top?"

LAUGHS AT MAN WITH SCYTHE

Miss Nancy Kelly of Hog Island, Virginia in Splendid Health, Beginning Her Second Century.

Few women in the country possess the strikingly remarkable qualities of Miss Nancy Kelly, the oldest woman on the eastern shore of Virginia, who only a few days ago on the occasion of her hundredth birthday prepared with her own hands a sumptuous dinner for a number of her friends and relatives who came to her home on Hog Island to spend the day with her.

According to the most authentic records Miss Kelly was born 100 years ago, May 14, on Hog Island, where her parents have since died.

Since the death of her brothers she has been doing the housekeeping, doing the chores about her little home, "tending" a small crop of corn each year, in fact living as up to date as many of her most prosperous neighbors.

Miss Kelly's memory is good, her five senses keen. She has never been seriously ill and has never taken medicine of any kind for sickness.

She has never left Hog Island on any occasion, never attended a performance of any kind and has never seen a trolley or steam car.

AS A DISTINCT PRIVILEGE

Mexican Bands Everywhere Will Be Allowed to Play National Hymn During September.

In order that dignity and solemnity may be added to the festivities of the celebration of Mexico's independence centennial next September, military bands of the republic will be permitted to play the national hymn at all public ceremonies.

Under the law of Mexico the national hymn may be played only on occasions when the chief executive of the nation or the governor of a state is present.

Residents of cities and small towns where the president of governors are rarely, if ever, seen will therefore have the only opportunity given them in years to hear the inspiring national hymn played in public.

JACKSON'S BIRTHPLACE

Dr. G. R. White has recently purchased from a dealer in antiquities in Charleston a map of Lancaster county which clearly establishes the fact that Andrew Jackson, whom our sister state of North Carolina, in no way sisterly way, has the audacity to claim as her own, was born in South Carolina, his birthplace being marked very clearly on the map as in Lancaster county within about half a mile of the line, says the Chester (S. C.) Reporter.

WOULDN'T WASTE HIS TIME

Attorney Jay P. Dawley was cross-examining another lawyer a few days ago and despite the fact that the man in the witness chair was of his own profession was so tantalizing and so merciless in his questions as ever.

INSISTED HE WAS RIGHT

"The fire started from a defective fuse." "You mean a defective fuse," he retorted. "No, I don't, I mean a defective fuse. The fuse was like a defective because it never did anything but stand around and smoke till it got a chance to start, some expensive trouble, and then it did so."

AN OVERSIGHT

"The Man—I'm tired of arguing with you. You are perfectly heartless! You haven't one particle of love for a single human being on earth!" "The Woman—Dear me! The Man—Pardon me—I forgot about you.—Boston Transcript.

IN THE SCENT OF THE LILAC

The Flower That Brings Back Thoughts of Home to the Exiled New Englander.

Back at the old home the lilacs are blooming now, the whole long green purple copes of them that were set out by the mother the year the first came to the house. It was only a small shrub that she set out, brought from her mother's home and planted with loving thought on the south side of the house by the fence.

In later years you broke off for her great smelly bunches whose odor gave you a pang you couldn't understand, pulling down the tallest stems where somehow the finest plumes always grew.

A child should be taught from its earliest life to find entertainment in every kind or condition of weather. If it hears the elders constantly grumbling about such matters, the child's plastic mind is quick to receive the impression that a rainy day or an east wind is a disaster.

Happiness must come from within in order to respond to that which comes from without, just as there must be a musical ear and temperament to enjoy music.

RECEIVED BY MRS. MADISON

Recollections of "Drawing-Room" Held by the Wife of the Second President.

When it became known that Mrs. Madison intended to hold a reception it was called a "drawing-room" by everybody, and the White House was known as the "Palace," or less frequently, as the "Great House," for the names of things were still English.

There a brilliant scene greeted them; fully 200 people were present, and the house was glowing with lamps and large chandeliers having a thousand wax lights.

Probably the most up-to-date tobacco patch in the whole white burying district is the four-acre piece of land in Lexington, Ky., on which W. L. Petty will this year raise a crop of the valuable plants.

TOBACCO PATCH IN HEART OF CITY

First-class tobacco land is at a high premium these days and Mr. Petty paid about as much rent for the use of this city lot as he would have for a good sized office building.

MIND AND HEART

The key to every man is his thought. Sturdy and detrying though he look, he has a helm which he obeys, which is the idea after which all his facts are subsisted. He can only be reformed by showing him a new idea which commands his own.

HOW THE ROMAN EMPIRE GREW

Rome was founded B. C. 750; the Romans were expelled B. C. 508; and it was not until B. C. 290, 460 years after the founding of the city, that the Romans conquered their immediate neighbors, the Samnites, Latins, etc.

THE EASIEST WAY

"Give me a chance—Just one more chance!" pleaded the girl, with a wistful entreaty which should have melted the heart of a stone.

COMPARATIVE MERITS

"My husband is a great man. He can speak so that he can fire a whole crowd." "Humph! that's nothing. My husband can fire the cook."

HAPPINESS IN ALL THINGS

Can Be Found if One Will Systematically Determine to Look on the Bright Side.

One who is not born a musician needs to toil more assiduously to acquire skill in the art, however strong in his desire or great his taste, than the natural genius.

Do not anticipate the happiness of tomorrow, but discover it in today. Unless you are in the profound depths of some great despair you will find it if you look for it.

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SORROW THAT SOON PASSETH

Story Showing Effects of Time in Uplifting the "Heart Bowed Down."

"See that little woman who just went out?" remarked a milliner to a customer. "Notice that red hat, did you? Well, as a milliner and a person whose business it is to study the different characteristics of women, I have watched her for two years.

SEEK TO PREVENT DIVORCE

Attempt at Reconciliation Always Precedes Court Action in Switzerland.

Switzerland has an unusual way of managing her divorce cases. In every town there is a sort of official paper known as the Feuille d'Avis, says the New York Sun, in which one may read daily announcements like this:

Although there are no statistics published on the subject, a leading lawyer of Geneva, whose specialty is divorce cases, said recently that at least 30 per cent. of these cases are settled by the advice of the judge at meetings out of the court.

MAN'S DAYS FULL OF SORROW

According to Pessimistic Writer, Man's Troubles May All Be Traced to One Source.

Man born of woman is of few days—days full of women. In his infancy, women trot him upon his knees when he wisheth to lie in his cradle and think. They give him lugs and kisses when he thirsteth for milk.

Like a caged gamecock, he panteth for freedom—and flieth the coop.—Terrell Love Holliday, in Smart Set.

SERMONS FOR THE CHILDREN

Brooklyn Pastor Seeking to Make Services Attractive to His Smaller Auditors.

Rev. Dr. Robert MacDonald, pastor of the Washington Avenue Baptist church, began Sunday a series of eight children's sermons, covering the Sundays of May and June.

THE PIG-TAILED MAC

The Hon. W. Pember Reeves, who was at one time high commissioner for New Zealand, tells the following story: In that country Chinamen abound, and they have to resort to strategy to make good their position.

FORGOT THE CHURCH FOR THE MOMENT

A Manchester (Eng.) clergyman once displayed his prowess in the same way as the minister of Corsethorpe who recently knocked a footpad senseless.

A FUNNELLESS TORPEDO BOAT

The director of the royal dockyard at Castellamare, Italy, has produced, if the reports are to be believed, a torpedo boat without funnels.

NEWSPAPERS AS TEXT BOOKS

An experiment is being tried in the public schools at Denton of teaching the children by making the daily paper the reading text book.