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JAS. S. WRAY, Kingston, Aug. 3, 1892. Referring to the above I would beg to inform the public that I will keep on hand a full line of collars and neckties, and will attend to all orders promptly and in a manner that will give satisfaction.

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An Approaching Comet—Is it Biela's?

A comet, visible to the naked eye, and on November 17, in the constellation Andromeda, is now approaching the earth. It appeared on that date more than double the size that it was when first discovered by Professor Holmes by photography at Lick Observatory, about midnight on November 6, occupying, on the 17th, thirteen minutes of an arc of which it at first sight occupied only five. Up to November 17, Professor Pickering, of Harvard, stated that its orbit could not yet be estimated. Immediately upon the discovery of the comet Professor Pickering, says: "We got two positions with our large telescope, and on the 9th we found the comet. It was observed about the same time by Professor Barnard at the Lick Observatory. On the 10th a telegram was received from Professor Berberich, of Kiel Observatory, announcing that its orbit is the same as Biela's. On the 13th a contradiction was made. Meanwhile we have been getting observations of its location in space. Our observations reveal this interesting feature, that it has apparently remained stationary. Some one has written a paper to show that the methods of computing motion by increase or decrease of brightness are incorrect. The fact that the Holmes comet is apparently about stationary goes to show that it is approaching us directly or is moving slowly. This observatory is at present the only place where observations of brightness are being made. Hence we are particularly desirous that a bright comet should come. It is too early to determine how far off the comet will be when nearest the earth. Of course I cannot be sure that this is Biela's comet.

Biela's was a small comet only sixty-two years ago, a short one and remarkable for being a double one. It was discovered in 1826 by an Austrian officer, whose name it bears. Its periodic character was first detected by Gambart. It orbit brought it within a few thousand miles of the earth. The comet returned in 1852. Then it was expected that an encounter with the earth would take place, which created a panic in the south of France. It passed the point where the expected collision was to occur a month before the earth arrived, and the nearest the two objects came to each other was fifteen million miles. In 1859 it was again seen. In 1846 two comets were seen to grow from one, the first recorded instance of the kind. The first discovery of the division was made in New Haven. For four months the pair travelled side by side, 100,000 miles apart. Sometimes one was brighter than the other. On the night of Nov. 27, 1872, there was a wonderful meteoric shower. In November 1886, there was another, and it was concluded that the Biela comet was no more. That comet has been missing five times, and more than once under favorable conditions of visibility. It is once more the recurrence of its time, and perhaps it has flung up again for the last time, lighting its fires in honor of the Columbian period. Professor Pickering, besides observing the comet nightly with the 6 inch and 10 inch telescopes, has been photographing it and its spectrum with the 11 inch and 8 inch glasses.

According to the calculations of Professor Boss, of the Dudley Observatory, the Holmes comet will be very near the earth on November 27 and 28, probably within 1,000,000 miles. From the calculations, the earth is due to arrive at the point where its orbit is nearest the track of Biela's comet on the evening of November 27, at 10 o'clock, eastern standard time. The comet is apparently due to arrive at that point on the morning of November 28; but, owing to the disturbance by the attraction of the planets which the

comet has experienced, its exact course through space is not now known with sufficient accuracy to justify a prediction as to how near the comet will approach the earth. This must therefore be left to future observation and calculation. All that can now be said is that in case the Holmes comet is identical with the Biela's, its approach to the earth about November 28 will be much closer than in any other case on record.

Professor Boss estimates the distance of the comet from the earth, on the evening of November 13, to have been 13,500,000 miles. The comet then appeared as a large and bright nebula with well marked, though relatively faint, central condensation. The nebulaosity was found to be nine minutes in diameter, and was much better defined on the eastern than on the western side. The nucleus, or central condensation, was small and elongated toward the east. The diameter of the nebulaosity is estimated at about 36,000 miles, and of the densest part about 300 miles. There was no appearance of a solid kernel, such as is supposed to exist at the center of all great comets. Assuming the comet to be at the distance mentioned, any solid body at its center smaller than fifty miles in diameter would probably have escaped detection.—Ex.

Dear Sir,—This is to certify that I have had the Rheumatism so, by times, I could not walk. By chance I received a bottle of SCOTT'S CURE FOR RHEUMATISM. I have not been so free from pain in five years, and wish you every success with Scott's Cure. Yours respectfully, ELMER E. WARREN.

The Electoral College.

Table with columns for Year, Electoral Votes, and various states including Alabama, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Wyoming.

This is as nearly an accurate forecast of the votes in the Electoral College as can be made before the official count is made in the several states.

The greatest doubt at present exists in the state of Ohio, where the plurality for either Cleveland or Harrison will not exceed 1,000. The Democrats claim the State by 600, but the Republicans declare Harrison will get the electoral vote. They base their claims on returns received and corrections of erroneous returns from some counties. One of the Democratic electors, owing to the confusion in marking the ballots by some of the voters, seems to have run well ahead of his ticket. The result will probably be a division of the vote, 23 going to Harrison and 1 to Cleveland.

There is apparently no further doubt of California, Harrison seeming to have a safe plurality. Nebraska was carried by Harrison, though for three days the People's party claimed it.

"A Back Number."

This is the slightest remark that is often applied to women who try to seem young, though they no longer look so. Sometimes appearances are deceitful. Female weakness, functional troubles, displacements and irregularities will add fifteen years to a woman's looks. These troubles are removed by the use of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. Try this remedy, all you such beauty and freshness is fading from such causes, and no longer figure in society as a "back number." It is guaranteed to give satisfaction in every case, or money paid for it returned. See guarantee on bottle wrapper.

An ingenious Indian has invented a plow in which an auger or screw mold board is operated by means of a drive wheel in the rear.

Mystery of the Mackerel.

[Cape Ann Advertiser, Nov. 12.] Where mackerel go for the winter is one of the fish mysteries. When the first snow flies in the Bay of Fundy, mackerel disappear. They are abundant in the gulf of St. Lawrence and off Newfoundland until that time, plump and juicy and very toothsome, the result of their having fed well on their migration northward. The next seen of them is in March off Cape Hatteras. All their plumpness is then gone, and the New York Tribune says, they look as if they had eaten nothing all winter. There is a scaly growth over their eyes which blinds them. Nobody whose palate has been taught what good mackerel are cares to eat such fish. Many old fishermen think that the flesh tastes of mud in the spring.

One theory in regard to this is that the mackerel go into the mud in the winter and remain there, and that this has the effect of producing a cataract, or scale, for the protection of the eye, and imparting an earthy taste to the flesh. Mackerel have been speared in the Bay of Fundy by men who cut through the ice to look for fish. Occasionally mackerel have been found in the mud, but cases of this kind are so rare that they fail to establish any rule in regard to the habits of the fish. The only certainty is that mackerel disappear from all waters visited by fishing vessels from late in the fall until spring.

The fish naturally love the shore and are to be found close to the land in the regular season. Since fishing vessels cover this ground all the year round, it is safe to suppose that if mackerel were there they would be caught at times out of season. If the fish go into deep water for the winter and move seaward, they put aside entirely the habits that have been observed in them, and in the winter time acquire traits which they seem innately averse in the warm weather months.

Mackerel do not like cold water, and it is not believed that they remain in the northern bays during the winter. There is certainly no explanation, if it be assumed that they make their winter home off Newfoundland, for their appearance in a latitude much further south in the spring. Canadian fishermen have several times tried to make trouble over mackerel catches, claiming that mackerel remain in northern waters as their natural habitation and that the mackerel coming up from Hatteras are not at all the same fish found in the Bay of Fundy. This theory has not been accepted, however, by American fishermen, and the claims of the Canadians do not seem plausible enough to have justified any action by the authorities of the Dominion.

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Archbishop Ireland Joke.

Archbishop Ireland has a keen sense of humor, and enjoys perpetrating a joke in a quiet way, even if he has a practical turn. In addition to English the archbishop speaks fluently French, German, Italian and several other foreign languages. During his late sojourn in Europe he had occasion to go to Florence, Italy. He entered a hotel, and was taken, as he knew he would be, for anything but an Italian. The landlord suavely addressed him in French, asking him if he would put up as a guest. The archbishop shook his head, indicating that he did not understand the language. The landlord then addressed him in German. The archbishop shook his head. The landlord then addressed him in Hungarian. And again the prelate shook his head. The landlord then, to the surprise of the archbishop, addressed him in English.

"Well," said the archbishop, in excellent Italian, "I thought this was an Italian hotel. I want an Italian hotel, and I'll go out and find one."

Of course the Italian flew in his effort to head off the prelate in the progress toward the door and convince him that it was a simon-pure Italian hector.

"This is an Italian hotel, and I'm an Italian," repeated the nimble-tongued landlord over and over.

"And why didn't you address me in Italian?" said the archbishop, feigning to be offended, as soon as he was able to put a word edge-wise.

The landlord made profuse explanations and apologies, and when the distinguished divine had enjoyed the fellow's discomfiture to his heart's content he accepted the apologies and quieted matters.

Readable Paragraphs.

Marley—Tell me candidly, does your wife care for you? Marigold—Oh, yes; I'd starve if she didn't.

"Is he quick tempered?" Quick tempered? Why, his temper breaks three records every day."

"Gosh!" exclaimed Josiah Punkerton, as he gazed at the leopard in the menagerie, "jes' look at them freckles!"

The indignant mother—"You say the young scamp took you in his arms! What did you say to him?" The artless daughter—"I said, 'Hold on!'"

Rising Young Physician (who cured so many patients in last year's epidemic). "Not much chance of much influenza in England this winter, I fancy!" His wife. "Let us hope for the best, dearest!"

"Oh, mamma, Jack Longacre proposed to me last night and I accepted him."

"Are you sure you love him, dear?" "Why, mama, what an old fogey you are. What in the world has that got to do with it."

"That was quite a little joke of mine," he said, with enthusiasm, after he had exerted himself with a bon mot: "did you see it?" "Oh, yes," she answered wearily. "I saw it last week in a newspaper."—Washington Star.

Not long ago in a Snohomish Sunday-school the teacher of the infant class remarked that it wicked to swear.

"Tain't wicked for my pa to swear," cried out a brown-eyed tot; "he has to, 'cos he drives oxen."

Mary (angrily):—"I think you are the biggest fool in town, John."

John (mildly): "Well, Mary, mother used to tell me that when I was a boy, but I never thought she was right about it, until I married you."

Charlie Youngnoodle—Do you know, Miss Alice, that you have sapphire eyes, ruby lips, and golden hair!

Alice—Go away! But there is one thing I haven't got.

C. Y.—What's that?

Alice—A diamond ring.

Jones—"Why an earth do you offer such a large reward for the return of that horrid, yawning, snapping cur?" Brown—"To please my wife."

Jones—"But such a large reward will be sure to bring him back." Brown—"Oh no it won't. He's dead. I drowned him myself."

A Scottish gentleman who had in his services an Irishman as gardener was often astonished by the quick reply of the latter to any question. One day this gentleman thought to puzzle Pat by asking—"Pat, can you tell me why Adam wasn't born a baby?" "Because, sir, there was no woman to nurse him," was the quick reply.

He—If I were to try to kiss you what would you do?

She—Scream.

He—Do you mean it?

She (impressively)—Indeed I do, so you had better wait until we are out of hearing of the hotel.

Father—Why, I am told you are in love with Signora Fontalba de Politeama!

Son (excitedly)—Just so, father; and if you have anything against this estimable lady, be good enough to wait till I am out of hearing.

Father—Oh I merely wished to tell you that I courted the Signora myself when I was your age.

He—you know, darling, that I am not very rich, so if we are married we must live as cheaply as possible. Can you be economical?

She—I should think, Harold, I had shown you that already.

"Shown me—how?"

"Why, haven't I saved money for papa by sitting in the same chair with you every night you have been here for the past year?"—Boston News.

Bunting—Dr. Paresis is the most successful physician I know of. He has marvelous success, in fact.

Larkin—He knows medicine thoroughly, I suppose.

Bunting—It isn't that altogether. He has his prescriptions written out on a type writer.—Judge.

The young man was bold and he wanted the girl, so he interviewed the father. "So," said the old gent, after the proposition had been stated, "you wish to marry my daughter?" "Exactly so, sir."

"And you can support her in the style she expects?"

"I think so, sir."

"Are you sure?"

"Well, I may say I am."

"Then take her, my boy, and if you succeed in what you have tackled, I'll be blessed if you won't be doing better than I have ever been able to do," and the old man glared in gloe.

He was a fine, and a man like never gets a lick amiss.

The harder you hit him the better.

He had asked the girl to marry him, and she was on his curves.

"No," she said firmly.

He became theatrical.

"You have crushed my life at one blow," he murmured hoarsely.

"I guess not," she responded.

"Ah, but you do not know," he insisted. "You have killed me—killed me!"

"Well, if I have," she remarked coldly, "you must be a cat, for I know seven other girls who have done the same thing, and you are not dead yet. You've got one more chance."

Then the iron entered his soul.—Detroit Free Press.

Young mother.—He is somewhat cross to-day. He is teething.

Old Rachel (in great awe of the mipa of humanity)—And when do you expect him to commence—er—commence—hairing?—Pack.

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Don't.

St. Louis Republic: Don't strike your horse when he is doing his best before the carriage on a trot, before a heavy load on a walk.

Don't drive a horse or team without a whip; it may save your life and that of your team at a railway crossing or on the side of a steep bank.

Don't water your horse or team when hot with exercise or hard work; if they want refreshing, sponge out the mouth.

Don't allow your team to stand in the stall with maddly legs after you have, by fast driving on muddy roads, spashed them all over with mud; wash their legs and rub until dry.

Don't allow the cheek of your horse's bridle to raise his head higher than he would naturally carry it; it is cruel torture, the fashion which demands it is detestable folly.

Don't allow your farrier to pare your horse's hoofs because they are soft and easy to cut, but make him pare the toes where they need it, even if they are hard.

Don't drive your horse fast down a steep decline if you desire to keep their legs straight.

Don't work a colt before he is three years old, and after that only in a gentle light work fashion.

Don't use a mare until she is four years old and has her full growth if you expect to raise sizeable and serviceable colts.

Don't give your horse double feed because you intend him to do a hard day's work; give him extra care after the work.

Don't allow yourself to use profanity in handling other horses or cattle; remember that you are a man and they are only brutes.

Don't strike your cow because in fighting flies she happens to hit you; a whack across the face with her fly-brush; she does not know that your head is in the way.

To Prevent the Grip.

Or any other prevalent epidemic, the blood and the whole system should be kept in healthy condition. If you feel worn out or have "that tired feeling" in the morning, do not be guilty of neglect. Give immediate attention to yourself. Take Hood's Sarsaparilla to give strength, purify the blood and prevent disease.

Hood's Pills cure liver ills, jaundice biliousness, sick headaches, constipation.

Don't in the Eye.

When, in traveling, a bit of dust gets in the eye, it is the best to remain quiet for a little as the tears may be irritated. Don't use any of those eye drops which irritate the eye, but use the new scientific eye drops in the operation. The head of a pin inserted with the end of a pocket-handkerchief, and moistened with saliva may be used about between the eyelid and eyeball, and will detach the intruder if not too firmly fixed. Another plan is to get a fellow-traveler to raise the eyelid with his fingers, and then gently wipe the eye with a clean handkerchief, or remove the foreign body if he can see in.

A little piece of paper, passed to a point in an eye. A drop of olive oil or castor oil introduced into the eye will often drive a pin and intolerance of light produced by a fire irritant, so said.