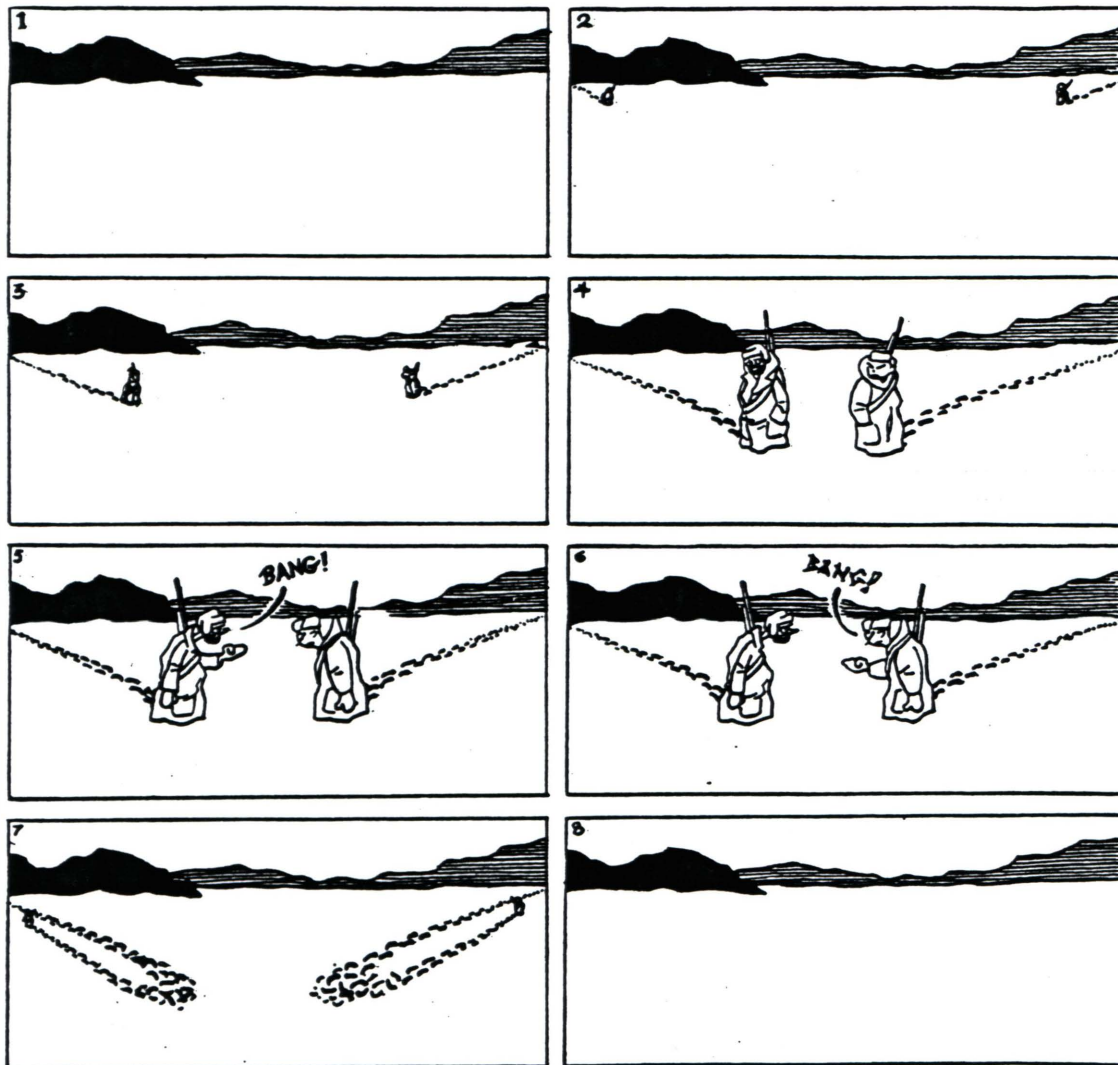


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FIRST PRIZE

It's Raven, this time, with one of the sweetest toppers within memory. It's from the San Francisco Examiner of 9-23-51 old style, but the dateline is Columbus, Ohio. No news service is credited.

Honeybees are to blame for a peculiar, gummy rainfall in a Columbus suburb. Residents of the Hill-top area complained of a mysterious spotting on cars. State Apiarist S. E. Bailey checked, and said bees were to blame. His explanation: "Clover is in bloom, Bees take on too much honey. Once aloft, they find it difficult to fly and jettison part of their load."

Second place to MFS Grant.

AP reported from Irwin, Pa., July 17, that several farm buildings and twelve Holsteins were burned up, to the tune of \$45,000. "The owner, Milton Norwich, said a bird may have caused the blaze by dropping a lighted cigarette in the overhang of a barn. Grant adds: "I never realized before that birds smoke."

Third spot to MFS Mitchell.

An FBI man from Detroit, James Vincent Healy, Jr., *de* 27, reported for duty in New Haven, July 8. On July 22, he shot and killed himself, near Seymour, Conn., *accro* "a Medical Examiner". A clear case of conscience, eh?

Runners-up were headed by Giles, who sent the tid-bit about the Governor of Hong Kong, Sir Alexander Grantham. Sir Alex "abolished" the search warrant in his bailiwick, giving his police lief to search homes, vehicles, ships and planes at their discretion, "on the grounds (that) the (old, due process) procedure was too slow."

Davidson found this in *True Magazine*, June 1950: That in Devonshire, in the spring of 1933, "in a lonely section of a farm," was discovered a church which "from appearances . . . Had been erected in the 14th century, yet no mention of the building

could be found in official records and no individual, including the farmer who owned the land, had ever before seen or heard of it."

MFS Bonavia took from the N. Y. *Daily News* of 8-16-51, the story of the activities of Dr. A. S. Parkes, National Institute of Medical Research, London. The doc has been freezing sperm. The "seed" of men, animals and fowls, he says, may be kept indefinitely, thawed out, and planted. Bonavia calls it THE SOUVENIR BANK.

Several member sent in the pecan tree that exploded, a mile outside Dallas, Texas. Blast heard for 15 miles. Nobody could explain it. Nobody saw it happen, but a pecan tree 40 feet high and 12 feet "in circumference" was found toppled over and blackened. "Bark had been hurled 50 feet." Dynamite is mentioned, but UP does not tell how dynamite was deduced. "Police were mystified by the explosion."

Elsender found a wry scrap in the London *Times* of Oct. 12. A coal mine at Abercarn, Monmouthshire, exploded in 1878, killing "about" 260 men. In 1911 "attempts were first made to reopen the pit" and the bones of 3 men were found and "put in a specially made box which was placed in a store-room and forgotten." The box was found last autumn and the bones were buried "by the local council" October 11, 1951 old style. Damn that man Lewis!

Early Thanksgiving morning two New Haven trains moving abreast on parallel tracks in the subway under Park Avenue, N.Y.C., "collided". They were only going 10 miles an hour, it says here, but 27 were injured, 2 "critically". No explanation of why one car should "veer". AP notes that, "It came just one year after Long Island Railroad wreck, Nov. 22, 1950, in which 79 persons were killed." Cr Giles.

A dozen rhesus monkeys consigned to the U of Southern California "for use in research work" pried open their cage in a New Orleans railway yard and escaped. Iowa City *Press*, 7-14-51 Cr Eaton

Elsewhere in this issue, see another triumph of those Florida Scientists who dabble in fruit garbage. Here is a third achievement sent in by Mitchell. The chemists are making "mushroom soup from fruit-cannery wastes." *Newsweek*, 10-29-51. Any of you who are tired of putting up with that kind of synthetic "nourishment" should write to Rodale, Emmaus, Pa., who is doing something about it.

YS does not know how many millions a "flying box-car" (C-82) costs us tax payers, but whatever the figure is, here is the way to dispose of that much dough in a hurry. One of them "developed engine trouble" between Japan and Korea, and the unnamed pilot "set the automatic control and gave the order to bail out". The plane flew 200 miles after it had been abandoned in the air, and two jet lieutenants were sent up to shoot it down. Oh-oh, say, can you see? San Francisco *Chronicle*, 6-3-51.

A good many sent in the African Senator who had been eaten by his constituents on the Ivory Coast a year ago. The waggish UP—"We're having trouble finding some one to run for election," said an official of the Upper Chamber of the French Parliament.

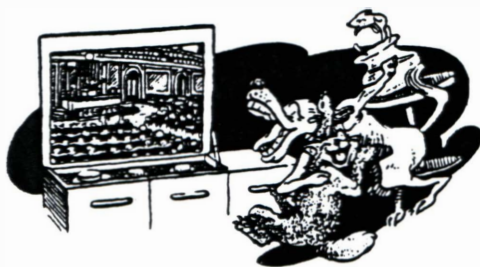
Another Senator got into the Fortean news in December. He is M. M. Neely of West Virginia, said to be 77 years old. Sen. Neely, who appears to have been an attorney at one time or another, was

defending Mrs. T. B. Loudin in a damage suit at Fairmont.

When Neely was Governor of W. Va., he appointed Mrs. Loudin to the Board of Education. Subsequently, Mrs. Loudin and Dr. Luella R. Mundell came to litigation. Luella was head of the art department at Fairmont State College, and she was fired, allegedly because Mrs. Loudin told her fellow Board members that Luella was an Atheist.

In court, counsel Neely shouted at Luella's attorney, "You're a filthy, lousy liar."

Let us not judge the old boy too harshly. He just forgot where he was. He thought he was on the floor of the Senate.



ECONOMY

Because the Post Office has whooped the rate to 2 cents each for our acknowledgment of data cards, we shall discontinue their use. Members who send data will be credited in a list like this henceforward. Credit Sussman, Lasko, Hall (who writes, "I ain't been sending any data because I can't stand to read newspapers.") Rockmore, Mitchell, Mealy, L. Keating, Bonavia, Neubauer, Bennett, A. Grant, Goeller, Collander, Haliburton, E. Martin, B. Goldstein, W. Anderson, Oltscher, Pollard (who should, please, stop using "Scotch" tape!), Herbert, D. Bloch, A. Wilson, Giles, F. McMahon, N. Harris, Parr, Childers, Ritchie, Clayton, Simpson, Millar, Hammett, W. P. Grant, D. Carlson, C. Williams, Eaton, Laclede, Davidson, Ravins, Sarvis, Gee, Wakefield, Arnold, J. Williams, Bristol, Lovell, D. Green, Darnell, Waller, Whiteside, Harris, Creviston, Raven, Layne, M. Smith, Elsander, Nelle, *El Guto*, Barneson, Macintosh, Punnett. Others are noted elsewhere or have asked not to be credited.

Among the contributions from the above were 158 pieces concerned with saucers, disks, discs, meteors, lights in the sky, fire balls — including the green ones in the S. W. As all the material on these subjects accumulates, a technic for separating it categorically is being developed slowly. What once appeared to be quite hopeless, may not remain so. Keep the data coming. The more we have the better able we should be to classify the lot.

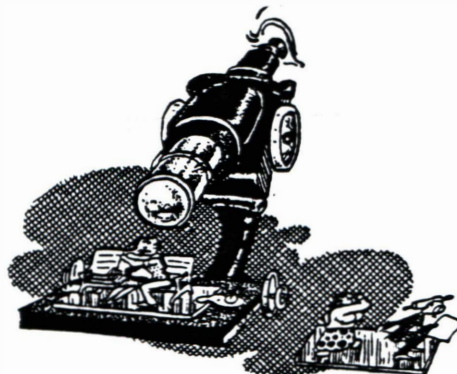


RUSSELL'S BEST

The U. S. Army insist that G. I. pants have full complement of suspender-buttons, twelve million per general issue, and each soldier is issued a pair of suspenders, which Army Regulations forbid the men to wear. *Manchester Guardian*, 1-3-52 old style.

The California Department of Mental Hygiene has recommended television sets for the 39,000 patients under its care. *Liverpool Echo*, 11-5-51.

Not to be outdone by the grape-fruit garbage reclaimers already mentioned in DOUBT, two "Florida" scientists, reported from Dallas (Texas?) that "oil from citrus fruit peelings" prevented the growth of tuberculosis germs. *Echo*, 11-5-51.



The National League of Mental Health, Washington, D.C., is being granted an unstated sum by the U.S. Govt., "to discover what love is" . . . "to study unconscious factors governing courtship and mate selection." *Echo*, 10-12-51.

The University of Michigan has a similar racket already in operation in its Institute of Human Biology, but no Federal grant is mentioned. *Reynolds News*, 10-21-51.

The King of Cambodia was shipping a white elephant to Truman as a gift, as of last July. Russell heads it — COALS TO NEWCASTLE! *Manchester Guardian*, 7-30-51

Tuna failed to show in British Columbian waters for first time in 13 years. "Their disappearance is being investigated." So that's what became of Martin Dies! *Reynolds News*, 11-11-51

An American "Superfortress" was scheduled to drop "a wreath" on Hiroshima on the sixth anniversary of the dropping of something else. Russell heads it, MIGHTY WHITE, HUH? *Manchester Guardian*, 8-6-51.

Four Japanese trading companies, once part of the giant financial oligarchy broken up early in the occupation announced that they would reamalgamate soon. *Ibid.*, 9-24-51

The same paper prints a squawk "by a Student of the Air", over this circumstance: "British civil aircraft must now seek permission from the U. S. Air Force if they wish to land at certain places in Britain." Russell heads it, HEIL, COLUMBIA! *Ibid.*, 9-29-51.

Four Negroes were beaten in Indianola, Miss., until they "confessed" a murder. The missing man later turned up alive. George Marshall, Sheriff of Sunflower County "reprimanded" the deputies who had done the beating. *Ibid.*, 7-26-51

One Edwin Baron, professional hypnotist of Chicago, makes women lose weight by suggestion while they are under his trance. *Daily Express*, 7-12-51

"Beachcomber"—a columnist—writes:

"Oh, mother, what's this lovely taste,

Half fish and half adhesive paste?"

"My love, it's processed egg, new-laid,

And comes by freighter from Port Said.

So, little one, do not forget

How Science holds us in her debt."

Ibid., 7-5-51

A Vienna music critic wrote that the chorus of the Graz Opera sounded like "a bevy of miniature pinchers". The opera sued and the court fined the critic—Herr Ahne—500 schillings, which is roughly \$25. *Manch. Guardian*, 9-20-51

At the Watergate Theatre Club in London, a German company from Dusseldorf was performing "a waspish entertainment called *Between Whisky and Vodka*". The picture below is taken from the program, and the German caption is translated: "Please, please, I'd much rather not join in the game this time." *Ibid.*, 11-24-51



In a signed article by Charles Wighton, Bonn correspondent, this appears:

"British officials here favour immediate German rearmament as the only way to curb German competition threatening Britain's trade." That's putting it in a capsule for you, isn't it? *Daily Express*, 12-2-51

In a very funny World Copyright article by Antony Terry, writing from Berlin, the inroads of English and American words upon the German language are decried, with these examples:

Kannst du mich uppicken? (Will you pick me up?)

Der fight was schlecht gemanaged. (The fight was badly managed.)

Es ist nicht gelistet. (It is not listed.)

One newspaper printed the notice of a movement to halt this horror under the headline: Verein Will Kein Phoney Deusch. (Society Wants No Phoney German). *Sunday Times*, 11-11-51

Some students of Louvain U, Belgium, telephoned Heverle convent school, where are 1500 girls, saying that King Baudoin and entourage would be stopping there in an hour. The boys dressed up, filled four limousines, and made the call. The girls cheered. The "King" prayed with the Sister Superior, and so on, but the hoax was discovered before the boys got away. More fun! *Manch. Guardian*, 11-23-51

The American movie about Mindszenty, *Guilt of Treason*, which sensible Americans of taste simply neglected to patronize, was banned in Holland by the Netherlands Film Board. *Ibid.*, 10-25-51

The French "authorities" in Togoland banned the newspaper *Ghana Daily Express* for its criticism of French rule in that part of Africa. *Ibid.*, 10-13-51

"A plan to save newsprint by voluntarily cutting down the number of newspaper printed for street sale is to be tried in America." *Liverpool Echo*, 9-25-51 (Russell's head is HURRAH!)

Manilal Gandhi, 58, son of the Mahatma, ran afoul of the law in Durban by defying South Africa's race segregation laws in a public library and a railroad station. *Reynolds News*, 9-23-51

"Churchmen" of Buck Hills Falls, Pa., "angrily protested" the showing of an indoctrination film produced for young men, entitled, *Are You Ready For Service?* *Daily Express*, 1-17-52

The Civil Defense hokum is doing no better in Britain than it did here. The response of the public, and "recruitment" stuck at so low a point that Commander T. D. Galbraith told Dundee "authorities" that service might have to be made compulsory. *Manch. Guardian*, 1-25-52

A Conscientious Objector in Blandford, Dorset, told the court that — "Compulsory subjection to military discipline is unpardonable in any country, not to mention a free one, and the discipline that exists in British Army is an insult and degradation to any self-respecting man. I therefore refuse to perform military service on the ground that in either of the forces I would be of no use to myself or to my country." *Manch. Guardian*, 1-17-51

A new and sanitary PEACE movement has back of it more than 350 British writers. It is called Authors' World Peace Appeal, and a conference was holden in London last October, attended by about 120 of the biggest names.

YS will not endanger the independence of individual Fortean by affiliating the Society with this group, but he will join them as an individual and

keep the membership posted on developments. *London Times*, 10-29-51

About 50 Japanese pacifists stormed a Tokio police station and beat up the cops for arresting one of their number for distributing anti-war leaflets. *Liverpool Echo*, 7-26-51

A "new type" of star has been invented by the astronomers. This one is not only invisible to the naked eye but to those attired in telescopes as well. These are "radio stars", which means that the only way you know they are there is by "radio astronomy". This would be nonsense if it were not paying off to somebody, and the mouthpiece named in this squib is one J. A. Ratcliffe, of the Cavendish Laboratories, Cambridge. *Manch. Guardian*, 11-24-51

A flea found in Provo, Utah, was unknown there. It was sent to the Brit. Mus., and Dr. Carl Jordan said he never had met that one himself. It is now called *Jordanopsylla Allredi*. *Liverpool Echo* heads its story, **LITTLE STRANGER**, 11-5-51

A dog fell down a pit shaft. Human folk thought it was too badly injured to save. Poisoned meat was let down. Dog ate, and keeled over. Nine days later, dog made so much noise it was rescued. Only damage was a broken leg. L. A. Corcoran, RSPCA Inspector said, "I put sufficient poison into the meat to kill six dogs." *Manch. Guardian*, 10-31-51

An 18-year-old boy in Tokyo ate 25 sticks dynamite, "thinking they were sweetened paste". No explosion to speak of. *Reynolds News*, 11-4-51

An African on trial at Mbabane for murder of three children fell dead in court. "Nothing organically wrong." Authorities said he "willed himself to death". *Echo*, 7-30-51

S. J. Narigao, Lisbon, *ue* 69, had been blind 13 years. Sight recovered and sees perfectly. "He had not been receiving any treatment." *Echo*, 9-8-51

"Doctors at St. Mary's Maternity Hospital, Manchester, have proved that it is possible to vaccinate newborn infants with B. C. G., against tuberculosis." *Guardian*, 9-21-51



POISON BREAD

Lord Teviot told the Peers (of England) that he "believed there is something poisonous in the national bread". His Lordship grinds his own flour at home and makes his bread from that. Agene is mentioned as deleterious. *Journal & North Mail*, 7-5-51 *Cr Elsander*

Agene was attacked again in the British press, *Newcastle Evening Chronicle*, 8-9-51, called a "nerve poison".

On the night of Aug. 17, in Pont-Saint-Esprit, France, some 200 persons called doctors "for urgent care". Symptoms, vomiting, chills, below normal

temperature, hallucinations, visions of monsters, flames and murderers.

Dean of Medicine at Montpelier U mention ergot. "The ergot is a kind of mushroom." *Daily Telegraph*, 8-28-51. "Some of the bread was thrown into the Rhone river and the fish died." *Chronicle*, do.

Three dead, thirty in hospitals. Not all the affected people had eaten bread. Much delirium, suicide attempts. Twenty-four mills closed. No evidence against any. "Ducks and cats were stricken after being fed bread crumbs." *Her-Trib*, 8-29

A fourth person died. An 11-year-old child affected. AP worked "Russia" into the picture on 8-20. "A scientist said there was such an epidemic in Russia in 1926." *Her-Trib*

Five in coma.

Manch. Guardian doesn't think it's ergot, because "ergot tastes rancid and gives off a fishy odour". 8-31

The Police Commissioner said: "I know where the rye which caused the trouble came from. It was an accident and not a malevolent act." *North Mail*, 8-31

The police arrested a miller in Amiens as the source of the bad flour. *Scottish Daily Express*, 9-1

Same paper, 10-14, "A Parisian hydraulic engineer says he has made tests which prove that poisons from a gas-works seeped into the town's (Pont-Saint-Esprit's) water supply."

North Mail, 10-15, Fresh cases of bread madness broke out over the week-end in Pont-Saint-Esprit . . . "Altho the miller was safely under arrest".

Daily Mirror (London), 10-25-51. "Fifty villagers in Bihar, India, went mad after eating flour bought at a village fair. Some men and women undressed completely, others leaped about in trees, acting like Tarzan . . . Two women flour sellers arrested. All flour mills closed."

Not a peep since then.

EARTH BURNS

A plumber stuck a shovel into the earth to get at a broken water pipe, in Newman, Calif. Earth flamed. He tried again. More fire. Rubbing a cloth with his fingers brought more fire. No gas leaks. Sample sent to State Fire Marshal. No report at press time, but one suggestion was, that the site had formerly been a drugstore, and maybe the owner buried his phosphorous there! *Cr M. Smith, Davidson, Mitchell, Barneson* and many others.



FALLS

Ice, Mar. 28, 51 old style, called a "lump" — damaged roof of general store, Brentford, Middlesex.

Pigs, July 13, in "the Medway towns". Not actually seen to fall, but—one on road caught by police of

Rainham, a few minutes later, one in Rochester, four miles away. A third in Luton, three miles in a different direction. A fourth at Strood. "Said the police: 'It must have been raining pigs in the night'." *London Evening Standard*. Cr Gee.

Frog, from the skies to the deck of a liner at Buenos Aires, during a rainstorm. Just one frog—"proved to be a white-lipped hyla, a rare species. It was sent, alive, to the London Zoo. *Seattle Times*, 7-19-51, Cr Payne

Money, \$530 and more, in \$10 and \$20 bills, at the corner of East Fayette and South Warren Streets, Syracuse, N. Y. U.P. papers, 7-27. Cr Oltscher, and several others.

A five-pound steel ball—"appeared to have been attached to a plane by a copper wire"—buried itself in an asphalt paved street, Tacoma, Wash. 8-17. *S. F. Chronicle*

Yellow—"bright" yellow—rain, at Invercargill, New Zealand. When dry, left "a powdery substance, coloured yellow . . . in patches on paths and gardens. An official of the weather office said some substance had been suspended in the air, and been caught in the raindrops." *Echo*, 10-20

Fish—called "killfish or fundulus diaphanus" from 1/2 inch to 3 inches, "found in puddles of rain water where there had been no fish the night before," in Washington, D. C. The Smithsonian Institution theorized—"the usual". *Buffalo Evening News*, 11-27-51 Cr. Giles

A "greyish white dust or grit" settled over Fenham, Benwell and Newcastle (Eng.), during the two weeks before 10-15. Shrubbery all grey, house-paint sage colour, windows look "frosted". Factories refused to take blame. *Chronicle*

Elsender sent us a sample of the dust. "Girl who gave me this said it was very difficult to lift—it was so light." Any chemist want to analyze it?

FROG INVASIONS

None of the following state that the frogs fell: "Thousands" at Hunmanby (Eng.) R. R. station.

Lonview and Kalama, Wash., "a river of tiny frogs, 50 to 75 feet wide, moved slowly along the highway . . . headed nowhere."

CASTILLO IN TOILS

Art was arrested in Chicago for refusing to be inducted into the army. His trial is set for Feb. 26.

YS does not know how the artist will plead on that day, but you will be informed as soon as possible. We shall also have a great deal more to say on this subject—later.

AUTHORITIES BAFFLED

Just which authorities are baffled is difficult to get at, probably the flaming sweater authorities. Anyway, sweaters bought from peddlers burst into flame, and the *Pittsburgh Press* says the authorities are "baffled".

Oltscher and Bonavia both sent this dautm, and Oltscher writes:

"In Plutarch's *Lives* (one on Alexander the Great) he talks of naphtha in a place called Ecbatana (near Babylon) issuing from a cleft in the earth, which ignites with extreme ease. He suggests that Medea used the petroleum product to treat the clothing she sent as a wedding gift to Jason's new wife-to-be and when the girl put on the clothing they ignited and she burned to death. After reading this item in Plutarch today, I found the attached news item doubly interesting."

PRETTY HOT PAPER

Send two bucks to EXPOSE, 56 West 55th Street, N.Y.C. It has a few special angles we could do without, but in the main it fills a need.

E. HALDEMAN-JULIUS

Died 21 FS

WHAT EVER BECAME OF —

Pvt. George L. Mark?

On December 13, 1945 old style, George was invited by the house military affairs committee to give his views on the War Department plan for peacetime military conscription.

In the first place, he said, it isn't a plan, it's a plot—a plot of "aristocratic phoneyes and Pentagon Boy Scouts" to keep themselves in high rank.

"These officers don't like work," he said. "If they did they wouldn't be in the Army. They're in the Army as officers because they can't make a fight in the competitive game."

Mark is 37, bald and still wearing khaki. He sold hair tonic as a civilian. There are six other servicemen in his family.

The "big bras," he said, are "bemedaled four-flushers who pass out decorations with one hand and doctor reports on demobilization with the other."

Told that the Army wants a compulsory system because a voluntary enlistment program is expensive, he observed:

"Huh, ain't that a joke! In the Pacific area, we are dumping so-called surplus jeeps into the ocean. In the Philippines, we destroy food before the eyes of the starving people. Since when has the Army become economy minded?" *Idaho Daily Statesman*, 12-14-45

PATTON MARCHES ON

Edward O'Neill writing in the N. Y. Sunday News, 8-5-51, stated that "Adm. William M. (Bill) Fechteler, 55, the newly-appointed Chief of Naval Operations and Navy representative on the Joint Chiefs of Staff, is a blunt, sometimes salty son of an admiral, frequently described as a 'Gen. Patton-on-a-battleship' type of leader."

That paragraph is enough to make you think, if you recollect that Patton's chief claim to fame is that he kicked a sick private lying on the ground at his feet. Very salty, that.

YS worried about Adm. (Bill) from Aug. to Oct., fearful that the soul of Patton might have got into the Fechteler body by transmigration.

In Oct., we were relieved by a clip sent in by MFS Mitchell. The soul of Patton appears not to have entered Adm. (Bill's) body but to be hovering over Rockville Center, Long Island.

I quote:

"An unidentified sadist, belived to be a neighborhood youth, yesterday broke into a small animal cage in the backyard of a private home and chopped up two rabbits." *Newsday*, 10-6-51

GERM THEORY DELOUSED

LMFS Guy Rogers and his wife Nell don't believe that germs cause disease, and they have assailed the bastions of Organized Medicine all their lives. Their latest blast is a booklet in which they marshal much red-hot evidence and call some high-powered witnesses to support their position—Bechamp, Herbert M. Shelton, Bernarr Macfadden, Trall, Tilden. It's THE MEDICAL MISCHIEF, YOU SAY! — exciting reading. Illustrated. From the Society. \$1.00

IN BROADER VEIN

Another MFS who would let nature take its course, not only in malaise but in most everything else, is R. Jaque, whose run-in with the stooges for serum-makers has been mentioned in recent DOUBTS. Jaque has compiled a mimeographed booklet called *Freefolk Guide*. "a nature-lover's manuscript which tells how you can free yourself from civilized slavery to markets, doctors, drug-stores and tax-collectors."

The chances are you won't go the whole way with Frere Jaque, but you can't read *Freefolk Guide* without some profit. From the Society, \$1.00.

PRIDEFUL COINCIDENCE

India's Independence Day, January 26, is also the anniversary of the Founder's Dinner, which started the Fortean Society. It is, in fact, the real first day of the Fortean Year, 1931 AD — the Year 1 FS.

HEADS UP!

Will members in the following cities please send to YS several recent issues of newly founded daily papers in their communities, together with comment on how the new papers have been received? If no new paper has been founded since July of the year 21 FS (1951 old style), please state that.

Allentown, Pa.

Monroe, La.

Texarkana, Ark.

Springfield, Mo.

Meriden, Conn.

Lorain, Ohio

Huntington, W. Va.

Beckley, W. Va.

Charleston, W. Va.

ALGERNON BLACKWOOD

Died 21 FS *ætat* 82

One of his last acts was

the signing of the

Authors' World Peace Appeal

FORTEAN-ANARCH BIRTH

Holley Cantine and Dachine Rainer, who made the book, *Prison Etiquette*, with their own hands and feet, wish to announce their most recent collaborative enterprise—Theres Christine Cantine—born January 11, 22 FS.

WALLANDER'S OUT

The N. Y. C. Director of Civil Defense—Arthur W. Wallander—big arm-band and dog-tag man—has resigned. Does that mean The Crisis is over? —or did he just get a belly-full of making an ass of himself

ABOUT FATIMA

MFS Paul Kiepe writes:

Did any Fortean ever check world weather reports for October 13, 1917—the day of the Fatima event, to see what people at distant places, yet presumably lighted by the same sun over half the world—what these people thought the sky looked like at clock time corresponding to Fatima's 12 noon? When the sun over Fatima was supposed to have been dancing.

Members will recall that the sacred doll, Fatima was taken on a tour of the world, and crashed with a plane full of nuns in the Andes.

Now comes the word that lightning struck Our Lady of Fatima Basilica in Lisbon, Nov. 8, damaging a spire and destroying a dais erected for holy year.

Also at hand, in this connection, the dome of St. John the Evangelist, Buenos Aires, collapsed upon those praying there, 10-22, killing at least nine, injuring thirty, sixteen of them seriously.

On Dec. 1, Guido Giudi, 7, entered a church at Albenga, Italy, and tried to dip into the holy water. The font tipped over on him, crushing him to death.

Same date, near Quito, Ecuador, a bus carrying pilgrims home from a visit to the Virgin De La Pena sanctuary upset on a curve, killing eleven and injuring twenty.

The Vatican refused to grant the supernatural nature of alleged visions of the Virgin Mary in Bamberg. The priests involved were excommunicated. Manch. *Guardian*, 7-31-51

On the other hand, when Cardinal Tedeschini visited the Fatima Shrine, he told the assembled that Pius XII had seen the Virgin three times, Oct. 30, Oct. 31 and Nov. 1, in 1950, old style. Pittsburgh *Gazette*, 10-15-51.

When the Vatican heard what Tedeschini had said, it was as if it had been "struck by lightning" (AP), but Pacelli did not let the Cardinal down. On Nov. 17, the paper *Osservatore Romano* virtually confirmed the visions—with photos of the sun, supposedly spinning.

FIRST TIME AGAIN

Periodically we read that no instance is known of a human being injured by a meteor or meteorite. Periodically we mention instances to the contrary in DOUBT . . . Like this:

"First known instance of a person apparently being hit by a meteorite . . . tiny stone weighing only .0067 of an ounce . . . struck a 5-year-old girl and injured her head . . ." She was Chyn Kuriyama. It happened in Japan, April 28, 1927 (sic). Los Angeles *Times*, 7-1-51 Cr. Pollard

Also, a "downpour of meteorites killed 12 persons, injured 19 and flattened 62 buildings" near Shiraz, Iran, 8-13-51. Also, 300 cattle killed in the same meteoritic rain. UP papers of 8-16-51. Cr. Hammett, Oltscher, and others.

Also, in the collapse of a water tank—killing 4—at Tucumcari, N.M., 12-13-51, we read: "Several witnesses reported a fireball plunged to earth beside the round, ground level tank, which towered 30 feet high. Within moments they heard the tank collapse." Cleveland *Plain Dealer*, 12-14, Cr. Wilson

DRY LIGHTNING

A lightning stroke from a cloudless sky knocked down Mrs. Russell Haskin, Grosse Pointe, Mich. She refused treatment. Detroit *Free Press*, 7-2-51

BY THEIR WORDS . . .

One Prof. Pietro Romanelli, called a "Vatican archeologist", wished to express his certitude of an event. It was, he said, "scientifically unquestionable".

If words have any meaning whatever, that is to say that the topic under discussion is, "by the process of endless questioning, unquestionable."

Some day, if YS lives so long, he is going to write a book on the thesis that Life is a Figure of Speech.

The Oklahoma City *Times* (or AP) kicks the language around too. "Thirty-one cancer experts

Friday will discuss a strong hunch (SIC)—that viruses are causes of human cancers." With all the millions they beg and spend, the best they can do is have "hunches" on the subject. Cr Nelle

Newsweek quotes Physicists Champion and Ahmed, U of London, on their claim "to have found traces of atomic fragments which have positive electric charges but weigh nothing at all." . . . "There does not seem less evidence for the reality of their existence than exists for the neutrino" (a weightless, uncharged, as yet undiscovered particle postulated by theoretical physicists). Cr Mitchell

SCOTS PLEASE WRITE

A good Fortean in Glasgow who has been sending first class data for years—as a non-member—writes, "it was always a toss up between my tags and your fee . . . your fee always lost the toss. But now I have sent the necessary to Mr. Russell . . . Are there any Forteans willing to correspond with a fellow whose grammar may be a bit wobbly but whose enthusiasm is as steady as a rock and who would be willing to help in research or note anything of interest relating to phenomena or the mysufying?"

His grammar looks okay to YS, who never touches the stuff. Write to Alex Grant, 29 Burghead Drive, Glasgow, S. W. 1, Scotland.

MAKE UP YOUR MIND

Just when the value of the windmill has been discovered, one lorn relic of a previous civilization—Heckington Mill, a landmark of the Kesteven Fens, Lincolnshire—is to have its sails removed and an engine installed. Cr Elsander

JULSRUD'S FIGURINES

At least one Fortean complains of injustice in the case of Herr Waldemar Julsrud, the curator of whatever they are he is alleged to have found in Mexico.

For the defence, MFS Hehr, who has seen the figurines and sent us some snaps.

Hehr writes:

"Amongst the over 25,000 figurines are many of giants and pseudo humans of tremendous size. Why not note this in DOUBT? Even, or because, the experts nix the whole story and try to explain the findings away by suggesting that someone planted them to play a hoax on Mr. Julsrud. Just about ten tons of terra cotta and stone sculptures! Yet!"

For the record, the site is near Acambaro, Guanajuato, and some 20,000 figures have been dug in the past 15 years.

POLIO BY GANG-PLOW

Some of the tax boxle is being spent by the Army to develop a "pressure injection apparatus" to put "bacterial vaccines or antibiotics" into humans by pressure, instead of by needle, as cars are greased. They've got a "single-shot" gun of this kind already, but the dough is being spent to make a big one into which they can pour the dope by the barrel, presumably, and make polio patients in platoons. "SOURCE: Department of the Army, Office of the Surgeon General, Technical Information Office, Washington, 25, D.C. (Reproduced by the Office of Technical Services of the U.S. Department of Commerce as reference 5B for the Nov. 1951 issue of 'Technical Reports Newsletter'.)

We do not credit by name the MFS who sent it in, lest he be decapitated, but we thank him.



INTRODUCING KARL E. NEUPERT

The canon of Karl E. Neupert will be familiar only to the German membership and those who have read his books in the German language, but a greater number will recall the Cellular Cosmogony of Koresh, and the two theories look very much alike to an innocent bystander.

Herr Neupert has sent us a considerable quantity of notes upon his theory but—until now—we have had very bad luck in obtaining adequate translations. One volunteer translator lost an introductory piece of the original MSS, and until MFS Mitchell came forward we have not been able to bring these studies to your attention.

If the fragment reproduced here makes you wish for more, please say so. If you read German, we undertake to supply you with Neupert's GEOKOSMOS, in that language for \$4.00 per copy. Delivery takes about 6 weeks since we have to order from the author.

The Decision Bases on these Questions:

- Do we live within the earthsphere?
- Is earth the periphery of space?
- Do we live on the outside of a sphere?
- Is earth a sun's planet in space?
- Where is the true space of the stars?
- Is this space contained or limitless?
- Is earth the kingpin (literally: main thing) of (or in) space?
- Is earth a planet, like a nothing? (Planet dependent on "main thing", hence a "nothing")?
- What is natural certainty?

What is an absurd picture of phantasy?
 Are we flying about with this earth like fools?
 Do we live quietly in this dwelling earth as a world family, called "humanity"?
 Have we sprung from a species of apes?
 Have we been created out of Geokosmos?
 Where is the religious heaven imaginable?
 Is a "heaven" at all possible, outside?
 Is a universe physically possible?
 Is the Geokosmos the only possibility?
 Can light travel billions of kilometers to this earth?
 Or is light only possible in the Geokosmos?
 Are the movements of planets possible over billions of years?
 Or are permanent forces only in the Geokosmos?
 A multitude of such questions call for the demonstration of Geokosmos.

What Has Been Proved? Geokosmos Versus Universe!

Laymen and teachers, with their scholastic education, are of the opinion that astronomers, with the best of tools and mathematics, have measured the universe absolutely beyond challenge. Yet, these so-called measurements are only seemingly logical results, based on the laws of trigonometry, like surveyors measure their minute distances on this earth, like soldiers find their range: exactly like that!

The *only* unit that can be measured in the whole WORLD is the EARTH. What is outside of the earth remains unmeasured, a theory. Astronomers certainly take it for granted that light rays from endless distances travel in straight lines, for surveyors have known them to do so.

"Measurements" In The Universe Are Based On The Parallax

The parallax is obtained by looking at the sun, for example, from two extreme points on this earth. Thus the so ominous triangle is created: the distance between the two points as base and the two light-lines to the sun as sides. These two lines intersect at about a distance of 150 million kilometers, *provided* light comes to us in a straight line!

These "measurements" are valid only for our solar system, so far.

Star distances cannot be measured, they are estimates. For our moon the intersecting lines and angles are different, therefore her distance from earth has been calculated at *only* 380,000 kilometers.

These and all other figures are results of the calculation and not measurements at all; for only the earth, or the base of the triangle, is an actual measurement and therefore true.

In Geokosmos (a curved, hollow space) the laws of trigonometry do not apply any longer, here we deal with curved paths of light.

Therefore, points of intersection are very much closer; we find the distance of the sun at about 6,000 kilometers, etc. All stars are places (or points) of a (or on a) starball, a sphere, that floats in the center of the earth space at about 6,000 kilometers

altitude. We do not see this star ball truly as a sphere above, but rather as a picture "firmament," the heavens!

The Firmaent Picture Is An Optical Illusion Around Us

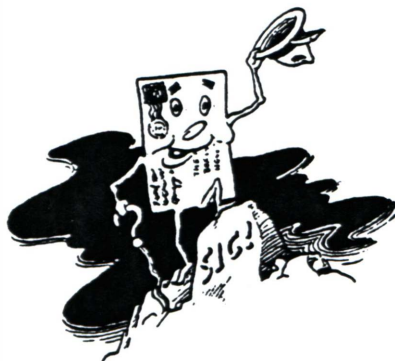
That remains eternal truth from now on, for it is without a doubt clear (understood) and true for open recognition by the mind.

The Copernican school accepts the visible picture of heaven as proof of space, they accept SPACE as reality. However, the apagogical proof shows the absurdity of this idea.

The proven demonstrations of Geokosmos as a hollow ball, permit only light deflections, so that light from the stars travels to us in curves. Thus we see only a tiny portion of the entire path of the light and suppose, from force of habit, the continuation of this path in a straight line and so arrive at the optical illusion "heaven". Certainly, — we truly SEE it this way, — but the truth just is *not* correct! Instead of a sphere high above us, we see a mirage around us, it *seems* thus to be true SPACE, — but it cannot be.

This theme will be elaborated upon in the book (or "main work") Geokosmos and the demonstration will be clarified with sketches.

The firmament picture is thus an enlargement to 180 degrees, whereas we view the starball directly at about five degrees (obviously referring to diameter) that is to say, we must imagine it above us as such, it remains visible all the time, but only as a 180 degree eye view. As the Inner Kosmos (this word is not defined otherwise. I assume it to refer to our earth) revolves during a DAY, so does the firmament picture.



HI-SPOTS IN THE MAIL

Bombay: 11-10-51: The moment of writing (old style undoubtedly) is yet a very Fortean one. Outside there are thousands of people looking up into the Western Sky. It is mid-day and the sun shines down blindingly (as usual, on the streets and buildings of Bombay). Since about 12 a.m. a star has been visible in the sky at about 60 degrees to the east and in the meridian of the Sun. It is probably Venus but others believe it is a comet. I can see something dimly but not clear enough to voice an opinion. Tomorrow the papers will probably carry an account and a "Scientific" explanation of the Phenomenon. Many say it wavers in the sky and as I write it seems to have sunk more rapidly than

the sun towards the western horizon . . . From MFS TenBroeck.

Sudan 10-30-51: Some time ago I asked for a series of articles on minority theories which you agreed to and very sensibly referred to as the Black Earth and Flat Magic Programme. I have a feeling that the Society should move on to a new phase of activity or propaganda. So far its method has been destruction of unproved certainties. Our civilization has adopted one particular picture of the universe out of many possibles, and all forces of science, religion and government are used to assert its truth. I am not asking for any positive programme because, as you say, we musn't go against our natures—but let's hear some of the other pictures of the universe that are held and have been held. I think we ought to be a little more positive than we are—never, of course, saying that the answer is such-and-such but that it might be or that it might be one of many possibilities. I really think that our job is to show that the picture of the universe that has been established might just as well be false as true—and indicate some of the pictures that have been veiled—including the interesting mediaval one, or elements of it. What do you think? . . . From John Atkins.

Missouri: 10-26-51: For many years I have noticed many vague references to the works of Charles Fort, in general reading. I was under the impression that his writings were very old, obsolete and written in a "Sunday Supplement" style. Fortunately, I stumbled upon "The Books" in a book store in Anchorage, Alaska, and was pleasantly surprised to note the depth and scope of his writings . . . From applicant McDonald.

Marlow, Bucks: undated: I read precious little except Fort's Books. And if I were well-off I would buy hundreds of copies for libraries . . . From MFS Fraser.

New Jersey: 2-2-52: Altho I can plainly see that the King has no pance on, the million-voiced cheers for the exquisite quality of the King's Royal Pance make me appreciate your antistrophe, "The King has no pance on." . . . From MFS Scandrett.



Switzerland: 7-21-51: Fortunately, your letter inquiring about practical try-outs of Silvio Gesell's monetary theories reached me here in St. Gallen, because St. Gallen has a School of Economics where I was able to dig out some data.

(1) No, none of the Swiss Communes has ever tried out the Gesell ideas. In 1950, some 85,000 Swiss citizens, followers of these theories, put forward a proposal for a change in article 39 of the

Swiss Constitution, i.e. the article relating to the Swiss National Bank and the issuance of paper money, etc. This change would have meant introducing the Gesell ideas into the Swiss monetary system. According to Swiss Law, the proposal had to be voted on by the entire electorate and it was turned down.

(2) Actually, two Gesell experiments have been made:—

(a) In Schwanenkirchen (Bavaria) in the late twenties. This was short-lived. However, the advocates call it "the miracle of Schwanenkirchen" whereas the opponents consider it a failure.

(b) In Wörgl (Tyrol) from the summer of 1932 to September 1933. This experiment was made in an attempt to relieve the local economic crises and unemployment. Both sides admit that it brought about the payment of many tax-arrears and a consequent improvement in the communal finances. Opponents point out, however, that actually the currency used was not "free money" a la Gesell but an emergency currency; that the communal finances would not have improved had not the Tax Office been one of the few places where this money could be used for payments, and that the general economic situation of the village remained unaltered. The experiment was terminated by order of the Tyrolean Government. The largest amount of this money in circulation at any time was 7000 Schilling.

There also seems to have been a so-called "Social Credit" experiment in the Alberta Province in the thirties which, however, was later repudiated by the free money advocates themselves.

This is the extent of my information. The literature on the subject is vast (mostly in German) and if you want me to send you anything, please let me know. As you may have gathered, my information mainly came from anti-sources (far more numerous than the others). Prominent pro-writers seem to be Fritz Schwarz and F. Salzmann. Perhaps you can find some of their books in New York.

IN CONTEMPLATION OF DISSOLUTION

GEORGE SYLVESTER VIERECK

Death's messengers, as in the fairy tale,
Knock at my body's ramparts day and night,
My heart with ceaseless hammer-blows they smite,
My pulses rush like racing steeds, then fail.
Laboriously advancing to its goal
My blood-stream grapples with obstreperous veins,
My breathing falters, stabbed by obscure pains,
And in my ears mad sextons tug and toll.

I walked upon life's highway with the great,
Fame gave me sprigs of her unwithering crown.
Love kissed my mouth. Adventure was my mate.
I spurned disaster and defied man's frown:
Now, half amused, half curious, I await
The final knell that rings the curtain down.

FINAL NOMINATIONS — 21

Besides those already mentioned in DOUBT, these names have been received from members as nominees for Named Fellow, 21 FS.

L. Ron Hubbard, for his Dianetics.

Frank J. Allen, Secretary of the Winona County, Minn., Draft Board for resigning.

A. J. Liebling, author of the *Wayward Pressman*, an examination into what makes the Freeprez into wipers.

Gerald Heard, for a book about saucers.

FIRST NOMINATIONS

The earliest nominations for Named Fellow, 22 FS are:—

Clair Wilcox, editor of the Book, *Civil Liberties Under Attack* (from the Society, \$3.50)

Claude M. Feuss, who reviewed the above book in the Saturday Review of Literature.

Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas, who somehow got some sanity printed over his by-line in the *Times*—"The Black Silence of Fear"—Magazine section 1-13-52

Mrs. Irene B. Whetstone, 55, of Chicago, who went to jail rather than obey a court order in an income tax case.

L. L. Whyte, author of *the Next Development in Man*.

Senator Wayne Morse, (R., Ore.) for his opposition to the so-called "lie-detector".

Federal Judge Harry Watkins, Huntington, W. Va., for ruling, in the case of a C.O., that, "It's what you believe, not your church, that determines if you are a conscientious objector."

Halsey McGovern, father of two boys killed in Korea, who refused to accept a Congressional Medal of Honor awarded posthumously to one son, and a Silver Star medal awarded to the other.

WOMAN WHO CAN'T

Mrs. Kathleen Chaffey, of Eltham, London, cannot catch cold. She is being exposed to all manner of virus injections, etc., but she doesn't succumb. "The doctors regard her as a medical puzzle." *Sunday Dispatch*, 9-23-51

ST. LOUIS FOG

For two days, beginning Dec. 30, St. Louis was enveloped in a black murk the like of which never had been seen before in those parts: covered 200 miles, killed 2, injured 8. *Cr Creviston* and many others.

ACCOLADE!

We have this note from a short-time member:

"Gentlemen:

Your magazine is absurd. Please stop sending it."

The source of our delight is in a letter from Charles Fort to YS, written in 1930. The letter is buried in Ft. Knox temporarily, but I quote from memory and will correct myself later. Fort wrote, as I recall: "Supercheckers is destined for tremendous success. Three persons have declared it utterly absurd."

THE RIVAL WYPERS

A German paper, *Ostfriesische Nachrichten*, 8-3-51, printed this under a Rome dateline:

"Italian specialist doctors are busy with a curious case: One the tongue of a 3 year old boy letters appear daily, in the exact order of the alphabet, from A to Z. The letter is in a bluish colour and very

clear. The change occurs regularly between midnight and 1 o'clock. At about midnight the one letter begins to fade, while the following already begins to form. Since the child is under constant official control, and photographs are available, there is no possibility of error." (Credit withheld by request)

Four days later — 8-7-51 — the London *Mirror* printed this:

THE BABY WITH THE ABC EYE

from ERIC ROBINS
Capetown, Monday

Blue-eyed Peter Jacobs, nineteen months should have no trouble learning his ABC when he goes to school. For he has the letters of the alphabet "stamped" in the iris of his left eye. And in the iris of his right are the numbers 1 to 12.

Peter, who lives on a farm at Heidelberg, Transvaal, South Africa, has "very keen" sight according to his foster-mother Mrs. D. S. Jacobs.

Mrs. Jacobs told me: The markings are getting more distinct every week. Many times I have been able to see all twenty-six letters imprinted in the left eye.

The numbers in his right iris looks as though they have been carved by expert craftsmen."

Neighbors think the markings are "the signs of a miracle". But Johannesburg eye specialists believe they have formed by a "billion to one" chance in the breaking up of the eye pigment. Cr. Evans

ADD BOOKS ABOUT FORT

(Molesworth, Vol., *Blinded They Fly*, A Fantasy, Sydney, Australia, 1951, edition limited to 200 copies, 36 pp., paper covers. Dedication is "to the memory of H. P. Lovecraft and Charles Fort")

MAX STIRNER—THE AUTHOR

By M. F. S. WAKEFIELD

The book "Max Stirner, Sein Leben und sein Werk" by John Henry Mackay, ran into three editions in 1914. An English translation of this biography was made and was to have been published serially in Benjamin Tucker's magazine "Liberty". But the Parker Building in New York City where Tucker had his headquarters, burned and plans were upset. The manuscript was never published and may still exist and be discovered by correspondence with various Anarchist groups. Any of the German copies, if still available, would be a valuable item in the Society's library.

Stirner's real name was Johann Schmidt. Born 1806 in Bayreuth. He was the only child—his father died when his son was six months old. His mother was mentally unbalanced and was finally confined in an insane asylum. Schmidt was dull in school—graduated from University of Berlin at twenty. Physically unfit for the army he became a teacher. His first wife was Clara Burtz who died, together with her child, about to be born.

Schmidt held forth in Berlin at a tavern kept by Jacob Hippel. Here a group met called "Die Freien". When these radicals, liberals and revolutionists were not drinking and playing cards they were arguing and discussing politics. It was here Schmidt was called Stirner—on account of his high forehead (Stirn).

Stirner met Marie Daehnhardt at the Freeman Circle. She was a free spirit and came to Berlin to live her own life. They married, but parted after about two years—Marie going to London.

Except for the last few years of his life when he inherited some property—he lived in poverty. He was several times arrested for debt.

He had no disciples while alive because of his aloofness and the fact that he had no friends. He died at fifty years of age of blood poisoning.

Some said he was a paranoiac, pointing out the fact his mother was insane. He was aloof—sensitive. He was not passionate or emotional and never experienced emotions such as jealousy, etc. Very temperate in all things, except he liked good cigars. He had no enemies and no close friends.

The title of Stirner's book in German is "Der Einzige und Sein Eigentum" and was translated by Byington as "The Ego and His Own." Byington is the only translator that I know of. The book was also translated into Spanish. I have heard many students of Stirner say that "The Individual and what belongs to Him" would be a better translation of the title. Published in Leipzig in 1845, only 1,000 copies were sold. Stirner never made any money from his books.

Stirner calls himself an egoist and says "nothing concerns me except my property." Not many are willing to study his book and discover that his is an unselfish philosophy. The book must be studied, not merely read.

Two things to keep in mind: in the 1840s Germany was flooded with pamphlets and leaders of many groups were active. There are many things in the book that allude to these current political ideas that cannot be understood unless a study is made of the period.

Second: A strict government censorship existed on all printed matter. The book is deliberately written that the author might stay out of jail. The clever censors did not suppress the book because they said it was too absurd. Had Stirner mapped a plan for revolution, he would have been guilty of treason—he had no desire to be a martyr.

As to his influence on Nietzsche—to read Stirner merely to discover this influence is a mistake. The two philosophies are divergent. Nietzsche was a sadist (took joy in pain); Stirner was not. Nietzsche taught the Superman—weeding out the weak. Stirner's philosophy takes in both strong and weak. Nietzsche borrowed from Stirner only what he wanted to take.

I will make no comment on the contents of the book. Once studied and understood, you can put the book away, as you have the key to original thinking. "Truth," says Stirner, "is not a fixed thing. It is what a man has made his own." "Just recognize yourself, what you really are," he says.

In the early 1900s I had many copies of the book, which were borrowed and never returned. If the Society should reprint the book I suggest an appendix or copious footnotes to explain the background to help the reader to better understand.

I will be your first customer for this book and am in the market for an old copy if one should be available.

Having read these notes, hope you feel that in some instances even an old man's memories may be of use to your unique organization, The Fortean Society.

(For more on Stirner-cum-Nietzsche, see *Journal of the History of Ideas*, vol. VI, No. 1, January, 1945. T. T.)

MORE *NOTES* of CHARLES FORT

The material on this page and those following comes from the MSS notes of Charles Fort. The notes begin with the year 1800 AD, and we are printing them chronologically, transcribed to the best of our ability. As you have observed from the several we have reproduced in facsimile—life size—the handwriting is difficult, to say the least: many are written in symbols and code, a personal shorthand. Each date is on a separate scrap of paper. They fill 32 boxes. The boxes are in two series, one numbered, one identified by letters of the alphabet. The numbered boxes contain records of non-human phenomena, the others, records of persons. It is our device to alternate the two series so that the printed record is chronologically consecutive.

The letters BA refer to Reports of the British Association for the Advancement of Science, which many US libraries have. The numerals, such as '11 or '64 etc., in connection with BA sometimes refer to volume number, sometimes to year. In applying for this material at your public library, mention that to the attendant and you should have no difficulty.

Back numbers of DOUBT contain all the notes to the point where we begin below. Subsequent issues will continue them until the 32 boxes are printed.

1863

Box 3 (Continued)

- 1863 Manbhoon, Bengal (F).
1863-'64 Courland etc. Stones in nearby regions.
'63 or 64 Lodeve (Herauld) Frogs / Cosmos N.S. 29/289.

Box A (Resumed)

- 1863 South Bend, Indiana Body of Anna Rees See Aug 11, 1872.
1863 Body of Mrs. W. I. Peters, Frankfort, Indiana See Dec 22, 1888.
1863 Sleeper, Susan C. Godsey, near Hickman, Ky. See July 14, 1869.

Box 3 (Resumed)

- Jan 2 Breslau, Silesia 5 PM / det met BA '67 / 422.
2 Wild, Maine Morning Meteors at a rate of 48 per hour Proc Amer Phil So. 13-501.
2 Manila Sky — geolog q See March 4, '62 (See 1805).
26 "A most beautiful meteorological phe" visible 10 or 12 seconds / 9:30 PM Sydney Morning Herald Feb. 7, p.4.
27 Aerolite / About 5 PM Lieut Col Hunter of Aucklands, on a farm of his estate, just at sundown, saw meteor fall slowly. Two days later found by his game keeper, a fragment of about 10 ounces. Another said to have fallen at Stirling same evening. Perthshire Advertiser, Feb. 12.
27 Auchterarder, Perth. (meteorite) 4:35 PM / Stone said to have fallen from the sky — "not meteoric" ac Rept BA 63-243 See March 14, 1863.
27 LT p. 5. Aurora.

cury — that near Ottawa there were rumblings and shakings of the ground
29 Perthshire Advertiser p. from Quebec Mer- every night soon after dark at intervals of half an hour. Large cracks had appeared in the ground.

- Feb 7 Canaries / Dust of det Met 5/187 La Sci P.T. 15/126.
Jupiter in Virgo / Mars from Aries to Taurus.
Feb. 7 Canary Islands Rain of fine sand La Sci Pour Tous 15-126.
7 Sand on Canaries said from Sahara L'Annie Sci 1864/280 C R 83/1185.
7 Scotland 6:30 PM Meteor BA 63-245.
13, 15 Quakes in Switzerland Feb 3-27 BA '11.
13 11:30 to 11:45 PM Great met Scotland BA 63-245

Box A (Resumed)

- 13 Disap. Sydney Morning Herald — Disap at Newcastle N.S.W. of Mr. Beresford Judson. A public meeting 200 searchers and on every available horse to search the bush, but in vain. "It is somewhat remarkable that about two years since, a Mrs. Rae disappeared from her home under somewhat similar circumstances and has never been heard of since. / 14-6-2 A man lost in bush near Warwick searched for in vain.

Box 3 (Resumed)

- 15 White sand on Canary Islands Am. Soc Met de France 1903/71.
15 Giessen, Germany, large fireball 9:30 PM in W. / Another on 20th 6:30 PM in SE / BA 67-423.
16 11:30 PM. 11:35 / Mets Betelgeuze to Sirius BA 63-246.
18 Sydney Morning Herald of / "The past few weeks have been characterized by the appearance of several brilliant meteors in different parts of the colony."

Box A (Resumed)

- 26 LT, p. 14 Ext. Imp. Feb 2, p. 12 Strange affair.

Box 3 (Resumed)

- Mar 4 Great meteors, various places 6 PM etc. BA 63-250.
Mar 4 Westphalia, Belgium, Manchest, Kent Det Met 6:36 PM GMT BA 67-423.
4 6 to 7 PM Meteors England B9 63-250.
4 (Det heard) Great Meteor England, Belgium, Hanover BA 63/321 Quar Jour Sci 1/190.
4 7 PM / Great meteor of Holland, Belgium, Germany, England Quar Jour Sci., Jan. 1864 p. 190, pp1444.
Mar Begining of and before. Many sun spots Ec. Mag. 59-392.

- Mar 12, 14, 22, 29 Nothing in Sydney Morn. Her. (and Feb.)
- Mar 12 1 AM / "Magnificent meteor followed by detonations" BA 67/423.
- 12 1 AM / Magnificent det. met. sub of Rhoxles BA '63 Detonations followed by a prolonged humming sound. And on 17th 7 PM.
- 12 1 AM / Rhoxles / Met and 3 dets. / 7 hours later another seen to burst but not heard. After the dets "a prolonged humming sound." BA '64/2.
- 13 Island of Rhoxles / Magnificent bolide that exploded. 2 other explosions heard. Le Com. S. NS 1/162 See Ap 22, March 28² (CF's?) Rhodes series See Oct 12, 1856.
- 14 Quake Rhoxles See May 15.
- 15 Eruption of Colino, Mexico La Sci Por Tous 8-1207.
- 17 7 PM / Another large meteor Isle of Rhoxles BA 67-423.
- 14 8:30 PM / Blackford, 8 miles from Comrie, near Auchterarder, Perthshire / b. rain / Int. Obs. 3:308 See Jan. 27.
- 16 Pulsora, Central India (F)
- 16 Java Small Quake BA '11.
- 21 Beeston Evening Brilliant aurora Astro Reg '63-63 (ver).
- 24 Volc eruption in sea sending water-steam to an immense height. Lat. 1 N Long 26 W. LT Ap. 2, p. 9.
- Mar 24 LT p. 11 / Aurora.
- 27 Geronde, France, 8:12 PM Meteor L.S.P. Tous 8-167.
- 28-29 Night / Island of Rhoxles / Yellowish dust of organic substance. Le Courier des Science 1/60 See back Apr 7.
- Apr 9 Auroral arch at Toronto, Canadian Jour of Sci. See 11/8/319.
- Box A (Resumed)**
- Apr 14 LT Boa story from Etage D. Times Feb 16.
- Box 3 (Resumed)**
- Apr 17 LT p. 9. Aurora.
- 19 7:50 PM. Philadelphia Brilliant meteor A. J. Sci. 2:36/154. Also Del.
- 19 8:00 PM. At Brighton, cor saw in western horizon a fiery red object like a moon. / The moon in the east showing dimly. Naturalists Note Book 1869/96.
- Apr Lyrids conspicuous Nature 103-114.
- Apr 20 11-12 PM "falling stars very plentiful" at Castle New, Strathdon. 4 other mets noted. BA 63-256.
- 20 Lyrids conspicuous Nature 48-5.
- 20-21 Night Scotland Quake Smith. Inst. Rept. 1885-510.
- 21 Morning Considerable fall of meteors in England. About 3 AM the number was 40 per hour for a single observer. BA 63-p. 325.
- 21 Morning. Weston-super-Mare mets "as frequent as in a moderately bright August star-shower." BA '71-42.
- 22 Quake Rhodes preceded by a strong wind. Shock on 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30th. La Sci Pour Tous 8-216.
- 22 Quake 10:30 PM. Later came torrential rains. Cosmos 22-609.
- 22 Island Rhodes / On 21st a violent wind which continued till quake of 22nd / Continuing feebly May 20. Cour. des Sci.
- Apr 27 Bodies Walcher / D-209.
- 30 LT p 11 Gale at Liverpool.
- 29 LT p 5 Volc at sea.
- 30-May 1 - May 2 About 3 AM Dept. Pyrenees — Orientales and in Spain a red substance that terrified the inhabitants. During the 1st, it fell in a number of places upon the Coast of the Mediterranean. A newspaper is quoted; explaining that the substance was simply pollen that had been carried in a whirlwind. In the night of May 1-2 it fell in other places in prodigious quantity. It was explained that it was pollen. In C. R. 56-972, M. Bouis gives the result of his examination and analysis — not pollen — a ferruginous mixture charged with organic matter — "pluies d'engrais" manure.
- May 1 Ref is Mems Ac Sci Lyon, N.S. 13-185 / Ac 364/2.
- 1 Substance fell near Lyons, at Beaunon in rain so that everything seemed to have the malady of le "rouille" a reddish dust but said been pollen — ac to another account a reddish dust had fallen at Saint-Jean-en-Royans (Drome) several mornings before the first of May — It too was said to be a pollen. At Foix a great quantity of snow colored red fell colored by substance like pollen (Ref. May 16, '46) See C. R. 6/3/972) Said that fallen other places in France and Spain and caused terror in some places, always red. See March 27, 1862.
- May Etna.
- May 1 Nothing in Galagnani's Messenger and Le Moniteur. Not of hurricane.
- 1 Ac to M. Bouis — not pollen / not say organic matter but charged with —
- 1 M. Bouis telling of analyzing it, and if it spread an odor of burned animal matter, said that he considered it good for agriculture. C. R. 56-973. Function of great fall of a yellowish matter which was red when moist, which fell in France and Spain early in May.
- Apr 30 Night / Organic matter / France and
- May 1 Spain / between Lyons and Aragon / CR 56-972 Flam — Atmosphere p. 410.
- May 1 Ac to M. Bouis, a yellowish substance which when moistened turned brick red.
- 1 Small quantity of resinous matter in the dust. Am. Sci. Met de France 1903-75.
- 1 4 AM / Ariege / red snow / La Nat 1877/1/104 D-64.
- 4 11:30 PM / Brighton / Spectacular stationery met / BA 3-2508.
- 4 Met Mar Moon BA 1863-258.
- 12 Submarine volc, smoke from sea - fire - then a small island of cinders ab 25 miles from Coast of Sicily A. J. Sci. 2/37-442.
- 13 Hull — etc. / General aurora Mars "enveloped in a crimson aurora" / Astro Reg. 7:138. Another cor writes of the extra-

- ordinary aurora — a "rosy patch". "The planet Mars being in about the center of it."
- 14 Dispatch dated in Times. That quake in Madras? had destroyed? (CF's?) homes in 22 villages.
- 20 Pogson at Madras saw new star in Scorpio — on June 1 gone / Astro Reg. 1/124.
- 20 N. R. Pogson, Genl. astronomer at Madras saw star of the 9th mag in constellation Scorpio, where no star had been seen in months of April and May during preceding 9 years. By 28th to 12th mag. Astro Reg. 1863-124.
- May 21 Invasion of Mongolian sand grouse, England etc. First in England, Norway, etc. Nature 38/112.
- Box A (Resumed)**
- 21 LT, p. 11 LT 26, p. 13 Ghost.
- Box 3 (Resumed)**
- 23 Meteor from few degrees below Moon BA 1863-258.
- June 1 Meteor disappeared 2 degrees above Moon. BA 1863-260.
- 2 Buschof / Courland, Russia F
- 3 Quake Philippines and France / BA 11 Sing's Feb 18, 1889.
- 4 Gor-Robou (d'Oran) France — rain of "forticules" — commonly called perco-Oreilles — lasted 20 minutes — walls and roofs covered and turned black with them / Les Mondes 1/580.
- 16 Afternoon / Doniphan Co., Kansas also Holt Co., Kansas / Tornado / Finley's Report.
- 1863 Quake Manila and ring of light in sky Timb's YB 1864/146 Ill. London News. Aug 29, 1863.
- July 8 Loud detonations from Etna which been active since May CR 57-157.
- July Dry fog C R 60-806 See Aussig pt 1, p. 85.
- Box A (Resumed)**
- July 7 LT p. 14. Will o the Weep / Name of a ship.
- Box 3 (Resumed)**
- 10 Quake Trinidad W. I. BA 1911-55.
- 14 and other days. Dry fog. Morges, near Lausanne, Switzerland. The fog became thicker and thicker on 14th and sunset red. Persisted locally till 21st. C.R. 60-806.
- 14 Quake Trinidad BA 11/55.
- 11, 12, 13 Meteors England BA 63-262.
- July 19 Great sunset meteor and train 23 minutes ac to cor to Hereford — other descriptions. It was in Hereford Journal. / Place not told. BA 63-262.
- 19 Ab 8 PM / Meteor and shock W of England. Extraordinary BA 63-264.
- Aug 8 Pillist fer, Livland, Russia (F)
- 8 Quake Spain BA 11.
- 8-12 Details of meteors occupy about 50 pages in Rept. BA 1863.
- 9-12 Very great reports upon meteors of England / BA 63-318.
- 10 Hastings meteorite Also London Report BA 63/27.
- 10 Meteor or balloon / Astro. Reg. 1/141.
- 10 Stim meteors go back to Sept. 1862 See of Aug.
- 10 Nothing of Perseids in Sydney Morning Herald, Aug 7, 15.
- Aug One of the greatest of Maxima, ac to Denning (215 per hour) Observatory 46-169.
- Aug 10 London / Large meteor at 8:27 PM, moving slowly W to East visible 5 minutes, reported by Crumplin the astronomer. Aug. 11, 1863 by Thomas Crumplin — from Slater's Observatory, London.
- Aug 7-15 No Perseids mentioned in Sydney Morning Herald.
- Aug Nothing of Perseids in Sydney Morning Herald.
- 10 LT Aug 13, 1863 cor writes that the meteors looked like electric appearances.
- 10 Aug 13 cor writes that Mr. Crumplin's "large meteor" was a fire balloon sent up after a cricket game about 8 o'clock.
- 13 LT. Cor writes of the mets of August 10, 1863 that the mets themselves looked like electric appearances.
- 10 "The sky seemed to open and a red ball of fire passed along with a hissing noise" by Dr. Phipson's youngest sister. Phipson Meteors, p. 12.
- Aug 11 Shytl, 40 miles N of Cacca, Bengal (F)
- 11 LT p. 10. LT Aug 14, p. 10. LT Aug 29, p. 10. August Meteors.
- 21 Athens Meteor trains 5 minutes / BA 67-423.
- 25 Algeria Stones Details La Sci Pour Tous 11-62.
- 24 LT p. 8.
- 26 LT p. 9. Sept 11, p. 8. Sept 14, p. 4. Thunderstorm. Hackney, etc.
- 29 At Hankhurst, by Prof. A. S. Herschel an "awe-inspiring noise in sky, lasting from 9:00 to 9:10 PM. Like sound of spinning mills. The noise appeared to be brooding over the village. (See Jan 19, 1864) (For similar sound see March 12, 1863) Proc. Brit. Met. Soc. 2-102. An. Reg. 58-125.
- 30 Volc / by Spörer / Webb Celestial Objects p. 45.
- Sept 4 11:15 A. M. Waterspout near Durham. Waved down from sky but did not touch the ground. Astro. Reg. 1-151.
- 5 LT p. 6. Singular phenom the Ohio River.
- 6 A "hat" or indentation on limb of moon. M. Notices 37/432 by Rev. H. Cooke Key.
- 7 Quake Algeria BA 11.
- 9 Heavitree, Exeter / large meteor Aurora vivid flashes of lightning / LT Sept 17, 1863.
- 11 LT p. 10. Sept 17, p. 11. Sept 21, p. 9 Meteors.
- 11 8:45 PM. Queenstown, Ireland / Met. / BA 64-6.
- 14 8:00 PM / Quake Tunis and before some shocks for days LT Oct 6, p. 7.
- 28 Venus Inf Conjunction Sun Al.
- 28 4:55 AM / At Vesuvius for a minute obj like a comet. LT Oct 5 p. 10.
- 28 Fireball at noon in bright sunshine BA 67-423.

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