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HELP !!!

That toiler in our vineyard who was compiling the Index to Volume One of DOUBT has been hit on the head by a grape, or something, and the work of several years is vanished, like the unicorn. I don't know why I think any other volunteer will have better luck or greater endurance, but if there be a *bona fide* Gunga Din amongst you, here's your chance to prove it. The work has to start almost from scratch. If several step forward, YS will break up the assignment to avoid duplicating effort. Who will pitch in and help?

FIRST PRIZE

In a letter from MFS Albert E. Page, author of the Page Principle of Parallelism, who has been with us from the year 1, he writes:

"Our bankrupt intellectuals' simplicity and utterly with ulterior motives, which their hypocritical blindness overshadows, talk about the advantages of atomic influence for peaceful purposes instead of for war.

"They dare not face the fact that the release of radioactive-energy for domestic so-called beneficial or peaceful purposes is just as dangerous to living things as its release is for purposes of war."

That is the first time we have seen the matter stated in its starkest simplicity and so we are happy to have the observation come from a Fortean. The problem is receiving attention, however. Dr. Herman E. Hilleboe, N. Y. Commissioner of Health, is quoted in the *Times*, 12-9-54: "Because the use of radiation in industry and in the community is gaining so rapidly, a special problem faces the health officer who wishes to prepare now to meet what may well become one of our most significant environmental health problems of the future."

Some attempts to dispose of radio-active wastes have been noticed in DOUBT before this. Here is another, as current 10-26-54. Reported to the N. Y. *Times* by Elie Abel, Washington: "A cheap clay, shredded and baked until it resembles Chinese noodles (Formosa style, is to be understood), promises to ease or solve the problem of disposing of the deadly atomic waste products. . . . The atomic power industry would be heavily handicapped, in competing with electricity generated by conventional means, if it had to bear anything like the disposal costs now carried by the Atomic Energy Commission. (At whose expense?) . . . tank storage at 35 cents to \$2 a gallon. In addition to the cost of the tanks . . . the commission must pay for monitoring the storage systems frequently to guard against leaks . . . One of the long-term hazards . . . is that certain particles may still be radioactive when the metal tanks have corroded. . . . In this (clay noodle) form the waste products can be handled easily. In fact, Rear Admiral Lewis L. Strauss, chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission, has suggested that Brookhaven may have found a practical method of packaging radioactive materials as useful sources of energy."

Then, too, after fluoride has gone out of style, the dentists can discover that radioactive noodles are exactly what city water needs to make us all grow teeth again, in the gums where today's panacea has defanged us. *Cr Mitchell*

At one of the big boondoggle plants, Arco, Idaho, the Atom Commish "disclosed", 7-24-54, that a "large instantaneous release of energy (sic) accompanied by some radioactivity occurred during an experiment this week." *N.Y. News*

In connection with data on free-flying radioactivity, a great mass of material is assembling. So-called Siamese twins are becoming commonplace, etc., etc. Keep it coming.

"Dr. George Volkoff, a leading Canadian physicist, said in Vancouver today that a race of human monsters could be created through nuclear poisoning of the earth's atmosphere by . . . hydrogen and atom bomb explosions." *Liverpool Echo* 11-4-54 *Cr Russell*

More about that next time.

Second prize to MFS Mackey for a snipping out of *Time*, 8-30-54.

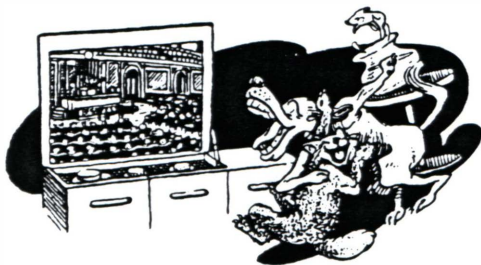
Los Angeles smog is created by "Southern California's much-touted sunshine" accto the Stanford Research Institute after 7 years of study. The more ozone, the more smog, say they. "Stanford's researchers have yet to discover exactly how ozone is formed. But they believe that it results from a photochemical reaction of sunlight and unknown materials in the air."

Wouldn't surprise me if they were right.

Third prize to Old Timer Barneson. He took from the LA *Her-Express*, 10-12-54, a notice that the Deland, Fla, *Sun-News* had been leaving a sizable blank spot on page one every day. Asked what it meant, the ed replied that the space was reserved for action taken by the County Crime Commission. The press had been barred from the Commission's meetings.

Much solid gold underlay those three.

What would you guess was the chief export of Washington, D.C.? Right, you are, waste paper. "A million tons of waste paper are baled and shipped annually, requiring more box cars than any other product moving out of the city." The gas, of course, just floats away. *N.Y. Times* 11-6-54, quotes *Tracks*, publication of the C & O Ry. *Cr Mitchell*



"Shellfish have been implicated in epidemics of typhoid fever and other enteric diseases in virtually every shellfish-producing country in the world." *Buffalo News*. To that, MFS Goldstein adds, "Shellfish have been forbidden to orthodox Jews as an article of food for ages."

Glasgow authorities vaccinated "several hundred" persons aboard a liner because a lad in the crew was reported to have small pox. "But it turned out to be a skin ailment." *Buffalo News* 10-21-54

In Bonhill and Alexandria, Dumbartonshire, Scotland, 10-28-54, fell cubical hailstones, size of sugar cubes. *Glasgow Daily Express*. Credit MFS Ritchie. She also sent us —

"Four fish-like creatures found in a pond have red whiskers, legs and feet, and when they leave the water they bark, said the Oklahoma man who caught them." Sounds as if Alfalfa Bill must have frightened their Mother while they were still eggs. Any Okie member know anything about this?

A fishing boat, the *Five Brothers*, Ketchikan, Alaska, Tom Kristovitch, Captain, encountered a "herd" of 12 deer swimming 5 miles offshore. "Several were nearly exhausted . . . one was given artificial respiration . . . they swam up to the boat and readily came aboard." *Sioux City, Ia, Post-Citizen*, 10-8-54 *cr Eaton*. They thought they were lemmings.



Another deer story, *Boston Evening American* 10-9-54, with photos. Yarn is, that in the autumn of 23 FS, snow covered fruit-laden, green, blueberry bushes before they had a chance to freeze, near Penfield, New Brunswick. When snow melted in early 24 FS, bushes were still green and fruit-laden. Some 600 deer moved in and ate the bushes almost as fast the thaw exposed them. The question is, who told the deer about those blueberries. The deer were not natives of the district.

An elderly German decided to commit suicide, took a lot of sleeping pills, tied a brief-case full of stones around his neck, rowed out to the middle of the Rhine—and was found sound asleep in his boat. *Buffalo News* 2-20-54

Ibid, 10-5-54. Joseph De Meulemeester, a farmer of Thuillies, Belgium, set fire to the local tax office because taxes were too high.

Accepted Fellow Fortean Society, Frank Lloyd Wright, says he's going to take the roof off Taliesin and move out of Wisconsin because the supreme

court of that State disallowed his claim for tax-exemption as a school. We could give him another good reason for leaving the State, but that will probably rectify itself at the next Senatorial election.

Four sows and two gilts attacked and killed a woman of Penn Hill Lane, Brixham, 9-5-54. She was Miss Florence Maria Stackhouse, *at 59*. *North Mail* 10-20-54 *cr* Elsander

A four-page leaflet which is handed out by Catholic chaplains to soldiers in Army hospitals who wish to receive communion in bed has reached us. It is headed, "Prayers for Communion and An Examination of Conscience" and it asks a lot of questions. The first three are:

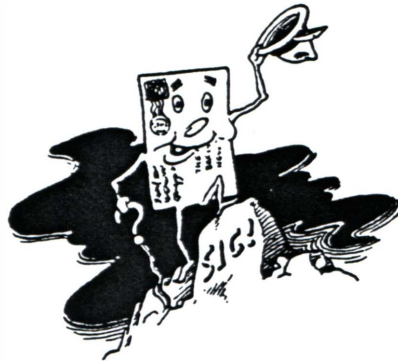
1. Did you pray morning and night?
2. Did you deny your faith; make light of it?
3. Do you belong to the Masons?

Cr Martin

MFS Dulcie Brown writes to state that "Southwest Los Angeles was shaken by a terrific jolt" about 2 p.m., 11-16-24 (10-25-54 old style). "No explanation given. Nothing said on radio or in newspapers about it."

"The crew of the . . . tanker Dynafuel saw something new in marine phenomena not far from New Orleans (accto) Navy Hydrographic Office . . . sighted smoke on the water . . . appeared to come from under water and resembled that from bombs, dropped during target practice. It lasted ten minutes. The bulletin offered no explanation or comment." *NY Times* 10-4-54 *cr* Knothe

MFS Gee reports a nameless to whom she has spoken, who—looking at Luna through the Edinburgh Observatory telescope—Oct 12, saw a "Dark sphere move from Tycho Brahe crater to Aristarchus in 20 minutes".



COUPLETS IN THE NEWS

A. Kameichi Matsumoto caught an octopus while fishing off a pier in Tokyo. The fish came up with a wallet containing about \$20 clutched in one of its tentacles. *Buffalo News* 8-11-54

B. A man died in Darwin (?Australia?) an hour after playing with a baby octopus he caught while wading. *Daily Mail* 9-20-54 *cr* Elsander

A. Senor Geraldo Machado, of Belo Horizonte, Brazil, is alleged to have two hearts, one on each side. A local medical school has offered him \$3000 for his body at death. *Tit-Bits* 8-21-54 *cr* Russell

B. A Detroit Negress, Mrs. Boyd Braxton, bore twin girls, then, three weeks later, a six-pound boy. She is said to have two wombs. *Sunday Dispatch* 8-22-54 *cr* Gee

A. Switzerland refused to permit a U.S. Loyalty Board to enter the country and investigate Americans employed by United Nations. *Buffalo Courier-Express* 7-11-54

B. "President Eisenhower raised the tariff on Swiss watches Tuesday . . . all foreign governments . . . had hoped he would leave the tariff as it is." *Buffalo News* 7-28-54

BLACK WIDOWS

Long Island has been noticing its black widow spiders more than usual for the past year or so, and reams of stuff has appeared about them in print.

As an old black widow fancier from away back, in the San Fernando Valley, Calif, YS would like to fill in a point that has not been mentioned in any of these Eastern articles.

The warnings, not to get bitten, should be heeded. Not many people die from it, but a bite can make you mighty sick. True, also, are the descriptions of the glossy black body, round as a ball, with the bright hour-glass on the belly in orange-vermillion or Venetian red.

But—children—those are the females only that look like that. The male "black widow" does not look like a 42nd cousin of his sister, mother or wife. He is not even black, has no bulbous body, no red hour-glass on his belly, no belly to speak of. He is a spindly little thing, seldom longer than half an inch, altho I've seen females as big as olives. The male is one color all over, legs and skinny body, and the color is a kind of washed out, dull and faded henna.

I don't know if the males bite or if they are poisonous, but I do know they are necessary to carry on the line, so if you are trying to rid a barn of black widows, get the little skinny henna colored ones too.

SNAKES AGAIN

While YS is setting up to teach natural history, we might as well dispose of this one too. *Newsday*, 9-10-54, headlines a story, "Cops Hunt Deadly Cobra"—and then goes on to say that a snake got away from a dancer in Baltimore. Now, boys and girls, dancers don't work with cobras. YS is an old snake-dancer himself, and he is here to tell you that the snakes the gals twine about 'em are either boas or pythons. To the ears of a modern reporter, fresh out of the Cornell School of Journalism, I suppose "boa" sounds like "cobra", and anyway, its more exciting to write about a "deadly" snake than about one that has the disposition of an elderly collie dog, but it's tough on the snake. In Baltimore, the police evacuated "half a city block" and exterminators fumigated with "deadly cyanide gas" under this stupid mistake of identity. So far, we have no word of the snake having been taken dead or alive. If they'll just relax, he'll keep the area ratless for them.

GOOD OLD WALDEMAR!

Notwithstanding that we have to haul him up short from time to time, Waldemar Kaempfert, Science Editor of the *N.Y. Times*, has been dear to us—lo!—these many years. As a matter of fact, Kaempfert and YS had attended services together in Maxl Harder's Braustuberl for two years before I met Fort. John Dos Pasos used to come there too, for vespers that lasted until matins, 1927, 1928 AD.

What I started to say was, UNESCO has awarded Waldemar the Kalinga Prize for 50 years of science writing, and we're happy that he got it.

Aside from his goo about the White Elephant of Palomar, we think Kaempfert has written with a minimum of jingo in a field where jingo makes the mare go. *Prosis!*



DOC COWLES GONE

The thorn in the side of local psychiatry and the burr in the hair of the local American Medical Association will not scratch them more. Edward Spencer Cowles, MD, is dead.

Organized, political medicine hated him and tried every way it could to put him out of business, to close his clinics and discredit his methods, but the Doc fought them, toe to toe, and beat them every time.

He did a lot of good in the world, and it was by way of tender appreciation that we used tell him, he was further off base than any of his patients. Probably there are more and other fighting originals left in the medical profession. If members know any such, it will be a pleasure to learn about them.

DIAGNOSIS BY IRIS

A German picture-paper called *Quick* ran a double-truck of photos, 5-30-54, covering the trial of a layman who has been diagnosing human ills on the evidence of the sufferers' irises only. Accto *Quick* this is a lost art of the ancients, revived a century ago by Dr. Ignaz von Peczely, an Hungarian.

The modern practitioner is Emil Stramke of Hamburg, and the "trial" appears to have been more of a circus, staged as publicity ballyhoo for this method of diagnosis. The prosecutor spoke for the defense, every witness testified to the benefits derived, and "name" professors of "school" medicine took the stand to say that Emil had hit the nail on the head



90% of the time in tests upon "hundreds" of cases under laboratory controls.

The theory is that the irises are maps of the entire human anatomy, with areas which reflect what is going on in liver, spleen and great-toe. To him who can read these ever-changing signs, the patient is an open book.

MFS Mitchell, who provided the translation of this contribution from MFS Parr, comments that such a diagnostician cured him of ulcers in his youth, and when the present fad is over we shall probably "find a guy who analyzes your ailments by the shape of your navel".

ABOUT FACE

Well, well, well. Sometimes it takes YS a long time to catch up with the march of events.

Fluorine is a waste product from the manufacture of aluminum. That explains EVERYTHING.

There is nothing that modern industrialists will admit is "waste", no matter how lethal. Remember how the grapefruit boys got millions from the government for the juice they sent to starving Europe?—and still found "vitamins" in the squeezed-out grapefruit skins? It won't be long until you will be offered bottled smog, to curl your hair if it's straight or to take the curl out if it's kinky.

Nowadays the aluminum industry is selling city fathers its poisonous slop to pollute drinking water. In 1931 the chief chemist of the Aluminum Company of America—one V. H. Churchill—was reported in the *Pittsburgh Press* as the discoverer of the "secret poison" in drinking water which was mottling and blacking teeth, giving them "a corroded appearance, as if the teeth had been eaten by acid". The poison, Churchill said, was fluorine.

Apparently the company got a new chemist, but Churchill's version of the facts in 1931 AD are good enough for me—and for the dentists too. Does anybody seriously believe that the dentists would recommend something that would cost them money?

The *Times* 10-5-54 cites a report made by the N.Y. Department of Health to the City Council, in which the assertion is that parents of a million children will save \$16,800,000 in dental bills. Yet, only four days previously, the *Times* printed a letter from William A. Fennelly, President, Dental Society of the State of New York, urging fluoridation.

Is anybody so soft-headed as to believe that the prey of the State dentists is recommending something that will cost his member-drillers nearly \$17,000,000 worth of business?



Churchill's 1931 finding makes much more sense in the economy of organized dentistry.

Fennelly's letter, like most letters in favor of fluoridoping, calmly states—but in broadest generalities—that the test-evidence is on his side, whereas in fact exactly the opposite is true. Get the facts. Send \$2.00 and just write "Fluorine". We'll send you facts.

In the past few weeks thirty communities have voted against fluoridoping—many of them after having it forced upon them by office-holders.

Ask the office-holders in your Health Department, City Councils, etc, etc, where the kick-back is coming from. Who is paying you?

We hear a good deal about the weakness of the intended solution—1 part fluorine to 1 million parts of water. Safe?

Hist.

More than 1000 tests carried out over a period of 15 years by the Boyd Medical Research Institute, Glasgow, Scotland, have shown "that a drug diluted almost to infinity, so that not one molecule of the original drug remains in the solution, retains a form of energy which will affect living cells . . . Dilutions used in the tests ranged up to the 30th potency. This can be expressed by the fraction of 1 over 1 followed by 60 noughts." Daily *Telegraph* 8-19-54 *Cr* Hibbert

CREDIT for these and other data received in the past quarter go to M. Smith, Kittrell, Bennett, Raven, Powers, Rubble, Ritchie, Eaton, Fraser, Borden, Mosely, Barker, Mealy, Forster, C. Williams. A total of 161 "saucer" items were received, including bound books!

CHINA RECONSTRUCTS

A lot of the same old stuff is being kicked back and forth by the various debating societies, such as Lodge's and Dulles' and the rest, but they all know how hungry American business is to start selling in China. It won't be long now. Meanwhile, if you want to know what is going on in China, you can subscribe to a monthly magazine for \$1.00 (one year) \$1.75 (two years). Send the money to, China Reconstructs, 134 Glenholme Avenue, Toronto 10, Canada.

RUSSELL'S BEST

Nobody in the USA sent this in, so a good guess is that no local papers took notice, certainly none of the news services, but Reuter sent it to the *Liverpool Echo*, 8-5-54.

Hollis Wyman of Monterey, Mass, obtained permission from the local authorities of Great Barrington,

to walk down the main street and "publicly proclaim his guilt at being concerned in burning his fellow human beings, first as a Naval officer in Japanese waters (nine years ago), and secondly as a US citizen during the H-bomb tests (last spring)." Wyman now calls himself a "Christian Pacifist", so it appears that religion rather than reason wrought his reformation. We wish it might have been DOUBT.

That deplorable expedition into the Peaceful Valley of Southern New Guinea where a tribe has been getting along so long without nylons or miracle drugs—see DOUBT #46, p. 307—had to be postponed, 9-28-54, because of "private fights among the Tari tribes" who live between Port Moresby and the happy folk. *Echo*

A manufacturer in Solingen, Ruhr, is making replicas of the "dress daggers" worn by Hitler's Brown-shirts and Lutwaffe officers. "The daggers are going to the US as souvenirs." They bring \$32 each. One shipment of 5000 has already crossed the Atlantic and 5000 more were being readied, 8-20-54, accto the *Echo*. "The workers were ordered to tell no one about the daggers" but, of course, it leaked, and now, "the Allied Military Security Board is looking into it." That's all we'll ever hear about THAT.

A Danish newsman dolled himself up in uniform garments which added up to no known nation's regalia and established no known rank, and then went all over Denmark, speaking German, entering ports and forts, dining with Danish officers, receiving salutes and crossing "guard" lines everywhere without hinderance, difficulty or questioning. Police, customs and railway officials kow-towed, officers of Danish Defense Headquarters bowed. He is not named in the *Echo's* story, 9-1-54.

Those Hideous Hairies of Malaya mentioned in several past issues, who do not exist, of course, or are not hairy and so on, are now said to have carried off two members of the Semai tribe and eaten them. The ugly ones were trailed 26 miles, accto a Semai headman, and one of the victims was found half devoured. A bit farther on, the pursuers caught up with two—now called "apemen"—in the act of eating the second chap. In their rage, the story goes, the Semai fell upon the Hairies and slew one, but in reporting to the authorities, the Semai could not say what they did with the body. From the safe distance of this desk, high tea seems to be indicated, but "the Protector of Aborigines in Kuala Lumpur, Mr. R.O.D. Noon, said he could hardly believe that such an incident could have occurred recently. Stories of a similar nature were legion in the Aborigines Department in the past, but none had ever been substantiated." *Echo*, 11-4-54.

Another "lost" tribe, happily isolated from the "civilised world thousands of years ago", has been announced as found by Dr. N. Datta-Majumdar, India. He calls them "Onges" and says they live on one of the Andaman Islands, Bay of Bengal. *Echo* 11-10-54.

At Blanc Sablon, Canada, more than 700 miles NE of Quebec, two young girls allegedly eaten by a pack of "mad" dogs. Probably "wild" is to be understood rather than rabid. *Echo* 8-10-54

A glacier "in Montana" is said to be "striped with layers" of frozen grasshoppers, deposited through

the past 600 years. As the sun thaws the end of this larder, fish and birds gorge on biologists' priceless specimens. *Manchester Guardian* 11-3-54.

At age 14, doctors gave Samuel Cliff 3 weeks to live. At age 58, they gave him 2 years, for different reasons. On 8-9-54 Sam celebrated his 100th birthday at Shrawley, Worcestershire. *Daily Express*

Many of you must have read about the embryo Fortean, Christopher Youngs, *ae* 15, in school at Snaresbrook, England. He told the headmaster he had inherited a prep school, and surrounded the hoax with such artistic verisimilitude that he was let go to look over his property and his classmates were given a holiday. His nickname was Bumble Bee. *Liverpool Daily Post* 11-13-54

In the *Times Science Review*, Winter '54, a photo of a spiral nebula taken by the Palomar White Elephant that sees all, knows all, carries a caption which reads, in part, with Russell's emphasis added—"our own Galaxy is *probably* somewhat like this . . . and the solar system *probably* lies in one of the spiral arms . . . diameter of one galaxy is *probably* about 100,000 light-years." You're not going to catch them sticking their necks out.

The ragpickers of Tokio have founded their own newspaper, to which item the *Echo* affixed the headline, *Their Own Rag*. 8-20-54

The *Manchester Guardian* slipped on this one. In their issue of 8-26-54 they call attention to a new device "first seen in operation yesterday". It describes an Inspectoscope, used by the U.S. Customs to detect contraband in baggage without unlocking or unpacking. The writer gives it the hush-hush treatment and even suggests by headline that the device is to prevent Atom Bomb Smuggling.

However, the (British) *Daily Telegraph* of twenty days before describes the machine at some length, credits it with the arrest of four diamond smugglers who are named, and with the interception of \$159,000 worth of contraband before the diamond incident. Apparently our Manchester cousins don't read their contemporary rags. *Cr Hibbert*

Dr. John Kelvin, Glasgow, was treating two patients *ae* 70 for "cramps". He prescribed a tablet—one, four times a day—a drug "developed in Britain in the past year". By the time the patients had taken 250 each, both had grown "full crops of hair on their bald heads". *Daily Mail* 9-10-54 *Cr Elsander*.

This is not an unknown phenomenon. Related also is the restoration of original color to white-haired folk after ingestion of "vitamin D". YS has seen well authenticated documentation of several such incidents, but nobody so far has been able to control the stuff sufficiently to put it on the market with a hair-growing or color-restorative claim. Sometimes it works and sometimes it doesn't. Seems to depend on the individual.

MARKHAM please note. Elsander calls attention to the coincidence that "the plane crash at Shannon"—presumably the one that went into the river—and one off the coast of Holland shortly before Sept 8, occurred on "practically the same degree of latitude". That may be pertinent to some of your studies.



ANTI-CLERIC MEXICO

It was news to YS, so maybe you hadn't heard either. Down in Mexico, where for years the people were as hard-riden by the Catholic Church as Ireland has been, and still is, "priests and other clergymen . . . both citizens and non-citizens, are forbidden to appear in public in attire that designates their calling, the clerical collar in particular being prohibited." That is from Mexico Sets a Good Example, by Robert H. Scott, in the November issue of *Progressive World*. See our back cover for advertisement, and subscribe today.



CORRECTING FACKS

As appears, no "official" connection exists between the proponents of Gesell listed in our latest previous issue and the widow of Hugo Fack, who introduced Gesell's theories in the USA. Students of these subjects who may wish to acquire books from Dr. Fack's library should address Mrs. Fack, 5324 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles 27, Calif.

It would also be well to balance your Gesell diet by looking more deeply into Henry George. A correspondence course is offered. Write to Henry George School of Social Science, 50 East 69th Street, New York City 21.

ACTUALLY!

The widespread growing interest in Gesell, Henry George and critics of the Federal Reserve System, was causing alarm in high places as long ago as the year 21 FS. NANA sent its subscribers a slanted piece which the *Times* ran 5-13-51 old style, and the headline read: "Cost Rise Recalls '74 Greenback Bill/ 43d Congress Actually Passed Measure for Un-supported Paper Currency."

What "supports" our paper currency today?

Read "Mullins on the Federal Reserve"—from the Society, \$2.00.

MITCHELL'S BEST

Elsewhere in this issue see notice of several translations from the German, contributed by MFS Mitchell. The following are from his unerring and tireless shears.

Does anybody known anything about the habits of scaphiopus Holbrook? Will you look it up—for future publication here?

The assertion, now made by Science Service, THAT great friend to intellectual man!—is that scaphiopus Holbrook, "the spade-foot toad", needs "hurricanes to bring new life to its species, for it can breed only during heavy storms".

YS may be wrong as a goat, but that reads like an afterthought, cooked up to explain away some of the stories of "toad falls". If it has been in the text books right along, why haven't we heard about it before? Science Service does not cite any authority, but elaborates the theme in the following more than suspect manner.



"Scientists are still baffled as to what the triggering mechanism is that tells these toads when a storm is about to descend upon them. Some speculate that the toads have a pressure-sensing device, and others believe that they come to the surface of the ground only after their holes have become filled with water. So adapted are the young to this way of birth that the tadpoles will not survive in an ordinary pond, but will only live in a storm puddle. As the puddle dries, the tadpoles are also equipped to speed up their development into adulthood. This particular toad has cousins in the desert that apply this storm-breeding technique to advantage in flash floods." N.Y. Times 10-26-45

The Tallahassee, Fla, offices of UP and AP must not be on speaking terms. UP sent a story to the N.Y. Sunday News, under date 10-9-54, which the News headlined, COOL SPELL FAILS TO HALT FLA POLIO/ "Eighteen new cases reported today, during the first day of cool weather that was welcomed as a possible weapon to break an epidemic of the disease."



AP, on the same date exactly, sent to the N.Y. Journal American, a story which that wyper headed, COLD CURBS POLIO/ "Hope that Tallahassee's serious polio outbreak is subsiding developed today on the heels of a sudden cold snap. Only one new patient was hospitalized yesterday."

BY "DECREE" of Arch Hindman, executive secretary of the (Indiana) State Athletic Commission, boxers cannot appear in Indiana rings until they have taken a non-Communist oath. Times 10-22-54

DDT in measurable quantities was found in every restaurant meal analyzed by Dr. Wayland J. Hayes Jr., in gathering material for his report. The doc is chief of the toxicology section of the Communicable Disease Center of the Federal Public Health Service, Savannah, Ga. Breakfast, lunch and dinner give the average American an intake of 184 micrograms of DDT per day, he told the American Public Health Association.

That is not enough to kill you, the report says cheerily, but that is hardly the question. The question is whether DDT contains any arsenic or arsenates or other known carcinogens—causes of cancer. If it does—and most insecticides DO—then 184 micrograms or even 1 microgram is too damned much to swallow. Times 10-16-54



"The Air Force warned today, 10-2-54 old style, that a jet fighter dropped a highly dangerous container of rockets over the Essex-Centerfield area of Vermont yesterday, and that the container had not been found." N.Y. News

The Air Force (?British?) base at Fassberg (Germany), in the Lueneburg heath, reports that a 7000 gallon tank, supposed to contain fuel for jet planes, was found to contain nothing but water. "Thieves (assumed) would have had to operate a pumping station and open twenty-eight locks" to get at it. Times 10-28-54

A herd of wild elephants began devouring the sugar cane crop in Terai region, India. Natives set fire to a hedge to frighten them away. "The elephants formed a fire brigade, sucked up water from a nearby stream and hosed it on the flames with their trunks." Then they went back and polished off the cane field. Times 8-14-54

A young American was admitted to Enschede hospital, Netherlands, when he was "found" in a public square. On his back was tattooed, in German, "That is the fate of US arsonists, murderers and gangster pilots." He gave his name as David Samuel Rollins, said he was born in New London, Conn, called Washington, D.C., his residence, claimed he was a captain of US Air Force in WW II, and that the tattoo had been applied while he was a prisoner in Stalag 17.



The Veterans Administration in Washington has only one record of a David Samuel Rollins, and he was not in WW II but in the first one. New London, Conn, has no such birth record. *Times* 8-26-54

Some oldsters will recall the girls who were painting watch dials with radium paint in 1926 AD. They used to wet the brushes in their mouths. Twenty or more were poisoned, many died. Survivors waiting to die formed a club called the Society of Living Dead. The last one of the group lived 28 years, died in Ottawa, Ill, 7-23-54. She was Mrs. Cecil Williams, ae 48. *N.Y. News*

Blindness is increasing acco to the National Society for its Prevention. "It is estimated that 750,000 in this country will lose their vision before they die unless new research uncovers the baffling causes of the blinding eye diseases." *Times* 8-3-54

A bull whale gave up a lump of ambergris weighing 926 pounds in July. At the time, the market was \$9.00 per ounce, but it was thought this trove would drive the price down. "Two other lumps of ambergris were said to have exceeded the latest weight of 926 pounds, but the reports date from the last century and are considered unreliable." Those stupid people who lived in the 1800s had such primitive scales, and were such liars—*Times* 7-27-54

Birds and bats died, 10-7-54, and no one theory appears to cover all circumstances. The *Times* itemizes the casualties found on set-back roofs of the Empire State Building, 123 birds of some 25 to 30 species, and 4 bats. Four of the birds and one bat were revived and released. The explanation was that they were blown against the building by strong wind.

That explanation does not take into account that more than 200 dead birds—no bats—were found dead the same morning out at Mitchell Field, strewn over a four block area of open parade ground and runways. Autopsies showed some cracked skulls, but others appeared to have died of heart attacks. *Times* and *Newsday*.

But this was no local phenomenon. AP sent out of Atlanta, a story revealing that the same thing had happened that night in Alabama, Georgia, South Carolina, Kansas and Tennessee, also at Allentown, Pa, and Winston-Salem, N.C.

A biologist at Salina, Kansas performed autopsies which he said indicated asphyxiation. *Cr* E.S. Anderson

An estimated 200 walruses were killed, probably "by concussion resulting from an explosive force" in September or October of the year 21 FS, in the Bering Sea. *Times* 8-17-54

The dimple-brained of Long Island who play soldier and cops under the heady influence of Civil Defense touched off a "bomb" at their exhibition of retarded juvenile delinquency at Port Jefferson 7-23-54 old style. The bomb contained 20 pounds of magnesium powder. 80 house windows, 6 store windows smashed. A woman injured by the fall of a chandelier in a restaurant, two other women fainted, 10 dogs ran berserk, two autos damaged, a man had a heart attack.

One E. Conway Plummer is Director of Civil Defense in Port Jefferson. He could not be found for comment.



Five days later, the County Director of this boob-inflating folly is quoted in *Newsday*. Saith William C. McCollom, "The bright side of the picture may well be a more comprehensive understanding by the people of what civil defense is."

Yea, brother. We know. Unmitigated assaninity.

In the same paper, 10-12-54, one of its columnists wrote: "Suffolk CD officials deny it, but there was a recent move on to abolish town auxiliary police forces. One town had signed up hundreds of men, some with criminal records and was facing real trouble with the badge-happy, gun-toting faction. The weeding out process will be quiet and with no publicity."

No law ever on the Federal books—not even Prohibition—has insulted intelligence so flagrantly or called so loudly for repeal as this damnable outrage which sets up nincompoops as Exalted Supreme Whistle Blowers. Obviously it would be a waste of words to suggest that the participants go home and read a good book, but surely some of them could be taught to play checkers. Even Elbow McCarthy knows how to play checkers.



SAUCERZINES

If you think the USA newswriters and cartoonists had fun with the "flying saucers" you should have a gander at the current press of La Belle France. WOW! Once they took it up, they took it up.

No issue of any daily home journal in France is complete these days without its photo of the latest peasant to interview a spaceman, so it's no wonder Mendes-France agreed to push rearmament. The mayor of Chateau Neuf du Pape—where some grand wine comes from—has decreed that no "flying saucer" or "flying cigar" shall land or take off in his bailiwick.

The Society is particularly fortunate in its French coverage, since Jimmy Guieu of Radio Monte Carlo, author of *Les Soucoupes Volantes viennent d'un autre Monde*, is a member, and our own roving correspondent Larry Wilson is in the midst of it in Paris.

Speaking domestically, the subject has found its sea-level in that group of pulp readers who write letters to the editors. One wonders if the membership is familiar with these phenomena.

Most pulp magazines have a department at the tail of the book where Letters to the Editor are printed. That is a venerable institution which was rejuvenated by the growth of science fiction. Adolescents and lonely-hearts fill those pages with barely literate outpourings of praise for their favorite writers and attacks upon those they dislike. There the reader sees his name in print for the first time and is electrified by it. Some editors print addresses as well, and by exchange of insults a FANZINE is born.

A FANZINE, as the name implies, is more of the same, a periodical hecked out on a hectograph or mumbled out on a multigraph, swapping verbosity so turgid that neither writer nor reader can understand it one week after publication. Vacuity swiftly overcomes all Fanzines, and would have done for the species had not "saucers" come along, like Vigoro, to start them pulsing and puling again.

Now, all the former Fanzine editors have become International or Interplanetary Saucer Bureaux, and each boy or girl who used to write letters to the editor is editor of his own Saucerzine. The woods is full of them, and most of them find their way to us here. We are glad to have them—they will have their niche in the archives—but they are, of course, utterly unreadable.



ASTRONAUTS

It is too early to tell much about them, but a group has formed what they call the American Astronautical Federation, an association of societies and clubs with interests related to interplanetary and space travel. The Federation aims to act as a clearing house for information on these topics, and it will publish a Journal. We can't wait to see it. We wish them well. Individuals are not eligible for membership, only organizations. Fortean who belong to such groups will be furnished further particulars on request to YS.

BLUE MOON

Night of Oct 7-8, London and most of South and East England reported a blue moon. The *Daily Mirror* listed a few recent ones—Scotland, December, 21 FS, London, September, 20 FS, Wales, December, 17 FS.

Explanation: "tiny transparent particles of uniform size high in the air." *Cr Gee*, Hibbert and others.

FALLS

June 8, fall of ice, Bristol, confirmed.

Aug 16. From a clear blue sky, something struck or fell into the chimney of a house in Eltham, S.E. (London). "The chimney was smashed, six fuses blown out, TV and wireless went off, living room smothered in soot"—nothing found.

NANA reports two eyewitnesses to the landing of a meteorite at Hoekmark, Sweden. They are Bertil and Aake Petterson, brothers. Object "big as a box of matches" struck 14 feet from them. When they reached it—it was cold. *Times* 8-25-54 *Cr Mitchell*

Mrs. S. Campbell of Leeds, sitting on a cliff between Bridlington and Sewerby, watching jet aircraft overhead. Something struck her head, she was taken to Bridlington hospital "almost unconscious". No object found. *Daily Mail* 9-8-54 *Cr Elsander*

"Several weeks ago" Mrs. Gertrude Hoffman, L.A., heard a loud thump in her backyard. No plane heard overhead. In the yard, "what had been a hunk of yellowish waxy stuff about 15 inches long, 6 inches wide and an inch and a half thick . . . had hit with terrific impact and burst . . . a chemical firm identified the stuff as micro-crystalline wax, whatever that is." Matt Weinstock's column in the *LA Daily News*, 9-24-54 *Cr Powers* and others



NORTH POLE

MFS Jerry Wimmer wants us to take up the cudgels for Old Doc Cook again, and YS doesn't mind. We always thought the Cook claim was as good as Peary's any day, and your public library has some substantial documentation. The book is out of print, but your library probably has it—Return From the Pole, by Frederick A. Cook, published 1951 old style.

Odd that this should come up just at this time.

"A US expedition to the Arctic has reported it has reached the magnetic north pole for the first time in history." *Glasgow Evening News* 9-13-54

"The Russians said tonight they had installed a microphone at the North Pole. The Moscow radio said, 'We are the first country in the world to do so.' There was no explanation why." *Times* 9-23-54
Cr Mitchell

"The Soviet Union has reported another first—a parachute jump in the North Pole area." *Times* 11-1-54



RAIN, RAIN, GO AWAY

The Society is no bureau of world rainfall statistics, but from the deluge of storm headlines received through the past few months it looks as if more water has fallen on Earth than in any like period on record. Floods are everywhere, literally, and wherever there are floods are also people who attribute them to the USA bomb tests. This is entirely apart from the claims that the substances released by the tests are deleterious in other ways, such as poisoning the fish and burning up the fishermen. In addition to all such hell being raised by an uncontrolled, irresponsible, power-drunk military, they are also drowning the planet in rain-water.

In Southern Morocco, more rain fell in three days than "normally" falls in three years.

England has been deluged, also all Europe—Italy, Germany, Spain, Switzerland, Belgium, Wales, France—also Mexico, Honduras, South America and Australia.

The East got it worse than any—in Tibet, India, Pakistan and China new records have been set. Twenty million yellow-Reds were made homeless by floods, so maybe this is a tactical maneuver in the "cold" War.

Some Tibetans blame it on their Dalai Lama, saying the gods are sore at him for visiting China.

The 15-nation Executive Committee of the World Meteorological Organization began an investigation in Geneva, 9-12-54. Their findings have not reached us yet, but they gathered under the following cloud: "The committee agreed that all scientific evidence available indicated that the weather was not affected by atomic explosions. But it had received thousands of letters from members of the public who were unconvinced by the evidence."



ALGERIA SHAKES

Beginning early Sept 9, Algeria shook, off and on, for a week. One day 69 shocks were counted. By Sept 17, Reuter estimated the dead at 1800.

The Arabs call a quake, "the thunder under the earth" accto Sydney Smith in the *Daily Express*. The Fortean note was struck by one Mohammed Bougra, survivor from Orleansville, which was wiped out. He said, "Just before the shaking started, a great ball of fire appeared in the sky over the mountains. It was orange and yellow and red, with a sort of violet light around the edges. The clouds were thick and the moon shone red. A tempest force hit us and the sky was split with lightning. Then the earth started shifting." *Cr Clayton, Elsander*

PATTON MARCHES ON

Remember General Patton, the private-kicker? One of his "aids" Lt. Col. John Samuel Arnold, called "a much-decorated hero of World War II" by AP, went berserk in St. Petersburg, Fla, just before 11-20-54 old style, shot and killed his wife, his mother-in-law and himself. That may be the end of that Arnold family, but we are quite likely to hear more from other Patton alumni. That old-school fighting spirit stays in the blood.



HITLER A SIOUX NOW

MFS Pfaus appears to have found a photo of a Sioux Indian bearing a striking resemblance to the former Adolph, so striking that he wrote the following, which appeared in *Freiheitsbote*, a German publication, under title, *The Fuhrer Lives!* The following text is a free translation and paraphrase by courtesy of MFS Mitchell.

The writer, Pfaus, and a former infantry buddy of his are approaching the tepees of the Sioux at Cheyenne River Indian Reservation in South Dakota to renew old acquaintances with not a thought of the architect of the Thousand Year Reich in their minds. An Indian, in deep meditation, (!), nears and Pfaus' heart almost stopped. "Allmighty Wakondal!" he writes, "der Fuhrer!"

"Minus moustache, of course. Long dark hair, grey strands in it, shoulder length. In it the lone eagle's feather of the prominent Sioux."

Only for a moment he looks into the cold eyes of the Fuhrer and the marrow freezes in his bones. He manages a greeting of "How Kola," raises his right arm, duty-bound, to the heel salute and clicks his heels furiously. The answer comes in a spitting hiss, forcing the writer to retreat quickly, for his right eye had been hit.

"My companion, however, had the presence of mind to get his Contax to his eye and catch this terrible Indian on film. Then it got more serious. The fellow reached under his blood-red swastika-ornament blanket and brought out a club, which, however, looked more like a field marshal's staff than a murder weapon."

Now in flight, Pfaus and his companion bounce into a group of Sioux while dashing 'round a wigwam. The Indians greet the two heros politely. Out of breath they point at the pursuing native who seems to have lost interest in them. The club gone, he again crossed the prairie in deep meditation.

The Sioux explain: "Ugh. Him? Big magician and chief. His totem that of mocking-bird. He big and slippery tongue. He big Chief Mocking-Bird. His prophecies plenty as sand on river bank." etc.

"But we didn't feel so good anymore. Where the Fuhrer is there are also the Gestapo, the Master of the Reich Hunt, the Block Warden, the National Socialist Women's Auxiliary, the "volunteer" Labor Battalion, the Air Raid Coordinator, the Storm Troopers, Worker's Front, National Guard, the Defense Command, Bone Breaker's Street, the People's Court and the Concentration Camp. We got out of there in a hurry."

So they push hell out of their old Ford and get to Pierre all worn out and have their film developed in the local drug store. Before they can examine their Western tourist pictures the druggist points to the Fuhrer's print and asks: "Where did you get the excellent picture of Two Strikes?"

"That? But that's big Chief Mocking-Bird."

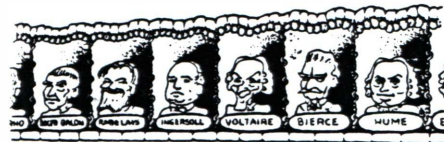
"Gentlemen, no. It is a picture of the departed chief Two Strikes from the tribe of the Brulé Sioux."

"But—we took the Fuh—ah, Mocking-Bird's picture ourselves!"

"In that case you snapped the ghost of Two Strikes," declared the druggist and turned his back on us.

Says Pfaus:

"So the Reich Propaganda Ministry was there, too. Even in Pierre, South Dakota. Not only among the Injuns but also among the Yanks. Away, be gone, before the summons is served! We left, never to see the Cheyenne River again. We fled back to Hamburg whence we fled before."



NOMINATIONS

You have until Jan 26 to get your nominations for Named Fellow FS 24 to us.

Latest received is the name of Mrs. Margaret Mullen, *ae* 90, who was found sleeping on Brighton beach (England) because she had no place to go. She was sent to a home, but walked out after a short stay and started looking for a room of her own. She has found one.

Other nominations have been received for the following:

Herbert C. Holdridge, the monetary reformer and candidate for President in the year 22 FS.

Charles Addams, cartoonist whose drawings in the *New Yorker* contribute to "the visual education of the public".

Robb Sagendorph, editor and publisher of the *Old Farmers Almanac*.

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.

1868 Box A (Resumed)

Mar ab. Myst fires Martinique & Guadeloupe / Western Gazette VII May

BOX 3 (Resumed)

Mar 3 Vesuvius / Nouvelles Meteorologiques / 1/182 / Very active on 13th
 March White spot Venus by Browning at Munich / Science Opinion 2/225 (cut)
 14 eruption of Vesuvius increasing / N.Y. Herald 15th, p. 7
 15 bet 3&4 a.m. bright spot looking like a projection on limb of Venus / E.Mech., 50/482, also 40/130 (sketching it)
 March quake South Wales / LT Nov 7, p. 8
 Mar 9 9:30 p.m. Island of Lanaia Uawai/ metite / one fell there earlier (this?) century / Flam. Atmosphere p.176
 9 9:30 p.m. Hawaii great detonating meteor / Nouvelles Meteorologiques / 1/199
 16 morning / Disastrous hurricane Toronto, Canada / N.Y. Herald 17th, p.5
 16 Hurricane Chicago / 40 houses damaged / N.Y.Herald 18th, p.6
 20 Daniel's Kull, Grignaland East S.Africa (F)
 26 1 a.m. Brecon, S.Wales / 2 loud reports vibrations like phe of Oct 30, 1868 / LT Nov 7, p.8

27, 28 April etc / Mauna Loa begins/ A.J.Sci 2/46/107 / Note—actives Mauna Loas at least to 1890 were not explosive
 27 quakes at Sandwich Islands began / N.Y. Trib May 25, p. 1
 Mar 27 Sandwich Islands
 Apr 4 Philippines
 4 Sandwich Islands } quakes BA '11
 4 Russian Turkestan }
 7 Mexico } see quakes Feb 18, 1889
 11 Armenia }
 Mar 14 New York paper/ Courier des Etas Unis / of this date quoted—a black snow in Michigan / La Sci Pour Tous 13-160
 14 Floods throughout U.S. / N.Y.Herald 18th etc
 Mar 27 quake Hawaii / Tidal wave 60 feet high / An Reg 1868-187
 27 Mauna Loa / subsided / great quake and sea wave Apr 2 and submarine volc. great eruption 7th / A. J. Sci 2/46/115
 28-Apr 7 quakes in Hawaii / Bull Seis Soc Amer 4-177
 28 quakes Sandwich Islands began LT June 22, p. 12 / for 6 hours at short intervals / terror of it in nothing to cling to — trees etc shaking. On April 2 the islands reeled in most fearful quake known. In District Kaiu from which this letter written no light from Mauna Loa seen till night of April 7th. Letter from a missionary
 30 Violent shock at Aix / La Sci Pour Tous 13-160
 Apr 2 great volc eruption & quakes Mauna Loa / Sydney Morning Herald, Sept 1, 1868 / Tidal wave 60 feet high / Lesser before / Apr 2 / Lava & also an eruption of moist clay
 April (Ext bird) A Copiapo (Chili) newspaper copied in the Zoologist, July, 1868 — "yesterday at about five o'clock in the afternoon — a gigantic bird which at first sight we took for one of the clouds." Its immense wings were clothed with a grayish plumage, its monstrous head was like that of a locust, its eyes were wide open and shone like burning coals; it seemed to be covered with something resembling the thick and stout bristles of a boar, while on its body, elongated like that of a serpent, we could only see brilliant scales which clashed together with a metallic sound as the strange animal turned its body in its flight. See July 22, 1890
 Apr 2 N.Y. Trib May 26, p. 1 / Top of a hill blown off and thrown a thousand feet.
 2 Most violent shock in Sandwich Islands / N.Y. Trib May 25, p. 1 / from one of the volcs burst a large stream of water

- 3-4 night / violent shocks Cotes-du-Nord / La Sci Pour Tous 13-167
- 4 quakes of / see March 27 (reverse) see quakes Feb 18, 1889
- 6 writer says that during night of April 6, or Monday preceding the eruption, came a shower of sand and pumice stone of unknown origin — "probably from some vent hole near the crater" N.Y. Trib May 26, p. 1 / This is the eruption of the 7th of Kahuka
- 6 In Sandwich Islands in night ground covered with fine sand and light pumice stone / where came from unknown / A.J. Sci 2/46/115
- 6 Venus / small bright projection from the circular limb / by (cut) with Webb / Celestial Objects p. 57
- 7 in evening / Apr 11 in morning / Mauna Loa / Nouvelles Meteorologiques 1/199
- 13 (Fort's English is tough enough to read, this is French! Anyway, something happened at Athens, and you may read about it in —) Tessandier, Les Poussiere de l'Air, p. 72
- 19 Severe shocks Bushire, India (?Persia?TT) LT May 30, p. 12
- 10 Uckfield, Sussex / after a severe th storm a loud explosion unaccompanied by lightning / Astro Reg 6-80
- 13-14 night / aurora / C.R. vol 68
- 15 New Star? Cardiff Times of May 23 / Reported from Freshwater, Isle of Wight / a star or comet in full sunshine / altitude about 75 degrees / SE by S.
- 15 The Isle of Wight star — cor writes altitude ab 75 degrees / SE by S. watched from 1 p.m. until 3:30. Cor says it was stationary. Thought was a star or comet / LT of the 18th, p. 7, of the 19th, p. 10 — that it was Venus
- 22 quake Mexico / BA '11
- 22 Havelic, Agram, Croatia, Austria / (F)
- 22 10:06 p.m. Germany / quake — meteor (?) (Fort's question. TT) (indecipherable) 3/317, 507 / See June 21
- 22 aerolite / also 1869 / E. Mech 79/383
- 22 Tuesday before / tidal wave 4 feet high Scotland / Montrose Standard May 22 / I get from the Wellington (N.Z.) Independent, Aug 27, p. 4
- 23 Nothing in Newport Gazette

BOX A (Resumed)

- 23 The Field of / p. 411 / "In the neighborhood of Llanover Park, Monmouthshire, an animal supposed to be a wolf has devoured forty lambs and several hundred geese, ducks, chickens and pheasants

BOX 3 (Resumed)

- 26 & following days / at night sky at Bakou (Caucasus) illuminated and smoke seen / supposed from an unknown volcano / Nouvelles Met. 1/294
- 27 red spot on Venus for a few seconds / cor to Birmingham Gazette of 28th / someone else, June 1, saw it appear and disappear.
- 29 ab. noon tremendous th storm London / 8:30 a.m. Brighton / D. News 30th
- 29 In Birmingham Gazette July 11th, said almost daily complaints of stones thrown by boys at trains. Mr. Harrington, walking along the Parade, been struck in the face by a stone (indecipherable) ½ lb in weight, stone must have been thrown with great violence
- 29 Pebbles storm Italy / Dec, 1871
- 29 Pebbles Hungary / March 31, 1875
- 29 Hungarian stones / June 9, 1866
- 29 Pebbles Hungary / Aug 10, 1841
- 29 Plant's letter copied in Symons Met. 3/71 & he asserts fall of 1858
- 29 Like June, 1858 / great lump ice
- 29 Blackheath / London afternoon / hail ½ in diameter of 7 strate (?TT) Symons 3/67
- 29 Midland Counties Herald / Nothing
- 29 evening th storm violent in Paris / Rugby / Adra (indecipherable) June 6 / preceded by a hot wind & clouds of dust
- 29 frogs near Birm / Aug 21, 1843
- 29 th stone near Wolverhampton not very near / Apr 26, 1876
- 23 N.Y. Times of / p. 6 Spirits / Existence of Franklin Spring, Ballston, N.Y. Valuable property said been revealed to a spiritualist, John Mitchell of Balston, in the year 1852 by a spirit (spirit of Benjamin Franklin). Land was owned by a Mr. Hides. Not until 1868 they got the money to dig and find 800 feet deep.

BOX 3 (Resumed)

- 24 ab. enormous wave on coast of Dorset / Nouvelles Meteorologiques 1/268
- 26 Toulouse, France, red rain / Flam Atmosphere, p. 410
- 27-28 midnight or midnight of 27th / spectacular aurora at Cronstadt / La Sci Pour Tous 13-207
- 28 Shock at Lorient, 7:10 p.m. / La Sci Pour Tous 13-192
- May 2 Times of India (Overland Summary) of / reported by Capt Wood, ab. 16 miles north of Chindwarra loud detonations that had been heard several months. Those he heard thought were subterranean
- 3 ab 9 a.m. very thick dry fog at Toulouse / on 4th, after it disappeared ground was covered with grains of pollen / La Sci Pour Tous 14-58
- 3-4 Sun obscured & dry fog France and Italy / L'An. Sci 17/148
- 3 dry fog Paris intense / obscured the sun / C.R. 66-867
- 4 Dry fog at Naples this day was thick and white. La Sci Pour Tous 14-58
- 5 Violent shock Tashkent / Western (?) (Yeovil) May 29
- 9 at least to the 9th shocks continuing Sandwich Islands N.Y. Trib 25th, p. 1

- 29 See "Pebbles"
- 29 b. rain Birm / May 3, 1866
- no date Birm-Wolverth stone / Apr 26, 1876
- 29 In Birm Journal June 13, is a chemist's report — that "similar if not identical with Rowligrag stones." This chemist says they were feebly attracted by the magnet. In Birm Daily Post June 1, Mr. Plant said that in his experiments magnetic cohesion was complete.
- 29 Birm D. Post June 8, cor writes that stones (indecipherable) by him from Mr. Plant had twice the specific gravity of Rowligrag stones
- 29 Dakota pebbles / May 22, 1884
- 29 Pebbles Hungary / March 31, 1875 / Special case Aug 10, ab. 1841
- 29 pebbles in Switzerland Feb 20, 1907
- 29 frogs near Birm. Stowsbridge / Aug 21, 1843
- 29 hazel nut husk with the black stones of B. Birmingham Daily Post, June 1, 1868
- Jun 1 LT, p. 9 / Meteoric stones / Birmingham? (Fort's question)
- 3 dark round spot on southern wall of Copernicus, Schmidt. No trace on July 10 black point reappears on July 20 L'Astro / 4/309
- 6 11:40 a.m. det met Kansas / BA 69-279 / A.J. Sci 2/46/429
- 8 Oxford / Seen at Radcliffe Observatory — stationary thing cloud like or comet like. It was seen then to move in a straight line & then (indecipherable) several times with smoke and flame as if from an engine / Watched on water. E. Mechan 7/351
- 8 Radcliffe Observatory / Oxford / Comet looking / seemed object stationary — then turning West and then Southward & turned North. Visib 4 minutes. E Mech 7/351
- 8 Oxford Obs. 9:50 p.m. At first like a fam (indecipherable) white cloud / 5 degrees by 1 degree W of Polaris — to Leo / toward Regulus / then North / LT June 15, p. 9
- 8 LT, p. 9 / Subterranean fire at Hanley
- 9 Near Dolitz, Pomerania / fishes / Jour Amer Mus Nat Hist, 21/615
- 9 near Dolitz, Pomerania / fishes / Archic Vere in Freunde Nat / Mecklenburg / 21-151
- 9 11:40 a.m. Topeka etc Kansas / Great detonation heard / meteor seen / A. J. Sci 2/46/429
- BOX A (Resumed)**
- 10 LT, p. 9 Tiger at large
- BOX 3 (Resumed)**
- 12-13 night in Assam 2 shocks followed by heavy falls of rain Alahabad Pioneer, July 17
- 18 Shocks on coast of N.S. Wales / Birmingham Gazette, Sept 12
- 18 Shock coast of N.S. Wales. San Francisco Ev Bulletin, Aug 27
- 21 Austria }
29 Germany } (?quakes?) BA '11
30 Russia }
21 Germany / quake and met ? (Fort's question) Zeit Stuk 3/350, 51 / See May 22 to July 17 / 180 shocks San Francisco / N.Y. Times, Nov 18, p. 2, 1871
- 21 At Worthing great black clouds & wind & tide / sea suddenly receded 60 or 70 yards, rushing back / Symon's Met Mag, 13-83 / This life / Jan., 1884
- 26 LT, p. 10 }
27 LT, p. 12 } Burning moors in Yorkshire
27 typhoon Yokohama / San Francisco Ev Bulletin, Aug 17
- 29 LT, p. 6 / Ornithological phe.
- last of June ab. 3 p.m. / Metite at Pnompehn, Cochinchina / Les Monde or Cosmos, 18-506
- 30 Russia medium quake / BA '11
- Summer / Drought England / Nature 2-169
- BOX A (Resumed)**
- July H. House / polts at Muchelney farmhouse near / phe after a shock like of a slight earthquake / Light, Dec 10, 1887 / see 1869
- 1869 Religio Phil Jour, Oct 29, 1870, p. 5 quotes Human Nature of polt / disturbances in a house at Muchelney, near Yeovil. Maid servant left and phe stopped. See July 1868
- BOX 3 (Resumed)**
- July 1 Ornans, Doubs, France (F)
- 1 bet 3 & 4 a.m. Nagpore / large globe of fire that burst into dazzling fragments at Nagpore, Central Provinces. Allahabad Pioneer, 15th, p. 4
- 2 LT, p. 10 / quake at Pesth
- 5 11:45 p.m. local / (th stone) Namur Belgium / meteorite in violent storm / BA 1869/277 / (cut) small object average about 1/3 ounce / covered with olive colored crust speckled with yellow
- July S.S. in air / see one in Wales Aug 26, 1921
- July 6 In Alsace / dry fog & increased to 9th / Nouv. Met. 2-199
- 7 quake Trinidad / BA 1911-55
- 11 Ornans, France / Corboy 14 / (D-74)
- 16 Venus inferior conjunction Sol (A1)
- July-Aug / Nothing in Bombay Gazette
- 15 At Kootupbur "small balls of wet earth, about the size of peas fell slowly but for a considerable length of time — on 22nd fell a shower of earth / Wellington (N.Z.) Independent, Nov 3, p. 3, quoting The Indian Daily News
- ab15 Eruptions and big tidal wave. Sandwich Islands. Melbourne Age, Aug 28
- 17 Casale, Piedmont, Italy, 1840 / which see / see also Feb. Phil Mag, 4/8/46
- 19 3:30 a.m. / Argeles, Hautes Pyrenees / See July 19, 1854 / LT, July 28, 1868
- 20 dark spot south wall of Copernicus / L'Astro, 4/309-410 (Fort questions the year)

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