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FIRST PRIZE

The MFS Mitchell finish in this race is a runaway.

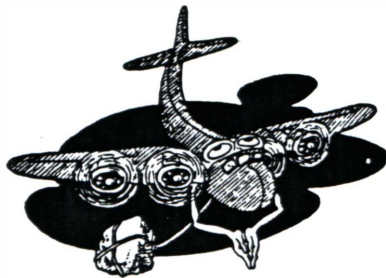
"Pope Pius XII gave his blessing and benediction today (10-28-52 old style) to employees and members of the Associated Press everywhere." *N. Y. Times*, 10-29-52

No comment seems necessary.

Also from Mitchell:

The weekly *New Statesman and Nation* picked up from the British aviation magazine *Flight*, the following, which *Newsweek* printed 9-1-52:

"Economically, it is better to kill a load of passengers than to deliver them badly frightened at their destination. Mr. Peter Masefield has drawn attention



to what he calls the 'public forgetfulness factor,' which allows the depressing effects of a fatal accident to be of short duration, but this is dependent to a large extent on the percentage of survival. A badly frightened passenger is a greater menace to sales than is the report of his demise, for in the the first case the influence is continuous."

This is especially true, if the survivor is badly scarred about the face by flaming gasoline (petrol to Mr. Masefield).

Another application of the economico-statistical technic to analysis of life's value comes from Russell. "The atom bomb could kill people at a cost of £1 a head—a grotesquely cheap means of extermination—says Mr. Fred Hoyle, the mathematician and broadcaster, in *Atom Science News*. *Liverpool Echo* 9-25-52.

Brother Mitchell further bolsters his position with these:

Speaking to the Packaging Institute, which is an organization primarily concerned with putting up a little pinch of some commodity—soda crackers, for instance—in a box so attractive that it will be bought on sight for ten or twenty times the actual value of the contents, Paul Colsmann, of the Brookhaven National Laboratory, let the packagers know that they are not the only folk who have their troubles sealing flavor in and keeping unwelcome odors out. Mr. Colsmann's problem is wrapping up atomic materials:

"Even sealing the material in metal which is then embedded in cement and then dumped into a shale-forming deposit in the ocean does not guarantee that the material will not become a hazard a hundred or a thousand years from now." *N. Y. Times* 10-26-52.

By placing the "hazard" (to human life is assumed) at a period beyond man's allotted three-score and ten, Mr. Colsmann eases the minds of the packagers, and his own conscience too, perhaps, but what he says of the menace is equally true in one day or ten.

"High explosives used for the training of Uncle Sam's seamen on Long Island waters are the cause of grave concern to local fishermen . . . Live ammunition is used . . . with the result that occasionally a bomb, depth charge or some other object will be left unexploded. . . . Last month . . . a small quantity of high explosives (was) jettisoned approximately 3½ miles . . . from Jones Beach in 40 feet of water . . . the whole matter is 'cloaked in secrecy' and the Navy Department refuses to release any information. . . . Last month, a scallop boat, working off Block Island, pulled up a pear shaped object which exploded when tossed back into the water. 'Incidents like this are bound to result in tragedy sooner or later,' said Nicholas Griek, secretary of the Long Island Fishermen's Association." *Newsday*, Huntington, L. I. 11-1-52.

Pertinent is a piece from Elsender, revealing that we suckers who paid for ammunition share the hazards with our British cousins who paid for the stuff their Admiralty dumps into their waters.

"The War Office yesterday denied that the bombs being washed ashore on Ayrshire beaches in the Firth of Clyde were from a military dump at sea.

The Admiralty refused to believe that the ammunition could be from one of their underwater dumps off the West Coast of Scotland.

Both departments said that dumping of surplus or obsolete ammunition, started in 1946, was still continuing.

A War Office spokesman said the Army were dumping only very heavy ammunition in the so-called "bottomless pit" to the west of Ailsa Craig, and there was no possibility of it floating to the surface. An official theory is that the bombs are coming from ships sunk during the war and now beginning to break up.

The dump used by the Admiralty, 180 fathoms deep, is six miles south-west of the Mull of Falloway. Heavy shells and small arms ammunition have been sunk there in weighted cases.

Part of a consignment of 20,000 poison-gas bombs, stocked by the United States Air Force at Stranraer, were dumped there in 1947." *Daily Mail* 8-6-52.

"Surplus or obsolete ammunition" is defined (by YS) as "any explosive paid for out of a previous fiscal year's budget".

Mitchell again:

From Capetown, South Africa, "authorities" report that tens of thousands of penguins are dying on islands off the cape coast because their feathers are clogged with seaborne oil. "Officials were unable to say where the oil came from. There have been no wrecks recently and no ships were known to have discharged waste oil." *N. Y. News* 9-7-52.

Deponent doth not say whether any ships were known to have discharged "surplus or obsolete" oil, which was not exactly "waste".

More Mitchell:

"Bullets from four target-shooting military planes went wild and entered two homes (Rockport, Mass.), one through the bedroom of a sick woman today. . . . An Air National Guard spokesman said . . . an investigation was under way." *N. Y. Times* 10-26-52.

Bow three times, knocking your head on the floor, to the Great God of Perpetual Silence—the "official investigation".



The menace of things flying over us even without shooting or crashing is prettily handled by the jolly-writers of the *San Francisco Chronicle*, of highly stenchful fame. A headline of Aug 13, reads: "Now a Flying Alarm Clock"—and that facetiousness is based upon the story of a 3-pound piece of metal which came through a roof in Oakland at 6:15 A.M. Being very careful not to offend the Air Force or any Airline, the writer describes the metal as "presumably of the kind used as a weight on a trailing aircraft radio antenna".

"Pear-shaped, it had ripped through the roof, the ceiling, the floor; through a thick Sunday newspaper and through the top of a washing machine in the basement." Presumably it would have gone through a head if one had been in the way.

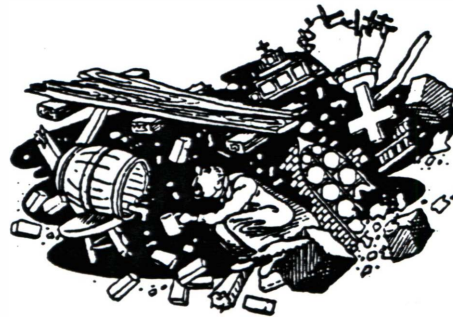
Still more Mitchell:

Dr. Manuel J. Barkins of Scarsdale is married to a lady lawyer, Evelyn, who writes books. Her latest is *Are These Our Doctors?*—said to be "an expose and debunkment" of the medical profession. The Doc wrote to the American Medical Association trying to get himself off the hook, accto the *N. Y. Times*, 10-17-52. The Society will look at the book and see if it's Fortean.

Ibid:

Rev. Jo (Seismo) Lynch of Fordham, cracking about the Bakersfield shake, is quoted as stating that it "was nowhere near as serious as early reports would have led us to believe. I am surprised it has done the damage attributed to it (2 dead, 32 injured, every building in the business district damaged). From our records it is probably a mild aftershock rather than any new trouble starting. I prefer to think it is a resettlement." *N. Y. Times* 8-23-52.

YS "prefers to think" that it didn't occur at all, but those Bakersfield people are so damned stubborn!



Ibid:

The same Father Seismo reported a quake 2450 miles Southwest of Fordham at 7:04:45 a.m. 11-14-22 FS. The Rev. Father Dan Linehan, operating a rival outfit at Boston U, Weston, Mass., read his records of the same split second, same date, as 2550 miles to the Northeast. *Times* 10-19-52 old style.

There is a beautiful example of the freedom of thought permitted within Holy Church.

Ibid:

In Ceylon the Rev. Eric Robinson, Methodist, saw Hindus walking barefoot on red hot coals. Safe in his faith, he tried it. He was in bed for a week. *Times* 8-9-52. Cr also Elsander and others.

Ibid:

"For years" a park attendant \approx 70, Bob Dodson, has "begged" scientists to look at a black object sticking out of the ground at Lake Murray State Park, Okla. Finally that celebrated expert, Dr. Lincoln La Paz, took a look and said sure enough—a "genuine" nickel-iron meteorite, "probably the largest recovered in this country," "probably 20,000 years old." *Times* 9-11-52. Cr also Elsander, Russell and others.

In connection with the description—"probably the largest"—YS calls attention to an article in the *Times Magazine* of May 25, by Robert Plumb. The title is *Cosmic Barrage*, Earth is under a steady—THOUGH HARMLESS—bombardment of meteors.

Runners up for the biscuit were:

MFS Von Schamber, in uniform in Korea, who sends a leaf from *Reader's Digest*, Aug issue.

The story is by Stanley High, headed "More Washington Tyranny," and it is a screech from Reaction in defense of academic freedom against the strictures officialdom is doing its damndest to impose upon us all.

An Indianapolis school teacher made some derogatory remarks about British so-called "Socialism". He was criticised for it in a private letter, whereas if he had praised the British system he would have been fired from his job and dragged before a Senatorial smear tribunal and forced to bring the faggots for his own burning.

What the article amounts to is, a kind of triple-English applied to the cue ball in the game of propaganda billiards. The boys wielding the stick are screaming "Tyranny" so that the term will lose all power and meaning in *bona fide* cases.

From *Anon*:

David Hauffman, a Cumberland, Md., attorney, contested a speeding charge against his client on the grounds that "the testimony of a radar speed meter is not acceptable as court room evidence." The court withheld decision. It is called "the first recorded case in U. S. legal history of a radar speed meter being challenged". Let's have a lot more! Pitts. *Pres.* 8-1-52.

From Pollard:

In Oslo, Capt. John Giaver, called "a Norwegian scientist," claimed discovery of the world's northernmost active volcano, on Walterhausen glacier in Greenland. "Danish explorers acquainted with the region said they think Giaver probably saw a sand-storm." Los Angeles *Times*, 8-21-52.

From Powell of New Zealand:

In an article bearing the N.Z.P.A. Copyright, Adelaide, Australia, the *Evening Star* of Dunedin, 7-7-52, prints the story of a hostess who served her guests sandwiches made of canned salmon. She put the can on the porch for her cat to lick. Party still going, she opened the door and found the cat dead on the mat. Guests all got ptomaine at once and had their stomachs pumped out. Only later did a neighbor tell the hostess that a car had killed the cat, and the neighbor had put it on the mat to avoid spoiling the party!

Ibid, same Dunedin paper, 6-27-52:

Director H. H. Nininger, American Meteorite Museum, Winslow, Ariz., announces a "glass tunnel several miles long on the moon." He states that it was made by a meteor perforating a mountain. "He is now studying the tunnel to find out if it would be a suitable shelter for future rocket explorers from the earth." Let us know, Doc!

Credit Goeller for this:

In Front Royal, Va., a man had a suit pending against a medico for "wrongfully sterilizing" his wife, at the time of the birth of their third child. Funny thing was that when the suit was due to be heard the lady was pregnant again, accto, Radford (Va) *News-Journal* 8-14-52.

From MFS Ken Arnold, the original flying-saucer man:

In Missoula, Mont., birds were flying against a house and thus killing themselves. "A Montana State U prof confirmed the police theory. The wax-wings became intoxicated from eating mountain ash

berries which had frozen, then fermented." Great Falls *Tribune* 10-24-52.

Anon:

The Royal Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals criticized the men in monkey suits at White Sands for putting monkeys into rockets and shooting them "into space". The critics compared the operation to the "experiments conducted on human beings in Nazi prison camps." N. Y. *Times* 3-23-52.

Elsender found this argument starter in the N. N. *Mail*, 1-24-52:

"A bat found embedded in a layer of cork inside a wall built 15 years ago, flew away when Indianapolis workmen discovered it yesterday."

Apparently that was not fit to print in the USA. Indianapolis Members, please check local press.

ELSENDER GRIST

Now we have a third kind of electrical current to worry the appliance makers and users. To AC and DC, add "square" juice! A British Columbia aluminum outfit makes it with a "magnaquanta converter", and then uses it to make aluminum by an "atomic" process. Evening *Chronicle* 2-16-52.

At Bexley (Kent) on the evening of May 16, a total of seven fire alarms followed each other in rapid sequence, all from smoking "wireless" or television sets. N. N. *Mail* 17th.

Supplementary data on the monkeys inside the White Sands rocket was printed in the *Mail* 3-19-52. There is stated that the monkeys went up 25 miles and came down "unharmd", and the authority for this is no one less than Cornelius Ryan, editor of *Collier's*, who gets out those wonderful special issues about what Uncle Sam is going to do to the Russ after he licks him.

The very light-weight dust, of which Elsender sent us a sample, continued to settle on Newcastle in April. It had been coming down since October.

Snowflakes the size of doorknobs fell in the Long-framlington area during a "freak" storm Feb. 13. *Mail* of the 14th.

The medical officer at Lincoln Gaol, testifying to the coroner after an execution testified that "the cause of death was dislocation of the bones of the neck". Apparently they hang at Lincoln, altho that is not stated. When asked if death was instantaneous the Doc said, "The man is to all intents and purposes dead the minute his neck is dislocated. He cannot breathe any more, and loss of consciousness is instantaneous. But the heart does continue to beat for anything up to 20 minutes." Bully old pump!

In Milan, Dr. Giovanni Pauletta, director of a research institution, had tested a new drug "believed to be an antibiotic" on animals. All had lived. "After injecting (it) into his own veins" he died. *Daily Mail*, AP, 12-19-52.

The next day, Reuters, in the *Daily Mail*: "Angelo Cresceri, a laboratory assistant, who injected the Italian research chemist with a new drug from which he died was today charged with manslaughter. . . . Police allege that Cresceri failed to satisfy himself about the doctor's physical condition before injecting."

Reuters calls the dope "an antibiotic of the chloromycetin group".



GOOD OLD CHLOROMYCETIN

The *British Medical Journal* reported the death of three children from this antibiotic and stated that eleven deaths in America followed the use of it in treating whooping cough. "The journal states that prolonged treatment with the drug should now be regarded as unwise." *Manchester Guardian*, 8-22-52. Cr Russell.

N. Y. *Times*, same date:

"The Food and Drug Administration early this month approved the continued use of chloromycetin in the United States after the administration had studied cases of serious blood disorders that sometimes followed dosages of the drug." Cr Mitchell.

"Aplastic anemia or degeneration of the bone marrow" is what happens, accto the British.

SEARCH FOR THE FREE PRESS

The squib sent to us was labeled "AP" but it had been printed in the Korea edition of *Stars and Stripes*, 8-10-52. No member on continental USA sent it in. That indicates that it was not widely used by AP papers, because when a news-service story is really used, YS sometimes gets twenty to thirty copies of the story from various points.

Only Von Schamber sent this one in:

In an editorial printed Wednesday (8-8-52) Herbert Hames, managing editor (of the Ottawa, Ill, *Republican-Times*) told the paper's 12,000 purchasers: "We're not printing them any more."—meaning, "flying saucer" stories.

"We've chosen sides. And we invite the 1700 other daily newspapers in the nation to join in a fight against feeding pap to the public."

YS wrote immediately to Herb Hames, asking for his reasons for taking that stand, and suggesting that if those reasons were the right ones (that is, the Fortean ones) he was eminently eligible to be Named Fellow of the Society for the year.

Encouraged to hope (once more) that an editor in such a minority—as I is to 1700—might be getting out a real newspaper, YS sent a check for \$2.00 for a trial sub. This has been a long-standing practice every time we get a tip or hint that suggests independence and guts in an ed, but the subs always run out with nothing but the SOS to show for them.

A two-page reply came back, frank, honest, beautiful—but unprintable, of course, for those very reasons. Herb Hames enclosed the editorial which got him into *Stars and Stripes*, headed FLYING SAUCER MORATORIUM. The reasons YS was looking for are not spelled out in full, and the reasons

that are given are not very Fortean. "Scientists" and "the police" (that is, "authorities") are favorably mentioned or alluded to.

The ed says that only one paper joined him in the crusade, and he does not name that one. He also writes: "Letters from Korea to Brooklyn told me I belonged in Russia."

But the man Herb Hames comes out of the letter, a character worth saving. He returned my check, saying: "Conviction compels me to return your subscription check, for I'm convinced, as you are, that there isn't a newspaper in the country worth its weight in salt." He also adds a P.S. "If I may make a nomination for your fellow of the year, it would be Prof. Curtis D. Mac Dougall, Northwestern University, for his book on public opinion."

We shall be offering the book on the next list.

But that doesn't rule out Herb Hames for Fellow. Comment please.

In the next issue of DOUBT we shall take all the space necessary to digest the saucer data we have not been printing, with emphasis on the *source* of each story. It will surprise the members and Herb Hames too when the data are assembled to learn what a large majority of the stuff came from the armed services as hand-outs.

The current take is 204 pieces.

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THERE'S A DIFFERENCE?

The charge made by the National Human Education Association, that cats had been skinned alive in experiments at U of Buffalo Medical School asserts—accto UP—that the purpose of the experiment was to demonstrate that any animal deprived of its skin will show a drop of body temperature despite the administration of adrenalin.

"In reply Dr. (Fred R.) Griffiths said . . . the purpose was to advance scientific understanding of one of the most important and fundamental life processes—which is the ability of the body to maintain a uniform temperature." Cr Giles.

Maybe that's a reply, but it's no contradiction.

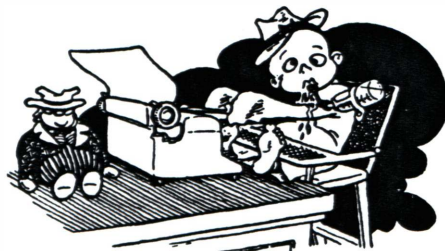
Sometimes one wonders if modern newspaper offices contain dictionaries. You'd think they would have one at Science Service in Washington, but that outfit sent this sentence to the *Times*: "A fossil bone of the largest bird known to fly has been found in Nevada, Dr. Hildegard Howard, chief curator of science at the Los Angeles County Museum reported today."

YS submits that the fossil is not "known" to be any part of any bird whatever, much less of one "known" to fly. Hildegard and Science Service are conjecturing. Neither of them has the slightest right to assert that any bird is, was, or ever will be "the largest bird known to fly". Cr Mitchell.

MFS Olcher sends a piece without source or date, but out of Pittsburgh, reading: "A huge bull, maddened for some inexplicable reason, yesterday went on a rampage, crushing a veteran stockyards worker to death" etc.

Inexplicable, saith the press. In a few more sentences—the man "went into the pen yesterday morning to lead the bull to be slaughtered," etc.

If that isn't self explanatory, maybe MFS Olcher will step over to the newspaper office with her dictionary and help the reporter.



Goeller sends one from Roanoke (Va) *Times*: "Swarm of Angry Ants Takes Life of Child." It's a UP story out of New Albany, Miss.

How did UP know the ants were "angry"? Sure they weren't "short-tempered"?

Pittsburgh *Press* has a caption under a photo of an alleged fire-bug who, sez their semi-literate scribe, "demanded a lie detector test to clear him of some charges, but it proved him guilty of 11 fires."

The test "proved" no such thing. It may have "indicated" guilt. It *proved* nothing whatever.

So it goes.



BANGS

X June 14, eleven p.m. EDT, in and around Philadelphia, "mighty mystery shock" heard and felt by millions . . . recorded by seismo at Fels Planetarium, "definitely not an earthquake" . . . "sounded like the roar of a subway train passing over a grate". INS papers.

In Montreal, at 2:00 p.m. Aug 2, persons over a five mile area in the North, East and downtown sections, heard a blast and/or felt a sharp "jolt". One woman said she saw a ball of fire coming down from the sky. Buildings shook. After a week of searching, no adequate explanation. *Cr* Kelley, Gee, Trupp and others.

Blast "heard and seen but not felt" in the North Oakland (Calif.) hills near Piedmont reservoir, 10:15

p.m. Aug 8. "Terrific explosion. . . Blinding yellow flash . . . none felt any strong concussion . . . officers found nothing." San Francisco *Chronicle* of the 9th. *Cr* Raven.

In the Channel Islands, "violent explosion" Sept 27. No hour stated. Maison Louis observatory on Jersey said it was an earth tremor, Kew observatory, London, said it was not. Philly papers of the 28th. *Cr* Borden.

Rocky Point, Long Island, and vicinity, 4:00 p.m. 10-3-52, "something rocked a wide area", one woman knocked down, some "felt" an "explosion" but no sound mentioned. *Newsday* of the 4th. *Cr* Mitchell.

Over a 15-mile area, North shore of Long Island, centering at Glen Cove, 11:16 or 11:18 a.m. 10-18-52, two blasts, one a few second after the first. "A similar blast (but not so loud) had been heard at 10:40 a.m." on the 16th. On the 18th windows and a glass door were broken. A sidewalk buckled in Locust Valley. Children were knocked off their feet. *Cr* Mitchell, Borden, Bonavia, Russell.

MARITIME FORTEANA

You may obtain ten issues of *Deep Sea Digest*, a sprightly publication of interest to "those who love and live by the sea", by sending one dollar directly to Lewis Maxwell, P. O. Box 333, South Miami 43, Florida. It is not all Forteana, but a lot of it is. Good reading.

WE PAID FOR GERMS

The technique of Our Betters in Washington and Moscow for provoking controversies between sincere people on any subject so long as it keeps a spurious animosity between Yank and Russ in the daily wipers of both countries is transparent and blatantly obvious.

The Greenbergs shall or shall not die.

Chaplin shall or shall not re-enter.

Red-herrings, all.

YS avoids falling into this trap, most times, but the following observation won't stay in the bottle.

The Red press says USA used germs in warfare. The Red-white-and-blue press says it did not.

The nominally free press of the world, aside from the two States named, prints horrified comment and debate on the "evidence".

YS doesn't know whether the USA used germs or not, but asks why germs were NOT used, if they were not, inasmuch as a goodly slice of the public dough spent for weapons and so on went into experiments for bacteriological warfare. Were the experiments a failure? Was the money just handed out to pals for going through the motions of putting germs in capsules? Is the War Department stock-piling the germ-bombs for the future only?

We paid for germ-warfare, whether we liked doing so or not. Haven't we the right to get what we paid for? Write to your Congressman!

RUSSELL'S BEST

Dr. Joseph Needham, called a "Reader in Biochemistry, University of Cambridge," was a member of an international scientific commission which investigated allegations of germ warfare recently. Said Dr. Needham—"I am firmly convinced that America has directed bacteriological attacks against North Korea and China."

Referring to the political affiliations of commission members, Dr. Needham said: "I can only say, so far as I could judge by the opinions and modes of expression used by the other members of the commission, that, like myself, none of them was or had ever been a member of the Communist party." *Liverpool Echo*, 9-26-52.

"Roman Catholic authorities" in Paris questioned 62,000 persons, and found that "only 17 to 18 per cent of the population of Paris are churchgoers." *Manchester Guardian*, 9-2-52.

The Secretary-general of the International Astronomical Union, meeting in Rome, "banned from discussion, flying saucers and the possibility of life on other planets. . . . The congress will discuss only positive facts concerning astronomy," said Professor Gialanella. *Liverpool Echo*, 9-4-52. The only "positive fact" about astronomy known to us is that a lot of the boys make a pretty sweet thing of it.

Dr. M. Beddow Bayly, writing in the *Medical World*, calls for the "repudiation of the tyranny of the laboratory mind. . . . In order to be classed among scientific remedies today, a drug must be tried on mice, rats, or other animals (bearing no resemblance to man either anatomically or physiologically) in which some resemblance to the disease in question has been artificially induced. This, I maintain, is completely illogical, fallacious, and unscientific." *Liverpool Echo* 8-22-52.

Russell's heading for the next is, ACT OF GOD. . . . "Seventy-one US bombers have been damaged and one destroyed by a tornado at the Air Force base at Fort Worth, Texas" *Echo* 9-13-52.



"Wheat found in Egyptian pyramids . . . estimated to be seven thousand years old . . . sown near Goor, on the German-Dutch frontier . . . yielded . . . ears larger than average . . . more hardy than present day varieties. . . . Attempts are to be made to cross (it) with modern varieties, which experts think have been weakened by the use of artificial fertilizers." *Echo credits Exchange*, from Bonn. 8-11-52.

In the same (8-26-52) issue of the *Echo* both the following appeared: ". . . an editorial in the *Medical Press* . . . says it is believed that in some areas immunisation (of babies against diphtheria) had fallen as low as 25 to 30 per cent."

Dr. R. V. Southcott, chief public health officer of Adelaide, Australia, told the Australian Medical Congress, in Melbourne, "that research seemed to have established a significant association between whooping cough inoculations and the onset of polio within three months."



The consistently superior quality of Forteanism from the *Liverpool Echo* through the years has led to the Naming of its editor, William Shand, to one of the vacant Fellowships in the Society.

The following editorial in the *Echo* last May is typical of Brother Shand's attitude:

WHEN THE WORLD BEGAN

The Duke of Wellington was accosted in the street one day by a man who said, "Mr. Higginbottom, I believe." The Duke replied: "If you believe that, you will believe anything." There are people who are prepared to believe anything, provided the foundations are sufficiently fantastic.

Two scientists attached to a university famous in the United States told the American Geophysical Society that Creation took only about 30 minutes some 5,000 million years ago. Something which they are unable to explain—such modesty is refreshing—acted as a "trigger," and in a brief interval the three basic elementary particles, neutrons, protons, and electrons, were fused by intense heat into the existing 92 elements. It is a pity that the Duke of Wellington's casual acquaintance is not alive to swallow this.

We can be certain that these two scientists do not know what happened 5,000 million years ago. Yet they have no hesitation in stating that Creation took place at that time, and in about half an hour. They did not tell it to the Marines, but to a society that claims to be learned.

In this publicity-seeking age, much nonsense is offered to mankind in the name of science. We are repeatedly reminded that we are living in the Scientific Age, and that scientists know most of the answers. If the control of affairs were handed over to them, they would, with their superior intelligence and knowledge, make a much better job of running the world.

The greatest scientists have always denied this, and have pointed out that specialism in a particular field is not omniscience. The lesser breed who publish their views on human affairs are now taken at their proper valuation. They are just as puzzled and perplexed as the rest of us, they make much the same mistakes and their wives know only too well that they do the washing up and other things that matter no better than the husbands of other wives.

Russell also sent in the story which several American members contributed—quoting the *Lancet*—about the medical student at Oxford who found an old "and forgotten" regulation of the University which entitled him to a free pint of beer "during the examination finals". By insisting he made the

authorities supply the beer, but they, in turn, searched the old regulations and plastered a fine of £5 on him *for not wearing a sword!*

Near the South-East corner of the Kalabari Desert, the sand "roars". Bags of it were taken to Pretoria for examination. "As the bags were tilted and the sand ran out a roar filled the room. The roar was lost after a few weeks." *Tit-Bits* 9-12-52.

The ladies of pleasure in Japan are medically inspected and have a trade union, accto Hessel Tiltman in the *Manchester Guardian*, 8-29-52. The name of their union is the Snow White Society.

FORT QUAKE DETAIL

Four shocks in the Azores were preceded by four days of storms and very heavy rain. *London Times* 9-24-52. *Cr* Elsender.

TERROR CONTINUES

The 8-year-old son of Rocketeer Farnsworth brought home from school (Glen Ellyn, Ill.) a 16-page "comic" book entitled FIRE AND BLAST! It had been given him by his teacher. It had been published by the National Fire Protection Association of Boston, and in it is reference to a previous publication, AMERICA IN FLAMES.

The contents is unspeakably nefarious, an effort to terrify under the do-good cloak of teaching fire prevention. No school teacher fit for her post would put this obscene matter into a child's hands, but the trick is turned by glorifying Civil Defense in the text.

SPEAK UP in your Parent-Teachers meeting *before* this happens to your child. Oppose this ghastly attack upon juvenile mentality *before* the youngsters are subjected to it.

ENCOURAGING SIGNS

In England as well as in the United States of Dreamland, the effort to whip up interest in so-called "Civil Defense" continues unabated, and continues to fall on its nose.

Newcastle is to have 30 sirens, and they are to be sounded "probably every three months". *N N Mail* 8-12-52.

Widnes announced a four-day recruiting drive for suckers—"air-raid sirens will sound . . . a bus fitted with loud-speaker equipment will play suitable music . . . there will be a band and choir concert." *Echo* 8-28-52.

"So perturbed are Warrington R. D. C. over the lack of interest in Civil Defense in the area that they are to call a public meeting . . . originally a class of volunteers was formed with 18 members, but the number has now dropped to two." *Echo* 8-29-52.

Harry Pinkerton, chief of Civil Defense in Oyster Bay, L. I., and his deputy, Edward Hubbard both resigned. . . . "Public apathy toward civilian defense is understood to be the main reason for the retirement." *N. Y. News* 9-14-52. (Aside: the above-named H. Pinkerton is known to have read Fort recently!)

The "attack drill" in Los Angeles, Oct 2, was such a complete floppo that "Top city officials today were summoned to an emergency Civil Defense meeting in the office of Mayor (so and so) to find out why yesterday's attack drill failed and to plan a more effective disaster rehearsal." *Cr* M. Smith, Hehr and others.

The Sheriff is Civilian Defense Director in Suffolk County, N. Y. He planned a siren party with traffic halting on Oct 25, saying: "We have an excellent civilian defense organization, but we must give them some work or they'll die from dry rot." *Newsday* 9-30-52.

In North Babylon, although a free steak was offered for each pint of blood, and the publicity stunt of "bleeding the tax-collector" was announced, the number of volunteers was less than half the town's quota. 300 wanted: they got 125. *Newsday* 10-8-52.

The Aircraft Warning Service on Manhattan complains that volunteers are not showing up because the weather is too cold. The City Director of Civil Defense wants the Board of Estimate to build glass shelters for these tender ones. *N. Y. Times* 10-22-52.

WAGING PEACE

Send a dollar to Albert Bofman, who starves himself to buy mimeographing and postage stamps to carry on a peace crusade. You never have witnessed a fiercer sincerity than this man's. He has been at it for several years now and can't be stopped. His organization is called the U. S. Committee Against Militarization. He tells you how every individual can help. Send your dollar to him at 6329 South May Street, Chicago 21, Ill

SNOWMAN SHRINKING

The summer's crop of mountain climbers report that the Abominable Snowman is a monkey and/or a bear, and that it will be photographed by an English woman who is also a disciple of Gandhi. Besides that, Mt. Everest has "grown" from a height of 29,002 feet in 1852 to 29,610 feet in 1952. Methods for taking these measurements are not described. Have we any improvements over "triangulation" in the past century? *Cr* Elsender, Gee, Giles, P. R. Wilson, and others.

OUT OF BOUNDS

The United States Army issued a directive stating that it was against regulations to jump from building tops, after two American soldiers had killed themselves that way in Tokyo. *San Francisco Chronicle* 10-10-52. *Cr* F. McMahon and others.

STATIONARY METEORS

A member who prefers to remain anonymous sends these pertinent selections from his studies:

The Geography of the Heavens, Burritt, 1856 (NY), p. 157 f:

"But the most sublime phenomenon of shooting stars, of which the world has furnished any record, was witnessed throughout the United States on the morning of the 13th of November, 1833. . . . On more attentive inspection it was seen, that the meteors exhibited three distinct varieties;

the *first*, consisting of *phosphoric lines*, apparently described by a point;

the *second*, of large *fire-balls*, that at intervals darted along the sky, leaving luminous trains, which occasionally remained in view for a number of minutes, and, in some cases, for half an hour or more;

the third, of undefined *luminous bodies*, which re-time. . . .

. . . Of the third variety of meteors, the following are remarkable examples:—At Poland, Ohio, a luminous body was distinctly visible in the northeast for more than an hour. It was very brilliant, in the form

of a *pruning-hook*, and apparently twenty feet long, and eighteen inches broad. It gradually settled toward the horizon, until it disappeared.

At Niagara Falls, a large luminous body, shaped like a *square table*, was seen near the zenith, remaining for some time almost stationary, emitting large streams of light."

(Author's italics, throughout.)

In THE BOOKS, there are several references to this presumed occurrence of the "Leonids" in 1833. Square-table & hooklike forms, listed among brief items on page 287, are not pointedly related to each other by the Master. Much more important connotations are the gelatinous (p. 50) and the fallacy of meteor-radiants (382 ff).

Stationary meteors, continued.

Comments:

1. The two examples offered of the "third variety" are called 'remarkable,' which leads the reader to assume that there were still *other*, more ordinary, occurrences of stationary meteors at this time. In view of the heavy concentration of Fortean material for this date, the matter may be worthy of further research. Is there more, perhaps, already available in the archives of the Society? The concurrence of: extraordinary 6-hour meteor display, from a "radiant" in which there appeared to be a star waxing & waning (cf THE NOTES)—with falls of gelatinous matter (from a clear sky?), while luminous objects hover. Add aurorae & quakes, etc., for quite a package of possible interrelatednesses.
2. What was the common form of a pruning-hook in 1833? Crescentic? Even if quite otherwise, it would seem unreasonable that a hooklike form in the northeast sky of Poland, Ohio *could be the same object* described as a square table directly over Niagara Falls. But NF is about 150 miles northeast of P, O.
3. There is a rareness of squareness, with or without legs, in THE BOOKS. Only similar datum findable by me is: (p. 486) red obj whose rectangularity was telescopically reported, 1898.
4. Q: WHY WASN'T THE CONCEPT OF STATIONARY METEOR ALLOWED TO SURVIVE IN LATER TEXTS OF ASTRONOMY.
A: BECAUSE IT WASN'T SAUCER-TIME, YET?

LO!

Burritt: *Geography of the Heavens*, NY, 1856

P. 248, paragraph numbered 521:

"At this stage of the investigation, Leverrier wrote to his friend Dr. Galle, of Berlin, requesting him to direct his telescope to that part of the heavens in which his calculations had located the new planet, when lol there he lay, a *thousand* millions of miles beyond the orbit of Uranus, and yet within less than one degree of the *place* pointed out by Leverrier! This was on the first of September, 1846."
(Author's italics)

HUMAN DYNAMOS

The London *Daily Mirror* of Sept 16, ran a story about Charles Borkett, æ 63, of Velindre, Port Talbot, who can make an electric light bulb glow by holding it in his hands, without contact with any current. In the same paper, issue of Sept 24, a similar if not identical capacity is claimed for Brian Williams, æ 20, of Cardiff, and they run a photo showing Brian doing it. Cr Hibbert.

SUDS IN SUSSEX

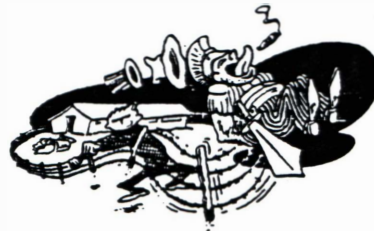
The River Arun, in Sussex, "surged into a mighty froth of super suds", in the second week of October. On October 13, old style, it did it again, and "about a mile away, a tributary of the River Adur frothed up too".

The "suds" covered the entire river, over 4 feet wide, at Rudgwick, and accumulated along the shore in drifts over a man's head. The bubbles were tough, too, could be picked up like snow, and some samples carried away lasted as long as nine hours. Great puffs of the stuff floated in the air, "hung around for days".

"There was a slight chemical smell, but it must have been harmless, because no fish were killed."

"A water expert shrugged off the phenomenon as 'a climatic effect'" writes the Science Reporter of the *Daily Express*, scornfully, and adds, "But a professional analysis of samples which I took solved the mystery. The water contains at least two parts per million of a surface active agent of the type used in soapless detergents, and there is a slight trace of perfume in it, the analyst's report states. This cannot be explained by assuming some housewife has emptied her washtub into the river. There may be a heavy discharge from some laundry or factory."

It does not appear to have occurred to the writer to go upstream and see if such a laundry or factory were there. Photos in the *Express*, issues of Oct 14 and 15. Cr Gee.



FBI EVIDENCE NG

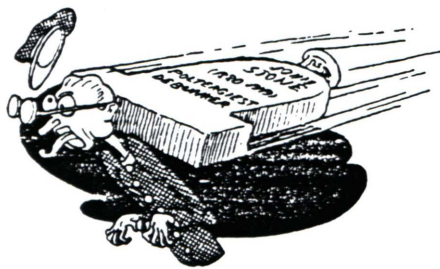
Judge J. Joseph Smith, U. S. District Court, New Haven, Conn., acquitted two Conscientious Objectors on the grounds that their constitutional rights were violated by FBI reports.

The men lucky enough to be brought before this Daniel of Daniels were Raymond T. Donovan and Joseph Oller, Jr.

The Judge said, in effect, accto AP, "When a report by the FBI is unfavorable to the registrant, he is deprived of the fundamental constitutional right of due process of law, because he cannot confront witnesses and does not know specific charges against him. Thus he cannot attempt to contest them." *Buffalo Evening News* 7-13-52. Cr Giles.

Two conscientious Objectors in Illinois, William W. Duncan and Richard R. Harris, are defending themselves with legal pleas to the effect that "President Truman acted unconstitutionally by putting U S soldiers into action in Korea without a declaration of war by Congress," and that the Selective Service Act is unconstitutional because it was passed not to defend the United States but to support a foreign policy of shipping troops to fight in foreign lands anywhere.

YS has little hope that these pleas will stand up, What would stand up is a mere 51% of the draftables just saying, "No. I won't go."



LOOK WHO'S TALKING

When Henry Kaiser—who made the Liberty ships—went to his racing boat on Lake Tahoe, Calif., he found the main drive shaft sawed half in two, rags, nuts and bolts in the "carburetter", and five gals of gas poured over the boat and into the bilge. Said Kaiser: "Either act could have killed somebody." *Daily Express*, 8-19-52. Cr Russell.

WIND AROUND TOMBS

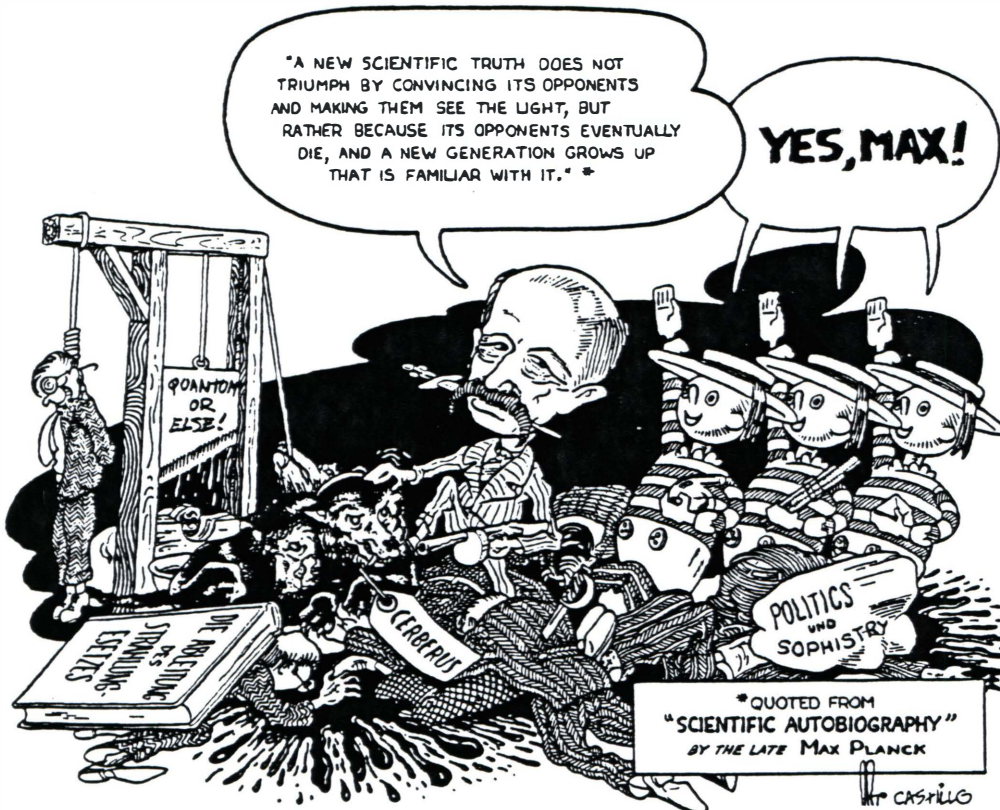
The super of Auchterarder Cemetery, Perthshire, was talking to a sculptor, outdoors, as appears, and saw dust suddenly "begin to fly from the paths and an eight-foot tombstone weighing about (a thousand pounds) toppled over a bank, breaking at the base. Vases and glass covers for wreaths were caught up and shattered. Within three or four minutes all was quiet again and nothing was noticed at Strathearn Home, a few hundred yards away, although it appeared to lie in the path of the whirlwind. "If I had not been there to see it happen I would have blamed vandals," said Mr. (Peter) Kaye, the super. *Bulletin* (?Edinburgh?) 8-29-52. Cr Ritchie.

LAND OF THE FREE

Not long ago we had a tobacco-smoking British baby okayed by their local courts. Similar case in Jacksonville, Fla., 10-29-52 and Judge Walter Criswell threw the book at the parents. Pittsburgh *Post-Gazette*.

WHILE OTHERS WAIT

In 1954 A D, Dr. Jean Piccard "will explore Mars in a free balloon." That is all. Cr Ellsندر. London *Times* 7-21-52.



HEIL WELTBILD!

Hy Gardner, columnist on the *Hertrib sez*, 10-24-52: "The German magazine *Weltbild* now decides that it wasn't Bruno Hauptmann who kidnapped and murdered the Lindbergh baby. Making a big thing out of it, too."

That "now decides", is pretty sly of Hy, but to a good many Americans—specially newspaper men—including YS, *Weltbild* is perfectly right, and we have been of that opinion all along. YS has said so in print on more than one occasion.

The Society has some interesting data on that case, but there hasn't seemed to be any hurry about printing it. After all, Hauptmann and his chief Prosekuter, Damon Runyon, are both dead, so it wouldn't do the innocent any good or bring punishment to the guilty. Besides, after watching Jersey Justice operate all these years, YS is more than a little leary of being shot in the back.

ATLANTIS LETTER

The following was addressed to Boris Rachewitz by YS with a view toward saving a young Adantean's time, if the views are valid.

Old-timers will see that this is the first amplification of Thayer's Hypothesis since DOUBT #1, published in the year 7 FS. One has so little time to theorize these days.

It is not likely that the Hypothesis is clear, in this statement of it. Drawings are lacking, and more amplification of the primary points is wanted:

How *locus* may be established in a void.

Why the contact of two spheres is a more valid point than the intersection of imaginary lines.

No matter. YS will never live to work it out, so here is the raw stuff for those who will to develop.

Comments upon this may be printed, as received, but no reply is promised!

Dear Boris:

The following suggestions are made to you in connection with your study of Atlantis, but they could as well be made to a student of cosmology, Luna, geology, Drayson, cartography, or any one of a hundred other branches of research, such as periodic glaciation, growth, crystallography, etymology, mythology and so on.

"One measures a circle beginning anywhere," says Fort, so you take up all the above details when you pick up Atlantis.

To my mind, Atlantean research has been retarded by two basic misconceptions: (1) that Earth is a ball, and always has been a ball of approximately the same size and shape, and (2) that this ball is composed of a crust over a quasi-liquid center, which crust rises and subsides, with whatever periodicity, giving us land areas which once were sea-bottom and *vice-versa*.

I call these misconceptions not because I think they are utterly false, but because I think they require much modification.

To account for pyramids in Egypt and pyramidal structures in Yucatan (and attendant phenomena) students had had to imagine long, prehistoric ocean voyages, or even to invent a land-bridge from Africa to South America, and Atlantis has been posited as

a part of that land-bridge or as a stepping-stone mid-way, the Canaries, the Azores, etc., etc. Another notion has been "floating continents," which theory has the advantage to geologists of explaining traces of an ice-age in now tropical countries.

None of these theories would be necessary if the students would think of a prehistoric Earth much smaller than the present one, and not 90% (or more) water, but perhaps wholly solid, perhaps a lump of ice.

I am able to think of an Earth having grown from a single speck of cosmic dust, growing by accretion and in the nature of a crystal, say an ice-crystal, a salt-water-ice crystal, "nourished" by penetration of all "elements" in free space, and changing shape as it grew.

Oblong planetoids are observed even now.

The changes of shape which I am able to imagine are orderly, from spherical to cubicle and back again to spherical, alternately, which is Thayer's Hypothesis of Growth.

Growth, if unmodified, is accomplished by a spherical unit of matter (say, crystal), "attempting" to fill the interstices between itself and the spheres which touch it at the six polar points of its surface. Thus it becomes a cube. Having become a cube simultaneously with all its fellow (six) spheres, it would lose identity if it remained a cube, no interstices being left, so that it becomes, instead, a new sphere, seven times its original volume.

This "law" is reflected in the mathematical impossibility of exactly squaring the circle, and—by extension—the mathematical impossibility of exactly cubing a sphere.

It also explains the mystical powers long attributed to the number "7".

Let that pass. It is pregnant with argument.

I am able to imagine an "Earth" which is a small ball of cosmic-ice, changing ever so slowly to a slightly larger cube of cosmic-ice, then "bursting" (hatching?) into a ball seven times as large as before, scratching whatever of the elements are within it to be scratched. (Luna, I think, is such an ice-ball today, and should be watched for the appearance of corners.)

This would explain all old "flat-earth" theories. "The Four corners of the earth." "The jumping off place." At certain periods the Earth *was* flat, on six sides.

It would also explain ice-marks in the present tropics, and tropical remains in the present arctic.

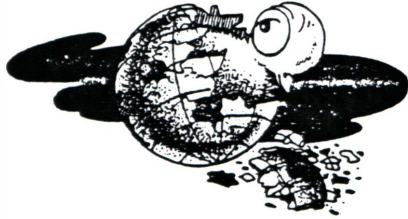
Now, for an ocular demonstration of how the present continents were once fitted together, use a globe. No map on Mercator's projection will do, for it is all distortion. Take a cheap globe and cut it apart, saving the land areas, throwing away the water.

First, let the Isthmus of Panama be a hinge, and on that hinge turn the continent of South America up—clockwise—until the Andes coast line touches the Rocky Mountain coast line. Ecuador and Peru fitting alongside Mexico, Chile alongside California, and so on to Alaska.

Many attempts to fit "floating continents" together have been made, but no other two pieces of Earth go together so neatly. Also, what we now call the

east coast of South America does fairly well as a match for the east coast of China, etc.

Africa fits into the Gulf of Mexico (and if you have some left over, you can find geologists to testify that that is "new" land). Europe pulled out of Hudson's Bay, etc.



The perpetual quaking and erupting of the Pacific coasts of all nations is evidence of the process continuing. In other words, once upon a time there was no Pacific Ocean, and it is being blasted larger all the time.

With Africa united to Yucatan—you have no trouble locating Atlantis or explaining the similarity of Aztec-Egypto cultures.

"The flood"—Deucalion—is the world-memory of the cataclysm which tore Earth apart at the perhaps most recent "hatching" of the crystal-egg.

It will happen again.

When?

Pleasant dreams!



IDENTICAL PRINTS

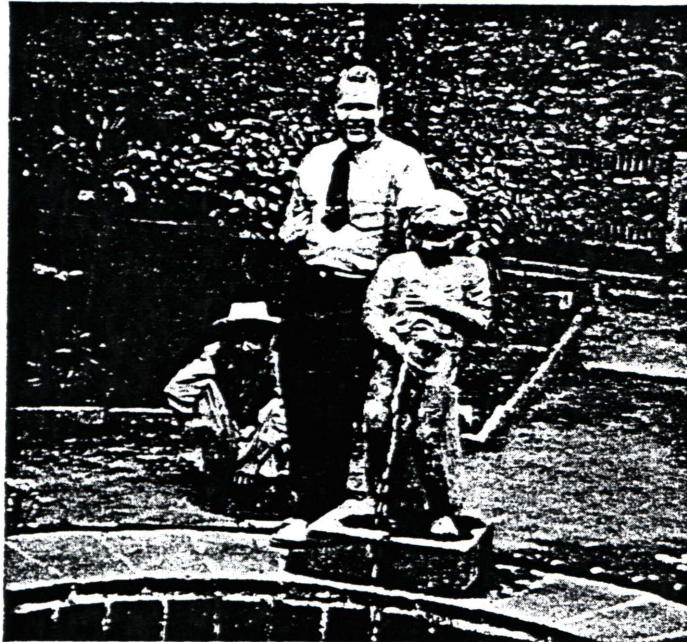
The finger prints of twin brothers, David and Walter Massengale of Lamesa, Texas, were reported identical by Lubbock, Texas, police when the boys started for ROTC camp. *Stars & Stripes*, Korea, 8-10-52. Cr Von Schamber.

JOQUEL PUBLISHES

Our long-time member and sometime lecturer on Fortean and related topics, Arthur Louis Joquel II—shown on this page with the Mexican Manekin-Pis, which is in Cuernavaca—has published a collection of esoterica and speculation, by title *The Challenge of Space*. 224 pp. illustrated, from the Society, \$4.00.

Contents runs from "In the Beginning" through "Our Adantian Heritage," "The Missing Years in the Life of Jesus," "Francis Bacon," and a chapter about Fort, to "The Evolution of Tomorrow."

The book is smattering, rather, but very few of you are likely to have encountered all these off-trail studies unless you have had the run of Manly P. Hall's library. You had better buy a copy. You will enjoy it. (Joquel says the third figure in the photo is probably a reincarnation of Ambrose—Small or Bierce.)



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.

1865 Box 3 (Continued)

- May 18 5:15 PM / At Agra Sun obscured by clouds of dust. Then thunder rolling and breaking in loud crashes "but, strange to say, hardly any lightning and very little rain." Times of India 26th.
- 22 Irkutsk quake Others listed BA '11
- 23 Gopalpur, Bengal (F)
- 24 Delhi Dust and intense darkness then great rain. Pioneer June 5 p 4
- 25 Nowgong, Bundelcund, 2:40 PM, dust and darkness, then a little rain. Pioneer June 5. Pioneer 29th—that repeated on 25th darkness even deeper and dust.
- 31 Sky darkened by myriads of locusts for 4 hours over Hyderabad (Scinda) June 19 The Pioneer (Allahabad)
- Meteorite / Hacienda de Bocas, State of San Luis, Potoso, Mexico (Fletcher)
- Box A (Resumed)
- June 2 LT p 9 Strange if true
- 8 2nd "accident" to Mollie Fancher
- Box 3 (Resumed)
- 9 Quake time of drought Hawaii Scrapbook of clippings (N Y Pub Library) Vol. 4 °C2
- 9 Quake Belg. C. etc. 8/38
- Summer Cor to N.Q., 3-8-226 notes remarkable absence of wasps, in England, all summer. p. 297 someone from Hull remarkable absence of wasps—equally remarkable multitudes of small flies. p. 341—near Stillon, Huntingdonshire—scarcity of wasps—visitation of bees, carwigs, flies—grasshoppers unusually prevalent. 424—wasps absent in Devonshire carwigs "disgraciously abundant", hummingbird hangmoth plentiful.
- July 5 Evening Natal S.A. / great det meteor BA 66/20
- July 8 LT p 6 }
- Aug 8 LT p 9 } Ext rain
- July 16 2 PM / severe shocks at sea 36.18 N and 2.32 W reported by captains of 2 vessels Falkirk Herald Aug 26
- 16 2 PM / Lat 36.18 N Long 2.32 W ship in a severe quake at sea LT 18 p. 6
- 18 10 PM / Great quake Sicily E to W CR 61/213
- 17 Th Hail at Chatillon-sur-Loing CR 61-45
- 19 2 AM / Violent q on slopes of Etna LT Aug 2.
- 28—31 See July 29 1864
- 28—31 Many meteors Hawkhurst, Kent 6 on night 28-29 from 10:39 PM to 0:48 AM listed as "directed from Formalhaut". Is this 1864? BA '67/104
- 28 Mets at Hawkhurst from a new radiant close to Formalhaut. BA 65-120
- 29 Hawkhurst, Kent 2 h. 30 m. One observer says 43 meteors. BA '65 Several pages of records of mets seen here July 28-31
- Aug 1 Flashes seen on horizon at Hardwick by Rev. T. Webb, attributed by him to cannon firing upon Prince Arthur's visit to Tenby—it was 100 miles away. re Mec 100/279 See Nov 9, 1862
- 3 New Haven great aurora A J Sci 2/4/285
- 3 1:30 AM / Kent, Eng. / auroral beams to Polaris BA 66-23
- 9, 10 Dry fog Lt Leonard Cosmos May 30, 1868
- 10 Meteors in England ordinary BA 65-123
- 12 Dundrum, Tipperary (F) D-118
- 18 LT p 6 Quake at sea
- Box A (Resumed)
- Aug 19 LT of Cemetery fire. That about noon of 18th a constable saw smoke issue from the ground in Kensal-green Cemetery, London. He called other policemen and firemen. The smoke came from catacombs in the cemetery, from vault No. 15 into which water was poured. "When the steam and smoke had in a great measure evaporated, a party of men descended to the vault. It had contained ten coffins; some of which were lead ones. Five of the coffins were almost totally consumed and the others, with one exception, were more or less injured. The stench and the sight which presented itself were horrible in the extreme and altogether unfit to be described. The wildest conjectures are afloat as to the origin of the fire, but no definite conclusions are as yet arrived at. There is one

suspicious circumstance in connection with the affair—namely a quantity of coal and rags were found in one corner of the vault, but they did not appear to have been ignited. One of the coffins had been placed in the vault only last Wednesday (16th) and this was the one not injured. A young gentleman stated that he saw smoke issue from same vault a fortnight ago. / Times 22 p 8 said that the uninjured coffin contained the body of Mr. Joseph Parlys, the celebrated Parliamentary agent. Said that though molten lead had fallen from five totally consumed coffins around this one, it was but slightly injured. Nothing more said of coal and rags. Now said that the vault was so exceedingly dry that the old coffins were falling apart with dry rot and cloths hanging from them like tinder. Said that when the latest coffin deposited there a spark from a candle must have ignited a cloth, and smouldered several days before outbreak.

Box 3 (Resumed)

- Aug 20 Ab 1:30 PM Erinpurah, India, met stone BA 66-132 BA 66-137
- 23 From 9 PM until 3 or 4 AM birds heard almost incessantly over Norwich. The Field Sept 5, 1868
- 25 Meteorite Algiers La Annie Sci 11-127
- 25 Aumale and Sokilmebres N of. Meteorite between 11 AM and noon. A. J. Sci. 2/41/426 CR 62-72
- 25 Sherghotty, Behar, India (F)
- 26 See Aug 25, 1887?
- 25 Algeria Jan 15, 1891
- 25 Algerian series AP 12, 1839
- Aug 25 Algeria / List — Nov 16, 1849 — Aug 25, 1865 — June 10, 1867 — Dec 25, 1869 — Aug 16, 1875 — May 29, 1887 — Ap 29, 1889 — 1892
- 25 Aumale, Algeria and Shergholly, India (F) stars fell 8 hours apart. Science 14-433 See June 9, 1867 CR 62-72.
- 25 Segowlie meteorite See March 6, 1853
- 29 LT p 9 Aurora
- Sept 5 & 7 Herbert Ingall continued looking at the region near Picard — says that to his astonishment he saw a conspicuous bright spot. Saw again on 7th. Astro Reg 3/252
- 4—5 Night / Saint Lo, France / A globe — divided — one to east one to west / trains in a V (N) Cosmos 2/2/337
- 8 by Herbert Ingall A misty cloud resembling a crater near where the light of the 5th had been. Astro Reg. 3/252
- 9 Ab 9 AM Calcutta A "smart" shock of earthquake directed s. easterly Pioneer (Allahabad) 15th
- 9 Evening jet at Darjeeling Pioneering 18th p 4
- 9 Evening. Smart shock at Patna Stonorth Pioneer 18th
- 14—19—24—26 etc. Many mets Eng. BA 66-27
- 14—28 8 pages details of meteors in England BA '66
- 19 LT p 9 } Meteors
- 27 LT p 9 }
- 29 LT p 9 }
- 20 5 AM / Paraquet, Aube, France / det met BA 66/28 See Oct 20 BA 69-283
- 21 Muddoor, Mysore, India (F) India 1865 see Jan 19, Feb 9, May 23, Aug 25, Sept 21
- 21 Quake, Perugia, Italy BA '11
- 23 etc. Mt Hood, Oregon in eruption Religio-Ph.J. Nov. 11 p 5 col 1
- 24 8:25 PM / Frome, Somersetshire met and crackling noise / BA 66/32
- Sept 25 Great quake China BA '11
- 28— Large sun spot and rapid changes in it
- Oct 2 LT Oct 4 p 4
- 29 Large spot on sun central on 28th LT Oct 2 p 10
- 30 Several towns in Louisiana destroyed by cl. bursts. Falkirk Herald Nov 11
- 30 Hawick Advertiser, Oct 7. Heavy rain night of 29th and early on morning of 30th. Early on 30th, the air was darkened by myriads of gnats or midges
- 30 Flies. At Hawick ac to Edinburgh Courant, appeared morning after a heavy th storm dense clouds over area of many miles of a small fly, a little larger than meadow midge, which stung some persons but from which others received no harm. LT Oct 6 p 9
- Oct 2 LT p 10
- 4 LT p 4
- 12 LT p 10
- 17 LT p 10
- Nov 6 LT p 11 Sunspots
- Oct 8 Dacca 3 PM 3 successive smart shocks E to W Pioneer 13th
- 8 12:45 up to 5 AM 9th big quake San Francisco BA '11/42
- 10 Large sun spot LT Oct 12 p 10
- 30 5:30 AM / Le Paraquet etc (Aube) det met CR 61-747 See Sept 20
- Oct Shower of spider web in the channel almost windless day Field Nov 25
- Oct 24 People near Boulogne terrified by sounds in sky, and a great thick black cloud. Learned that it was a cloud of black birds the size of pigeons, flying north. On the 30th similar flights were seen in the Dept of Sarthe. See C. R. Intel Observer 8-399
- 26 LT p 10 / Quake Besancon (Fr)
- 26 Aurora 8:12 four fan-shaped rays from tail of Ursa Major in 5 minutes they merged in a circular cloud that obscured stars Plumstead — Times Oct 30 p 9
- Nov 4 Cometic-looking object by Talmage M. Notices 26/241-271
- 9 Cometic-looking object by Buckingham / M. Notices 26/241/271
- 13 Leiden Observatory, Holland / met train 12:45 AM to 1:24 / Pop Sci 79/185
- 13 Morning from 1 to 5 AM ab 1,000 meteors recorded at Greenwich
- 13, 14 8 pages details of meteors England BA '66
- 13 Mets for the year See July 29
- 18 Comet-like object Mr. Barber M. Notices 26/242 (All look for Biela's Comet)
- 18 Lat 24 S; Long 173:30 W — Capt Morse of ship Syren — deep rumbling sound — vibration of earth. Times March 19, '66
- 21 Detonating meteor / Bedfordshire, Eng. /

- Intel Obs. 9/100 Thames Reading Valley
6:05 PM BA 66/68-125
- 23 LT p 12 }
24 LT p 5 }
Brilliant meteor
- 24 Ab 6:30 PM / by Rev W O Williams of Pwllhei, Wales, like 8th mag star but distinct. near (indecipherable) Carlini Intel Obs 41/58
- 24 Webb's Map of the Moon / Williams Obj 128 or near 128 in Webb's Map of the Moon. dark part of the moon "a very pretty speck of light." This is Carlini in NE quadrant.
- Box A (Resumed)**
- 28 LT p 5 Singular Fatality
- Box 3 (Resumed)**
- End of then several months volc Chillau in Chile
Nov YB '66-254
- Dec 7 7:20 PM G.M.T. Great det met Vannes, France BA 66-127
- 7 Vannes, Brest, Bourdeau etc (Fr) det met BA 66-127 66-428 At Bretagne 3 minute bolide Cosmos 2/3/1
- 7 7:30 PM at Vannes great met Det met Detonation like gunfire. Seen at Nantes and Lorient etc. CR 62-50
- 9 Charleston / Ft. Sumter 8:30 PM / light from a meteor and some saw boat leaving Fort / BA 866/128 (reverse) deserters from a ship See Am J Sci 2/41/276
- 9 Charleston 8:30 / Great met detonating and jarring windows as if an earthquake. A dazzling light from it. Also seen 75 miles N of Charleston A. J. Sci. 2/41/276
- 15 6:50 PM to Dec 20 12 shocks at Chittagong, Bengal Sci. So. 1866-158
- Dec 19 Comet (1866) Cheribon Jan 11 '66 Comet of the Nov. meteors (indecipherable) Hist Astr / 327
- 30 Mauna Loa, A J Sci 2/41/424
- 1866
- Jan Zeilschroft Ref der Oesterr. Gesellschaft fur Meteorologie
Four quakes at Santorin Jan 28-29 phe to March 17 C R 62-775 also p 1092
Santorin not active again till Aug 12, 1925
- AbJan Terrific explosion heard in Paris — no traces findable — said that similar had occurred not long before. LT Jan 5, 1866
See Dec 7
- Box A (Resumed)**
- 1866 And on. Is not the death of Caroline Godsey noted somewhere here? / But still alive—see note of Apr 16, 1870
- 1866 Body of Mrs W I Pelus, Frankfort, Ind. See Dec 22, 1888
- 1866 South Bend, Ind. Body of Anna Rees See Aug 11, 1872
- 1866 Sleeper Susan C. Godsey near Hickman, Ky. See July 14, 1869
- 1866 H. H. Gardner, Kansas See March 7, 1874
- Jan Durham lights a ship mystery See Nautical Magazine 1898, p. 873
- 1866 Etc. Durham Lights (155)
- Box 3 (Resumed)**
- Jan 1 Bristol — by Denning "Passed a few degrees from the moon." B. Assoc. 1873/370
- 2 6h 15m / Quake Mexico with north wind and great fall in temperature to 3 or 4 below zero BA '11 III
- 6 8 to 10 PM S. Eng. large meteor / BA 66/80
- 8 Lights from a cloud. La. Sci. Pour Tous 11/56
- 9 London etc / Met BA 69-283
- Box A (Resumed)**
- 9 LT p 10. That there had been much talk in shipping circles upon numerous and mysterious wrecks near Whilborn, on the Durham Coast. Ab first of the year an inquiry had been held by Admiral Collinson at Sunderland and from the evidence it seemed clear that false lights had been shown. Then the subject was taken up by the Tyne Pilotage Commission. Several pilots testified that they had seen in or near Whilborn. One seen upon night of Dec 22, something like a revolving light. / LT 19, p 12. Letter from Ad. Collinson as to the accusation that fishermen were displaying false lights in his opinion the best answer to that was their gallant action in saving life from a wreck on the 13th. LT Dec 4, p 5. Whilborn Lights
- 1866 **Box 3 (Resumed)**
- Jan 11 9:50 1:30 PM Large meteors Eng. BA 66/84
- 15 About / B. R. / rains (Aberdeenshire) N See Jan 14, 1862
- 15 9:30 PM / Quake around Etna 22nd erupting mud La Sci Pour Tous 11-134
- 18 Rumbling heard Quakes sea agitated following days
- 20 Flames from the sea at Santorin
- 22 7:18 PM / Dantzic / Met — Moon BA 69-283
- 22 Ab. 7:50 PM Met a Torquay "report as of a distant gun." BA 66
- 22 (Sound) Ab. 7:53 PM / Torquay / Met. Det. BA 66/86
- Feb 1 5 A.M. / Flames etc Santorin, Greece CR 62-896 Feb. March etc.
- Feb Great sun spots E. Mec 8/468
- 2 Ponts / Caterpillars / Cosmos N. S. 50/353 Ponts. Neufchatel, Switzerland Ciel et Terre 35/24
- 7 7 to 9 beam in sky Newcastle-on-Tyne Astro Reg 4-84
- 7 7 PM / Aurora and frequent flashes of lightning East Anglia LT Feb 10, p 10
- 13 4 to 5 AM "superb aurora between N E and N W Mass. Somerset BA 66/191
- Box A (Resumed)**
- 13 Haunted house Philadelphia N Y Times
- Feb 15 LT p 7 }
19 LT p 12 }
21 LT p 21 } Volc in Ocean
- Mar 6 LT p 12 }
- 17 Dry fog St. Leonard / Cosmos May 30, 1868
- 19 N. eye sun spot. The sun was high but there was fog. Cor. in LT 1870, Apr 19 p 8

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