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HEAT FROM THE SUN. HOW LITTLE OF IT WE GET IS ALMOST

BEYOND BELIEF. ely One Sunbeam In Two Thou

sand Millions Alights Upon This Earth-A Pen Picture of the Actual Condition of the Fiery Orb.

The sun is for the most part simply wasting his heat-flinging away the golden rays that are the life of the world with a recklessness beside which all human waste is mere parsimony. It is almost beyond belief. Scarcely one sunbeam in 2,000,000,000 alights upon the earth, and allowing for the whole solar system not more than one in 100,000,000 ever hits anything, so far as we can ascertain.

Sir Robert Ball's comment on this waste of the sun's heat is: Suppose a man with an income of \$1,000,000 a year. He spends for useful purposes I cent and throws the rest away. His wastefulness is no greater than that which this old prodigal the sun has

practiced for untold ages.

The untold amount of heat which thus leaks away through the cracks in the sky cannot be expressed by figures. It is only by considering what it might do that we can get any conception of it. This is probably the most striking illustration, and is given by an eminent astronomer:

Suppose a solid shaft of ice two miles square to be extended like a bridge across the gulf which separates the earth from the sun. If a track were laid on its surface an express train running at full speed would require more than 150 years to traverse it. Yet, if the whole heat of the sun were turned upon it for a single second it would be melted, and in a few seconds more all, even to the railroad iron, would drift away as vapor.

But what is the source of this heat that flows into space as the gulf stream pours into the Atlantic, warming the earth and other planets like little islands in its course? What keeps up the supply?

If the sun were merely a white hot ball, gradually cooling, our grandchildren would indeed get a chill; or, rather, neither they nor we would ever have seen the sun. The final frost

would have fallen long ago. Nor can the heat be maintained by fire, as we understand the word-such fire as warms and now and then consumes our houses. If it were a globe of flaming coal it could have lasted but a few thousand years; it would have been burned to ashes long before we were born. All the coal on the earth would hardly keep the sun going for one-tenth of a second.

A falling meteor gives out great heat, just as a bullet is heated when it strikes the target. Some have conjectured that a vast stream of these little hailstones raining upon the sun supplies its fuel. But if the whole mass of the moon were put into a stone crusher, broken up and thrown against the sun, it would barely furnish heat for a single year. And no such weight could possibly approach the sun without our

Yet, in its own chosen way, the sun really has its fires. With proper in-Goods Delivered struments we may see the red flames uting from its edge, sometimes to height of 400,000 miles-higher than the moon floats above the earth. To some of them our world would be no more than a water drop falling from a

To gain any idea of the almost inexaustible reservoir from which the sun draws its heat we must first picture its actual condition. Matter there is in a state unlike anything ever seen upon earth. It is neither solid nor liquid nor in any familiar sense gaseous. The sun is a boiling, seething, flaming mixture of the gases or vapors of all the elements condensed by the tremendous squeeze of solar gravity until it is thicker than pitch, and so hot that its vaporized iron might be used for steam power if there were any boiler fit to hold it. It has no definite surface, but shades away from this incandescent paste, through leaping flames of blood red hydrogen to the faint streamers of the corona, as filmy as a comet's tail.

This writhing mass, heavier on the average than water and yet as unstable as air, does not even rotate like other orbs, but swirls around its axis. In the terrific tension of these gases is stored up the energy of the sun. As this escapes in gushes of heat they do not cool, but slowly contract. It is quite possible that they even grow hotter as they thus settle downward and compress themselves into a denser

A total shrinkage of 220 feet a year will account for the whole expenditure, and so small a change in the size of the disk could not be detected until it had been watched for thousands of years. This will go on until the substance of the sun ceases to be essentially gaseous. Then will come the beginning of the end, for from that time forth the actual temperature of the sun will de-

This, however, will be in some far distant day, for careful scientists assure us that our race will enjoy undiminished sunshine for at least 5,000 years, and perhaps for twice 5,000.

Then, while the sun slowly reddens and darkens, our earth will die. After that comes the night of ages.-Charles Keisey Gaines in New York World.

To Catch Him. Fuddy-I want to get acquainted with Moskins, but I hardly know how to go about it, he's such a queer fish. Duddy-A queer fish, eh? Why don't you drop him a line?-Boston Tran-

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variety of purposes In India it is said that it was employed by kings for scepters and also for images. On account of its supposed antagonism to poisons, it was used largely for drinking cups.

The name ebony is given to the wood of several varieties of trees. All kinds of ebony are distinguished for their great density and dark color. The wood in all varieties is heavier than water. The heaviest varieties are the darkest. The other grades require a considerable amount of staining to

make them black. Ebony is of a uniform color throughout and will not show any deterioraion even from long continued use. There are three varieties of ebony

well known in confinerce. The ebony from the Gaboon coast of Africa is the darkest. The Madagascar ebony is the densest. The Macassar ebony furnishes the largest pieces. It is sold by weight.

Imitations of ebony can always be distinguished by their lighter weight, and the cheaper imitations can be deected by merely scratching the sur face. -Jewelers' Weekly.

SWEET AND TWENTY.

Oh! my love's a winsome lady: Sweeter face ne'er fed Love on In a court, or forest shady, Queenlier beauty never shone

Like a lady from a far land Came my true love, brave to see! As to heaven its rainbow garland, Is her beauty rich to me.

In white arms of love she wound me ·And I look'd up in her smue;.
In warm arms of love she bound me. As the sea takes some blest isle.

One fair star that shines above, o my life—aye growing clearer— Holds this tremulous star of love

With its bloom of bravery! Pure the dew lines in the bosom Nearest to my heart, I wear her;

Oh Lto see her life in blossom

As a bark the waves above— Oh! so proudly do I bear her On the bosom of my love!

Look you, how she cometh trilling Out her gay heart's bird-like bliss! Merry as a May@morn, thrilling With the dew and sunshine's kiss. Ruddy gossips of her beauty her twin cheeks; and her mout

La its ripe warmth smileth, fruity
As a garden of the south.

Ha! my precious Sweet-and-Twenty, Husband still your virgin pride! Just a month, and this dear, dainty Thing shall be my wedded bride.
—Gerald Massey.

If you are in doubt about it, don't The rubber trust has no bearing on the game of whist Success isn't going round looking for copie to pick it up.

In the world's great drama the ocean plays the principal role.

A sample room is dangerous when too many samples are taken. Every man has been, is, or will be handsome in the eyes of some woman. A girl is invariably in love when

she refers to the twilight as the

"Ah, yes!" he sighed, "a man can forget many things in five years."
"Yes," she replied, "but it would be disastrous if you were to do it."

What She Had Last.



Meat Cheap for Cash

P PUTNAM,

THE CLOCK WAS IN ERROR. Hotel Clerk Was Ready to Murder When

He Was Allowed to sleep Late. There is a clock face on the Pennsylvania avenue side of the National Hotel, the pointers of which have for

years denoted the time of 9:33. Guests at the St. James, who have front rooms not infrequently depend upon this superannuated timepiece to guide their movements, sometimes to their great discomfiture. Not a few appointments have been declared off because of that

There came near being bloodshed at the St. James a few mornings ago. One of the guests, whose appearance denoted that he had dressed himself in the space of a minute, came thundering down stairs, not waiting for the elevator, and rushed over to the counter, back of which was the clerk, who was trying to snatch an hour's sleep in the early morning.

"I'd like to know why in the mischief I was not awakened at 8 o'clock,"

he demanded. The clerk attempted to reply, but the guest was too mad to listen to anything that might suggest an apol-

"This is a pretty hotel," he continued. "I have stopped here for years but I will never come here again. Make out my bill now."

"Don't be in a bu-"I will be in a hurry. You exas-perate me. Tell me not to hurry. And here it is nearly 9 o'clock, and I should

have been awakened at 8." The clerk tried to get in a word, but "Get out your register, and see if I

did not leave an order for 8," the guest persisted The register was brought forth, and,

sure enough, there was the order for a call at 8. "There, what did I tell you? Now see what you have done for me. I have missed my train and probably a big order. I have a good notion to sue the

proprietor.". The clerk's fre began to rise. What train did you wish to make?" ne asked in a sarcastic tone

"The 8:35." "Well, go back to bed, and I will see that you are called in plenty of

"Come, no joking. What do you mean?"

"Just what I wanted to tell you some time ago. It's now a quarter of 7. A madder man than this guest was never seen in the St. James. And when he was told that the National clock was not running, and had not been for years, his anger knew no

He apologized to the clerk, and went away swearing vengeance on that clock - Washington Star.

Compliments for One Only. There is one New York club woman who has a sense of humor. In fact, to be on the safe side, there are several who have a "claim" in that direction. But not all of them are able to sense the joke when it happens to be on them. This woman, however, has this

ability and proves this story about her-"At one time," she says, "we had a colored butler who stayed with us to years, and who admired my husband immensely. He thought that Dr. Hwas a marvel of manly beauty, as well as the embodiment of all the virtues, domestic, professional and otherwise. Of course, I quite agreed with the butler on this point, but the fact is, I sometimes pined to have him pass his enthusiastic compliments around to the family, and not bestow them all on the doctor. So one morning when Dr. H-- had just left the breakfast table, and was even then to be seen, an imposing picture, as he stood on the front steps drawing on his gloves, I

remarked to James: "'Dr. H- is a handsome man, isn't he?"

"'Yes, ma'am! -Deed as' be is ma'am!' with gratifying enthusiasm. "Then, hoping to get a rise from James, I added with an absent-minied air as if I scarcely knew what I said but was just uttering my inmost

thoughts: "'How in the world do you supp that such a handsome? man as Dr. H- ever happened to marry such a homely woman as I am.

"Well, James just stopped short and rolled his eyes and shook his head as if he gave it up. Then he ejaculated:
"Heaven knows, ma'am!'"—The

The Dog Telegraph.

Two colliers were travling from Pontypridd to Cardiff. Their talk turned to the subject of modern inven-"John," said Thomas, "I can't un-

derstand that thing they call the telegraph." "Why, man," said John, "it's like this. Suppose you had a long, greyhound, reaching from Cardiff to Pontypridd. Well, you just pull his tail at Cardiff, and then, all of a sudden, he do bark in Pontypridd."

He had called on her several times, and finally mustered up courage and assurance to be somewhat more affectionate than the circumstances war-

ranted, perhaps. "You must not do that," she said, comewhat nervously.
"Do what?" was the innocent query. "Put your arm around my waist."

"Why not?" "My brother might come in suddenly and see you. "Well, what of that? He couldn't

"No, I suppose not; but he would try to borrow some money from you and I have lost two chances already by his foirg that "-T'4-Bita

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