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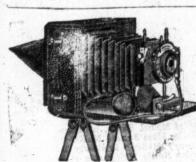


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These Prophecies Have Startled the Inhabitants of This Old Earth From as Far Back as the Year 1000-The Fear of Comets. in 1521 Jean Stoffer, a German,

plunged Europe into terror by predict ing a universal deluge in 1524 "owing to the conjunction of several planets it. a watery sign"-the watery signs are Cancer, Scorpio and Pisces. At his ominous words thousands fled to the mountains, and others took refuge in boats. Awinol, a doctor of law and canon of Toulouse, even built a sort of ark on four pillars as a haven of refuge. There was no need of such excitement. No flood came. On the contrary, the season was even calmer and drier than usual. Stoffer had, indeed, made a serious blunder and one for which many of his fellow astrologers, including Cardau, never pardoned him.

Stoffer, however, is only one in a long list of prophets whose predictions in regard to the end of the world have proved utterly false. As far back as the year 1000 many communities in Europe were driven half distracted by rumors that the day of judgment was close at hand, and again, in 1186, whole cities were paralyzed with fright for the same reason. Now and again during the latter part of the middle ages the same extraordinary phenomenon was witnessed, though in a lesser degree, and ever since the modern re-vival of occultism there have not been wanting erratic prophets of the Jean Stofler type.

Years ago a Mr. Baxter created a ensation in England by his prediction that the world would certainly come to an end in 1887. Thousands believed fu him, and great was their surprise when they discovered that he was mistaken. Yet such is the credulity of human nature that their faith in him remained unshaken, and, no matter what year he selected as the final one of the world's existence, they accepted his prediction as gospel truth.

Equally bold, though doubtless not as popular as Baxter, is the Abbe Dupin, core of the village of Dion, in France, and author of a book with the following extraordinary title: "The grand coup or universal cataclysm will ravage the world between the 19th and 21st of September, 1896, according to the Scriptures. The prophecies of the Old and New Testaments compare with those of the fathers and with the secrets of La Salette, in which is foretold the great war which will destroy nine-tenths of the human race, the coming of antichrist and his reign, after which the church will' triumph over her enemies and the reign of Christ begin on earth." The author fixed September, 1896, as the time when the great "coup," as he called it, would take place, but he added that if it did not take place then it would certainly occur before the close

The appearance of comets has fre quently given rise to similar predic tions. This was the case when the fanous comet of 1680 appeared. Whiston ascribed the deluge to its former appearance, and such an excitement did it cause among all classes of the people that Bayle wrote a treatise to prove the absurdity of belief founded on these portents. Mme. de Levigne, writing at the same time, said:

"We have a comet of enormous size. Its tall is the most beautiful object conceivable. Every person of note is alarmed and believes that heaven, interested in their fate, sends them a warning in this comet. They say that the courtiers of Cardinal Mazarin, who is despaired of by his physicians, believe this prodigy is in honor of his passing away and tell him of the terror with which it has inspired them. He had the sense to laugh at them and to reply facetiously that the comet did

him too much honor." M. Camille Flammarion, the distinguished French astronomer, says on the same subject: "In this century predictions concerning the end of the world have several times been associated with comets. It was announced that the comet of Biela, for example, would intersect the world's orbit on Oct. 29, 1832, which did as predicted. There was great excitement. Once more the end of things was declared at hand, Humanity was threatened. What was going to happen? The orbit-that is to say, the path of the earth-had been confounded with the earth itself. The latter was not to reach that point of its orbit traversed by the comet until Nov. 30, more than a month after the comet's passage, and the latter was at no time to be within 20,000,000 leagues of us. Once more we got off with a

good fright." In his entertaining book, "La Fin du Monde," M. Flammarion gives a graphic description of a collision between the earth and a comet which is to take place some time in the twenty-fifth century. "These two heavenly bodies, the earth and the comet," he writes, will meet like two trains rushing headlong upon each other with resistless momentum, as if impelled to mutual destruction by an insatiable rage. But in the present instance the velocity of shock will be 865 times greater than that of two express trains having each a speed of 100 kilometers per

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He sat smoking and thinking at a bend of the plazza, where he could see and not be seen. The hills were blue and dreamy, and only a sigh came from the pine forest below the hotel. She was lying in a hammock with a book. The veranda was deserted, and she was reading aloud something familiar-reading, in fact, in a voice full of feeling, a quantrain from his own

Like bending boughs frost-wrapped in winter's breath. Agleam with bright, unmelting,

slanting sun Art when thought alone its content And Love, forbidden, stands aloof,

undone. They were his first poems-and it was a very pleasant sensation. She closed the book, placed her hands behind her head, and looking far away toward the northern mountains, repeated the last line in a voice that fell brough the soft silence into his very heart, and thrilled him in a manner unknown before.

Shakespeare presents the supreme egotist of all fiction in Othello, and with an egotism like Othello's he first noticed this woman in a personal way when he found she was interested in him-or rather in his little stories in rhyme. He noticed then the round white arm from which the sleeve fell away. He noticed the exquisite outline of her figure and the curve of her chin and throat, and he felt the melody of her voice, and all-not for herself-but because she loved his

That night, when the music sighed and throbbed, he danced with her. It was his first waltz for years. She had read his poem and partly for that he liked it. Perhaps partly, too, that the woman was a poem in herself.

One evening, soon after, they watched together a storm coming down from the mountains. All the winds of heaven were let loose. The pine trees fought like demons and fell back with a sob when the wind passed them. The thunder boomed like mighty cannon and the lightning played in the mountain tops.

As he watched her, her face was transformed. The glory and the grandeur of it all had made her forget him. Suddenly there was a long moment of silence in which he could hear her deep breathing, and then came the rain and hall and howling of the wind. She was leaning far out into the

Luck is blamed with a lot of misfor, darkness, and as she drew back a hallstone struck her cheek, causing her to cry out. He caught her to his heart and for one moment forgot himself and why he had cared for her. In less than a year he was thinking

of it all, one evening, as he silently smoked in the firelight of his library. He leaned back and laughed aloud.

"That was a sensation, truly! And how nearly, after all my experience, all my vows made at the altar of ambition, did I lose myself for a woman -but such a woman! I shall never see her equal again. There comes the postman. Invitations - invitations how they do run after an eligible! Letters-from Kitty and from Ruthsweet girls, both of them. And-good! A card from the publishers announcing the prize winners of the last contest. I wonder if its first or second place I come in-a thousand dollars would not be so very bad just now-

by Jove." He started to his feet and held the paper at arm's length. He read it again. The name of the first prize winner was her name. He wasn't mentioned, either, for second.

"Well," he mused over his pipe, "she wasn't such a goose, if she was in love with me once."

Neither Did the King.

It is told of King Frederick VI of Denmark that while traveling through Jutland one day he entered a village school and found the children lively and intelligent and quite ready to answer his questions.

"Well, youngsters," he said, "what are the names of the greatest kings of Denmark?" With one accord they cried out, "Ca-

nute the Great, Waldemar and Chris-Just then a little girl, to whom the

choolmaster had whispered something stood up and raised her hand. "Do you know another?" asked the king.

"Yes-Frederick VI." "What great act did he perform?" The girl hung her head and stammered out, "I don't know." "Be comforted, my child," said the king. "I don't know either."

No Flies on Them, Pretty Teacher (intent on the lesson)-And vast swarms of flies descended on the land and came into the houses of the Egyptians and covered their clothing and their tables and all their food, but (impressively) there

were no files on the children of Israel.

Small Boy-Please, ma'am, there ain't now, either .- Harlem Lifa. Mabel-Are you going to return the

poor fellow's ring? Florence (who les just broken her engagement)-I haven't decided. I suppose he'll propose to you now, and I thought I'd just hand it over to you BOARD OF WORKS.

A Number of 5m li Matters Passed Upon by That Body.

The civic board of works committee met yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock. There were present the chairman, Ald. Martin, and Ald. McKeough and Mar-

shall, and Engineer Shackleton.

The freight accounts of the L. E. &
D. R. R. were referred until other ac D. R. R. were referred into counts of a similar nature came in, when the committee will consult with the clerk in reference to an increase in charges referred to at the council

The ingalls Stone Co., wrote offering to supply stone at \$1.60 per gross load. The C. P. R. September account for in tunnelling the track for the William street sewer, amounting to \$29.98

account express charges on re pairs to roller, 45c., was passed; also accounts of Murray Stone Co., \$215, curbing stone, and Robert Riddell,

C. Raynor, Joseph streeet, petitioned for a drain to empty into the Joseph street sewer. Referred to the The only discussion of the meeting

The only discussion of the meeting arose over the petition of Drs. Hall & Tye for a crossing. The members of the committee were unanimously of the opinion that private crossings should not be laid at the public expense but granted the petitionics. pense but granted the petitioning medical men the privilege of con-structing the crossing at their person-al expense under the supervision of the Ald McKeough said that the corner

of Gray and Lacroix streets, was like a small lake in the spring and fall and the property owners thought another intake should be put in. The city engineer thought a couple should be put in.

Ald. Martin said there was need of

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Receiving an affirmative nod, the man turned about and beckoned in the direc-tion of the open door. Four other men, all as black eyed as the first, made their appearance.
"These are my witnesses," the leader

of the party said by way of introduction of two of the newcomers, and then in turn he added: "And this one is the clerk, and this gentleman is the priest. So give me my girl, and I'll marry her at once, so that you need not be afraid there is any humbug about it." The interpreters' sense of humor is

drawn upon too heavily for them to laugh at a scene of this sort. They got angry instead and asked him what he was talking about. He essayed an explanation but all that he succeeded in making plain was that he was an Armenian and that his English consisted in rattling r's and

booming b's, "Why don't you tell your story in Armenian?" said one of the interpreters

in the young man's native tongue.

The would be bridegroom took offense. He had been three years in America, and he spoke English better than Armenian, he said. Finally Mrs. Stucklen, the "mother of immigrants," came up and shed light on the matter. The man's name was Vahi Krihorian. He was 24 years old and made a comfortable living. At home he had a pret-ty girl, who now came to join him. Her name was Toshkowhi Gobedian. She was four years younger than he was and very bashful, so bashful that when she spoke of her love for Vahi and his promise to marry her her olive cheeks glowed and her black eyes gazed at the leg of the matron's chair.

"Have you got any money?" the clerk had asked her. "No, sir. I have a sweetheart."

"But how do you know he'll marry Because God would strangle him it he went back on me." When the two were brought together, Vahi offered to kiss the girl, but she blushingly held back.
"Don't you want me?" he asked in

despair.

"Yes, but there are so many princes around. I am ashamed."

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