

taking me home again when my lesson was over.

The only thing I knew of a certainty on this subject was the composition of the moon, of which when quite a child I had been informed by my nurse, whose story I stedfastly believed. Feeling my great ignorance I entered with awe and trembling the presence of my learned instructor, who to me was the very personification of wisdom concerning all things which in any way pertained to the celestial dome. His knowledge however, was confined almost entirely to the heavenly bodies, for he knew next to nothing about the ordinary affairs of the world in which he lived, since he usually spent his nights in observing the heavens, and his days in slumber deep, or else in the study of the theories and hypotheses of some ancient astronomer.

He first questioned me as to the extent of my researches on this great and interesting subject. I told him. Alas, my cherished fancy was soon to be dashed to the ground, for he immediately informed me that my nurse in whom till that moment I had implicit confidence, had grossly misrepresented the truth concerning the composition of the moon. This superstitious idea being banished, he next proceeded to tell me that the earth on which we lived was a body similar to those which we saw in the heavens. Some thought it flat, others round, but it was his firm opinion after profound thought on the question that the former theory was the only rational one.

Before going farther he proceeded to explain that he belonged to the old and time honored school of the great Ptolemy. There was a man living named Copernicus, who had advanced some new theory, but I was informed that he was a mere dreamer and that what the world had believed for ages past must certainly be true, at any rate that no one could prove it untrue. I now learned that the earth was the centre of a vast universe and that around it the sun, moon and stars revolve daily. At this I was somewhat surprised for I could not understand what kept the stars from dashing into one another, but this was soon explained by the fact that most of the heavenly bodies were joined to the earth by invisible bars, some of them called

planets being attached to these bars by short cranks, and that by these means they were kept from flying off into space.

All this was quite different from what had been my idea of astronomy. I had fondly hoped to learn what kind of beings inhabited these other world's, but found to my great disappointment that my tutor was not prepared to give me any information on this point. He believed indeed that he had discovered, by means of a kind of glass of his own invention, beings of some sort on the moon, but he was not yet prepared to state this as a fact. He told me about the phases of the moon, eclipses, precession of the equinoxes, and some other things which I did not understand. By this time it was late, and on reaching home I retired to rest, to dream that I was flying through space, learning in the slumbers of the night what I had failed to learn in my waking hours.

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Editorial.

The long-wished for last term of this college year is now fairly begun. Now solid work begins. In the earlier part of the year we had thought we could take things easily, but now at the last minute we realize the fact that the remaining time is short and the work must be done—there is no two ways about it. So, to work with a will, that at the end of the session we may not be found sad and gloomy, with thoughts of what "might have been," if we had not frittered away the precious moments. If we study so as successfully to complete our work, we shall only have thoughts of time well spent as bright as the month itself.

June is pre-eminently the month of gaiety and sunshine, and we should wear no dark or melancholy looks to cause one dark spot in this, the pleasantest of all months.

And how can we wear bright and cheerful countenances unless we have, at least, the consciousness that we have done our best and that victory perches on our banners?