

## MYSTERIOUS AIRSHIP AT OMAHA

Some People Alleged They Saw One Glowing in Heavens.

An air ship or something quite as mysterious was seen in the section about Omaha, Neb., the other night. The "thing" faded into view about 8:30. It appeared to be coming from the southeast. It had the appearance of big engine headlight and floated off toward the west and north, and finally disappeared behind some buildings. It was in sight something over half an hour, the people who saw it estimating that it was a few minutes after ten o'clock when it sank out of sight.

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Mr. Copernhaver and his friends are not the only people in South Omaha who saw the stranger. Some railroad men who were working in the north end of the railroad yards saw it. It had altered its course and was sailing toward the northeast. The men watched it until it disappeared. This was the second time that the visitor has appeared in South Omaha. It showed itself a couple of weeks ago. At that time it was very much like the last night's visitor. All that could be seen was a big light that burned very steadily. Nothing definite could be distinguished regarding any other part of it.

### MAGNIFICENT DONATION.

Baron de Hirsch's Widow to Give \$1,000,000 for Charities Here.

The New York Herald says: It is probable that in a very short time the Baron de Hirsch fund in this country will be augmented by a magnificent donation from his widow.

It is stated on good authority that Oscar S. Straus, former minister to Turkey and one of the trustees of the Baron de Hirsch fund, who enjoyed a close personal acquaintance with the famous philanthropists and who returned from a trip abroad last Saturday evening, brought with him the positive assurances from the baroness of her disposition to give the sum of \$1,000,000 to diverse benevolent enterprises in the United States.

Of this great sum, it is reported that \$1,000,000 is to be given to the alleviation of distress in entirely new charitable channels, which, those conversant with the matter expect, will create a great sensation when the details become known, by their originality and scope. But the precise nature of the beneficence is kept a closely-guarded secret for the present.

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**WINDOWS COME HIGH IN LONDON**

Immense Charges for Seeing Queen's Jubilee Procession.

The celebration of the queen's diamond jubilee rivals even the eastern orials in public attention. Preparations for the event are going on everywhere in London, and the queen's procession will be rehearsed early during the morning soon.

Sir Julian Goldsmith's house in Piccadilly has been let for \$10,000 for the day of the celebration proper, June 20, and single windows along the route to be followed by the celebration are letting \$250. The insurance companies are insuring sightseers against loss, owing to the abandonment of the procession or a change of route. Landlords are giving tenants of houses on the southbank of the Thames notice to quit in order to get big prices for windows, and the newspapers are publishing a special column of advertisements of windows to let along the route. Finally, the fashions of 1837, the year of the queen's accession to the throne, are being revived.

### IN THE WRONG PLACE.

Masqueraders Trap into Religious Meeting by Mistake.

An embarrassing mixup of the sheep and the goats took place at Atlanta, Ga., the other night, and a protracted meeting was almost broken up by worldly intrusion. Rev. Dr. Shutter is conducting a series of very interesting meetings in Good Templars' hall. There is only a narrow space of wall between the hall and the Ecce dancing hall.

There was a big masked ball announced to take place in the dance hall. The congregation had assembled and the religious services were in progress when the masters began arriving. In the darkness the masters mistook the stairway and went trooping into the church people's preserves in all the splendor of their fantastic array. They soon discovered their error, but considerable excitement resulted.

Dr. Shutter is attracting large congregations, but the masqueraders were not prepared to join in the devotional exercises and were much chagrined over the mistake which they made.

Crypts Are Ancient.

The crypt was once the name of a great military nation. The Croats, or Cravates, of the Balkans. It was their custom to wrap large shawls or pieces of cloth around their necks and shoulders. About the middle of the reign of Louis XIV, he imitated several regiments in the Croat fashion, with huge shawls about their necks. The fashion took, and the shawl diminished in size to the slight strip of cloth we still have with us.

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## BABY IN AN INCUBATOR.

Strange Object Was One Arrives Unexpectedly, But Is Doing Well.

Weighed Only Two and One-Half Pounds and Was Not Thirteen Inches Long—How She Is Care for.

Life in an incubator seems to be quite the thing now, for delicately-born infants. A little stranger arrived somewhat unexpectedly in a Field Corner (Boston) household the other morning. Dr. Henry C. Towle, who was summoned, agreed with the nurse that the only chance for the fragile little one was to put her in an incubator, and so one was procured and she was forthwith deposited in a soft cotton nest, with only her face exposed. She weighed but 3½ pounds when born, but in the congenital atmosphere of the incubator she has gained half a pound and shows every disposition to grow into a lusty, healthy, baby. She is only 13 inches long, but her features are perfect and the little body is well formed.

The incubator is an oblong cabinet made of wood, about 3 feet high, 2½ feet long and 30 inches wide. It is lined with zinc and divided into three compartments. The upper one has a glass roof opening on hinges to permit the attendant to feed the little one and look after its wants. The temperature here is kept between 32 and 36 degrees Fahrenheit. This is where the little one lies in her cozy nest. The middle chamber is filled with hot water, which supplies the heat for the upper compartment, and to the lower one, which acts as a sort of boiler, the gas jet is applied.

At first one teaspoonful of sterilized milk was given every hour, but the amount has now been increased to ½ teaspoonfuls per hour. If the baby continues to do well she will remain in the incubator for a month.

**OFFERED \$10,000 FOR A DRINK.**

Torture of Russell Mapa, Who Died of Stricture of Esophagus.

Russell Mapa, an octogenarian, writing in the agonies of death, offered his doctor at Long Branch, N. J., \$10,000 for one drink of cold water.

The aged sufferer was well able to pay this sum, and more, for relief from the thirst that consumed him, yet all his wealth was powerless to purchase an instant's respite from his torture.

It was a strange disease which held this wealthy Long Branch landlord, whose vitality until a few weeks ago had caused astonishment in the community. His jet black hair and beard, his firm tread and upright bearing marked him as a man whose strength had not yielded to age. It is said he had recently been contemplating a fourth marriage, having already buried three wives.

Then came that awful disease of the throat, stricture of the esophagus, the doctors call it. The victim disappeared from the streets, and soon it became known, by their originality and scope. But the precise nature of the beneficence is kept a closely-guarded secret for the present.

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**MAN BITES THIRTY PERSONS.**

Frightful Experience in Russia with a Victim of Hydrophobia.

A terrible tragedy has just been enacted in the village of Litvinovitch, in the Tschernigow province of southern Russia. Three or four months ago a peasant living there was bitten by a mad dog and his relatives, instead of obtaining proper medical aid, simply consigned him to the care of the village magicians, who, for a consideration, undertook to exorcise the evil spirit of the dog.

The man was eventually seized with a bad attack of hydrophobia, and, after biting his wife, raged through the village, foaming at the mouth and savagely biting the people who came in his way, with the exception of those who had the presence of mind to throw water at him.

The disease clutched his throat tighter and tighter, until at length the sufferer could swallow neither a crumb of food nor a drop of water. The doctors gave him food by artificial means, and in this way kept him alive for awhile, but as the trouble was intense it finally became impossible to administer water to the man.

The police report on the case states that 50 persons were bitten by the peasant, most of whom have been removed to Kief for treatment on the Pasteur method.

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**NEVER ON THE CARS.**

Unique Distinction Claimed for a Very Old Man of Alamo, Ind.

William Ham, of Alamo, Ind., who has just passed his eighty-seventh birthday, has never been more than 17 miles from his home, has never been on the railroad cars and for 65 years has not been absent from home a single night, occupying the same bed in the same room all these years. He has never been in a barber's chair and has not missed a church in a half century. He has been a user of tobacco since he was ten years old, but has never been in a saloon and says he has never need an oath. He has not been in Crawfordville, the county seat of his country, for many years, because of his fear of the railroad crossings. Thirteen years ago the Alamo had was struck at a crossing and its occupants killed and since then the old man has refused to walk or ride over a railroad track. The old man is strong and does a full day's work for his wife every week day.

**FOUGHT RATS AND LOST.**

Farmer Whitney Badly Bitten in a Battle in a Grain Bin.

Andrew Whitney, a Summit Point (N.Y.) farmer, is suffering severely from wounds inflicted by rats which he tried to drive from his grain bin.

Having tried various means of destroying the rats without success Whitney determined to make a night attack upon them with a club, and arranged his bin so as to attract as many as possible. Arming himself with a club, Whitney cautiously approached the grain bin, and, raising the cover, he sprang into the bin and commenced to wield his weapon with a vengeance.

Then the rats sprang at their enemy from all sides, biting his hands and face in a frightful manner, until he was forced to flee from the barn without killing one of them. Whitney was obliged to call a physician to dress his wounds.

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## VIVES TO SWIM TO FRANCE.

Strange Defense Takes Possession of a Marine Engineer.

J. Rudolph, a fireman, while strolling on the sea beach near the City house, San Francisco, the other day saw a man walk out into the surf. The man was heavily buffeted by the rollers, but struggled beyond the first line of breakers and well toward the second line, where the water was neck deep. At that point the incoming waves submerged the wader, and lifting him from his footing, carried him shoreward. When he felt the sand the man was again waded seaward and Rudolph feared it was an attempt at suicide. The fireman did not wait to interfere, but plunged in and towed the persistent wader ashore. He was taken to the government life-saving station, where temporary treatment was given and the receiving hospital ambulance sent for.

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"I am John Halpin, engineer of the French steamship 'Medeline,'" he said, "and I have been in her a month. I shipped in her from Havre. I never was sick and I am not sick now. I came ashore yesterday to enjoy myself, and did it. Last night I stayed in a lodging house somewhere, and this morning I had my coffee and eggs and then went out to the beach. I could see France over the water. It was there and I thought I would go home. I can swim, and I was going home when the man pulled me ashore. My mother lives in France, and she is the only relative I have. I was not trying to drown myself. I have plenty of money and I don't drink too much. I knew I could get to France if I went into the water, and so I went."

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