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THE MAID I LOVE.

I love a maid whose eyes are blue,
Who never walks but runs,
Whose voice is shrilly clear and who
Is very fond of buns.
You'll not be shocked if you behold
Her seated on my knee—
The maid I love is six years old,
And I am thirty-three.

She thinks I'm very old, I know,
She treats me like her slave,
She laughs in mockery when I show
Her how she should behave,
She pulls my whiskers when I scold,
And dances round in glee—
But then, she's only six years old,
And I am thirty-three!

I fear she's rather fickle, too,
She's many other flames—
She makes them tell her tales untrue
And play at noisy games.
In search of crumbs, like robin bold,
She hops from knee to knee—
But then, she's only six years old,
And I am thirty-three!

And when my back is bent with years,
And I no longer sing,
And she hath known the cares and tears
That life must surely bring,
I know her loving heart will hold
A tender thought of me,
In days when she was six years old,
And I was thirty-three.

—Hamilton Aide.

THE PLANET MARS.

Some Recent Discoveries Made by Astronomers.

Prof. Holden Talks of Its Mountains, Valleys, Rivers, Canals and Seasons—Its Life Manifested on a Grand Scale.

The surface of Mars when viewed in the telescope is at once seen to be divided into regions of three classes whose principal distinction is in color.

The reddish regions have been called continents, islands, land; the dark, greenish regions have been called seas, oceans, gulfs; the whitish regions near the poles of Mars have been identified with the polar caps of ice and snow. In general these latter wax and wane as they should with the Martial winter and summer; and in spite of minor variations it seems to be fairly proved that they are in fact what they seem to be—namely, masses of polar snow or ice. If snow and ice exist on the planet there must be water there and the vapor of water. The spectroscope yields independent evidence of the presence of watery vapor in the planet's atmosphere also. Whether the dark green or the reddish regions are the oceans, seas and gulfs has never yet been settled by observation. The colors seem, by terrestrial analogies, to designate the green areas as oceans, the red as land, but this distinction is one based almost exclusively on analogy. The encroachment of green areas upon red ones is now explained as partial submergences of (red) continents by the neighboring (green) seas. But the case may be the exact opposite, and, in fact, it is quite possible a very different affair altogether. The limbs or edges of the planet are always of a lemon yellow hue, which tint usually masks the sharp lines of the markings. It is by no means understood how the absorption of the planet's atmosphere operates.

"A comparison of the earlier and later drawings has established one fact beyond question. The spots and markings seen by Hooke and Huyghens, in 1836-59, are to be seen to-day unchanged in form. Again, the positions of the points of Mars, which Maedler accurately fixed more than fifty years ago, are the same as their positions determined to-day (their latitudes and longitudes) within the small errors inseparable from and to be expected in this kind of observation. In general then we may say that the main features of Mars remain unchanged from year to year. While this is certainly true in general, Prof. Schiaparelli has demonstrated that it is by no means rigorously true. Many parts of the planet's surface vary in color from time to time; the boundaries of the dark regions have varied to and fro over measurable spaces; certain of the more delicate features seem to be more easily seen at one time than at others (though this may well be due to the varying transparency of the earth's atmosphere), and, finally, the atmosphere of Mars itself must and does produce meteorological variations. As Prof. Schiaparelli has said, "this planet is no desert of arid rocks; it is living, and its life is manifested in a complex system of appearances, some of which are on so grand a scale that they can even be detected from our station on the earth."

During the opposition of 1877 M. Schiaparelli, not content with laying out the boundaries of the various continents and seas with a precision as yet unreached, gave his attention also to the delineation of the very finest details of the planet's markings. He was soon rewarded with the striking discovery of a whole network of fine dark lines, which for want of a better name he called "canals." They usually ran from one dark sea or bay to another. Their courses were not sinuous like those of rivers on the earth. They are, however, far too broad (about fifty miles) to bear any real analogy to terrestrial and artificial canals, but we must repeat that this designation is a mere name of convenience. The credit of the discovery of these canals is entirely due to M. Schiaparelli, who first studied them with sufficient care and made adequate maps of their courses. Many of them had been laid down, however, in the drawings of observers previous to 1877; and recent observations made by large telescopes may be said to entirely confirm the map of Schiaparelli, if not in every detail, yet in every essential respect. We have then to regard the topography of Mars as singularly complex (considering the circumstances under which we view it.) To the continents, the seas, the polar caps of Maedler we have to add the complex network of canals. No new mystery was added by their discovery—only a greater complexity. We must remember that the distribution of land and water on the surface of Mars is as yet unknown; that "continents," "seas" and "canals" are alike in being mere names for markings of various colors.

We come now, however, to a discovery announced by Prof. Schiaparelli in 1881 which presents a veritable mystery. Every thing heretofore known, if not explained, seemed explicable by terrestrial analogies. In 1881, however, the distinguished Italian astronomer announced that the known canals were frequently doubled or paralleled by others of precisely similar appearance. The new map of the canals was the old one viewed through a doubly refracting prism, as M. Terby happily phrases it. In 1886 M. Perrotin, at Nice confirmed this singular phenomenon, and in 1888 both he and M. Schiaparelli have again confirmed it under new conditions. No other observers than these have as yet seen this phenomenon of duplication. The season for such observations in 1888 was the months of April and May. The Lick telescope was not ready for such work until the middle of July. After that date the planet was not observed elsewhere with any advantage; but here, in spite of the low altitude of the planet (not more than thirty degrees), of its small apparent diameter (not more than ten seconds) and of other draw-backs, we secured a series of forty careful drawings. These show the submerged continent Libya in essentially the same state as my drawings of 1875, as I have said; and they also show the principal canals as in the maps of M. Schiaparelli, but not a single canal was seen doubled, neither were they like fine narrow lines, as depicted, but rather like broad bands, wide enough to cover the spaces occupied on Schiaparelli's maps by two canals and the brighter region separating them.

I am by no means unaware of the unfavorable conditions under which our observations were made—more than two months after the season for such work, and I am only highly gratified that so much was shown by this powerful telescope under the circumstances. I must deeply regret that the observatory could not have been completed in time to take its part in this work, for which its equipment and its situation are alike adapted. We have, however, obtained assurances that the next favorable oppositions will enable us to do our full part toward solving the enigmas presented by the marvelous appearances reported by MM. Schiaparelli and Perrotin.

It would perhaps be superfluous to attempt an explanation of a phenomenon which requires so much further study. But we may simply allude to the suggestions put forth by various writers. The name "canal" has suggested to several writers, who should be more cautious, the explanation that these markings (not known to be water at all, be it remembered) are in fact commercial water-ways. They are doubled, one may suppose, to relieve a traffic already too crowded. They have been called rivers by others. But these rivers run from one dark marking to another. They do not rise in the brighter regions (land), and they have no sinuousities. Their duplication has been explained as a diffraction phenomenon caused by the fogs lying along the river valleys. Others again suppose them to be crevices in the glaciers (also proved not to exist) in the planet. All these hypotheses are as yet without a sufficient foundation. We must assuredly be content to wait for another favorable opposition of this planet (1892) before we can be entirely satisfied as to all the facts of the case, and we must postpone until that time any explanation.—Edward S. Holden, LL. D., Director of the Lick Observatory, in N. Y. Mail and Express.

WONDERFUL SEOUL.

A Strange City Full of Strange People and Stranger Customs.

What a wonderful city is Seoul! Its 300,000 people are made up of strange characters, and my eyes have been bobbing about like the rays of a kaleidoscope in my efforts to appreciate it all. Every thing is new and every new thing is strange. The big wall which surrounds the city is a wonder, and its three great gates are more wonderful still. They are closed every night at sunset with iron-plated wooden doors, and after this time none outside the city can get in nor can any inside the city get out. As the sun sinks behind the mountains which surround the capital a band of soldiers playing music which sounds for all the world like a Scotchman's bagpipes goes from gate to gate and bars them shut. At the same time watch-fires spring up upon the hills in every direction, and from these the King knows that all is well. These watch fires are signals, and they form a part of a continuous line of fires, which are built upon the hills in all parts of Corea.

They tell by their different flames and the intensity whether all is well along the coasts of the east and west and in the mountains to the north and south. They are, it seemed to me, royalty's farewell word from the day and they really meant that the country was quiet and the capital might sleep in peace.

The city does sleep, too. Its people go to bed with the shadows of evening and by the law the man or boy who is out after dark is bound to be whipped. Women have the right to go about at night, and foreigners are never halted, as are the Coreans. Such lanterns as are used are of the rudest shape, and they consist of a frame-work holding a candle, with a thin gauze cloth thrown over it. There is a great bell in the center of Seoul and this is rung early in the morning for the opening of the gates. This bell is in the middle of the long, wide street which divides Seoul in halves, and it forms the heart of the capital.—Frank G. Carpenter, in National Tribune.

—A man who is operating among the coal fields of Alabama, made a singular discovery a few weeks since. A force of hands were at work at the bottom of a shaft 180 feet below the surface, when they came upon the petrified remains of a sheep. It was in so perfect a state of preservation as to be readily recognized and was kept intact for several days, after which it was broken and the pieces distributed among the miners as curios.

—It is said that when he is busy in a "round up," a single cowboy will tire out six or eight horses in a day.

Miss Breezy (to Prof. X., of the Natural History Museum)—Do you think, Prof. X., that Miss Smith, at the piano there, is a very beautiful girl?

Prof. X.—Er—yes, indeed. Miss Breezy, she is exceedingly lovely.

Miss Breezy—I have always contended, Professor, that she is one of the most beautiful girls in Chicago, and that there are no flies on her.

Prof. X. (here his profession shows itself)—Yes, Miss Breezy, but I suppose that in the summer, when the weather is very warm, she is naturally more or less troubled with them.—N. Y. Sun.

The Highest Water-Fall.

A recent traveler in New Zealand describes the great Sutherland waterfall. "The water," he says, "dashes over the cliff in three grand leaps, and constitutes about one-half of the entire volume of the Arthur river. The first leap is over a dizzy cliff into a rocky basin 815 feet below. Jumping forth again, it makes another leap of 751 feet, and then goes tumbling and leaping in one wild dash of 338 feet into the pool at the foot of the precipice. The total height is 1,904 feet, making the water-fall the highest yet discovered. When the sun is shining rainbows of all sizes hang over the fall, and the effect is indescribably beautiful."—San Francisco Examiner.

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Colonel Stewart, of Nevada City, has provided in his will that his body be cremated, and the ashes dumped into the river at midnight.

An insane man of Rockford, Ill., recently wrote to Prince Bismarck, asking him to come to Rockford, when he was not too busy, and exterminate the Yankees.

An Indiana woman who had a beautiful head of hair sold it, and with part of the proceeds at once invested in a complete set of "switches" and "front pieces."

Preacher Parker, of London, will try a new religious experiment. He will hold prayer meetings and permit the men in attendance to bring their pipes and smoke.

The eccentricity of a millionaire widow of Wilmington, Mass., consists in attiring herself carefully in a white satin burial-robe and getting into new coffins. Her husband always kept his coffin standing in plain sight.

A millionaire named Tagliabei, who died recently at Milan, bequeathed the sum of fifty thousand francs to the street-sweepers of that town on condition that they would all go to his funeral in their working clothes. In his youth he had himself been a knight of the broom and shovel.

There is a lady living in New York who has a habit of visiting a certain civil justice every once in awhile and demanding of him the sum of twenty million dollars. The other day she walked into his court and made a peremptory call for fifty million dollars. The astonished justice gave her a sight draft on a policeman near by, who escorted her away.

There is a young lady in De Land who is collecting all the mustaches she can get and weaving the hairs thereof into a watch-guard, and, as she is quite popular among the boys, the guard is growing. But the other day she struck one of the boys for his mustache, and the young man, who is quite fond of that ornament, and also of the young lady, said: "No, you can't have my mustache unless you take me, too." She got the mustache.

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