

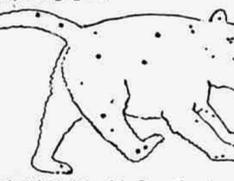
The Great Bear and his Companions.

The best known of all the constellations is the Great Bear, but that is not saying much for the popular knowledge of the sky, for it is doubtful if more than one person in a hundred...



Each has its name, and a good deal of mystical meaning has been attached to the stars of the Great Bear. The star numbered 1 in the figure is Dubhe; 2 is Merach; 3 is Phad; 4 is Megrez; 5 is Alioth; 6 is Mizar; and 7 is Benetnash...

But Mizar, in addition to having this little companion, is a telescopic double star, and one of the most beautiful in the sky. It was the first double star that was discovered by telescope...



In the left hind leg of the Bear there is a star too faint to be visible to the naked eye, which is nevertheless one of the greatest wonders of the universe...

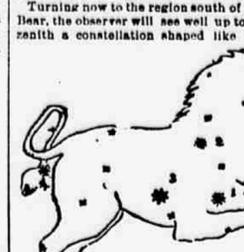
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The observer who finds the Pole star by means of the pointers, will notice that it is in the end of the handle of another smaller dipper, the bowl of which is bent up toward the handle of the large dipper.

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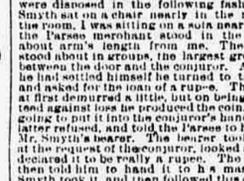
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