WHAT YEAR IS THIS?

Scientists Trying to Determine In What Year Christ Was Born.

"A German professor says our calculation of the Christian era is erroneous." I find the above item going the rounds, with an added line which meekly informs the reader that we are off four or five years in our mode of reckoning time. For centuries there has been doubt as to the correctness of the accepted calculation of the Christian era. Learned historians cannot agree whether Christ was born in the year 747, 749 or 754, counting from the foundation of Rome.

Prof. Sattler, of Munich, has published an essay in which he tried to reconcile the testimony of the evangelists with other historical data on this point. He has examined four copper coins which were struck in the reign of Herod Antipas, one of the sons of Herod the Great, from which he deduces the conclusion that Christ was not born in 754, but in 749, after the foundation of Rome, and therefore that 1890 is 1895. This opinion the professor substantiates by what he takes to be corroborative testimony of the evangelists.

According to Matthew, Jesus was born toward the end of the reign of Herod the Great, and that when Herod died Jesus was yet a little child. Luke says that James was born in the year in which the governor of Syria made the first census in Judea. In another place he says that John began to baptize in the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Cæsar, and in that year baptized Jesus, who was then 30 years of age. St. Luke says that in Judea the first census was made during the reign of Herod; this census must have been ordered in the year 746 of Rome.

Probably it was begun in Judea in 747. Professor Sattler thinks it was not made in Jerusalem earlier than 749. He finds that the four coins enabled him to made clear the testimony of the evangelist as to the fifteenth year of the Emperor Tiberius. Though Augustus died Aug. 19, 767, the reign of Tiberius must be counted from a year and a half earlier, from Feb., 766, when he was appointed co-regent; therefore the fifteenth year of Tiberius falls in 780, when John baptized Jesus, who was then about 30 years of age.

One of the evangelists says that Jesus began to preach forty-six years after the building of the temple by Herod at Jerusalem. Now it is known that the temple was begun eighteen years after Herod was appointed regent by the Roman senate, or in the year 734 from the foundation of Rome. Adding forty-six to that year it gives 780 as the year in which Christ began to preach. If all these calculations of Professor Sattler are correct then the Christian era began five years earlier than is usually supposed.—St. Louis Republic.

The Ocean's "Under Tow."

Doubtless we have all heard a great deal about this "under tow," as though it were some mysterious force working from the recesses of a treacherous ocean to draw unwary bathers to their doom. As a matter of fact its presence is obviously natural, and the explanation of it more than simple. As each wave rolls in and breaks upon the beach the volume of water which it carries does not remain there and sink into the sand; it flows back again, and as the succeeding waves break over it the receding one forms an under current flowing outward of strength proportionate to the body of water contained in each breaker, and, again, proportionate in a great measure to the depth of the ditch.

Where this latter is an appreciable depression it can be readily seen that the water of receding waves will flow into it with similar effect to that of water going over a fall, and that a person standing near is very likely to be drawn over with it, and thus, if the ditch is deep enough, carried out of his depth. This is all there is to the much talked of "under tow" and the numerous accidents laid to its account.—Duffield Osborne in Scribner's.

Casts of Famous Frenchmen.

Robespierre and Marat are enigmatical characters. Their deeds were horrible, but the casts of their heads taken after death are of ineffable sweetness. In both the cerebral development is poor, particularly in the coronal region. The skulls, each of which goes up into a point, may have pressed there on the brains. Phrenological development, or lack of development, taken with facial traits, betokens ill balanced minds. Marat's face, in David's portrait of him, is in all but complexion that of a red Indian. Robespierre's sister, on the other hand, is sweet, serene, pensive and of a lovely purity of expression.

Charlotte Corday, according to Danloux, one of her portraitists, was a rather good looking young woman, more the peasant than the lady. She had a hard, quick, willful glance. Tallien was another ill balanced creature. He had the profile of an Egyptian dog god.—Contemporary Review.

Babbage.

Mr. Babbage took me one day to see his calculating machine, and was mightily amused at my emphatic approval. I never could do my sums, and asked him to give it to me. He also showed me a wonderful automaton figure, made, if I recollect right, of silver. He called it his wife, and I was rather afraid of the silent lady as she moved her arms and head in a graceful but rather weird fashion. Mr. Babbage generally looked so sad that I remember when my grandmother was telling me the story of Pygmalion I exclaimed, "Why, it is just like Mr. Babbage and his wife." My parents and he quite agreed on one subject—dislike of music—which my father always described as "a noise which prevents conversation."—Mrs. Ross in Murray's Magazine.

A Bleak Prospect.

Bill Collector (authoritatively)—I wish to see Mr. Neverpay immediately.

Shrewd Servant—You can't see him now. He's gone to bed so we can wash his flannels.—New York Weekly.

The Fire Escape and the Vine.

"Very foolish to cling to me. Suppose an accident were to happen, where would you be? Torn, trampled, crushed under hurrying feet. Look at those sunflowers. They stand on their own stems, they do. Catch them sticking their saucy yellow heads between my bars; not much! I like independence, I do."

Thus spake the fire escape.

"How hard hearted you are!" murmured the vine, singing a tendril lovingly above the upper railing.

"I was born so," replied the fire escape, grimly.

"And how cold!" continued the vine.

"My nature," growled the fire escape.

"But I love you," whispered the vine, "because you are so strong and so tall and such a help to me! When I was a little thing, and a stranger in this street, I looked up and saw you, great and dark, reaching almost to the sky. Ah! you looked so terrible, and, if you will pardon me, so ugly, that I was frightened at first, but then it was pleasant and restful to lean against your mighty frame. I quite gave myself up to it, and grew and grew, and budded and blossomed, till, as you know, the passers-by stop in amazement, saying, "How beautiful that fire escape looks!"

"Still ours is not a suitable union," persisted the fire escape. "I have a great mission to perform; I am here to save human life. You should have cast your lot in with some nice country cottage—not a coarse old tenement like me."

"Love goeth whither it is sent," sighed the vine meekly, and clung closer.

That night a woman with a babe at her breast dropped a lighted lamp. Flames darted here, there, everywhere, hungrily, gloatingly. People madly flung their poor possessions from the windows. Engines rattled through the streets. Brave men climbed the sturdy fire escape, and carried children and women down its iron sides. Splendid streams of water played upon the blazing building. Morning dawned, pale and blue. The fire escape stood tall and dark, but the poor, pretty little vine lay dead at its feet, a victim of misplaced affection.—Pearl Eytinge in Dramatic News.

French Ideas of Rewarding Merit.

I should like to answer a question which I am constantly being asked: "How is it that the French, who are such admirers of pluck, adventure, the advancement of science, etc., not only do not lionize Stanley, but even give him the cold shoulder?" Far be it from me to reply that the French do not recognize the great feats of this great explorer; but they are a sentimental people, and when they see a man of this kind make, financially, a good thing out of his exploits they consider that he has his reward, and they cannot be made to see where the bands of music and hat waving come in. If Cincinnatus had been a Frenchman he would be a saint in the eyes of the French; but a Wolseley in enjoyment of gold and title would never be considered to need niche or pedestal in addition.

If M. Pasteur had charged a guinea every time he inoculated a patient nobody would have objected; nay, it would have been thought quite right and natural; but he would not have been regarded as entitled to hero worship. It is because M. Pasteur is known never to have taken a cent for himself from his patients that he is idolized by his countrymen. They admire in him a benefactor of the human race, and it flatters their pride to claim him as a product of French soil. Call this sentimentality if you will, I am neither commending nor condemning it, but stating the plain fact.—Max O'Rell in Washington Star.

The Value of a Silver Dollar.

Senator Jones, of Nevada, was twitted by Senator McPherson, of New Jersey, in the course of his silver speech with the fact that the silver dollars were only worth seventy-two cents. Of course it "reminded him of a little story."

"I recollect," said he, "talking on this subject once with some senators in the cloak room. During the conversation one of the senate pages brought me a telegram, on which he said the telegraph messenger had told him there were fifty cents due. I gave the page a silver dollar and said to him:

"'I have been informed by some very respectable and intellectual gentlemen in here, some of them candidates for the presidency even, that this dollar is worth only seventy-five cents. I do not want to cheat a little boy. Take this out, and if the boy thinks it is worth only seventy-five cents he can send me back twenty-five cents, and if he thinks it is worth a dollar he can send me back fifty cents. I will leave it to him.'

"The page brought back fifty cents and said the telegraph boy told him he did not know what those old 'duffers' in there might say, but it was as good a dollar as he wanted and was very hard to get."—Cor. New York Tribune.

Burglars Caught by Electricity.

Electric burglar catching has received an impetus in Paris at the hands of an enterprising wine merchant in the Rue Secretan, who has just landed his fifth man in the following way: There is no concierge for his premises, and he has had his store connected with the room occupied by his waiters by means of an electric wire. When the burglar enters the bell in the waiters' room rings and the intruder is quietly nabbed. The wine merchant's experiment has been so successful that several other traders in the vicinity have adopted his modus operandi, and are now yearning for a real live "midnight marauder" to come their way.—Exchange.

Velocity of the Fly.

A physiologist in France has been observing the work of flies in flying, and somehow has arrived at the conclusion that the wings of a fly make about 330 beats per second, and that such a fly can travel at the rate of a kilometer per minute. This is equal to the velocity of an express train. Assuming this to be so, then a fly could compass the earth's circumference in twenty-eight days.—Exchange.

NAY AND YEA.

A pretty little maiden
  Lives across the street from me;
Her father is a captain
  Who is gone away to sea.
I often nod to her
  And she does not say me nay;
In fact I think she likes it,
  Though she does not say me yea.

I met her in the wood road—
  She had been walking there alone,
And had stopped to rest a moment
  By the path, upon a stone.
So I sat me down beside her
  And she did not say me nay;
In fact I think she liked it,
  Though she did not say me yea.

I met her one bright morning
  Walking down the village street;
Her dress it was so pretty,
  Her face it was so sweet,
That I walked along beside her
  And she did not say me nay;
In fact I think she liked it,
  Though she did not say me yea.

We were wand'ring one evening
  In the lane beyond the hill;
The air was calm and fragrant,
  The place was cool and still;
And I took her hand a moment,
  She did not say me nay,
Then I claimed her mine forever!
  And at last she said me yea.

—Emilia Elliott in New York Commercial Advertiser.

Sure to Find Trout There.

H. A. Martin, of Bennington, Vt., has started a somewhat novel enterprise. He has secured a large tract of land right above Bennington in a beautiful woodland valley, erected a hotel and a number of cottages, furnished. There are numerous trout streams and a large trout lake, plentifully stocked. In it any one can angle by paying so much per pound for their catches. Up on the mountain about one mile there is another large lake on which has been established a hatchery, from which the lake will be thoroughly stocked every season. Fishing privileges can be bought. As this is somewhat of the nature of a club a very attractive lodge has been erected on the shores of the lake for the convenience of the members. A number of gentlemen from Albany are interested in the enterprise.—Burlington Free Press.

The Georgia Type of Fish Story.

Frank O'Bryan, solicitor of the Atlanta district, left his home at Sans Souci at 11 p. m. in his canoe, which was rowed by a negro who had been a body servant to George Washington.

As the day was hot Solicitor O'Bryan reclined upon the stern of the boat with a silk handkerchief in his hand, an end of which was trailing in the water. Feeling a jerk, O'Brien flung the handkerchief inward, to find that he had landed with it a three pound trout, which had attempted to swallow the red end of the handkerchief. The solicitor at once went ashore and had a fish fry all to himself, when he resumed his journey.—Cor. Atlanta Constitution.

How Money Travels About.

Recently several gentlemen met in a hotel at Kingston, Ont. One of them received in change a ten cent piece on which was inscribed the mystic symbols, "H-78." "By Jove!" said he, "here's a ten center that some fellow has marked to see if it will ever come back." "Let me see it," replied a gentleman of the party. "Gentlemen," he said, "my name is Henry Dermond. Twelve years ago, at Halifax, N. S., I marked twenty ten cent pieces as this is marked. This is the third one that has turned up." He offered the owner of the coin $1 for it and got it.—Toronto Globe.

Knew Her Strong Points.

A little 4-year-old girl, a resident of Minnesota's capital city, is not noted for her beauty, though possessed of a very sweet disposition and a remarkably bright mind. She was recently presented to a minister who chanced to be visiting at her home. He took her little face between his two hands and looked down at her in a most scrutinizing manner. She evidently anticipated that her face would not bear the close inspection, as, turning her eyes in the direction of his face, she lisped out: "I isn'th p'etty, Mither Brown, but I'th mighty 'mart."—St. Paul Globe.

New Suits.

J. Manning Fisk vs. H. M. Marshall; foreclosure. E. R. Annable.

Norman Thompson vs. Oscar Caldwell; appeal from justice court.

Debby Ann Mulholland vs. Wm. Popendick; assumpsit. L. A. Tabor.

Patrick Walsh vs. David D. Wise; attachment.

Joseph Hamlin vs. Marshall Horan; appeal from justice court.

Mahum S. Cutler vs. Charles E. Osborne; attachment. J. G. Parkhurst.

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Stocks, bonds, mortgages, etc	12,983 66
Overdrafts	4,590 93
Due from banks in reserve cities	5,885 69
Due from other Banks and Bankers	5,224 85
Furniture and Fixtures	3,005 37
Other real estate	2,063 92
Current expenses and taxes paid	1,425 43
Checks and cash items	324 45
Nickels and pennies	11 37
Gold	1,000 00
Silver	187 25
U. S. and National Bank Notes	4,392 00
Total	$121,667 68

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in	$50,000 00
Surplus Fund	1 485 66
Undivided Profits	1,081 54
Commercial deposits	60,821 97
Savings deposits	8,278 51
Bills Payable	
Total	$121,667 68

State of Michigan, County of Van Buren, ss:

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