

Sept. 26 In American History.

1820—Daniel Boone, pioneer hunter, founder and defender of Kentucky, died; born 1735.
1894—Laurie Thompson, noted American sculptor, died; born 1833.
1901—John G. Nicolay, secretary and biographer of Lincoln, died; born 1831.

ASTRONOMICAL EVENTS.

Sun sets 5:47, rises 5:48; day's length 12 hours; moon sets 3:09 a. m.; 9 p. m., planet Uranus apparently stationary.

Sept. 27 In American History.

1722—Samuel Adams, patriot, born in Boston; died there 1803.
1890—Raphael Semmes, Confederate admiral, commander of the cruiser Alabama, born in Charles City, Ind.; died in Mobile 1877.
1876—General Braxton Bragg, noted in the Mexican war and as a Confederate army commander, died; born 1817.
1906—A gulf storm spread havoc at Pensacola and Mobile; heavy death list; property loss \$20,000,000.

ASTRONOMICAL EVENTS.

Sun sets 5:45, rises 5:49; moon sets 4:25 a. m.

Sept. 28 In American History.

1805—General William Moultrie, noted South Carolina patriot and Revolutionary soldier, died; born 1737.
1898—Hon. Thomas Francis Bayard, secretary of state and ambassador to Great Britain under Cleveland's administration, died; born 1828.
1904—Lafcadio Hearn, American journalist and author, died at Yokohama, Japan; born 1850.

ASTRONOMICAL EVENTS.

Sun sets 5:44, rises 5:50; moon sets 5:41 a. m.; 9:54 p. m., planet Mars occulted by moon, when in conjunction, as seen from Washington and south; 7:57 a. m., full moon, opposite the sun, in constellation Pisces; 11:54 a. m., moon at perigee, nearest earth, distant 221,700 miles.

Sept. 29 In American History.

1813—American troops under General William Henry Harrison recaptured Detroit from the British.
1825—Daniel Shays, veteran of the American Revolution and leader of Shays' rebellion in Massachusetts in 1786, died; born 1740.
1867—The Emperor Maximilian shot at Queretaro by order of the Mexican government.
1873—Admiral John Ancrem Winslow, U. S. N., hero of the Kearsarge-Alabama fight, died; born 1811.

ASTRONOMICAL EVENTS.

Sun sets 5:42, rises 5:51; moon rises 6:13 p. m.; 4 a. m., planet Mercury apparently stationary; 6:53 a. m., moon in conjunction with Saturn, passing from west to east of the planet.

Sept. 30 In American History.

1770—George Whitefield, famous New England preacher, died; born 1714.
1817—John Weiss Forney, distinguished journalist of the political school, born; died 1881.
1904—George Frisbie Hoar, United States senator from Massachusetts, died; born 1827.

ASTRONOMICAL EVENTS.

Sun sets 5:40, rises 5:52; moon rises 6:45 p. m.; sun's declination 2 degrees 49 minutes south of celestial equator.

Oct. 1 In American History.

1781—Captain James Lawrence, naval hero, born in Burlington, N. J.; died of wounds, 1813, on his vessel, the Chesapeake.
1863—Arrival at New York of five Russian vessels of war as a demonstration of sympathy.
1898—First joint conference of the American and Spanish peace commissioners at Paris.

ASTRONOMICAL EVENTS.

Sun sets 5:39, rises 5:54; moon rises 7:17 p. m.; constellations visible 8:30 p. m. in October, overhead: Cygnus, Pegasus, Delphinus; north, Ursa Minor, Ursa Major, Cepheus; northeast, Auriga, Perseus, Cassiopeia; east, Taurus, Aries, Pisces; southeast, Cetus, Sculptor; south, Aquarius, Capricornus, Pisces Australs; west, Aquila, Hercules, Ophiuchus; northwest, Lyra, Corona Borealis, Draco. First magnitude stars visible same hour, with rank after each—overhead, Deneb, 20; north-east, Capella, 4; east, Aldebaran, 14; west, Altair, 13; northwest, Vega, 8; Arcturus, 5. Planets during October—Mercury passes west of the sun the 11th, visible in east before sunrise after the 21st; Venus, evening star, sets about 7 p. m.; Mars, red and bright, sets about 3 a. m.; Jupiter, visible in east before sunrise; Saturn, in opposition with the sun on the 13th, rises early in evening; Uranus and Neptune, invisible; sun in constellation Virgo till 29th, then Libra; Orionid meteors from the 14th to the 24th.

Oct. 2 In American History.

1780—Major John Andre, adjutant general of the British forces in America, hanged as a spy.
1842—Dr. William Eliery Channing, noted American divine, died; born 1780.
1897—General Neal Dow, noted Federal veteran and Prohibition advocate, died; born 1804.

ASTRONOMICAL EVENTS.

Sun sets 5:37, rises 5:55; moon rises 7:53 p. m.; the approaching Halley's comet estimated at 14th magnitude; its highest magnitude will be 3.7 m.

HE WAS NOT A FLIRT.

Therefore He Resented the Woman's Attempts at Familiarity.

He was riding homeward, comfortably seated and reading his paper. Being a trifle nearsighted, he was applying himself even more closely to his paper than other homegoing passengers. Thus intent in the day's news, he was startled when a woman came up beside him and touched him lightly on the shoulder, at the same time casting a longing eye on his seat.

He is a polite man, and he got up. "A woman with that much nerve is entitled to a seat," he muttered to himself. "The idea of a woman deliberately nudging a man out of his seat!" Other women standing near by laughed unreservedly. He hid his embarrassment behind his paper, for he felt that his good nature had been imposed upon and that the laugh was on him.

By and by there was a vacant seat next to the one he had given up to the woman, and he sat down once more. The woman turned and looked at him amusedly. He could feel her gaze, even though he made a bluff at being intensely interested in his paper. Pretty raw, it seemed to him, for a woman deliberately to take the seat of a total stranger and then sit there and laugh at him because he was such a mark.

Then the woman spoke to him, "Aren't you going to talk to me?" she asked.

He could stand her familiarity no longer. "Well, of all the"—He stopped right there when he looked around and recognized her. It was his wife!—Cleveland Leader.

COOKS' SHOPS.

They Were the Beginnings of the Modern Restaurant.

In primitive times the only places in London where the public could be entertained with food had been the cooks' shops. The famous East Cheap was a great thoroughfare, down which the stalls of the butchers alternated with those of the cooks. You chose a joint at the flesh market, and you carried it next door to be cooked for you by a certain hour. If you wished for wine, you must bring that with you, for the cooks sold no liquor, although they seem to have provided, as time went on, more and more of the natural accompaniments of meat, such as bread, vegetables and pastry.

This habit continued until well into the reign of Elizabeth, and so long as such an inconvenient custom prevailed there could have been no real comfort for any citizen who chose to dine abroad. He must have had as much trouble with portage and baskets as a country party has today at a picnic. But about the time that Shakespeare came up to London a remarkable change took place in the customs of the town, and the practice of public hospitality and entertainment was singularly facilitated.

The nature of this change lay in the sudden development of the tavern and the consequent withdrawal of the cookshop. The worshipful company of pastels, as the cooks were called, ceased to enjoy the monopoly of providing hot meals.—Edmund Gosse in Harper's Magazine.

Railroads Are Never Finished.

In one respect a railroad is unlike any other project undertaken by man—it is never finished. Like a cucumber vine, says a writer in Popular Mechanics, the instant it ceases to grow it begins to wither. There must be continuous expansion and enlargement. Larger cars require more powerful locomotives, and both in turn call for heavier rails, bigger roundhouses, stronger bridges, longer platforms and sidings, increased safety devices, while the straightening of curves and the leveling of grades come in for their share of attention on even the oldest roads. Little wonder, then, with our railroads consuming nearly one-half of all our manufactured steel and iron and fully one-half of all the lumber made each year, that they are the un-falling barometer of the business activity of the nation.

The Wonders of Science.

It was left for the exhibitor of a phonograph in the streets of Utrecht, according to an American traveler, to put the finishing touch to the wonderful invention. There was the sound of a military band in full blast, and then suddenly the tune stopped and "Halt!" rang hoarsely out upon the air. "Who's that interrupting the concert?" Slightly inquired the American, edging close to the operator. "That," said the man, surveying him blandly, "was the voice of Napoleon Bonaparte giving the order at the battle of Waterloo."

That Was the Trouble.

A Wichita man was fussing because of his aching teeth. "Why don't you go to a dentist?" asked one of his friends.

"Oh, I haven't got the nerve," was the reply.

"Never mind that," replied the friend. "The dentist will find the nerve all right."—Kansas City Journal.

Literary Analysis.

"Shakespeare's works are marvelous revelations of poetry."

"Poetry!" echoed the Baconian scornfully. "They are merely a collection of ciphers, with some figures of speech thrown in to make them harder."—Washington Star.

His Wise Plan.

"I never have any luck." "Neither do I," responded the other citizen. "Therefore I keep out of enterprises requiring gobs of luck to be a success."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

A Lot of Influence.

The following anecdote well illustrates the exalted position Sir Wilfrid Laurier occupies in the minds of the less educated French Canadians: Some years ago an illiterate old Canadian came into Quebec from the country, where he met a friend whom he had not seen for years. In the course of conversation the old fellow happened to mention the name of Queen Victoria and was much astonished to learn that she was dead. "Dead!" he echoed. "And who has taken her place?" When he was told that the Prince of Wales was now the ruler of the British empire he exclaimed: "Gee! The prince must have a lot of influence with Sir Wilfrid to get a big job like that!"—London Tit-Bits.

The S. G. G.

Behold the sweet girl graduate! Her face is wan and pale, Is it because she must orate And fears that she may fail?

Is it because she studies hard Her once bright eyes are dimmed? Ah, no! She's thinking of foulard And how it should be trimmed. —Chicago Post.

The Tannery of Youth.

"The old fashioned tannery is passing away." So quotes an industrial paper. How well we recall A tannery quite small— The ancient woodshed, Where we were oft led And tanned for some gay prank or caper. —Detroit Tribune.

A Terrible Moment.

Willie (coming into the house breathless)—Papa, hurry up! There's a man with a wagon outside to see you about putting in the coal.

Slimson—Tell him I'm busy just now, Willie. I'll go out and see him in a few minutes.

Willie—But you mustn't keep him waiting, papa. You don't know who he is. He is the father of the pitcher of our baseball team.—Woman's Home Companion.

A Joker.

The little fly a joker is, Quite frolicsome is he, He loves to see you swat yourself Just where he used to be. He is immensely tickled when You slap yourself with vim, So every time he tickles you You also tickle him. —Kansas City Times.

In the Spring.

I'll tell you what I'd like to do today If only bosses would accommodate— I'd like to quit this job and go away And let the ink stand and the paper weight. —Cleveland Leader.

The Real Thing.

Gunner—There goes a sweet couple— Mr. and Mrs. Candy. Guyer—Well, well! And who is the little fellow? Gunner—Oh, he's the Candy kid.—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

His Joke.

The man who cornered all the wheat I think we ought to go for. Because wheat makes the loaf of bread, And so I think it can be said He's just a corner loafer. —F. P. Fitzer in New York Times.

Why Not?

Most hunters great preserve their game As trophies of their nerve, And yet, 'tis strange, 'tis rarely done Within a game preserve. —Kansas City Times.

Reward.

Hank Stubbs—The Morleys are goin' to hev a phonygraft, ain't they? Bige Miller—Yep. Hamp said he'd put one in ef Mandy 'd give up tryin' to play the planner.—Boston Globe.

A Reminiscence.

As boyhood's days come back to me The starting tear my vision blurs, Then pa of took me on his knee, But ma, she took me over hers. —Judge.

Superabundance.

Advice is always to be had And might be useful if you could With certainty detect the bad And always patronize the good. —Houston Post.

Uncertain.

"What did you have for breakfast?" "I don't know. I long since abandoned the practice of reading the labels required by the pure food law."—Washington Star.

The Reason.

"She is the dearest girl I know. I never saw another." "She finished quite unblushing— "With such a dandy brother." —New York Telegram.

Not Very Friendly.

"Has anybody called on your new neighbors?" "Nobody but the man across the street. He's a collector."—Pick-Me-Up.

A Local Tripper.

The aeroplane thus far appears Like this to doubting men— It goes right up and turns around And comes right down again. —Boston Globe.

Cautious.

Rounder—Did you notice the dead beats out at the race track today? Sportwood—No; I was too busy looking for the deadbeats.—Chicago News.

Milady's Hat.

Don't marvel at milady's hat, Outlandish, broad and tall, Remember there's a woman at The bottom of it all. —Kansas City Times.

Large Supply.

"I understand you have a case of indigestion." "A case? Man, it's a carload!"—Lippincott's Magazine.

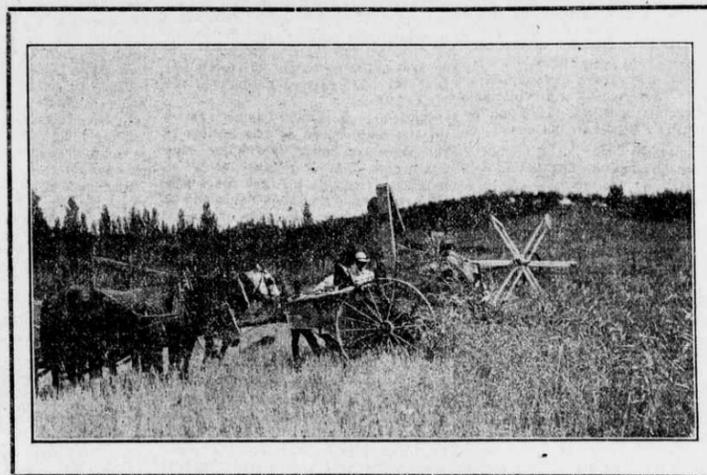
New Spelling.

D-o-g spells dog, C-a-t spells cat, But h-a-i-r— That spells rat. —Harper's Weekly.

This is Your Opportunity

It has been wisely said that opportunity knocks at the door of every man. Most of us never recognize the visitor, until, unable to get recognition, it passes on and is picked up by some man or men who have the courage and pluck we have lacked.

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