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Col. Ochiltree and the Reporters.
"In this way," said the colonel, "I soon became a conspicuous figure to newspaper readers, until I was probably the best advertised man in the country. The things that appeared about me were usually written by journalists who were well acquainted with me, but once in a while they would overstep the mark and put ridiculous things in my mouth—words that I had never uttered. Knowing that they meant all right, I made it a point, and still make it a point, never to deny what is credited to me in newspapers. Now it has got so far that the average editor seems to think that anything that is written about me will be read, and reporters, knowing this, write about me when they can't write of anything else. If they have an interesting but ridiculous story and see no excuse to publish it, they simply put it in my mouth so that I am made a fictitious character.
Only one prominent journalist has said harsh things about me, and he is Charles A. Dana. I often wondered why he did so. I did not know the gentleman, but always had the greatest admiration for him. It was only recently that I found out the reason. I met him at a dinner party and was introduced to him. As he took my hand he seemed to be greatly astonished and he looked at me in a very quizzical manner. Finally he said: 'Can this be the real genuine Col. Tom Ochiltree of Texas?' I said that it certainly was. 'Why,' he said, 'Col. Ochiltree, I am delighted to meet you, but I expected to meet a far different man. I had read so much about you in the newspapers that I had formed my own idea. I thought you were an ideal looking cowboy. This is but one case that I met with every day. The majority of people who don't know me think that there is actually hair on my teeth.'—N. Y. Cor. Kansas City Times.

The Hay at Savannah.
Better than the parks and drives of Savannah I liked the place they call the hay. If commerce had not claimed this spot nature must have been eager for such a place to drive or walk in. The expanse is wide, and though there is always life and a certain bustle in the air, there are times when you need not be jostled, and can look at your leisure across the river at the country beyond, which has the appearance of a picture spread out for your benefit. It is a grand scene, and I prize to say of a landscape that it looks like a picture. From this bluff, which is forty or fifty feet high, the country of woods is peculiarly attractive, lying beyond the water, with an Arden-like calm contrasting sharply with the busy life about you. Perhaps it is the absolute contrast which makes the scene so striking. You are in the very midst of warehouses, of bustling and selling, and the din of a large city; there, seeming but a hand's breadth away, is the solitude of the woods and fields. You can almost see the rabbit starting away from the copse, and escaping through the long grass; you can smell the woodland scents. When I think of Savannah I shall always think first of the hay. The tall warehouses below the bluff and close against it, with feet in the river, add a striking feature to the place; it is over their roofs that you look off at the sylvan beauty beyond the stream.—Cor. New York Post.

Couldn't Stand Everything.
Two Arkansians engaged in conversation.
"Say, Uncle Billy, you live in er pretty tough neighborhood, don't yer?"
"Futty tough, Sam; putty tight on ther sack."
"Do yer ever get in fights?"
"No fights."
"What do you do when er feller calls yer a nigger?"
"Wa il, I think that mebbe he knows more erbout it than I do, and jest let the thing rock along."
"Yes, and spoken he calls yer er thief?"
"Wa il, I jes think that mebbe he's better posted than I am."
"Spoken he calls yer a coward?"
"I wouldn't argy with him."
"Wa il, spoken he'd say that yer couldn't tell ther age uv er boss by lookin' in his mouth?"
"What! me not know ther age uv er boss? Why, Sam, er feller wuz ter say that, he'd have me ter whup, right ther. Don't talk ter me, Sam, don't talk ter me, for it makes me mad, ter think about it."
—Tama Herald.

Whitelaw Reid's Palatial Bath Rooms.
Whitelaw Reid has long held the honorable position of the dandy of the press. He carries his fastidious tastes into all the habits of life. He likes large spaces, for he is accustomed to fill them. Accordingly he is the only editor who lives in a palace. It is the house which was built by the ingenious Mr. Henry Villard out of money which came into his hands through what were called blind pools.
This wonderful house is said to contain thirteen bath rooms, all lined with Sienna marble, the tubs being of cream colored porcelain. The arrangement was made for the accommodation of the Thirteen Club, which consists of the thirteen investors in the blind pool. This was a delicate fantasy of Mr. Henry Villard, and was meant to give each of the investors an interest in the palace which is the only monument of their folly. This wonderful place with the thirteen bath rooms built of Sienna marble, contains a drawing room as large as the famous east room in the White House, the dining room is a spacious apartment forty feet long, thirty feet wide and twenty-five feet high.—New York Star.

IN A SUN CLUSTER.

LIFE IN CONSTELLATION HERCULES A NEVER ENDING DAY.

A Story Which the Far Seeing Astronomer Reads in the Stars—A Land of Perpetual Daylight—The Light of Fifteen Moons.

In the constellation Hercules there is a compact star cluster well known to the owners of powerful telescopes as one of the most interesting and wonderful phenomena to be found in the heavens. To the naked eye it looks like a faint star. In the telescope it appears as a spherical mass of stars, with short, straggling streams, also composed of stars, radiating from it. William Herschel computed the number of stars in this cluster at not less than 14,000. In the center they appear so compressed that it is impossible to count them. Of course every one of the members of this starry swarm is a sun, and astronomers have sometimes pinched their imagination by wondering what must be the condition of things prevailing in such a system of suns, and what results flow from the inevitable laws of gravitation there. Could inhabited worlds exist in a sun cluster?

Take the bright star Sirius, the most brilliant fixed star in the heavens. Any one who wishes can see it in the early dawn heavens early in the evening at this season. Various estimates of the light of Sirius have made it from one twenty-thousand-millionth of the sun's light. Suppose we adopt the latter figure as being the most favorable to Sirius. Then comparing this with the fraction representing the light of a star in Hercules as seen from its nearest neighbors in comparison with that of the sun, namely, one three-million-six-hundred-thousandth, we find that the light of the star is nearly 1,400 times as great as the light that Sirius sends to us. In other words, if we could visit the cluster in Hercules, we should find that its stars, as seen from a distance of 9,000,000,000 miles, their average distance apart, would shine 1,400 times as bright as Sirius shines in our sky.
Sirius is probably 500 times as bright as the faintest star that the naked eye can see on a clear night. Then imagine a star three times as much brighter than Sirius as Sirius is brighter than the smallest star you can see, and you will have some notion of the brilliancy of the stars in question as seen from one another.

A PERPETUAL DAYLIGHT.
Now let us suppose a world revolving around a star situated at the center of the cluster. Assuming that the surrounding stars are arranged in a pretty symmetrical way, there would be a dozen of them within a distance of 9,000,000,000 miles, and each of these would, as seen from the world at the center, appear 1,400 times brighter than Sirius appears to us. There would be upward of fifty stars twice as far away, each of which would be 350 times as bright as Sirius. Thus the stars of the cluster, as seen from the center, would go on increasing in number and diminishing in brightness, but as the total number is limited to 14,000 or 15,000, the outermost stars would be approximately 135,000,000,000 miles away, and each would shine six times as bright as Sirius.
It is apparent that there would be a sort of perpetual daylight at the center of such a congregation of suns. Let us see about how bright this light would be. Of course our suppositions are rather rough, but we will assume that the sun's light as received from the sun to which it belonged as brilliant a daylight as our sun gives to us, but that would be the illumination of its nights, or, in other words, of that side of it which is turned away from the sun. Zoller has estimated the light of the sun to be 618,000 times as great as that of the full moon. This, upon the estimate of the amount of Sirius' light as compared with the sun's that we have adopted, would give the moon about 8,000 times as much light as Sirius.

EQUAL TO FIFTEEN MOONS.
Since each of the stars in the cluster is 1,400 times the light of Sirius, at 9,000,000,000 miles distance, and the total number of them within that distance of the center, it follows that these dozen stars will shed above twice as much light upon the world at the center of the cluster as the full moon sends to us. And since the light received from a body varies inversely as the square of its distance, while the number of such bodies arranged in the roughly spherical way we have supposed would increase directly as the square of their distance from the center, it is clear that the amount of light received from the whole cluster would be fifteen times the amount shed from the first twelve stars, or about thirty times the amount that the full moon pours upon the earth. But only half the stars of the cluster would be above the horizon at once, and so the illumination of the night sky on our imaginary world would be fifteen times as bright as the light of the full moon upon the earth.

The number of stars visible to us with the unaided eye on a clear night is not over 3,000, and the great majority of these are so faint that they require some attention to be seen at all. How contemptible, then, is the starry firmament presented to us in comparison with the glorious heavens in this sun cluster of Hercules, where more than twice as many stars as we can see blaze nightly with a radiance so brilliant that the faintest of them are six times as bright as the greatest star in our sky.—New York Star.

Without a Single Kiss.
A native Persian who lectured in New York the other day said the Persian youth was allowed to take just one kiss from his future wife on the eve before their marriage. He would be could find her in a dark room full of other ladies. Although he was engaged for three years he never took one kiss in all that time.

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