

FOUND ANOTHER ACCIDENT

Accident! The scientists have got around to it again in respect of another important particular—the origin of life on this globe.

United in killing off the biblical story of creation, the professional philosophers finally agreed upon the earth's self-creation. That is, an original accidental thickening of gases, solidification of the same and an accidental selection of a safe place in the universe of whirling stars, suns and planets. The accident is not really admitted, but a great law of gravitation is advanced by virtue of which this comparatively small ball, the earth, has been, for millions of years, going safely about its business amidst the extingulshment of bodies thousands of times as big which had got outside the law, by accident or otherwise.

This proposition, as we've said, has come to be quite generally accepted by the scientists. But it had its weakness in that, while the human of average intelligence could imagine this globe to be the product of an accidental conglomeration of gases, conception of accidental production of life was tremendously difficult. This the scientists now think they have.

Many years ago, Sir Wm. Thompson held that life was first brought to this planet by a meteorite, from a star. Sir William nearly got kicked for this, when it became known that it would take about 60 million years to travel from the nearest star and that meteorites travel in white hot condition. Surely, no germ could stand the trip.

Lately, the University of Berlin has taken up experiments made by Prof. Benj. Moore and it is announced that life probably began on this earth by accidental combination of chemicals.

Chlorophyll is the life principle of plants. Prof. Moore took a strong solution of uranium nitrate, treated it with carbonate of ammonia and got something that performs as chlorophyll. That is, he converted the inorganic into organic. The original life-germ of this earth, then, was the accidental production of chlorophyll. See?

To cut the story short, much shorter than the scientists would have us, that yarn about our ascending from back-boneless worms, fish, birds and monkeys isn't working as it used to, so to speak. We're descendants from plants. Our ancestors were not the apes but the cabbages, maybe, if you speculate back far enough. One of the blessed features about this scientific digging up of our original ancestors is that it gives a fellow such a wide range of choice and establishes an absolute equality of ancestral grade. Our ancestors were, one time, all stub-tailed babboons, or cabbages, or onions or such, anyway.

SCHOOLBOY ANSWERS

The Mediterranean and the Red Sea are joined by the Sewage Canal.

Cataract is the name of the mountain on which the ark rested.

Milton was called the father of English poetry because he was blind and his daughter did the writing for him.

James I claimed the throne of England through his grandmother as he had no father.

WHAT'S YOUR HURRY?

When Mary had a little lamb,
Whose fleas were white as snow,
Each time she rubbed on turpentine
The lamb was sure to go.

In rural schools in Missouri, girls are organized into "pick and shovel clubs" under the auspices of the National Congress of Mothers.

Some of the spring dresses are made up of plain and the figured silk.