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There Have Been Times Worse Than These—Day of Judgment Not Here.

The remarkable exhibition of solar energy witnessed in different parts of our country during the present summer will place it on record as one of the hottest seasons for the past thirty years, says the Baltimore American. Yet, if we compare the record with the experiences of other years and other countries, we will see that the heat was not excessive, though long continued. It is not an easy matter to get at the old record on the subject, but from what we have been able to compile it appears that the people of the Old World have suffered more intense heat than we of the new.

In the years 1303-4 the Rhine, Loire and Seine rivers went dry. The heat in several of the French provinces in 1705 was equal to that of a glass furnace. Meat could be prepared for the table merely by exposing it to the sun. No person dared to venture out of his home between the hours of noon and 4 p. m.

In the year 1748 many shops had to close all over Europe. Not a drop of rain fell for over four months. In 1773 the thermometer rose to 118 degrees. In 1778 the heat in Bologna was so intense that scores of people were stifled.

In July, 1792, the heat again became intolerable. Vegetables were burned up. Fruit died on the trees. The furniture and woodwork in dwelling houses cracked and split and meat became tainted in an hour. The French Revolution was in the height of its bloody carnival and many superstitious persons thought that the wave of heat following this mighty upheaval was the curse of God.

In 1850 Spain was visited by a sweltering temperature. Madrid and other cities were destroyed and the streets became silent. Laborers died in the fields.

Another disastrous hot wave swept over Europe in 1851. In the Champs de Mars, Paris, during a military review soldiers by the score fell victims to sunstroke, and at Aldershot, England, men dropped dead while at drill compelling the officers to suspend the exercises.

There are many living who recall the terrible experience of 1852 in New York and elsewhere. In that year New Orleans was decimated by yellow fever. In New York it appeared as if the city was on fire. The thermometer ranged from 95 to 98 degrees for seven days. In that summer the Crystal Palace in Reservoir square was opened. On the day of the opening the mercury rose to 96 degrees and people fainted in the crowd and fell dead on the street. During the week 214 persons died from sunstroke in New York.

The summer of 1854 was another hot spell all over the country, and it appears to have concentrated its fury in the southwest, particularly in the state of Mississippi. According to the statement of an old Mississippi pioneer, after June 17, of that year, not a drop of rain fell for the remainder of the twelve months. In describing this remarkable drouth he says:

"The dust on the pikes was frightful on a windy day. You could hardly see a vehicle just ahead of you. The old Glasgow stage coach would roll into Calhoun with everything about it—passengers, driver, horses, harness and all—nearly as white as snow. Sometimes traveler's throats would become so badly choked they could not speak a word before taking a drink of water. I guess in those days most of us ate the allotted peck of dirt or more."

The year 1872 was another fearful one in New York. 155 cases of sunstroke occurred on July 4, of which seventy-two proved fatal. Men fell by the score and ambulances were in constant requisition. Dumb animals lay down by the wayside and panted their lives away. Sleep for two or three of the hottest nights was well nigh impossible and in the tenement districts women and children were found dead on the roofs, to which they had climbed in the hope of getting a breath of cool air. The scenes in the morgue were appalling. Dozens of bodies were on the stone slabs, under the splashing water, awaiting the recognition of friends or relatives. Here a stalwart man, who had been suddenly stricken; there a comely woman, with her face turned toward the light; yonder the official photographer, doing his ghastly yet necessary work in preserving the pictures of the dead; eager-eyed relatives hunted among the corpses for some missing loved one; a horrible stench mingled with the oppressive heat and lamentations filled the air. Over two hundred deaths were recorded in three or four days.

In 1881 it is said that the heat throughout the United States was the greatest on record, the thermometer in many places registering 105 degrees in the shade. In England the mercury ranged from 90 to 101 degrees and in Paris 93 degrees. July 21, 1881, is said to have been the hottest day ever known up to that time.

As the autumn approached and the drought continued over a vast extent of territory, forest fires broke out and raged in different parts of the country. All day and night immense volumes of smoke and vapor hung over the land and the appearance of the sun was so peculiar as to cause alarm on the part of those who were superstitious.

From the 6th to the 8th of September the thermometer in Maryland registered from 101 to 108, and on the afternoon of September 6, 1881, between the hours of 2 and 5 o'clock it registered 105 degrees, and the writer, who was then a boy, and had recently read the thrilling pages of Dante's Inferno, thought that after-noon was a fair sample of the phytocidal regions.

Then there came a dark day, like that of the 19th of May, 1780, which



Miss Florence Kubel, the Washington high school girl, and Congressman A. W. Lafferty, of Oregon, whom her father threatened to thrash because of a letter received by the young woman, with the Congressman's signature upon it expressing the wish that an introduction to her be arranged. The episode has aroused a sensation in the capital city. Representative Lafferty is here shown in the uniform he wears when playing as a member of the Democratic baseball team of the House.

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gas were lighted, schools and factories were closed and multitudes of the ignorant and superstitious believed the Day of Judgment had come. Everything looked changed and unnatural. The faces of the people on the street were ghastly, the gas jets instead of showing yellow, were white and clean as the electric lights. Thousands of the sect known as the Seventh Day Adventists gathered in their places of worship and confidently awaited the coming of the Lord. The dark day was more wonderful in the country than in the cities. The leaves and withering foliage assumed a most singular tint of green, changing like that of grass to a brownish hue; fowls went to roost and the animal creation must have been greatly mystified by a phenomenon such as they had never before witnessed.

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Introduces Text Book Bill. Associated Press. Austin, Texas, Aug. 17.—Senator Watson introduced a new text book bill in the Senate this morning when that body, after adopting a number of simple resolutions adjourned until this afternoon.

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The committee appointed to solicit homes for delegates to the Assembly of the Nazarene Church, which is to convene here on September 29th, report it has secured homes for about 140 delegates, but as there will be about 300 to attend, it will be seen that not quite half enough have as yet volunteered to take delegates into their homes.

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Intense Suffering Follows Sudden Attack of Illness. A Denver employe, a member of Extra Gang No. 19, fell at the end of the depot platform adjoining the Wichita Ice Company, this afternoon about 3 o'clock and for sometime was thought to be in a precarious condition.

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LOCAL OPTI IN PO Election Will Be cincts of That

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