

CURIOSITIES OF LIGHTNING.

Several years ago a correspondent contributed a paper to a New York journal, in which he related from records kept...

The collection of facts demonstrated, however, that lightning is something very mysterious in the attacks of lightning on the bodies of both men and animals.

In 1828, lightning destroyed a wooden building in a cottage near Clifton, throwing the clothes on the floor, and with them a mattress and a person sleeping upon it, without doing any injury to the occupant of the bed.

In 1810, lightning struck the prison at New York, and out of six persons confined in a cottage near Clifton, a brigand, who was chained around the waist, leaving the others unscathed.

In 1850, during a thunder-storm, a lady named Mrs. B. was sitting in a window in her apartment, the lightning flashed, and a bolt struck so completely that she appeared, not a vestige of it could be found, and yet the lady herself was not hurt.

In 1850, a lightning flash struck a house in a Swiss village, in which five children were sitting on a bench; it killed the first and the last in the row, but gave only a violent shock to the others.

In 1850, a lightning flash struck a young girl in a farmhouse, but she was not hurt, a child in her arms, however, was killed.

In 1850, a lightning flash struck a stable at Rambouillet, in which there were thirty-two horses in a row; thirty were overturned, of which two at the extreme ends of the line were killed.

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Upon opening his eyes, the whole air seemed to be in a blaze. He also became conscious of the most intense suffering, and especially in his lower limbs.

His wife and daughter, upon seeing that he was still alive, desired to remove him to the house, but he begged to be left where he was, and not to be disturbed, as he felt that he could live but a few minutes, and that he might as well die there as to be put to the necessity of torture of removal.

As he seemed to gain strength, however, he was soon taken to the house and made as comfortable as possible, but eight or ten hours elapsed before he was able to move either of his lower limbs.

The writer, who has been seen, writes, "I do not think it has been seen," and the writer, who has been seen, writes, "I do not think it has been seen."

Abbe Richard says of another incident, "I have seen a man killed and almost reduced to dust, in the midst of many others who were under the same tree."

"The most curious as well as the most recent instance is the following: 'At Vieux, France, in 1838, a thunderbolt struck a line of thirty-two soldiers who had taken shelter; they were all killed at the same instant; still although lifeless, the three remained erect, as if the electric fluid had not reached them, their clothing also appearing uninjured. But when they were touched they all fell—so it is said—into a heap of ashes.'"

These are remarkable incidents, but the Medical Journal regards them as sufficiently well authenticated to illustrate the nature of the heat of this element.

Some opinions have been advanced by physicians touching the nature of this heat. Colonne says: "The fire of exhalation which forms the thunderbolt must be so subtle and penetrating that it kills a man by drying out his brain, and in the midst of it, he is instantaneously all his humors, without in the least changing his figure. We do not perceive him dead until we touch him, and then we see him fall to dust."

Groberg says: "It is demonstrated that lightning reduces bones to ashes, but never to the state of fusion."

Abbe Maury says: "Lightning reduces to ashes all parts of the human body without altering the clothes or the hair, and the hair is not burnt, but is reduced to dust."

Fragmentary estimates of the population of the cities and States, as furnished by the census of the present year, have been given from time to time in the Sun.

They indicate a larger increase in the population of the Southern States than was expected, and it is believed that this increase will, on the whole, compare fairly well with that of the Northern States during the past decade.

Some part of this apparent Southern increase may be due to the greater thoroughness with which the present census has been taken, there is comparison with the enumeration of 1870. Apart, however, from this, there has been a large increase of population from inter-State and foreign immigration.

As well as persons are aware of, Texas, as is well known, has been a favorite field for immigration, and the census indicates that, from natural causes, the gain in population during the past ten years, has been somewhere about ninety per cent.

There has also been a considerable migration to some parts of Tennessee, and particularly to the eastern counties, where colonies have established for dairy and stock-raising purposes, and some companies have been formed with a view to the migration of the people.

As far as heard from the estimated increase of population ranges, according to localities, from three to one hundred and three per cent. In Alabama, in like manner, associations of capitalists from other States have added to the general population, by establishing farms and iron works in that region, so rich in coal and iron ore.

In Virginia there has been some immigration from England, but more from Pennsylvania and the Eastern States, large bodies of rich men, in contrast with those brought up there by castles, iron masters and others. The estimated increase in population in Florida is over sixty per cent.

In Arkansas nearly fifty per cent.; in Louisiana and the other States about twenty per cent. As these figures are official, and the appointment of enumerators is altogether in Republican hands, any charge of fraud in the census is entirely ridiculous.

It was natural that the Southern States, with their abundance of cheap lands, should increase in population when their labor system was adjusted much more rapidly than before, and this is what they have done.

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