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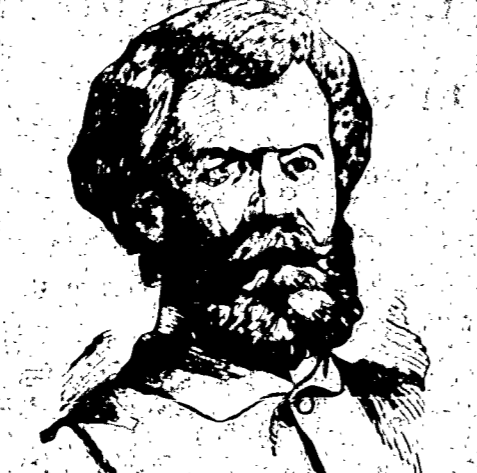
# END OF THE WORLD.

## FLAMMARION SAYS IT'S SURE TO COME

But If We See It It Will Be from Another Planet. The Great French Astronomer Tells a Wonderful Story of the End.



THE ARTICLES ON the end of the world by Camille Flammarion, printed in the Cosmopolitan Magazine, have created more comment than have the prophecies of all his predecessors. Flammarion bases all his predictions on science. The bible is also used in his calculations. To make a long story short the author cannot figure out that the end will come before a few million years have passed. He says that in the meantime there will be numerous planetary changes in the universe. New planets will have come and gone. The sun and moon will have darkened to this sphere as they are gradually darkening to the poles thereof. The ice fields of the poles continue to encroach upon the equator. It finally becomes impossible to get a glimpse of the sun except at the equator. Eminent scientists fixed a year for its total disappearance. In the meantime the people prepare to battle for their lives. Great glass reservoirs are built along the equator



for the purpose of storing the sun's light and warmth there. All inhabitants of the earth now live along the equator. Great fields of ice to the north and south tell them that the last days of the earth are close at hand. The waters of the Pacific and of the Atlantic and all the other seas are dried up. Great continents, which thousands of years before were rich with the fruits of civilization, are now fields of ice except at the equatorial line. The last inhabitants of the earth draw their water from underground rivers. At last the sun has passed away and all is darkness except in the great glass reservoirs. The people die fast and fast. At last there are but two left. They are Omega and Omega, a youth and a maiden. Omega lives at a point in the middle of what is now the Pacific ocean. He has just seen his father die and he believes it is the last remnant of the human race. He decides to end his life with poison and just as he is putting the phial to his lips he hears a whisper, "don't." There is no one to be seen. It was a voice from heaven he thought. Then he resisted the impulse to end his life at once. A few hours later, however, the impulse stole over him again. This time he decided to release one of the air ships from its moorings and sail with it into dark space.

Fair Omega lived in a glass city near where Ceylon now is. She had just seen her mother die. She was now left alone, the last woman in the world. She was now in the bloom of young womanhood and fair to look upon. She had never loved, and when the mother died her last words were, "The world has not given you, my child, that which it owes. And for this reason I go from thee with regrets. Would that I could have seen you married." And she closed her eyes to gaze into the beyond.

Now Omega was left alone, the solitary occupant of the city—the empress of a world on its death-bed. How would she pass the time in her colossal palace of glass? All was darkness without, all was gloom within. She stood near her mother and gazed out into space. She sees an object descending from the skies to where she is. It is Omega, who had cast himself to the mercy of the



"BEHOLD WHERE WE SHALL MEET TOMORROW," she said, as he gazed into the beautiful face.

"And I love you. I know not how or why," the other replied.

The youth and maiden who had never met before were in loving embrace, heedless of the corpse that was near.

The corpse raised itself to a position almost erect, the sea her daughter in the embrace of a man. It is a happy moment for the fond mother, who at last sees what she had yearned for for years. The three are near the portal. They see a new planet suddenly appear.

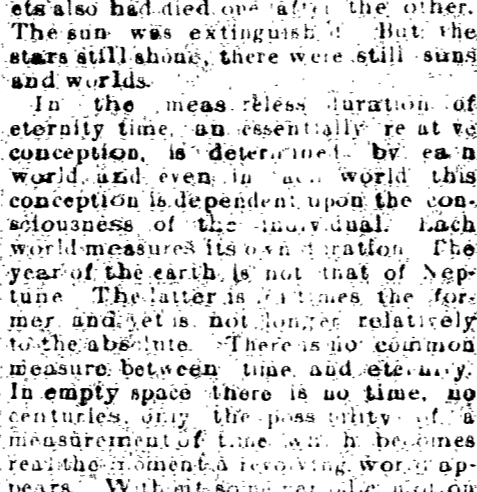
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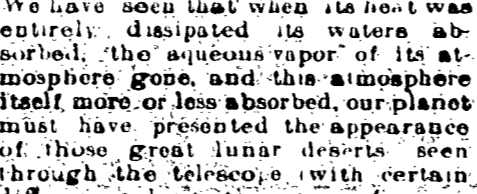
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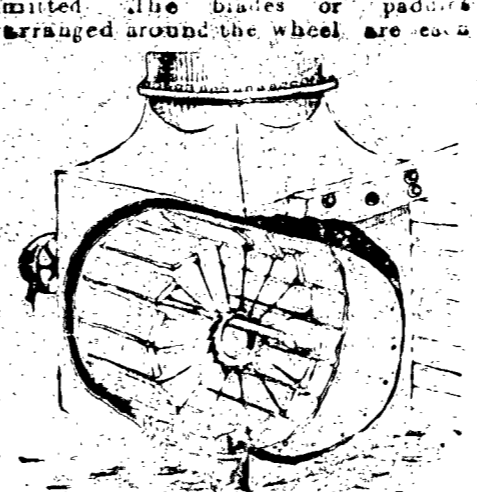
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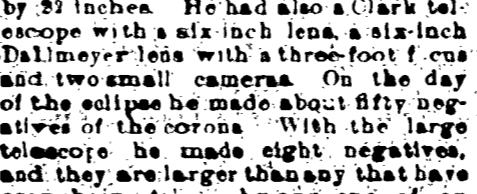
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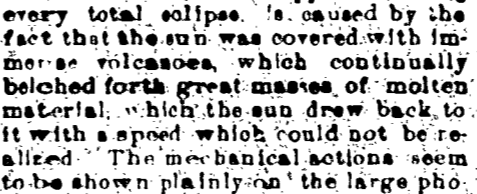
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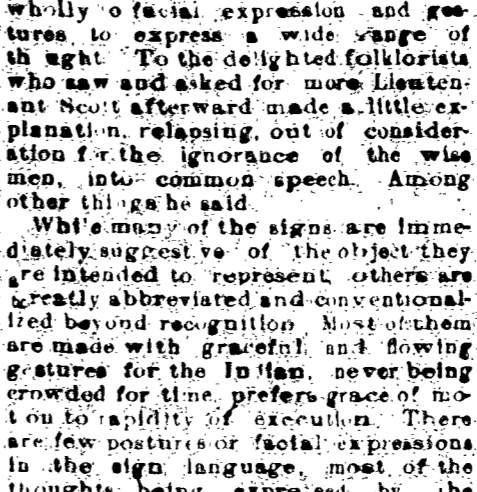
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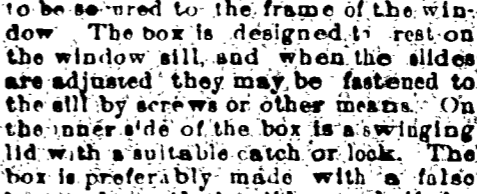
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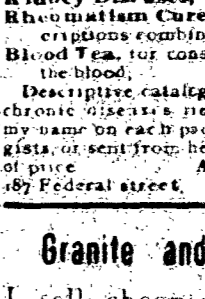
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